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18 DEAD AS NEPAL PLANE CRASHES DURING TAKEOFF

A Nepalese private plane crashed and caught fire shortly after taking off from the Tribhuvan International Airport in Nepal capital Kathmandu on Wednesday morning, killing 18 persons onboard, including a child, and seriously injuring the pilot — the only survivor. The Bombardier CRJ-200 aircraft of Saurya Airlines was bound for Pokhara airport for routine maintenance.

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'Farmer-govt trust deficit': SC orders status quo at Shambhu

Tells Punjab, Haryana to form panel to redress protesters' grievances

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JULY 24

Observing that there is a trust deficit between the protesting farmers and the government, the Supreme Court on Wednesday directed Punjab and Haryana to maintain status quo at the Shambhu border till next week to prevent the situation from flaring up.

It also directed the formation of an independent committee to negotiate with the farmers to find an amicable resolution to their issues. A three-judge Bench led by Justice Surya Kant directed Punjab and Haryana to suggest names of "suitable individuals" to be included in the committee.



Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi with farmer leaders in the Parliament complex on Wednesday. P T I

"Have you taken any initiative to negotiate with the farmers? Your ministers

might go to the farmers without realising the local issues. There is a trust deficit. Why

don't you have some neutral umpires? There have to be

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Oppn protests 'bias' in Budget, FM says charge outrageous

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NEW DELHI, JULY 24

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Wednesday dismissed the Opposition's accusations that the Union Budget she presented yesterday was discriminatory and dared the Congress to reveal whether the budgets presented under its regimes mentioned every state in the country.

"This is an outrageous allegation, a deliberate attempt by the Congress-led Opposition to give an impression to the people that other states (barring Andhra Pradesh and Bihar) have not got anything...this is unacceptable. I challenge the Congress to say whether it named all states in the many budgets it presented in the past when it was in the government?" a combative Nirmala asked in the Rajya Sabha today.

She was countering Leader of the Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge, who accused the government of neglecting non-BJP ruled states in the Budget and led the Opposition walkout over the issue.

Answering the allegations levelled by the opposition INDIA bloc, Nirmala said the



Nirmala Sitharaman Mallikarjun Kharge

KHARGE'S 'FM MATAJI' JIBE DRAWS VP'S IRE

Vice-President and RS Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar found himself defending the FM after LoP Mallikarjun Kharge hurled a "mataji" jibe at her. "Mataji knows well how to speak," Kharge said in the RS, referring to Nirmala Sitharaman (64), just before he led the Opposition walkout on the alleged neglect of non-BJP-ruled states in the Budget. "She's like your daughter," Dhankhar said to Kharge, 82.

Finance Minister did not have the opportunity to name every state of the country. "Between the vote of account I presented in February and the full Budget presented yesterday, I have not named many states. During this

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Soldier, militant killed in gunfight in J&K's Kupwara

ADIL AKHZER

SRINAGAR, JULY 24

A soldier and a terrorist were killed in an overnight encounter in north Kashmir's Kupwara district, officials said on Wednesday. Sources said a non-commissioned officer who was critically injured in the ongoing encounter in Trunkhan forests in border district of Kupwara succumbed to his injuries.

FOURTH SUCH ENCOUNTER IN FRONTIER DISTRICT SINCE MAY

The Srinagar-based Chinar Corps and the police had launched an anti-terrorist operation in the Kowut area of Kupwara following information about the possible

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Shun Manipur, J&K travel: US advisory

WASHINGTON: The US has asked its nationals not to travel to Manipur, Jammu and Kashmir, the India-Pakistan border, and parts of central and eastern parts of the country where Naxalites are active. "Exercise increased caution in India due to crime and terrorism. Some areas have increased risk," the State Department said. BACK PAGE

Handcuffed inmate's Taj outing lands Haryana cops in soup

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GURUGRAM, JULY 24

Out to make the best of their visit to Agra for a court hearing of an undertrial, two Haryana policemen landed themselves in trouble as they

decided to go on a sightseeing tour with him.

The cops reached the iconic Taj Mahal along with the handcuffed prisoner. Their outing plan was, however, dashed by their Uttar Pradesh counterparts who

Not allowed to enter monument in Agra

refused to let them enter the Taj Mahal premises while carrying guns. This even led

to an altercation between the two policemen and CISF personnel deployed there. When a staffer tried to videograph the incident, the Haryana cops left the place.

A video of the incident later went viral on social media

and though the UP Police did not initiate any action at their end, they have decided to report the matter to the Haryana DGP and recommend a departmental action against the two cops.

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BJP plays OBC-Brahmin-Dalit card to beat anti-incumbency

Appoints Krishan Bedi as party's state general secretary

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CHANDIGARH, JULY 24

As an antidote to anti-incumbency, the ruling BJP is experimenting with the OBC-Brahmin-Dalit social engineering formula in the run-up to the upcoming Assembly elections.

Close on the heels of an OBC Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and a Brahmin BJP chief Mohan Lal Badoli, the saffron party has appointed a Dalit general secretary — Krishan Bedi — in a bid to fight the Assembly elections on the non-Jat plank. The post of general secretary fell vacant after the elevation of Badoli as the party president.

With the other backward classes (OBCs) forming over 30 per cent voters, Dalits about 20 per cent and Brahmins nearly 12 per cent voters, the OBC-Brahmin-Dalit is a formidable combination for the saffron party. "The party will go the assembly elections with its tried and tested OBC-Brahmin-Dalit social engineering experiment in an attempt to form the government for the third time in a row," a senior leader



KHATTAR'S HOLD EVIDENT

The common thread among CM Nayab Singh Saini (OBC), BJP chief Mohan Lal Badoli (Brahmin) and newly-elected general secretary Krishan Bedi (Dalit) is that they all are loyalists of former CM Manohar Lal Khattar. Both Saini and Bedi had been ministers in Khattar's first term from 2014 to 2019. Bedi has also been political secretary to Khattar.

WILL EXPOSE HOODA GOVT'S DEEDS

My top priority will be to expose various acts of omission and commission of Bhopinder Singh Hooda's government during its 10-year rule. A statewide campaign will be launched to highlight atrocities on the Dalits during Hooda's regime. Krishan Bedi, BJP GENERAL SECRETARY

GETTING CASTE EQUATION RIGHT

OBCs form over 30% voters, Dalits about 20% and Brahmins nearly 12% in the state. The BJP is trying to get the caste equation right to beat the anti-incumbency. The consolidation of Jats and Dalits in the Congress' favour led to a sharp decline in the vote share of the BJP from 58.21% to 46.11% in the recent LS elections.

told *The Tribune*.

The appointment of Bedi assumes importance in the backdrop of the Jat and Dalit voters reportedly consolidating in favour of the Congress in the recent Lok Sabha elections. The consolidation of the Jats and Dalits in the Congress' favour led to a sharp decline in the vote share of the saffron party from 58.21 per cent to 46.11 per cent as compared to the 2019 Lok Sabha elections while that of the Congress rose sharply from 28.51 per cent to 43.67 per cent.

The reported shift in the Dalit voters resulted in Congress' tally going from zero to five in the recently concluded General Election while that of the BJP coming down to five from 10 seats.

Not only that, the ruling BJP lost on a majority of 17 Assembly seats reserved for the Scheduled Castes (SCs) in Haryana during the recent General Election, leading to internal churning in the party. The reflection on the poor performance in the LS elections has resulted in the appoint-

ment of Bedi, a former Cabinet Minister and loyalist of former Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, as the general secretary.

Meanwhile, Bedi said his top priority would be to expose before public various acts of omission and commission of former Chief Minister Bhopinder Singh Hooda's 10-year rule. "A statewide campaign will be launched by the party to highlight atrocities on the Dalits during Hooda's regime," the newly-appointed general secretary asserted.

Saffron party reaches out to 'annoyed' workers to improve poll prospects

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ROHTAK, JULY 24

Having suffered a setback in the recent Lok Sabha elections, the BJP is, these days, on a mission to reach out to its "annoyed" and "inactive" workers across the state. The move aims to persuade them to be "active" again by removing their resentment ahead of the Assembly elections.

While reviewing the results of the LS elections, the BJP leadership found "lack of dedication and enthusiasm" among a section of its workers as one of the major causes behind the party's below expected performance.

"The party has 330 mandals (units) in all 90 Assembly segments across the state. Under the mission, the party office-bearers from polling booth to mandal level have been tasked to identify workers who devotedly worked for the party in past elections but did not show interest and remain inactive in the recent Lok Sabha elections. The office-bearers have been asked to contact them personally to ascertain exact reasons for their resentment," said a BJP leader.

He claimed the office-bearers engaged in the mission would not only note



BJP state incharge Satish Poonia holds a meeting with party leaders and workers in Rohtak.

PARTY OFFICE-BEARERS TO MEET THEM PERSONALLY

The BJP's review of the Lok Sabha election results brought to the fore the "lack of dedication and enthusiasm" among a section of party workers as one of the major causes behind the below expected performance

The party office-bearers have been asked to contact such workers personally to ascertain exact reasons for their resentment and bring them on board to help the party win the poll and form the government third time in a row.

down all the reasons after talking to the 'miffed' workers but also prepare a report to submit it to the senior leadership so as to initiate the process to persuade them at the earliest.

"Not getting any post in the organisation as well as the government setup is one of the major reasons for the resentment among inactive workers. Some of them were even upset over job and

transfer issues," said a leader. He said senior party leaders would meet such 'annoyed' workers and assure them of full respect in the party in future.

Ashok Khurana, BJP's Rohtak Lok Sabha incharge, said persuading 'annoyed' leaders or workers was a routine exercise for every political party ahead of the elections as "the workers are the backbone of every party,

who play a vital role in the electoral performance." "As part of the 'Mandal Pravasi Karyakarta' campaign, the party state incharge Dr Satish Poonia and other senior leaders have been visiting all districts to hold meetings with the party workers and give them the mantra for victory in the Assembly poll and ask them to persuade 'annoyed' workers," said Khurana.

Hooda, Saini engage in verbal spat on social media

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ROHTAK, JULY 24

A war of words has broken out on social media between former Haryana Chief Minister and Leader of Opposition Bhopinder Singh Hooda and incumbent Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini over the slogan 'Mahra Haryana — Non-stop Haryana' coined by the ruling party.

A couple of days ago, Hooda took to social media platform 'X', where he remarked that the BJP's slogan 'Mahra Haryana — Non-stop Haryana' is actually 'Mahra Haryana — Full stop Haryana'.

In a video message



The BJP's actual slogan is full stop, not non-stop Haryana. Bhopinder Hooda, EX-CHIEF MINISTER



Full stop has been put on the Congress' reign of terror. Nayab Singh Saini, CHIEF MINISTER

embedded in the same post, the Congress leader remarked that a full stop has been put on everything in the state.

"There are no doctors in hospitals, no teachers in schools and no employees in government offices," stat-

ed Hooda, indicating acute shortage of doctors, teachers and government officials in the state.

Retaliating on Hooda's remarks on 'X' today, Chief Minister Saini asserted that today's Haryana was non-stop Haryana;

adding that full stop had been put on the Congress-supported goondism and intimidation, atrocities on the downtrodden, auction of government jobs, grabbing of innocent farmers' land and the reign of terror under the Congress' rule.

Later in the day, the Haryana Congress launched a counter-attack on 'X', replying to the Chief Minister that he had been given the post to cover the misrule, and hence could not be blamed.

"You tell us after asking Manohar Lal (former Chief Minister) that why did the rate of unemployment increased non-stop in Haryana and became the

highest in the country, why are the youth of Haryana migrating from the state amid non-stop crime and prevalence of drugs, and why have full stops been put on Metro, railway lines and industry/businesses," posted the Haryana Congress.

"Now there is no time for idle gossip, you will have to give 'hisaab', the public has made up its mind for a change," reads the post. The said posts of Hooda, Saini and Haryana Congress put on 'X' are going viral on various social media platforms, with the supporters of the respective parties and leaders venting their ire in full flow.

CM: Committed to making Haryana Police No.1 force

ROHTAK, JULY 24

Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini said on Wednesday the government is committed to make Haryana police a leading police force in the country.

He said the work of the police is challenging and the Haryana Police is performing its duties even in difficult and adverse circumstances.

"The government is committed to make Haryana Police the leading police force of the country," he said while addressing a gathering as chief guest at the passing out parade organised at the Police Training College in Sunaria in the Rohtak district on the completion of training of 1,265 jawans. —PTI

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Selja raises Sirsa medical college issue in Parliament

OUR CORRESPONDENT

SIRSA, JULY 24

In a fiery session in Parliament on Wednesday, Lok Sabha MP Kumari Selja initiated discussions on the Budget, levelling accusations against the Central government. Pointing out lapses in healthcare infrastructure, Selja criticised the government for delaying the construction of medical colleges in Sirsa and Kurukshetra. She accused the government of abandoning promises made to Haryana, highlighting several critical issues.

She said the state government had promised to build medical colleges in every district. Despite laying the foundation stone of medical college in Sirsa in the presence of President, the government neglected it. Furthermore, she pointed out that even the Prime Minister himself inaugurated the Ayush College in Kurukshetra, but it has also been ignored.

She slammed the government for terminating the recruitment of anganwadi workers and demanded legal guarantees for minimum support price (MSP). Selja said, "Your slogan now is to save the chair, plunder friends, as proven by this Budget. Other states have

Says despite stone laid by President, construction delayed

been overlooked." She also raised concerns over rising crime in Haryana, saying, "Haryana, once known for milk and yogurt, has now become a haven for hooligans and criminals under the BJP's rule."

She highlighted the plight of farmers, criticising the lack of concrete MSP guarantee and relief for debt-ridden farmers. She lamented the absence of solutions for unemployment and economic distress among the youth, stating, "The Budget has deceived the hopes of youth and the aspirations of women."

The MP accused the government of neglecting women's safety and empowerment, labelling the Budget as disappointing for the middle class. She also criticised the lack of tax relief and meaningful plans for rural development, concluding that the Budget reflects disregard to the fundamental needs of citizens. She underscored the growing dissatisfaction with the Budget, signalling potential political repercussions in the upcoming state elections.

Big 'vacuum' in Sonapat Cong after Panwar's arrest by ED

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PANIPAT, JULY 24

The Congress has got two major setbacks within weeks in Sonapat. After Mayor Nikhil Madaan joined the BJP on July 11, sitting Congress MLA Surender Panwar was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) two days ago. After these two incidents, a big 'vacuum' has been created in the Congress camp for the Sonapat Assembly seat. To fill this 'vacuum' at this stage will be a big challenge for the party leaders.

Countdown for the Assembly elections in the state has begun and all political parties have started preparations for the same.

Mayor Nikhil Madaan, who contested elections on the Congress ticket in 2020 and won by defeating the BJP-JJP coalition candidate Lalit Batra with a margin of 13,870 votes, joined the BJP in the presence of Union Minister and former Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and BJP state president Mohan Lal Badoli along with his supporters at Haryana Bhawan in Delhi on July 11.

After this, the Congress got a major setback when the ED arrested Sonapat's sitting MLA Surender Panwar in a money laundering case of Rs 26 crore and illegal mining on Saturday. The special court in Ambala has sent him



Congressmen protest MLA Surender Panwar's arrest in Sonapat. FILE

SITTING MLA IN TROUBLE

Sitting Sonapat legislator Surender Panwar was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate in the wee hours of Saturday in illegal mining and money laundering case.

in nine-day ED custody.

According to political pundits, Sonapat is considered to be a Punjabi-dominated seat. Madaan was the Punjabi face of the party while Panwar was also considered to be a strong face. Even a leader of the party, on the condition of anonymity, said at present there was no big face in the party for the Assembly polls. However, sympathy is with Panwar after his arrest.

Another party leader said there was no second line of leadership in the city but in such conditions the party may have plan-B. According to him, the party may field

Panwar's daughter-in-law Samiksha Panwar, wife of Lalit Panwar, in the political arena. She is the daughter of a renowned Punjabi family of the city. In such conditions, she would get not only the sympathy of voters but also a big support from the Punjabi vote bank.

Political pundits say Sonapat Assembly seat is an important seat for the ruling BJP as well as for the Congress. Though the BJP has got one more face as a ticket aspirant, a big vacuum has been created in the Congress camp after the arrest of Panwar.

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7 yrs on, SIT wants to close 986 cases of violence during Jat stir

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CHANDIGARH, JULY 24

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) looking into the Jat agitation violence of February 2016 wants to withdraw 986 of 1,205 cases entrusted to it, taking seven long years to arrive at the conclusion.

ADGP Amitabh Singh Dhillon-led SIT was formed in August 2017 on the orders of the Punjab and Haryana High Court. Other members of the SIT are AIG Manisha Choudhary and SPs Waseem Akram, Ganga Ram Punia and Mohit Handa.

The SIT was entrusted with the cases where the investigation was incomplete or an untraced report had been prepared but not submitted before the court. The cases were allocated to each SP, who further chose their investigation team with a DSP as a nodal officer.

Sources in the police said the SIT wanted to close the majority of cases as it emerged that several victims of rioting and violence were unaware of the identity of suspects. Photographs of suspects were circulated through police websites and



NOT MUCH HEADWAY

- Sources said the SIT wanted to close the majority of cases as several victims were unaware of the identity of suspects
- Also, despite the circulation of suspects' photos and announcement of awards, the police haven't had much success
- In cases of looting, the victims couldn't provide bills for stolen electronic items such as mobile phones, laptops or computers

stations, and the Haryana Police also announced awards, but to no avail.

In cases of looting, the victims couldn't provide bills for stolen electronic items like phones, laptops or computers.

The IMEI numbers/MAC addresses couldn't be traced. Sources added that even the tower dump of mobile numbers at the agitation sites also remained unfruitful as the SIT couldn't cross-check the alibi of subscribers of those

numbers. Several hundred users of mobile numbers, however, were examined during investigations.

By February this year, the SIT could file chargesheets in just nine cases involving 34 accused, though 110 cases were still under investigation. However, the final decision on the closure of cases will be taken by the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

Rohtak was the hotbed of violence during the Jat agitation, where incidents

occurred at Kalanaur market, Sheela Bypass Chowk, Delhi Road, Sukhpura Chowk, D-Park, Medical Mod, Ashok Chowk, Skytech Mall, and Rajiv Chowk. Many accused refused polygraph and brain mapping tests during SIT probes.

A case regarding the looting of weapons from the Mehram police station (Rohtak) and setting it on fire was registered on February 20, 2016. These weapons were deposited by owners due to the panchayat elections in 2016. One of the stolen revolvers was later recovered from criminals in Bharatpur, Rajasthan, and another was allegedly found to be used in the robbery of a cash van in Gujarat. The SIT arrested the main accused in the case, Manoj Numberdar, who led the mob to the police station, in 2023.

There are four cases that the CBI had investigated and filed chargesheets for, including the burning of the residence of former Finance Minister Capt Abhimanyu and the assault and looting of weapons from the company of BSF and Haryana Police by rioters. Dhillon could not be contacted for comments.

Govt reformulates vahan policy for safe transport of schoolchildren

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ROHTAK, JULY 24

The state government has reformulated existing 'Surakshit School Vahan Policy' to ensure safer transportation of schoolchildren by putting a check on road mishaps involving school buses.

Six children were killed and several others injured in a road mishap in Mahendragarh in April when a school bus overturned, which was being driven by driver under the influence of liquor.

As per draft of the policy, the school management will submit 'Self-Certification' every year on January 1 and July 1 through an affidavit while various committees at the state, district and sub-divisional level have been formed to execute, monitor and review the policy regularly.

Significantly, the district and sub-divisional level committees would, as per the policy draft, submit their monthly report to Transport Commissioner and inform about the number of schools inspected, vehicles checked, challans issued, vehicles found unfit and impounded.

"The Transport Department has also sent the draft



MOVE AIMED AT REDUCING MISHAPS

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policy to all stakeholders, including the Department of School and Higher Education, requesting them to provide suggestions/comments in this regard at the earliest," sources said.

"The Surakshit School Vahan policy has been revised after a detailed discussion with private school associations and other stakeholders, including government departments. Now, we

have sent the draft to all stakeholders to invite their suggestions. The policy will be finalised after incorporating their suggestions," said Yashendra Singh, Transport Commissioner.

As per the draft policy, it will be the responsibility of the school management to take periodic feed-back from students and parents of students about the conduct of driver/conductor/attendant

and to maintain its records.

The draft further states no one would be allowed to drive the school vehicle in a drunken state or under the influence of any narcotic substance. Regular checks will be undertaken by the school management and in case of any doubt, such drivers would be subjected to medical test immediately. The school management will maintain record of such inspections and medical tests done, if any. Any driver found driving in drunken condition or under the influence of any narcotic substance would be terminated from services with immediate effect.

Moreover, the school management will encourage either a member of teaching/non-teaching staff or representative of the parents' association to travel with the children to keep a regular check on the driver/attendant/conductor. The vehicle owners/contractor would ensure that the vehicle driver undergoes refresher course at least twice a year from any authorised Driving Training School. The driver should have at least five-year driving experience.

₹3,383 cr earmarked for state to boost railway infrastructure

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AMBALA, JULY 24

An amount of Rs 3,383 crore has been earmarked for Haryana to strengthen the railway infrastructure and development works for the fiscal 2024-25, compared to Rs 2,247 crore allocated last year. While sharing details about state-wise Budget allocation through video conferencing, Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said there is a record Budget allocation for Haryana.

The minister highlighted the achievements of the Railways and said, "Haryana has

been witnessing good development and there is a remarkable increase in the Budget allocation for the state. The entire railway network in the state has been electrified, and 508 railway flyovers and under-bridges have been constructed over the past 10 years."

As many as 34 stations of Haryana, including Ambala City, Bahadurgarh, Ballabgarh, Bhattu, Bhiwani junction, Charkhi Dadri, Faridabad, Gurugram, Hansi, Hisar, Jind, Kalka, Karnal, Kurukshetra, Panipat, Sirsa, Sonapat, and Yamunanagar-

34 stations to undergo significant upgrade

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Mandeep Singh Bhatia, DIVISIONAL RAILWAY MANAGER, AMBALA DIVISION

Jagadhri, were selected for redevelopment and these stations will undergo significant upgrade to improve passenger amenities and services.

As per the Railways, in terms of infrastructure development, the average annual

construction of new tracks has grown from 71 km between 2009 and 2014 to 82 km during the 2014-2024 period. Currently, there are 14 ongoing projects aimed at constructing new tracks across 1,195 km, at a cost of



Rs 15,875 crore, to enhance the state's rail network and connectivity.

Mandeep Singh Bhatia, DRM, Ambala Division, said, Rs 2,500 crore has been allocated for new lines under the Ambala division. Similarly,

Rs 166.5 crore has been allocated for doubling of railway lines. While Rs 99.98 crore has been allocated for Rajpura-Bathinda rail section, Rs 66.69 crore has been earmarked for Ludhiana-Kilauripur rail section.

Doctors threaten to go on indefinite strike from today

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JULY 24

The government doctors have threatened to go on an indefinite strike from tomorrow, shutting down even emergency and post-mortem duties.

The doctors are demanding reduction in bond amount for postgraduation to Rs 50 lakh. Currently, a doctor must provide two sureties of Rs 1 crore each as part of the bond. The doctors' association have pointed out that of the 3,900 posts of Medical Officer (MO), 1,100 are vacant (over 28 per cent). Out of 636 posts of Senior Medical Officer (SMO), 250 are vacant (close to 40 per cent), and out of eight posts of Director, five are lying vacant. Despite approval from the CM, the proposal for a specialist cadre has been stuck.

The association further said the file for the routine promotion of doctors from MO to SMO has been delayed for the

Demands include reduction in bond amount to ₹50 lakh

past one and a half years, with doctors who joined as MOs in 2002 still awaiting promotion.

They are also seeking a hike in conveyance allowance from Rs 500 per month to Rs 3,000 per month.

In a press statement issued today, the Haryana Civil Medical Services Association said they had observed black day on July 1 (Doctors' Day) and protested at the Director General of Health Services (DGHS) office on July 8. A two-hour pen-down strike was also observed on July 15. A meeting of the HCMS association with ACS Health was held on July 18 and all demands were discussed in detail. Then a core committee meeting of the Association on July 23 had decided to proceed on strike.

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Legal heirs
On behalf of Estate Officer

Police seek nod to freeze assets of 50 drug peddlers

PARVEEN ARORA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KARNAL, JULY 24

The Haryana Police have sought permission from the Competent Authority, New Delhi, under the NDPS Act to freeze the properties of nearly 50 more drug peddlers. So far, the Haryana police have seized properties worth Rs 48 crore of 102 peddlers.

The police are awaiting approval to freeze movable and immovable assets of the peddlers. After receiving permission, the respective district police will initiate the process with the help of the district administration.

"The Haryana Police have been taking strong steps against drug peddlers who are habitual offenders and have made properties through smuggling. Different district police have sought permission from the Competent Authority to

freeze the properties of nearly 50 drug peddlers. We are hopeful that the permission will be granted soon," said Satish Vats, DSP, Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau.

Of the total frozen properties worth Rs 48 crore so far, assets valued at Rs 13 crore were seized from 16 peddlers in 2023, and properties worth Rs 2.66 crore were confiscated from 19 smugglers up to June 30 this year, he added.

The maximum properties of five peddlers worth Rs 2.73 crore have been seized in Ambala. In Charkhi Dadri and Faridabad, properties of three peddlers each, valued at Rs 61.92 lakh and Rs 3.23 crore, respectively, have been confiscated. In Fatehabad, properties worth Rs 2.71 crore from 17 peddlers have been frozen; in Gurugram, properties worth Rs 1.30 crore of one peddler has been seized; properties valued at Rs 1.81 crore from four peddlers have been confiscated from Kaithal; properties worth Rs 11.49 crore of six peddlers have been frozen in Karnal. Similar actions have resulted in seizure of properties worth Rs 14.86 crore from nine peddlers in Kurukshetra; properties valued at Rs 31.67 lakh of a peddler in Nuh; assets worth Rs 2.63 lakh and Rs 32.86 lakh, respectively, of two smugglers each in Panchkula and Panipat; prop-

erties worth Rs 2.76 crore of 24 peddlers in Rohtak; properties worth Rs 5.03 crore of 21 peddlers in Sirsa; assets valued at Rs 12 lakh from two peddlers in Sonapat; and properties worth Rs 97 lakh of one peddler in Yamunanagar, the DSP said.

He stressed efforts were being made to keep youth away from drugs with the help of several sports activities in both rural and urban areas. Different competitions are being organised to engage youth in sports. To make Haryana a drug-free state, awareness camps were being organised in schools, colleges and universities, he added.

With the help of social organizations, oaths were being administered to villagers to shun drugs, the DSP said, stressing "in the majority of the cases, the police have succeeded in breaking the nexus of the drug peddlers".

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State to expand CCTV surveillance network

CHANDIGARH, JULY 24

The Haryana Government is taking a significant step to enhance road safety across the state by extending the CCTV-based City Surveillance System to all 19 remaining districts. Currently, the system is opera-

tional in Gurugram, Faridabad, and Karnal. This was disclosed by Haryana Chief Secretary TVSN Prasad after presiding over the 7th meeting of the Fund Management Committee established under the Haryana Road Safety Fund Rules, 2018. — TNS

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HC lays to rest row over applicability of pension rules

33-year service envisaged for grant of maximum pension reduced vide notification

SAURABH MALIK
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JULY 23

A three-judge Bench of the Punjab and Haryana High Court has ruled that government employees, who retired prior to the issuance of a notification on April 17, 2009, but were in service as on January 1, 2006, will be entitled to the benefit of the Haryana Civil Services (Revised Pension) Part-II Rules, 2009.

The ruling by the Bench of Justices GS Sandhawalia, Harsimran Singh Sethi and Lapita Banerji is significant as 33-year service envisaged for

BENEFIT OF PART-II RULES

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the grant of maximum pension was reduced to 28 vide the notification. The Bench asserted that the employees would be entitled to the benefit of the rules notified on April 17, 2009, "irrespective of the fact whether they retired before the notification dated April 17, 2009, or thereafter".

During the course of hearing, the Bench observed that

one of the issues agitated before the court was the validity of Rule 8(3) of Part-II Rules, vide which the benefit was denied to the employees who were in service on January 1, 2006, but had retired prior to the issuance of notification dated April 17, 2009.

Speaking for the Bench, Justice Sethi ruled: "In absence of a valid justification, all the

employees who are in service as on January 1, 2006, i.e. from the date when Part-II Rules, 2009, have been made operational, are to be treated in a same manner by granting them all the benefits envisaged under Part-II Rules, 2009."

The Bench observed Part-II Rules of 2009 were further amended on August 25, 2014, whereby minimum service required to get full pension was further reduced from 28 years to 20, but the benefit was extended to employees still in service on the date of amendment. But the Bench held challenge to the amend-

ment dated August 25, 2014, "so as to operate upon all the retirees of the State of Haryana cannot be accepted and is accordingly rejected".

The Bench also upheld the fixation of January 1, 2006, as the initial cut-off date. The grievance raised by petitioners, who had retired up to December 31, 2005, was that 33 years envisaged for the grant of maximum pension had been reduced to 28 years vide the provisions of Part-II Rules. But its benefit was not given to them as Part-II Rules were made applicable to employees, who retired after December 31, 2005.

Border belt to get anti-drone tech in a year, says Governor

₹1 lakh reward to be given for recovery of each drone: DGP Yadav

GS PAUL
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE
AMRITSAR, JULY 24
Expressing concern over frequent drone intrusions from across the border for smuggling of drugs and arms, Punjab Governor Banwarilal Purohit today declared that the entire belt bordering Pakistan would be equipped with anti-drone technology within a year, he said.



Governor Banwarilal Purohit addresses mediapersons in Amritsar on Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

"An antidote to drone problem has to be there. The Union Ministry of Home Affairs is very serious about it and I have been informed that the stretch bordering Pakistan will have anti-drone technology within a year," he said.

He said the prevalence of drug menace impelled him to make multiple visits to border areas, hold discussions with security personnel and community representatives to get feedback on the issue.

He underscored the importance of active community participation and collaboration between law-enforcement agencies and local residents. During his almost three-year stint, it was the Governor's sixth visit to the border districts of Amritsar, Gurdaspur, Tarn Taran, Pathankot,

Ferozepur and Fazilka.

He announced cash prizes of Rs 3 lakh, Rs 2 lakh and Rs 1 lakh for top three drug-free villages. "Today, I announce these special prizes out of my discretionary fund. Punjab is Gurus' land. I am afraid about its future. Together we should save at least our next generation from this menace. Every soul ought to raise voice against it," he said.

The Governor expressed satisfaction over improvement in security channels and coordination between the BSF, Army, police, local administration and the VDC members, including panches and ssarpanches, in dealing

with the drug menace.

He also emphasised on constituting a special panel of lawyers to deal with drug cases in various courts. "I have directed that the best of the police personnel be deputed to present drug cases in the court. The culprits should not enjoy immunity at any cost," he said.

DGP Gaurav Yadav said anyone helping the police in capturing a drone coming from across the border would get a reward of Rs 1 lakh. Those who did so in the past would also be rewarded, he added. He also gave Rs 3.5 lakh grant to the youth clubs of Dhanoy, Modoke and Atalgarh border villages.

TYRE BURST: 3 SECURITY PERSONNEL INJURED

Three cops deputed in the security of Governor Banwarilal Purohit suffered minor injuries after their vehicle hit the road divider following a tyre burst.

The injured were identified as Vikas Upadhaya, Rakesh Kumar, both CRPF jawans, and Kushal Singh of the Chandigarh Police.

The incident occurred while the Governor's cavalcade was moving towards Gharinda during his visit to border villages in Amritsar and Tarn Taran.

Sukhbir, SGPC chief submit sealed 'clarifications' to Akal Takht Jathedar

Contents will be discussed with high priests: Giani Raghbir Singh

GS PAUL
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE
AMRITSAR, JULY 24
Abiding by the directions of Akal Takht, Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) president Sukhbir Singh Badal and Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) president Harjinder Singh Dhani today submitted their written 'clarifications' about the allegations levelled by a group of disgruntled Akali leaders. The clarifications were submitted in sealed envelopes to Akal Takht Jathedar Giani Raghbir Singh. The Jathedar said clarifications had been received and the decision would be taken only after consulting the five high priests.



Shiromani Akali Dal president Sukhbir Singh Badal and other leaders at Akal Takht in Amritsar on Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

"The envelopes would be opened in the presence of the high priests. The decision would be taken only after going through the contents of the letters, and discussions with the high priests, who will meet soon," he said.

While Sukhbir refrained from commenting, Dhani said they were bound to obey the orders of Akal Takht.

On July 1, a group of disgruntled Akalis had

BONE OF CONTENTION: DERA CHIEF'S PARDON

On September 24, 2015, the then five high priests had issued a 'gurmata' to pardon the Sirsa dera chief for his allegedly blasphemous act of wearing an attire similar to that of Guru Gobind Singh in 2007.

Five days later, the SGPC held a House meeting headed by then SGPC chief Avtar Singh Makkar to stamp the decision.

The meeting was attended by around 55 of the 180-odd SGPC members, but the consent of some members was reportedly taken through mobile phones to 'justify' the quorum of 75 members.

approached Akal Takht with an 'admission of guilt' and filed a joint letter of apology.

The SGPC was questioned by the rebel Akalis for allegedly misusing Rs 91 lakh of 'golak' money (money offered by devotees) on advertisements to justify the controversial exoneration to Sirsa Dera chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim in 2015.

Both were given 15 days to clarify their stance in writing.

Meanwhile, the rebel Akalis, in a joint letter, held Sukhbir, the then Home Minister, responsible for the inappropriate decisions leading to the party's political debacle.

In the letter, they mentioned four major "mistakes" that led to the Sikh-centric regional party's debacle, politically and religiously.

First, the flip-flop exoneration of Sirsa Dera chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim and the SGPC's move to justify the pardon by releasing media advertisements worth Rs 91 lakh. Second, a series of sacrilege incidents in 2015 at Burj Jawahar Singh Wala and Bargharhi. Third, an IPS officer who was infamous for fake encounters of Sikh youngsters being given a top position in the state Police Department.

Similarly, the wife of another controversial police officer was given a ticket for the Assembly elections and was awarded the post of Chief Parliamentary Secretary. Last, justice never being delivered to the victims of fake encounter cases.



CM Bhagwant Mann listens to problems of people during Sarkar Aapke Dwar programme in Jalandhar on Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Legal guarantee on MSP farmers' right, says Rahul

NEW DELHI, JULY 24
Asserting the farmers' right to a legal guarantee on the minimum support price (MSP), Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi today assured a delegation of the Sanyukt Kisan Morcha (Non-Political) that the INDIA bloc would fight to get their demands fulfilled.

"A legal guarantee on MSP is the right of farmers and the INDIA bloc will ensure they get this right," said Rahul Gandhi following a meeting with farmer leaders.

Highlighting the promise made in the election manifesto of the Congress, he said,

"We had already promised guaranteed MSP and we will discuss the issue with INDIA bloc members to build pressure on the government."

As per a statement by the Congress, Rahul Gandhi had invited farm leaders for a meeting in his office in Parliament, but initially the farmers were denied entry into the Parliament complex. "They are farmers. That is why they were not allowed to enter (Parliament complex), but I will meet them outside," Rahul Gandhi said during an interaction with the media. — TNS

Cong accuses govt of shielding Sirsa dera chief

CHANDIGARH, JULY 24
Congress leaders today accused Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann-led AAP government for shielding Dera Sacha Sauda chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim in sacrilege cases by not giving his prosecution sanction.

Addressing a press conference here, MLA Pargat Singh, along with former MLA Kikki Dhillon and former Punjab Youth Congress chief Barinder Singh Dhillon, said AAP was playing politics, keeping the upcoming Haryana Assembly elections in mind. — TNS

Jalandhar to be my second capital: CM

DEEPAKAMAL KAUR
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE
JALANDHAR, JULY 24
Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Wednesday said Jalandhar was now his government's second capital after Chandigarh. The CM said this on the sidelines of his first public interaction with people from across Majha and Doaba at his rented house in Jalandhar held under the banner of 'Bhagwant Mann sarkar tuhade dwar' event.

Mann said: "Just as the Viceroy during the British era used to have more than one capital, I have chosen to keep Jalandhar as my second capital to be closer to one half of Punjab. My Jalandhar house will work as my camp office or more like my mini-secretariat."

The CM also directed the Jalandhar bureaucracy to ensure that his camp office was functional even on days when he would not be here. DC Dr Himanshu Aggarwal proposed that the CM's Field Office

would be deputed at the camp office on a daily basis.

Among those who had come to take up their issue with the CM was Paramjit Singh, a realtor from Phagwara. "As a union leader of property dealers, I want to remind the CM that he had announced it in February that NOC would not be required at the time of registry of properties but it is yet to be implemented in the tehsils."

Likewise, Balwinder Singh, who had come from Khemkaran, said: "There is a 66KV power line of the BBMB passing atop our houses. The line does not carry electricity now but the redundant wire mesh is still not been removed. Owing to this, we have not been able to do any vertical construction of our houses. We have been repeatedly taking it up with the PSPCL but to no avail."

Mann, who had camped for about 18 days in the city during the recent Jalandhar West bypoll, had returned today after almost two weeks.

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Key Dates:

Sr. No.	Description	Key Dates
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4	Pre-Bid meeting	30-07-2024, 1100 Hrs
5	Physical submission of: (i) EMD and (ii) Cost of tender documents and other Technical/Eligibility Documents.	24-07-2024 from 1000 Hrs up to 06-08-2024, 1030 Hrs
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Earnest Money @1%	Rs.42,009/- only
Completion Period	upto 31.03.2025
Cost of Tender Documents	Rs.1000/- +@18% GST=Rs.1,118/- only

Key dates:-

1 Sale of Tender Documents	25.07.2024 to 02.08.2024 upto 05:00 PM
2 Submission of Tender Online	02.08.2024 upto 16:00 PM
3 Opening of Techno-Commercial Bid	03.08.2024 at 11:30 AM

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

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

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INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer, HPPWD Division Sunder Nagar (HP) on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the percentage rate bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of contractors/firms registered with HPPWD for the work as detailed in the table.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (in Rs.)	Starting date for downloading Bid	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Deadline for submission of Bid
1	Balance work of C/O 156.00 mtr. span (movable) bridge over Sattaj river connecting Dhawal Slapper Tattapani road with Slapper (Slapper Hamora) in Tehsil Sunder Nagar Dist. Mandi (H.P.) (SH-Carrying out structural analysis & design including supplying of detailed drawings with proof checking etc.).	44,50,000/-	23.07.2024 (10:00 AM)	89000/-	30.07.2024 (10:00 AM)

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website www.hptenders.gov.in.

- The rates beyond the limit of over + 5%, will be rejected and the rates quoted below 10%, the additional performance security will have to be borne for unbalanced bid.
- Only scanned copy of original documents as uploaded on the tender website are required for technical & financial evaluation. The original documents shall be required only from the successful bidder before issue of letter of award.
- The participants should have the work of similar nature.
- Qualification Criteria:** Contractor must have experience of design and execution of double lane concrete bridge of at least 60.00 meter single span in hilly region with design vetted by IIT/IT in the same project.
- The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website www.hptenders.gov.in.

On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Sunder Nagar Division, HPPWD Sunder Nagar-175018.

Patiala MP offers to provide school bus

The Tribune IMPACT
PATIALA, JULY 24
Two days after The Tribune highlighted rising school dropout ratio of girls in 10 villages, including Dhindsa, Khanpur and Gazipur, as the nearest senior secondary school is located about 14 km away, Patiala MP Dharamvira Gandhi has promised to provide a school bus for ferrying students to the school.

He said currently he was busy attending the Lok

Sabha session and soon after returning to Patiala, he would use MPLADS fund and provide a bus for ferrying students of the villages to a senior secondary school located in Rajpura.

"It is disturbing to note that even after 77 years of Independence, girls are dropping out of school because there is no provision of transport or a senior secondary school nearby. A bus service is an immediate relief, which will be provided soon." — TNS

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HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG CORRIGENDUM
In partial modification of Press Note advertisement No. 2551 dated 18.07.2024, in the first line may be read as from Jal Shakti Division Sarkaghat instead of from the Jal Shakti Division Rampur.

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COURT NOTICES
(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)
In the Court of Sh. Gurinder Singh Judicial Magistrate - Ist Class, Ludhiana Harmeet Kaur Versus Harjit Singh CNR No.: PBLD03-052462-2023 Next Date: 23.08.2024

Publication issued to: 1. Harjit Singh son of Late Shri Jaspal Singh (husband), 2. Rajdeep Kaur wife of Late Shri Jaspal Singh (mother-in-law), 3. Rajpal Singh son of Late Shri Jaspal Singh (brother-in-law).

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 23.08.2024 at 10.00 a.m.

For details logon to https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=ludhiana Dated, this day of 20.06.2024. Sd/- Judicial Magistrate - Ist Class, Ludhiana CL24037638

In the Court of Sh. Upendra Singh Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division), Kalka CNR No.: HRPKA0-000134-2024 Next Date: 03.09.2024

For details logon to https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=panchkula Dated, this day of 16.07.2024. Sd/- Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division), Kalka CL24037640

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC) In the Court of Sh. Jaspinder Singh Additional District and Sessions Judge, Ludhiana. Parvish Kumar Vs. Jaswinder Kaur CNR No.: PBLD01-032128-2019 Next Date: 22.08.2024

Publication issued to: 1. Rajinder Kumar S/o Janak Raj, presently residing R/o Village Sansarpur, Jalandhar. CNR No.: PBLD01-032128-2019 Next Date: 22.08.2024

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COURT NOTICES
Civil Courts Rajpura (U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC) In the Court of Sh. Kanwaljit Singh Civil Judge Junior Division-1 Rajpura Kalpak Sharma Versus Kulwant Singh CNR No. PBPTA0-000490-2022 Next Date: 23.08.2024

App for permission to sue as an indigent person Publication issued to: No. 2 Namita D/o Kulwant Singh, No. 3 Sumit S/o Kulwant Singh, R/o Village Sehra, Tehsil Rajpura, District Patiala.

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 23.08.2024 at 10.00 a.m.

For details logon to https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=patiala Dated, this day of 06.07.2024. Sd/- Civil Judge Junior Division-1, Rajpura. CL24037645

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC) In the Court of Sh. Gaurav Gupta Civil Judge (Junior Division), Ludhiana. Ram Kumar Vs. Harchand Singh CNR No.: PBLD02-006616-2020 Next Date: 12.08.2024

Publication issued to: Harchand Singh S/o Gurdeep Singh R/o Village Dhandra-II, 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 12.08.2024 at 10:00 a.m.

For details logon to https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=ludhiana Dated, this day of 18.07.2024. Sd/- Civil Judge (Junior Division), Ludhiana. CL24037647

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC) In the Court of Gaurav Kumar Sharma Civil Judge (Junior Division), Phillaur Ranjina Kumari W/o Kamaljeet Singh D/o Janak Raj, permanent R/o House No. B-33, 1236/1, Street No. 7/1, Salem Tabri, Ashok Nagar-C, Ludhiana. 2nd Address House No. 689, Gurka Road, Goraya, District Jalandhar. Vs. Rajinder Kumar S/o Janak Raj, presently residing at Village Sansarpur, Jalandhar. CNR No.: PBLD01-032128-2019 Next Date: 22.08.2024

Publication issued to: 1. Rajinder Kumar S/o Janak Raj, presently residing R/o Village Sansarpur, Jalandhar. CNR No.: PBLD01-032128-2019 Next Date: 22.08.2024

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COURT NOTICES
(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC) In the Court of Ms. Mamta Mehmi Civil Judge (Junior Division), Ludhiana Kulwinder Singh Vs. M/s Hans Maya Trading Company CNR No. PBLD02-005842-2023 Next Date: 22.08.2024

Publication issued to: M/s Hans Maya Trading Company- 01. M/s Hans Maya Trading Co. 80, 81, 82 Gol Market Punjabi Market Bareilly Uttar Pradesh-243001 through its Prop/ Manager/ Auth Sign. Sh. Ajay Gaba 02. Ajay Gaba Prop/ Manager/ Auth Sign of M/s Hans Maya Trading Co. 80, 81, 82 Gol Market Punjabi Market Bareilly Uttar Pradesh-243001.

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 22.08.2024 at 10:00 a.m.

For details logon to https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=ludhiana Dated, this day of 18.07.2024 Sd/- Ms. Mamta Mehmi Civil Judge (Junior Division) Ludhiana. CL24037653

In the Court of Dr. Aman Inder Singh Sandhu, Civil Judge (Sr. Divn.)-cum-CJM, Kaithal CNR No.: HRKH02-000474-2018 Next Date of Hearing: 23.08.2024 at 10:00 a.m. Hafed Kaithal Versus M/s Anand Agro Foods, Dhand Suit for Recovery Notice to: Def No. 5) Vinod Kumar, Prop. M/s V.K. Trading Co. Commission Agent, Shop No. 9, Old Grain Market, Dhand, Kaithal. 6) Aarti Gag, Prop. M/s Shakti Trading Co., Dhand, Kaithal.

In above titled suit, the Def No. 5 and 6 could not be served through ordinary process. Thus, it is ordered that Def No. 5 and 6 should appear before this court in person or through counsel on 23.08.2024 at 10:00 a.m.

For details logon to https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=kaithal DM No. 471-A, Dt. 10.07.2024 Sd/- (Dr. Aman Inder Singh Sandhu) Civil Judge (Senior Division), Kaithal. CL24037654

Civil Courts, Rajpura (U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC) In the Court of Sh. Mayank Marwaha Civil Judge (Jr. Division-2), Rajpura Rani Devi Vs. Kiran Bawa CNR No. PBPTA0-000209-2024 Next Date: 16.08.2024

Suit for possession declaration and permanent injunction Publication issued to: Balwinder Kaur :- W/o Balwinder Singh S/o Bhulla Singh near Gurudwara Sahib, Village Dhakansu Kalan, Tehsil Rajpura, Distt. Patiala

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 16.08.2024 at 10.00 a.m.

COURT NOTICES
(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC) In the Court of Ms. Karandeep Kaur Civil Judge (Junior Division), Ludhiana. M/s Eastman International Vs. M/s Kanoovi Foods Pvt. Ltd. CNR No.: PBLD02-003093-2019 Next Date: 12.08.2024

Publication issued to: 1. M/s Kanoovi Foods Pvt. Ltd., Plot No. 466/1, Sector 1, Gandhinagar, Gujarat-382007. 2nd address: Manufacturing Plant at PO Ujediya, Tal Talod, District S.K., Gujarat, 383215.

2. Usha Harisuman Trivedi, Director of M/s Kanoovi Foods Pvt. Ltd., R/o S/21, Kisan Nagar, Sector 26, Gandhinagar, Gujarat-382044, India. 3. Vibhask Harisuman Trivedi, Director of M/s Kanoovi Foods Pvt. Ltd., R/o 19, Swagat Mahal, Chandkheda, New C G Road, Ahmednagar, Gujarat-382424, India.

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=district_notice&district=ludhiana Dated, this day of 22.07.2024. Sd/- Civil Judge (Junior Division) Ludhiana. CL24037661

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC) (Succession Case) In the Court of Ekta Sahota Addl. Civil Judge (Sr. Division), Nakodar Munish Kumar Nayyar Vs. General Public CNR No. PBJLA0-000459-2023 Next Date: 22.08.2024

Purpose: Appearance Notice to: Shaveen Nayyar s/o Virender Kumar Nayyar R/o 3, BALMWAY, BRAMPTON, ONTARIO, 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 22.08.2024 at 10.00 a.m.

For details logon to https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=jalandhar Dated, this day of 16.07.2024. Sd/- Addl. Civil Judge (Senior Division), Nakodar CL24037663

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC) In the Court of Gaurav Kumar Sharma Civil Judge (Junior Division), Phillaur Harpal Singh Sandhu S/o Piara Singh R/o Village Jajja Khurd, Tehsil Phillaur, District Jalandhar. Vs. Narinder Singh S/o Balihar Singh All R/o Village Jajja Khurd, Tehsil Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar. CS/411/2023 CNR No. PBJLB0-000580-2023 Next Date: 14.08.2024

GOVT. OF PUNJAB DEPARTMENT WORKS E-TENDER
The Department of Construction of shed and fixed RCC Benches at cremation Ground. (MPLads) (ਸ਼ਹੀਦੀ ਠਾਕਾ -2.00 ਏਕੜ) Closing Date and Time: Closing Date: 12.08.2024, Time up to 10:00 a.m. For details logon to: (http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in/nicgep/app) NOTICE: Any Corrigendum(s) to the Tender/RFP Notice shall be published on the above website.

POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH
E-Tender Notice No. P(EP)/24-25/G/01 Phone No. 0172-2756469
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HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Sealed item rate tenders on PWD-6 and PWD-8 are invited by the Assistant Engineer, Jal Shakti Sub Division Chowari for the following work from approved and eligible contractors on the Jal Shakti Vibhag. So as to reach in this office on or before 01.08.2024 up to 12:00 p.m. will be opened on the same day at 3.30 PM in the presence of intending contractors or their authorized representatives. The tender form can be had from this office against cash payment non-refundable up to 12.00 p.m. on 01.08.2024

Table with 5 columns: Sr. No., Name of Work, Estimated Cost (in Rs.), Earnest Money (in Rs.), Time Limit, Cost of Tender Form (in Rs.). Contains 27 items of work for restoration and construction of water supply infrastructure.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:
1. The contractors/firms should be registered in Jal Shakti Vibhag in appropriate class.
2. The contractors/firms should have Income Tax/GST registration certificate.
3. The earnest money in the shape of National Saving Certificate/Time Deposit Accounts/Savings Account in any of the post office or nationalized bank in Himachal Pradesh duly pledged in favour of Assistant Engineer, Jal Shakti Sub Division, Chowari with application form before the purchasing the tender documents.

Govt sanctions ₹930 cr for Gaggal Airport expansion

LALIT MOHAN TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE DHARAMSALA, JULY 24

The state government has sanctioned Rs 930 crore for the acquisition of land to expand the Gaggal Airport in Kangra.



The Gaggal Airport in Kangra. PHOTO: KAMALJEET SINGH

1,200 FAMILIES WILL BE DISPLACED

- In the first phase, the runway will be expanded from 1,372 m to 1,900 m while in the second, it will be extended from 1,900 m to 3,110 m.
- The government had notified that 105 acres of land would be acquired for the project. It included nearly 60 acres of private land and 40 acres of government land.
- Nearly 1,200 families will be displaced.

acres of government land. The private land in the villages of Bagh, Balla, Dukhiyari Khas, Bhed, Gaggal Khas, Chikli Iochi, Muggardadh, Sohara, Sannor, Rachyal, Jugehar, Badol and Kiyori would be acquired, and around 1,200 families would be displaced. Chief Minister Sukhvinder

Singh Sukhu has been actively pursuing the project since the new government took over. In the last year's Budget, the government had kept a provision of Rs 2,000 crore for it and most of the amount is likely to be spent to compensate the families who would be displaced.

However, the locals, whose lands are to be acquired, are opposing the project. Meanwhile, as per a report issued by the expert committee formed by the government to assess the social impact of the project, the benefits outweigh the negative impact on the people who would be displaced. The committee has urged the government to consider the suggestions of the people to build a satellite town for them within the vicinity of 5 km of the airport.

During the previous BJP government, Rs 400 crores was sanctioned by Central Finance Commission for the project.

Govt all set to charge GST, higher registration fees from homestays

PRATIBHA CHAUHAN TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE SHIMLA, JULY 24

The Himachal Government is all set to charge commercial rates for water and power in all urban and planning areas, Goods and Services Tax (GST) and enhanced registration fee from all illegal homestays.

The Cabinet Sub-committee, which met here on Monday, is likely to place its report before the Cabinet with recommendations that will help generate much-needed revenue. The sub-committee is likely to hold another meeting before finalising its report.

"The concept of homestays was developed and promoted to take tourism activities to the interior and rural areas of the state but on the contrary, a majority of the homestays have mushroomed in urban areas and are doing very good business," says a Tourism Department official.

LIKELY TO CHARGE COMMERCIAL RATES FOR POWER

Since homestays have become the preferred option for a large number of tourists, the government is likely to charge commercial rates for water and power from those located in urban and planning areas.

He adds that 950 homestays are registered with MakeMyTrip without having to pay the GST. As such, GST registration will be made mandatory for all homestays that are registered with the Tourism Department.

The government has also decided to constitute a committee comprising officials of the Tourism, Revenue, Excise and Police departments to streamline the operations of homestays. Though there are 4,289 homestays registered with the Tourism Department, there is no mechanism for their joint inspection. The homestays are not confined to any area but have mushroomed across the state. One of the major recommendations of the Cabinet

Sub-Committee will be to close down all homestays being run in houses constructed by non-Himachalis on land bought in relaxation of Section 118 of the Tenancy and Land Reform Act.

"All such homestays, in some cases given on lease, will have to close operations as the permission to purchase land was purely given for residential purpose," say sources. People, who are bona fide Himachalis but not agriculturists, will, however, be allowed to run homestays in their residences, they add.

The sub-committee is of the opinion that the registration fee for the homestays should be fixed at Rs 6,000 in rural areas, Rs 10,000 in semi urban areas and Rs 15,000 in urban areas.

HC notice to Kangana on poll petition

SHIMLA, JULY 24

The HP High Court today issued notice to BJP MP Kangana Ranaut on a petition challenging her election from the Mandi Lok Sabha seat. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua passed this order on an election petition filed by Laik Ram Negi of Kinnaur. The petitioner has challenged the Lok Sabha poll on the ground that his nomination papers were wrongly rejected.

According to him, he had filed his nomination papers from Mandi for the Lok Sabha poll on May 14. He submitted the necessary no due certificate issued by the Forest Department before the Election Officer along with the nomination papers. However, he was told that no due certificates for electricity, water and telephone issued by the departments concerned for government accommodation will also have to be given independently. As per the petitioner, on May 15 he submitted the no due certificates but he refused to accept these documents. —OC

State gets ₹2,698 cr for railway development

UNION BUDGET 2024 TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE SHIMLA, JULY 24

Union Minister of Railways Ashwini Vaishnav today said the Union Government had allocated Rs 2,698 crore for railway development in the state, adding that it was 25 times more than the budget allocated by the UPA government.



Union Minister of Railways Ashwini Vaishnav

While addressing media-persons, the minister said during the UPA government's regime between 2009 and 2014, only Rs 108 crores were allocated, on an average, for the develop-

ment of railways in the state while this year, the NDA government had allocated Rs 2,698 crores for it. He said keeping in view the soft strata in the Himalayas,

a newly developed technology, 'Himalayan tunnelling method', was being used to construct tunnels in the state. "Under this technology, the tunnel's plan is designed keeping in view the strength of the mountain," he added.

He said four railway stations— Shimla, Amb-Anandura, Baijnath Paprola and Palampur-Himachal — will be developed under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme.

"Himachal has been 100% electrified, except for the heritage line as it could not be done," he said.

The minister further said 24 flyovers and under-bridges had been constructed in the state since 2014.

He said a sum of Rs 300 crore had been allocated for the railway work on the Chandigarh-Baddi line while Rs 1,700 crore had been allocated for work on the Bhanu-pali-Bilaspur rail line.

No special road tax for trucks from other states

SHIMLA, JULY 24

The state government has exempted truck drivers from other states from the Special Road Tax (SRT) during the current apple season in the state. Trucks from other states entering Himachal, which are not covered under the National Permit, have been granted immediate exemption from SRT for transporting apples and potatoes to other states. The Transport Department has issued a notification in this regard.

Deputy CM Mukesh Agnihotri today said the government was committed to protecting the interests of horticulturists and farmers. "Exempting SRT for apple and potato transportation will benefit all stakeholders," he said. —TNS

Explore possibility of merging schools with low enrolment: CM

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE SHIMLA, JULY 24

Chief Minister Sukhvinder Sukhu on Tuesday said the state government was laying focus on providing quality education to students in government educational institutions. He presided over a meeting of senior officers of the Education Department here. He expressed serious concern over the declining number of students enrolled in government primary schools.

He said there were 89 government primary schools and 10 government middle schools having low enrolment. "This step will not only ensure adequate staff in the schools but also pave the way for providing quality education to students studying in government schools. Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, CM

ENSURE ADEQUATE STAFF IN SCHOOLS

“This step will not only ensure adequate staff in the schools but also pave the way for providing quality education to students studying in government schools. Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, CM

located within a radius of 2 km of another school. As many as 46 middle schools are within a radius of 3 km," he added.

Sukhu said in view of the above facts it was essential to rationalise the functioning of schools and directed the Education Department to explore the possibility of merging schools having low enrolment. "This step will not only ensure adequate staff in the schools but also pave the way for providing quality education to students study-

ing in government schools," he said. He said the government was setting up Rajiv Gandhi Day Boarding Schools in each Assembly constituency in a phased manner, which would ensure quality education and holistic development of the students to make them confident citizens of the nation.

He said two fully equipped boarding schools would be established in tribal areas of Kinnaur and Spiti to provide better education facilities.

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ਨੰ. 22 ਮਿਤੀ: 23.07.2024

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Axing of trees for Baddi rail link begins

AMBKA SHARMA TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE SOLAN, JULY 24

Delay in providing encumbrance-free land has hit the progress of the ambitious Chandigarh-Baddi railway project whose completion is eagerly awaited by the investors in this industrial belt. Though key steps like axing of trees have begun and a tender has been awarded for removing the high tension and low tension electricity lines from the acquired land this has happened two years after the project had begun.



LAND IN NINE VILLAGES YET TO BE ACQUIRED

- Delay in providing encumbrance-free land has hit the project
 - Out of the 30.31 hectare land needed for the project, 4.34 hectare involving nine villages is yet to be acquired.
 - Structures like godown of a petroleum company, a factory, houses, etc., were yet to be demolished.
 - Structures like goods platform are being constructed along the Baddi rail track.
- PHOTO: ADITYA CHADHA

As many as 119 trees are supposed to be axed from the private land besides some trees from the government land. The Forest Corporation was undertaking this task. "About 45 more days would be consumed in removing the high tension and low tension electricity lines from the acquired land at places like Shitalpur and Baddi," informed Deepak Verma, Executive Engineer, HP State Electricity Board Limited, Baddi. Various structures like 700 m long goods platform are being constructed though the track will be laid once the entire land is made available to the contractor. The rail track will be connected to the existing track at Chandimandir to provide connectivity to Baddi. Structures like godown of a

petroleum company, a factory, houses, etc., were yet to be demolished and this has hit the construction of the goods platform. It has been constructed in two patches of 200 m each. "Out of the 30.31 hectare land which was supposed to be acquired, as much as 4.34 hectare involving nine villages was yet to be acquired. While Rs 142 crore was received as compensation, as much as Rs 129 crore have been disbursed and balance compensation of 12.78 crore was yet to be disbursed," informed Subhash

Saklani, Officer on Special Duty, entrusted the task of land acquisition. Saklani said the remaining works like acquisition of the remaining 4.34 hectare land and demolition of few structures on the acquired land would be removed soon after the grant of compensation and entire land would be made available to the contractor. Land has been acquired from various villages, including Saraj Majra, Shitalpur, Kalyanpur, Chak-Jangi, Landewal, Kenduwal, Billanwali, Gujran,

Hariour Sandholi and Sandholi, in Baddi industrial area. Sanctioned in 2007-08, the broad gauge project has been delayed due to various reasons, including high acquisition cost and Haryana's refusal to pool in resources. The Ministry of Railways had notified the link as a special project in 2019 to speed up acquisition. Its timely completion was eagerly awaited as it would put an end to disputes relating to freight rate which crop up in industrial belts every now and then.

Chandigarh Industrial & Tourism Development Corporation Limited

E-TENDER NOTICE

CITCO invites e-tenders for licensing out following space/ booth on license fee basis and on "as is where is basis":

- Space for setting up/ operation of Mobile Tower at the Roof-top of Hotel Parkview, Sector 24, Chandigarh.
- Booth No. 7 & 8 for selling food items viz. Chaat Papdi, Golgappa, Tikki etc. at Chef Lakeview, Sukhna Lake, Chandigarh.
- Shop No. 3 for specific trades at Hotel Shivalki, Sector 17, Chandigarh.
- Open Space for managing/ operating Automatic Pizza Preparation/ Serving Machine at Chef Lakeview, Sukhna Lake, Chandigarh.
- Open Space for managing/ operating Coconut water counter/ stall at Chef Lakeview, Sukhna Lake, Chandigarh.
- Booth No.06 for specific trades at Chef Lakeview, Sukhna Lake, Chandigarh.

Detailed e-tender documents (6 in Nos.) are available on <http://etenders.chd.nic.in> for online participation. A pre-bid meeting will be held on 05.08.2024 at 11.00 AM at Regd. Office to clarify any concerns of bidders. Last date of submission of online e-bid is 27.08.2024 upto 05:00 PM.

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The Haryana Public Service Commission invites online applications from eligible candidates for the following post with details as under:-

- Name of Post: **Deputy Director Fisheries/ Equivalent Post (Group-A) in Fisheries Department, Haryana.**
- Category wise bifurcation of the posts:

Category	No. of Post
General/ Unreserved	02

- Opening date for submission of online applications: 26.07.2024
- Closing date for submission of online applications: 16.08.2024 upto 05:00 PM.
- Closing date for deposit of Fee: 16.08.2024 upto 05:00 PM.

For more information, log on to <http://hpsc.gov.in>

Sd/- Secretary

Dated: 24.7.2024 **Haryana Public Service Commission**
Panchkula

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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB PUNJAB URBAN PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

PUDA Bhawan, Sector 62, S.A.S. Nagar

Tender Reference No. 3508-3513 Dated 23.07.2024

Divisional Engineer (HQ-2), PUDA, S.A.S. Nagar invites online bids for "Annual maintenance and mechanized cleaning of PUDA Bhawan (Civil, PH and Electrical works) including the cost of consumables, housekeeping material, tool and plants, required machinery etc. & operation and maintenance of pumping machinery and other relating gadget installed at tubewell in Sector 62, S.A.S. Nagar to the entire satisfaction of Engineer-in-Charge."

Closing Date & Time: 07.08.2024 at 11:00 A.M.

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

NOTE:- Any corrigendum(s) to the Tender Notice shall be published on the above website only. DPR/Pb/35959

NORTHERN RAILWAY

OPEN TENDER NOTICE

Open tender through E-tendering are invited by Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRD, Northern Railway, Ambala from the willing contractors for following work on railway website www.ireps.gov.in up to 15:00 hrs. on the date of closing shown against the work and will be opened thereafter.

S. No.	Open Tender No.	Name of work	Date of Closing/ Opening:
1.	ETRU-T-03-2024-25	TRD Power Supply assets maintenance in Jurisdiction of DUJ, UKN, BTI & PTA Depots of Ambala Division of three years.	14.08.2024 Approx. Cost: ₹2,52,29,768.91 Earnest Money: ₹2,76,200/- Completion period: 36 Months Validity period: 60 Days

Cost of tender form: NIL for Downloading from IREPS, portal, ₹10,000/- For obtaining hard copy from Sr.DEE/TRD/UMB office

- Tenderer(s) are required to upload scanned copies of all related eligibility documents including PAN/GSTIN as per conditions.
- Tenderer(s) should have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate to participate in E-Tendering of Works/Tenders.
- All Taxes i.e. GST/BOCWV, Income tax etc. are applicable as per extant rule.
- In the work, the condition of Similar Nature Work is applicable and is as "Maintenance/Repairs/Rehabilitation/Design, supply, erection, testing & commissioning of 50 Hz, single phase 25 KV AC OHE" OR "Maintenance/Repairs/Rehabilitation/Design, supply, erection, testing & commissioning of 50 Hz, single phase 25 KV AC Traction sub-station/ Switching sub-stations" OR "Maintenance/Repairs/Design, supply, erection, testing & commissioning sub-stations of 132 KV or higher voltage"
- For details, please log on IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in.

No.: ETRU-T-03-2024-25 Dated: 23.07.2024 2264/2024

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Materials Manager, Northern Railways, Ambala Cantt.-133001 for and on behalf of the President of India, invites Tender through E-Procurement System (www.ireps.gov.in) for the supply of the below item:-

S. No.	E-Tender No.	Description	Qty.	Tender Closing date & Time	EMD (in ₹)
1	98245239C	Supply of Rail Profile Measuring Equipment (Miniprof) with Bluetooth. Rail Measuring unit as per Specification no. TM/SM-323 "Specification of Rail Profile Measuring Equipment (Miniprof)" issued by RDSO. Miniprof Rail includes: 1. Envision software Modules: Core, Measurement and analysis (Single user Installation), 2. Accessories Kit with Cable, 3. Charger, 4. Lightweight Transport Case, 5. Telescopical Rod, 6. Nomad PDA. Accepted Make: Greenwood Engineering or equivalent. (Warranty Period: 24 Months after the date of delivery) (Inspection Agency: TPL Stage Insp.: No. Stages: 0)	01 Nos.	19.08.2024 at 11:00 Hrs.	74160/-
2		Five Year AMC charges of Miniprof after Warranty period as per specification no. TM/SM-323. The cost breakup and detailed special conditions are attached as Annexure A. (Inspection Agency: CONS, Stage Insp.: No. Stages: 0)	01 Set		

Note: 1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. <https://ireps.gov.in> for details.
2. No Manual offer will be entertained.

E-Tender Notice No.: 98245239C Dated: 24.07.2024 2250/2024

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The Tribune

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No NEET re-test

SC rightly prioritises admission schedule

ANY weeks of student trauma later, the Supreme Court verdict on Tuesday finally shut the door on the NEET controversy with a firm rejection of the demand for a re-exam. While the SC decision to avoid a re-test, considering the disruption it would cause to 24 lakh aspirants, is pragmatic, it also highlights deeper issues within our educational and testing systems. Chief Justice DY Chandrachud's observation that the leaks did not constitute a 'systemic breach' provides temporary relief but does little to address the underlying vulnerabilities. The leaks in Hazaribagh and Patna, as per the evidence presented by the National Testing Agency (NTA) and IIT-Delhi question the integrity of an exam critical for aspiring medical professionals. The court's reliance on the NTA to address the affected students' cases reflects a stopgap approach rather than a long-term solution.

The UGC-NET's cancellation in June further amplifies concerns. The Ministry of Education's suo motu action based on undisclosed inputs from the Union Home Ministry, while protecting students' interests, exposes the fragility of our examination infrastructure. The lack of transparency regarding the exact nature of the compromise fuels distrust and anxiety among the student community.

These incidents demand a comprehensive overhaul of the examination and testing framework. The establishment of a high-level committee to review the NTA's structure, as suggested by Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, is a step in the right direction. However, this must be coupled with robust measures to enhance security, transparency and accountability. The recurrent examination scandals not only undermine the credibility of educational institutions but also affect the future of young candidates. In a country striving to harness its demographic dividend, ensuring the sanctity of examinations is non-negotiable. The government must prioritise reforms to restore faith in the system and fulfil the aspirations of the youth.

SAD at a crossroads

Party needs to win over Panthic voters, farmers

THE Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD), one of India's oldest political parties, is struggling to put its house in order after a series of electoral debacles over the past seven years. Party chief Sukhbir Singh Badal is not only facing rebellion from senior leaders but has also been summoned by the Akal Takht — the highest temporal seat of the Sikhs — to submit a written reply regarding the alleged 'mistakes' committed during the 10-year SAD-BJP rule (2007-17) in Punjab. The clamour for a leadership change is growing, even as the party top brass is presenting a united front and accusing ex-ally BJP of attempts to break up the SAD.

Things have only worsened since the death of five-time CM Parkash Singh Badal in April last year. Badal was a towering leader under whom the SAD became a force to reckon with; his son Sukhbir has found it tough to step into those big shoes. Moreover, Sukhbir has been unable to shake off the 'one-family party' tag. The ghosts of 2015 — a series of sacrilege incidents, the Takht's flip-flop on pardon to Dera Sacha Sauda chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim in a blasphemy case, and police action against protesters at Kotkapura and Behal Kalan — continue to haunt the Badals.

Grave lapses on the SAD's part have disillusioned and angered Panthic voters. No wonder the party has ceded considerable ground to Sikh radicals, exemplified by the victory of Amritpal Singh and Sarabjeet Singh Khalsa in the recent Lok Sabha elections. The farming community is no longer the SAD's dependable vote bank, even though the party pulled out of the NDA in 2020 in protest against the contentious farm laws (after having initially endorsed them). The exit of capable leaders like Manpreet Singh Badal and Adesh Partap Singh Kairon has left the party poorer. The SAD's resurgence is possible only if it goes all out to regain the lost ground and win over farmers.

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

LAHORE, FRIDAY, JULY 25, 1924

Lord Olivier's statement

To us in this country, the only important thing in the debate which took place in the House of Lords on Monday with regard to the Indian situation is the speech of the Secretary of State. That speech was unhappily neither very strong nor very definite in regard to certain vital issues, but it was the only contribution to the debate that had any real value. It dealt with four outstanding and concrete problems and in regard to each of them it has something to say which might or might not be satisfactory to those vitally affected by it, but which, at any rate, was of serious notice. The first of these questions was the Lee Commission's report. The two speakers who had preceded Lord Olivier in the debate, Lord Peel himself as well as Lord Lee, had both not only urged the claims of the Services to consideration, but the necessity and desirability of taking immediate action on the report. Lord Olivier defended with warmth the statement already made by the Government of India with his full concurrence, namely, that no decision with regard to the Commission's recommendations would be taken till after a discussion in the Assembly in September. The Commission itself, he said, had expressed the opinion that its report should be treated as a whole. That view had been accepted by himself, his Council and the Government of India, and it was just because they had accepted it that they had been unable to take immediate action. The reason is quite clear. It was thus put by himself: "Nobody knowing the magnitude of the issues involved could expect that a Secretary of State who took the report at all seriously could possibly be in a position to pass final orders on it as a whole within two or three months."

R&D needs firm commitment from govt

India must invest in developing critical technologies for nuclear and other energy sources

DINESH C SHARMA
SCIENCE COMMENTATOR

IN her 2024-25 Budget speech, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman made a bunch of announcements relating to the future course of India's energy mix in the light of the need to move towards the target of achieving 'net zero' carbon emissions by 2070. While continuing the thrust on renewable sources of energy, the government wants to give a push to nuclear power as well. "Nuclear energy is expected to form a very significant part of the energy mix for Viksit Bharat," Sitharaman said. She did not elaborate on any time frame to make nuclear power a significant player in the energy mix but talked of some ideas to promote nuclear power: the setting up of small reactors — Bharat Small Reactors (BSRs); research and development to develop the Bharat Small Modular Reactor (BSMR); and a role for the private sector in this regard.

At present, nuclear power constitutes a minuscule part of India's energy mix. Per the data shared in the Economic Survey a day before the Budget, the total installed capacity of power in India stands at 494,000 MW (megawatt). Of this, nuclear power contributes a mere 6,800 MW, while renewable sources of energy account for 125,000 MW (which is almost a quarter of the total installed capacity). The rest comes from hydro and thermal power. The production of nuclear power has remained stagnant since 2016. Not a single megawatt of nuclear power has been added to the grid for nearly a decade. The promise of massive additions to the installed capacity has eluded the Depart-



TRANSITION: Fuel availability, safety and waste disposal are major challenges for nuclear power generation. FILE PHOTO

ment of Atomic Energy since the 1980s when it first set the target of 20,000 MW by 2000.

The reasons for the return of nuclear energy on the table are many. The most obvious is the need for energy transition necessitated due to climate change. Nuclear power is considered a clean, carbon-free source of energy. A study on India's energy options towards 'net zero' done by the Indian Institute of Management (IIM-Ahmedabad) came up with some projections. While coal would continue as the backbone of the Indian energy system for the next two decades, renewable sources and nuclear power would be the predominant sources then on, according to the study. Countries are also realising that the energy transition requires certain critical technologies (battery storage, carbon capture, etc.) which are not readily available. China has become the main source of several critical materials and rare earths needed for batteries, electric vehicles, etc.

If Sitharaman wants nuclear energy to reach a 'very significant' level in the energy mix from the minuscule role it plays currently, a new policy direction

In her Budget speech, the Finance Minister said nuclear energy was expected to form a very significant part of the energy mix for Viksit Bharat.

and investment are necessary. The Budget does not provide any of this. Pinning all hopes on the private sector to achieve this is misplaced. The doors for non-government players in the nuclear sector have been open since the much-touted Indo-US nuclear deal. The deal promised a piece of the nuclear supplies pie for Indian companies. But not a rupee has been invested by any Indian or foreign investor nor have Indian companies got supply contracts from elsewhere, as hoped by then UPA government.

The Atomic Energy Act, 1962, was amended to let the Nuclear Power Corporation form joint venture companies with other public sector entities like the National Thermal Power Corporation. Till recently, the Modi government has maintained that it does not propose to allow the private sector to enter the nuclear power domain. It is not clear if Sitharaman's statement about the collaboration with the private sector reverses this position.

Coming to technology, the Finance Minister has spoken about BSRs and BSMRs. The International Atomic Energy Agency defines reactors under 300 MW capacity as 'small' and those up to 700 MW as 'medium'. Most of the two dozen nuclear reactors in India are below 300 MW and so are small, the only exception being the two Kudankulam reactors which are 1,000 MW each and Kakrapar which has 700-MW reactors. The pressurised heavy water reactors operational in Tarapur (Maharashtra), Narora (UP), Rawatbhata (Rajasthan) and Kaiga (Karnataka) range between 160 MW and 220 MW. We don't know if the government wants BSRs to be even

smaller than the internationally accepted definition of 'small' or if it is going to rechristen existing reactors as BSRs because they are already small.

The idea of modular nuclear reactors, too, has been around for some years now. A modular reactor refers to using modules fabricated in factories and already available parts to assemble a small nuclear plant (below 300 MW) to speed up construction. The idea is that many such reactors can be planned at one site, and manufacturers can achieve 'economies of scale'. However, nuclear suppliers have seen low demand for modular reactors because the regulatory requirements for design certification, construction and operation licences are similar to those for large reactors. The core issues of fuel availability, safety and nuclear waste disposal remain major challenges for nuclear power generation — be it through small, modular or large reactors.

The elephant in the room is R&D, be it any source of energy — nuclear, hydrogen, wind or solar. Unless we invest in developing critical technologies for each of these energy sources, the road to 'net zero' is going to be painful. Many technologies and critical materials needed for the energy transition are not available commercially or have to be sourced from monopoly suppliers. The Modi government has been stingy when it comes to spending on R&D. Sitharaman announced a new funding mechanism for R&D — the National Research Fund (NRF) — in 2019. On Tuesday, she said: "We will operationalise" the NRF, but still did not commit when. Her Budget speeches in the past have talked about funding to the tune of Rs 50,000 crore over five years for NRF. No such funding has materialised. Now, she is talking of "a financing pool of Rs 1 lakh crore" for R&D. What India needs is a firm commitment from the government to R&D in general and critical areas like energy in particular.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The course of unbalanced budgets is the road to ruin. — Herbert Hoover

Many marvels of the English language

SRIPRIYA SATISH

The English language is nobody's special property. It is the property of the imagination; it is the property of the language itself. — Derek Walcott

MY school had a strict policy of speaking only in English on the campus. Students flouting this rule were either made to stand outside the classroom for a period of time or pay a fine. This rule was an irritant as speaking the mother tongue was an easier option. But now I think that it was a good strategy to make us speak English fluently.

A few days ago, I chanced upon a popular YouTube video in which an autorickshaw driver was speaking English flawlessly. He was conversing with a foreign tourist with such ease and confidence that the tripper was awestruck. Learning a foreign language, especially an international one such as English, can go a long way in helping us gain confidence when we travel or deal with foreigners.

Here are some interesting facts about this language: It is spoken by about 1.5 billion people worldwide, making it the most spoken language. Did you know that a new word is being added to the dictionary every two hours? More than 1,70,000 English words are currently in use. English has borrowed words from over 350 languages, making it the most evolving one. It is a member of the Germanic family of languages. The legendary William Shakespeare is believed to have contributed more than 1,700 words to the language — and they are still being used. English is the main medium of instruction in most of the top universities in the world.

Every year, English Language Day is celebrated on April 23 as a mark of respect to Shakespeare, whose birth and death anniversaries fall on that day. The day promotes the significance of the role of the English language in international relations, business and education. It also highlights the importance of learning the language and gaining proficiency in it as it opens doors for individuals in various ventures.

Why is English such an acclaimed language? Once upon a time, the British declared that the sun never set on their empire. This tremendous global expansion may have led to the popularity of English. Also, it might be due to the fact that the global economy has long treated it as its universal language of business.

Being one of the most versatile languages, what makes it a living language is that it has the ability to evolve and adapt itself. American poet and essayist Walt Whitman said: "The English language is the accretion and growth of every dialect, race, and range of time, and is both the free and compacted composition of all." Hail the English language!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Welcome focus on job creation

It is commendable that the first Budget of the newly formed government is a step towards addressing widespread unemployment in the country. Proposing a Rs 2 lakh crore package for job creation over the next five years and allocating Rs 266 lakh crore for rural programmes are welcome. The focus on employment, skilling, small businesses and the middle class will help revive the economy. The tax changes, including a higher levy on equity investments and lower taxes for foreign firms, will also boost investment. However, implementing land and labour reforms will be crucial to sustaining strong economic growth. Amid an urban unemployment rate of 6.7 per cent, the Budget comes as a relief.

AMANJOT KAUR, BY MAIL

A boost for employment

The Indian economy has long been beset with unemployment. The problem was compounded by demonetisation and the Covid-19 pandemic. The government's emphasis on employment and employability is well illustrated by the significant allocation in the Budget to education, skilling and employment as well as special employment-linked incentive schemes for employees and employers. The Budget's special focus on skilling two million young people over the next five years through a Centrally sponsored scheme will go a long way towards checking unemployment.

GAURAV BADHWAR, ROHTAK

Transformative step for farming

The 2024-25 Budget marks a transformative step towards sustainable agriculture and improved farmer income. The plan to engage one crore farmers in natural farming, supported by 10,000 bio-input resource centres, is laudable. This initiative, along with the promotion of Farmer Producer Organisations, cooperatives and startups, is aimed at enhancing vegetable production and streamlining supply chains, ensuring better prices and reduced post-harvest losses. Moreover, introducing 109 high-yielding, climate-resilient crop varieties will help address climate challenges and stabilise production. The move to reduce dependence on imported edible oils by boosting domestic cultivation is also significant. Digital Public Infrastructure promises to revolu-

tionise agriculture. However, the success of these initiatives heavily depends on effective implementation. Overcoming these challenges is crucial for achieving the Budget's ambitious vision.

SARGUNPREET KAUR, MOHALI

Unfair allocation due to politics

With reference to the front-page news report 'Bihar, AP get lion's share; "bribe," says Oppn', the Opposition is right to call out the largesse being showered on Andhra Pradesh and Bihar. It is unfortunate that Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has failed to consider any of Punjab's demands. It shows that stepmotherly treatment is being meted out to the AAP-led state. The allocation of funds in the Budget to the states, regardless of politics, must be fair. If the Centre wants India to progress, it must not let politics affect the development goals.

FAQIR SINGH, DASUYA

'Lotus' likely to be next POTUS

Apropos of the report 'Kamala makes presidential campaign debut in Wisconsin', Kamala Harris has already secured the support of a majority of Democratic delegates — which will help her clinch the presidential nomination — even though it has just been a couple of days since President Joe Biden abandoned his re-election bid. She has even won the endorsement of former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and the Clintons. President Biden has also expressed support for her candidacy. She has proved her mettle as the Vice-President. So, it is safe to say that Kamala, who has finally entered the campaign mode, will win the presidential race.

VIJAYA SHARMA, BY MAIL

Trump has clear path to victory

Refer to the article 'Biden out, but Trump may still win'; the author has rightly observed that Donald Trump has made much political capital out of the failed attempt on his life during a recent Pennsylvania rally. In another victory for Trump, a Florida judge dismissed the US Justice Department's classified documents case against the former President just days after the gunman had tried to take his life. Trump's path to victory in November is clear. He enjoys high popularity in the Republican voter base, especially among White people.

RAMESH GUPTA, NARWANA

HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG CORRIGENDUM

In continuation to appointment notice published on 10-07-2024 in leading news papers The Tribune, Amarujala and Aapka Faisla vide JSV Division Ghumarwin Letter No.1833-37 Dated 06.07.2024, the revised category wise distribution of posts of Para Pump Operators, Para Filters and Para Multipurpose workers is as below :

Sr. No.	Name of Post	Total No. of Posts	Category wise Post
1	Para Pump Operator	16	UR-10, SC-3, OBC-2, ST-0, EWS-1
2	Para Filter	6	UR-4, SC-1, OBC-1, ST-0, EWS-0
3	Multipurpose	34	UR-17, SC-7, OBC-6, ST-1, EWS-3

This is for information to all concerned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti Division,
Ghumarwin.

HIM SUCHNA AVAM JAN SAMPARK

DPR/HP/982

सूचना

जन साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि वर्ष 2000 से लेकर वर्ष 2020 तक एल.पी.ए. के अधिनियम 1971 के तहत प्राइवेट सेल टेकेदारों को पान आदेश दिए गए थे। उन पान आदेशों के बदले में प्रतिपूरक वनरोपण (सी.ए. 1/2 : 3*3 = 9/-) प्रति पेड़ के हिसाब से सी.ए. राशि व सुरक्षा राशि एफ.डी.आर. के रूप में ली गई थी। अब तक बहुत से टेकेदारों ने ना तो सी.ए. के अंतर्गत रोपण करके रिपोर्ट इस कार्यालय में दी है और न ही एफ.डी.आर. को क्लेम किया है। रोपण करना टेकेदार का दायित्व है अतः रोपण कर ली जाएगी। अतः सर्वसाधारण/टेकेदारों को इस सूचना के माध्यम से सूचित किया जाता है कि आप 31.07.2024 तक कभी भी कार्यालय दिवस में वन मण्डल नूरपुर में आकर अपनी-अपनी एफ.डी.आर. के लिए क्लेम कर सकते हैं। इसके उपरान्त जिन एफ.डी.आर. को क्लेम नहीं किया जाएगा उनको फॉरफिट करके सरकारी कोष में जमा कर दिया जाएगा।

DPR/HP-998

"INVITING ONLINE BIDS"

The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Larji invites Online tenders on short time basis on behalf of Government of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following works through e-tendering process:

Job No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	EMD Cost of Tender	Time of Completion (Months)	Cost of Form.
1.	Providing sewerage system to Banjar Town in Tehsil Banjar, Distt. Kullu, Himachal Pradesh (SH- C/o 1.00 MLD Sewerage Treatment Plant based on SBR Technology & C/o Retaining wall, Demolishing of existing deslitting tank and Constructing it at another place)	4,97,34,831/-	5,29,848/-	12 Months	2500/-

Last date submission of tender:- 02.08.2024 up to 05:00 P.M. and opened on 03.08.2024 up to 11:30 A.M.

The tender forms/NIT and other detailed conditions can be downloaded from the website www.hptenders.gov.in or from office of the Executive Engineer up to date specified above.

Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti Division, Larji.

HIM SUCHNA AVAM JAN SAMPARK

DPR/HP/991

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT E-Procurement Notice INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)

No. PW/EE/NH/RMP/ -CB-Tender/2024-25-2347-98 Dated 19.07.2024

The Executive Engineer NH Division HPPWD Rampur on behalf of Governor of HP invites the item rate bids in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of contractors registered with HPPWD for the work as detailed in the table.

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost (Rs)	Starting date for downloading bid	Earnest Money
1	R/R damages on NH-05 Km 236/00 to 368/00 (SH- Filling Potholes Patch work with Bituminous concrete 40mm Between Km 245/00 to 254/00)	1256455	26.07.2024	25000/-

Deadline for submission of bid: 06.08.2024
Opening of bid: 06.08.2024

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website www.hptender.gov.in.

ON BEHALF OF GOVERNOR OF HIMACHAL PRADESH

Sd/- Executive Engineer
NH Division HPPWD
Rampur Bushahr. Tel No. 01782-233214
e-mail eenh-ram-hp@nic.in

DPR/HP/1007

HIMACHAL PRADESH, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT E-mail ee-roh-hp@nic.in, e-Procurement Notice INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer HPPWD Rohru Distt Shimla H.P on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites item rate, bids, in electronic tendering system, in 2 cover system for the undementioned work from the eligible and approved contractors/firms registered with HPPWD.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs)	Earnest Money
1.	C/o Multipurpose Hall at Govt Degree College Seema Rohru Distt. Shimla H.P (SH- C/o Building portion, WS & SI Works, RWHT, Septic tank & Site development etc.)	63902513/-	1278050/-

Starting date for downloading Bid: 06.08.2024
Deadline for submission of bid: 12.08.2024

The Bidders are advised to note other details for tenders and letter No. PWD(B) A(3) 1/2020 dated 12.01.2023 issued by secretary PW) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh Public Works Department from the department website www.hptenders.gov.in. and any corrigendum will be uploaded on the website only.

Executive Engineer
HPPWD Division Rohru Distt. Shimla H.P.

DPR/HP/1009

HIMACHAL PRADESH RURAL DEVELOPMENT & PANCHAYATI RAJ DEPARTMENT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed item rate of line tenders on behalf of the Governor of Himachal Pradesh on Form PWD 688 are hereby invited by the Executive Engineer, RD&PR Department (HQ), SDA Complex, Block No. 27, Kasumpti, Shimla-09 for the work from the approved/eligible contractors/firms enlisted in Public works Department of Himachal Pradesh. The tender form can be had from the office of the undersigned after 29.07.2024, 11.00 A.M. to 05.08.2024, 04:00 P.M. on any working day against the payment of Rs. 350/- only through Demand Draft (Non Refundable). The physical submission of bid should be reached before this office by 05.08.2024 up to 11:30 A.M. and will be opened on same day up to 4:00 P.M. in the presence of intending contractors/firms or their authorized representative. The important dates of the tender are as under:-

Sr. No.	Tender Schedule	Date	Time
1	The Start & Last Date of Sale of Tender Forms Application	29.07.2024 to 05.08.2024	11:00 A.M. - 04:00 P.M.
2	The Last Date of Receipt of Tender	05.08.2024	11.30 A.M.
3	The Date of Opening of Tender	05.08.2024	04:00 P.M.

The earnest money in the shape of FDR/National Saving Certificate duly pledged in the name of Executive Engineer, RD&PR Department (HQ), SDA Complex, Block No. 27, Kasumpti, Shimla-09. The income tax, sale tax, labour cess royalty & other taxes as levied by the Government will be borne by the contractor. The conditional tender/tender without earnest money shall be summarily rejected. The Executive Engineer reserve the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons.

Sr. No.	Description	Esti- mated Cost	Earnest Money	Time Limit	Cost of Tender Form	Eligible Class
1	Name of Work:- Construction of Badminton Court at PRTI Mashobra Dev. Block Mashobra, Distt. Shimla, H.P. (SH- C/o Badminton Court, Drain, Iron Bench, Providing doors in store room and minor repair etc.)	492438/-	9850/-	60 Days	350/-	D

Terms & Conditions:-

- Certificate of registration in appropriate wing of HPPWD/class and latest renewal thereof.
- Income Tax and Sale Tax registration and latest clearance certificate thereof, copy of PAN and TIN should be enclosed.
- Draft Notice Inviting Tender/Drawing/specifications can be seen in the office of the undersigned on any working day between 11.00 A.M. to 04.00 P.M.
- The intending contractors/firms are requested to inspect the site of work before submitting the tender.
- The offer shall remain valid up to 15 days after the opening of the tender.
- If date of opening happens to be a holiday, the same shall be opened on next working day.
- No subletting of work is allowed.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (HQ),
RD & PR, Deptt., Block No. 27,

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB Tender Reference No. E-TENDER/MC/DHURI/2024-25/27

The Department of : Municipal Council Dhuri, Distt. Sangrur invites bid for supply of material and led lights MC Dhuri.

Closing Date and Time : Closing Date 12.08.2024 Time up to 11:00 A.M.

For details login to : <http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in>

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

Sd/- President,
Municipal Council,
Dhuri.

Sd/- (Gurinder Singh),
Executive Officer,
Municipal Council, Dhuri.

DPR/PA/35975

कार्यालय नगर निगम, करनाल अल्प अवधि निविदा

नगर निगम, करनाल द्वारा एनईसी के माध्यम से Community Toilets & Public Toilets के Operation & Maintenance का कार्य करवाने का लक्ष्य है। नगर निगम, करनाल द्वारा उक्त कार्य के उद्देश्य के लिए www.tenders.hy.nic.in अलपलक कर दी गई है। इस मामले में किसी भी प्रकार का अधिक जानकारी हेतु मो. 0184-2254220, 22501127 पर संपर्क कर सकते हैं।

उप-निगमयुक्त,
कृते: आयुक्त,
नगर निगम, करनाल।

PRDH/1078/11/520/2025/28157/C/31/4

Higher Education Institute Society (HEIS) Govt. College Ludhiana (East), Ludhiana

HEIS of the college, which is registered under the Societies Registration (ACT. XXI OF 1860) invites applications on prescribed format (available on the college website) from eligible candidates for three posts of HEIS Lecturer to teach Computer Science-01, Mathematics/Statistics-01, Management-01 for B.B.A. (Business Innovation and Entrepreneurship), B.B.A. (Logistics & Supply Chain Management), B.Sc. (Data Analytics), under the scheme of H.E.I.S. The posts are purely temporary basis for the session 2024-25. Eligibility conditions and qualifications are as per UGC/ Panjab University/ Panjab Govt. norms. Application will be submitted by hand/post by 01.08.2024 till 12.00 pm. The Demo of Teaching Skills/Interview will be held on 02.08.2024 at 10.00 am. Bring original certificates and testimonials at the time of interview. No TA/DA permissible.

C E O, HEIS
Website: www.gcidheast.org Govt. College Ludhiana (East)

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)

E-tenders are invited from firms / agencies fulfilling terms & conditions for providing "OUTSOURCING OF SERVICES OF VARIOUS UNSKILLED WORKS AT SHEEP BREEDING FARM JEORI DISTRICT SHIMLA H.P." to the Department of Animal Husbandry, Himachal Pradesh Shimla. Firms/ agencies willing to participate in the tender may download the tender documents from departmental website www.hptenders.gov.in. The Tender will close on 06-08-2024 at 5.00 P.M. and same will be opened on 07-08-2024 at 2.00 PM in office of Deputy Director (Animal Health/Breeding) District Shimla Boileaugan) Shimla-5. All subsequent corrigendum, modifications and clarifications in respect of this tender will be published only on aforesaid website. The bidders are advised to visit the aforesaid website without assigning any reason.

Sd/- Deputy Director,
(Animal Health/Breeding),
District Shimla

DPR/HP/988

HIMACHAL PRADESH FOREST DEPARTMENT NURPUR FOREST DIVISION, NURPUR AUCTION NOTICE

An open auction on "AS IT IS, WHERE IT IS" basis of Vehicle PB07-6191 (Escort-340) confiscated to Govt. under relevant forest act and rules will be held on 07.08.2024 at 11.30 A.M. in the premises of Division Forest Office. The description of the vehicles is as under.

Registration No.	Makers Name	Type of Vehicle	Month/year of manufacturing
PB 07-6191	Escort	Escort 340	1992-1995

The intending purchasers/bidders are requested to inspect the parked vehicle at Range Office Rey on any working day. The shall have to deposit Rs. 5000/- as earnest money to participate in the bidding for every bid. The amount of earnest money will be refunded to the unsuccessful bidders immediately after the auction. Whereas in the case of highest bidder the earnest money so deposited will be adjusted against the highest bid offered by him for during bidders.

The highest bidders shall have to pay the total sale value sale proceeds including GST & Income Tax at the fall of hammer. The auctioning authority reserves the right to reject all or any of the bid without assigning any reason what so ever. The further terms & conditions of the auction will be announced at the spot /time of auction. Taxes as leviable will be charged extra.

DPR/HP/985

GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division Keylong (H.P) re-invites e-tender on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following works through Online Process:-

Job No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Time of completion
1.	Name of work:- Improvement of Flow Irrigation Scheme Beeling through Syphon in GP Keylong Distt. L&S HP. (SH- Site development, C/o of Deslitting tank, C/o Pattra Cutting, C/o CC lining, P/L/J & testing on G.I Gravity main and P/L/J & testing of HDPE Pipe for distribution system) (Under TSP)	68,56,421/-	1,01,064/-	One Year

Date of submission of e-tender From 24.07.2024 at 10.00 A.M to 05.08.2024 at 10.00 A.M.

Physical submission of tender documents & fee as applicable Up to 10.00 A.M 05.08.2024

Date of opening of Eligibility Criteria 05.08.2024 at 02:20 P.M

The tender forms and other detailed conditions can be downloaded from the portal <http://hptenders.gov.in> up to 5.00 PM 23.07.2024.

Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti Division, Keylong.

DPR/HP/1013 HIM SUCHNA AVAM JAN SAMPARK

PRESS NOTICE

The Assistant Engineer Jal Shakti Sub- Division Haripurudh invites following of line tenders on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from eligible Contractors for the following work through offline process:-

Sr. No.	Name of work	E/Cost	E/Money
1	Restoration of rain damages GI pipes of GWSS Jogi Ka Baag, Jyar, Lodhiya and Arawala in GP Bhawal in Tehsil Sangrah Distt Sirmour HP (SH- C/O recharge the source or GWSS Jyar). Job -I	161368/-	3250/-
2	Restoration of rain damage GWSS PC habitations Dadar Kuffer Tutvi Jogi Ka Bag and Jyar in GP Bhawal Tehsil Sangrah Distt. Sirmour HP (SH- C/o RCC intake chamber and storage tank 10000 litres capacity for village Jyar). Job -II	171856/-	3450/-
3	Restoration of Rai damage GWSS to PC Hab of Gudag Dahar in GP Charna Tehsil Nohradhar Distt Sirmour HP (SH- C/o Protection work to protect the source). Job-III	178710/-	3600/-

Time limit: 2 Months For each
Cost of form : 250/- For each

The application for purchase of tender documents shall be entertained up to 12:00 PM dated 05.08.2024, non-refundable, in cash or by money order as per cost shown above. The tenders shall be received in the office of the Assistant Engineer Jal Shakti Sub-Division Haripurudh up to 12.00 PM dated 05.08.2024, and shall opened on the same day 3.30 PM in the presence of intending contractors or their authorized representatives if any.

Sd/- Assistant Engineer
Jal Shakti Sub-Division

ਸੀਨੀਅਰ ਮੈਡੀਕਲ ਅਡਸਰ, ਸਿਵਲ ਹਸਪਤਾਲ, ਮੋਗਾ ਸਾਈਕਲ ਸਟੋਪ ਦੇ ਠੇਕੇ ਲਈ ਟੈਂਡਰ

ਸਿਵਲ ਹਸਪਤਾਲ, ਮੋਗਾ ਵਿਖੇ ਸਾਈਕਲ ਸਟੋਪ ਨੂੰ ਠੇਕੇ 'ਤੇ ਦੇਣ ਲਈ ਵੱਖ-ਵੱਖ ਠੇਕੇਦਾਰਾਂ ਕੋਲੋਂ ਸਿਰਫ਼ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਦੀ ਗੱਲੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।

ਅਮ ਨਿਯਮਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਦੇ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਵੇਰਵਿਆਂ ਸਹਿਤ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ ਨਿਰੀ 01.08.2024 ਤੱਕ ਛਨੀਵਾਰ, ਮੋਗਾਵਾਰ ਅਤੇ ਸ਼ਨੀਵਾਰ ਛੁੱਟੀ ਨੂੰ ਛੱਡ ਕੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਕੰਮ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਸਵੇਰੇ 9.00 ਤੋਂ ਛਾਪੇ 5.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਸੀਨੀਅਰ ਮੈਡੀਕਲ ਅਡਸਰ, ਸਿਵਲ ਹਸਪਤਾਲ, ਮੋਗਾ ਦੇ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਤੋਂ 2500/- ਰੁਪਏ ਮੁਕਾਬਲੇ ਅਧੀਨ ਰੱਖੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕੀਤੇ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ। ਟੈਂਡਰ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ ਸੀਨੀਅਰ ਮੈਡੀਕਲ ਅਡਸਰ, ਸਿਵਲ ਹਸਪਤਾਲ, ਮੋਗਾ ਦੇ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਨਿਰੀ 02.08.2024 ਨੂੰ ਸਵੇਰੇ 12.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਜਾਣੇ ਚਾਹੀਦੇ ਹਨ ਅਤੇ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਉਸੇ ਦਿਨ ਬਾਅਦ ਦੁਪਹਿਰ 12.30 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ ਠੇਕੇਦਾਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਹਾਜ਼ਰੀ ਵਿਚ ਸੀਨੀਅਰ ਮੈਡੀਕਲ ਅਡਸਰ, ਸਿਵਲ ਹਸਪਤਾਲ, ਮੋਗਾ ਵਿਖੇ ਖੋਲ੍ਹੇ ਜਾਣਗੇ।

ਸਹੀ/- ਸੀਨੀਅਰ ਮੈਡੀਕਲ ਅਡਸਰ,
ਸਿਵਲ ਹਸਪਤਾਲ, ਮੋਗਾ।

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala - 147001 Corporate Identity Number: U40109PB2010SGC033813 Website: www.pspcl.in (Contact No. 96461-17906)

Tender Enquiry No. 02, 03 and 04/CWC/2024-25 Dated: 23.07.2024

Deputy Chief Engineer/Civil Works Circle, PSPCL, D-4A, Shakti Vihar, Patiala invites e-tenders against above Tender Enquiry Nos. 02, 03 and 04/CWC/2024-25 for Construction of Additional Foundations for 1 No 66 KV Additional Transformer Bay and allied civil works like trenches, gravel spreading etc. each at 66 KV S/S Bhura Kairmpura (under Op Circle Tarn Taran), 66 KV S/S Pandori Jagir (under Op Circle Kapurthala) and 66 KV S/S Gande ke Chone (under Op Circle Gurdaspur) respectively. For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 26.07.2024, 05:00 p.m. onwards.

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

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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB TENDER REFERENCE No. 33 OF 2024

The Department of Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Board invites/e-invites online bids for the following works:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work
1.	O&M of 05 MLD STP at Mukerian (w.e.f. 01.04.2024 to 31.03.2027)
2.	P/L New Sewer line/ Replacement, W/S line & all other works in Moh. Marashgarh, W/ No.14 & Moh. Kamthan Near Little Flower School at Dasuya
3.	O&M of 12 MLD MPS and 4 MLD STP at Tanda w.e.f. 01.04.2024 to 31.03.2027
4.	Running of Govt. Mahindra Beroo Car PB658G7854 (01.08.2024 to 31.03.2025)
5.	P/L W/S Line complete in all respect & all other works in W/No. 36 Shakti Nagar HSP (D) Work

Important dates are as under for Sr. No.1 and 2
Closing Date & Time: 05.08.2024 up to 04:30 p.m.
Opening Date & Time: 06.08.2024 at 01:00 p.m.

Important dates are as under for Sr. No. 3, 4 & 5
Closing Date & Time: 12.08.2024 up to 04:30 p.m.
Opening Date & Time: 13.08.2024 at 01:00 p.m.

For Details login to: <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>
Note: Other Terms and Conditions refer to website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> Corrigendum, if any will be issued on website only.

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

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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT/ EMD (APPROX.) IN LACS	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS E-MAIL
1.	Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Garhshankar (Hoshiarpur)	W/S Scheme Nangal Prov. & Installing T/Well 250mm id straight 170mt depth & Road Majara Prov. & Installing T/Well 250mm id straight 170mt depth & Mohanwar Prov. & Installing T/Well 200mm id Straight 150mt. depth with Reverse Rotary Rig	23.07.2024/ 06.08.2024	86.00 THOUSAND	9872017183 eevss.divgarshankarp@yahoo.com
2.	District Sports Officer, Sangrur	Purchase of Sports Equipment	22.07.2024/ 05.08.2024	10.00 THOUSAND	9653467741 dsosangrur2022@gmail.com
3.	Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation, Division No.3, Ludhiana	Providing & Installing 200 mm i/d straight Tubewell with upto 150 m New Tubewell against the old failed Tubewell at PUNBS Depot, Bus Stand, Jagraon, Distt Ludhiana (under Deposit Work).	25.07.2024/ 05.08.2024	25.70 THOUSAND	9023196303 div3tdh@gmail.com
4.	Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division No.1, Patiala	Refilling of Fire Extinguishers at Various location of Govt. Medical College, Patiala.	25.07.2024/ 08.08.2024	15.66 THOUSAND	9041049149 eevss_gwpta@yahoo.com
5.	Executive Engineer, Provincial Division No.1, PWD (B&R) Branch, Patiala	Annual Repair for Kothi No. 15-E, 5-E, 11-E, 106-E, 202-E, 105-E, 13-C, 20-D and 23-D Model Town and F-Type Quarter No. 42-F, 57-F, 54-F Rajpura Colony Patiala	23.07.2024/ 08.08.2024	13.00 THOUSAND	9888821419 eeepd1plawdpb@gmail.com
6.	Senior Medical Officer, Civil Hospital, Nakodar (Jalandhar)	Contract of cycle Stand	27.07.2024/ 08.08.2024	3.46 LACS	9888315240 smonakodar@gmail.com
7.	Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division No.1, Jalandhar	Providing And Installing 150mm I/D Straight Tubewell Upto 150 Mtr Deep With Hand Boring, Complete in All Respects At Guru Gobind Singh Govt College, Jalandia Distt Jalandhar (Deposit Work)	25.07.2024/ 08.08.2024	24.00 THOUSAND	8146589222 eevss.div1jalandharpb@yahoo.com
8.	Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division, SBS Nagar	Providing W/S Scheme Raju Majra Block Balachaur Distt. SBS Nagar	25.07.2024/ 08.08.2024	0.47 LACS	9781582929 eevss.divsbsnagarpb@yahoo.com
9.	Executive Engineer, Construction Division No.1, PWD (B&R) Branch, Amritsar	Cutting of Trees in Civil Hospital at Tam Taran	24.07.2024/ 29.07.2024	0.10 THOUSAND	8283828197 xenc1amritsar@yahoo.com
10.	Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj Division, Ludhiana	Construction of Streets at Village Kakar Tehara and Sodhiwala Block Jagraon Ludhiana	24.07.2024/ 06.08.2024	25.20 THOUSAND	9814331951 xenprdludhiana@yahoo.com
11.	Executive Engineer, Construction Division No.1, PWD (B&R) Branch, Jalandhar Cantt	Various L/R under Special Repair 2023-24 in Market Committee Phaliar District Jalandhar. (Amount Rs. 18525888/-)	24.07.2024/ 13.08.2024	3.70 LACS	9888800501 eeed1tjalawdpb@gmail.com
12.	Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Fatehgarh Sahib	Repair of 13 Non-Functional RO Plants and AMC for 24 Months in Block Khera, Bassi Pathana and Sirhind, District Fatehgarh Sahib	23.07.2024/ 30.07.2024	31.00 THOUSAND	9878800507 ee.fatehgarhsahib@punjab.gov.in
13.	District Sports Officer, Gurdaspur	Providing diet/Refreshment to the Players of residential and day-Scholar wing of District Gurdaspur	25.07.2024/ 16.08.2024	2.49 LACS	9915781868 dsogurdaspur529@gmail.com
14.	Executive Engineer, Bathinda Canal Division, Bathinda	Construction of Escape at Bhadaur Disty at RD 118000 outfalling at Dyalpura Drain.	19.07.2024/ 29.07.2024	0.30 LACS	9501015365 xencanalbathinda@yahoo.in
15.	Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division No. 3, SAS Nagar (Mohali)	Providing & supplying of Chemicals, Standards, Solutions, Reagents & Miscellaneous items for 31 no. Water Testing Labs of DWSS.	25.07.2024/ 31.07.2024	1.53 LACS	8427754491 eerwsmohali@yahoo.co.in
16.	Director, Medical Education & Research SAS Nagar	Purchase of Machinery and Equipment for Punjab Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (PILBS), Mohali	26.07.2024/ 19.08.2024	5.50 LACS	9815652621 dir.mer@punjab.gov.in
17.	Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, PWD (B&R) Branch, Punjab, Chandigarh	Renovation/Improvement of Existing E.I. in Various Govt Residential 35 No. Flats at Sector-24/B, Chandigarh, Rs.8,02,473/-	23.07.2024/ 02.08.2024	16.10 THOUSAND	9592933757 eeedchdpwb@gmail.com
18.	Director Principal, Government Medical College, Patiala	Purchase for ELISA & RDT KITS/09	25.07.2024/ 08.08.2024	0.00 THOUSAND	9878111009 gomcoitcell@yahoo.com
19.	Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, SAS Nagar	Providing laying and all allied works for Underground PVC Pipeline Village Mullapur Teh Kharar Distt. SAS Nagar	22.07.2024/ 29.07.2024	10.60 THOUSAND	9050009918 dsco.dswc.nas@punjab.gov.in
20.	Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division No.1 At Chandigarh	PROVIDING & INSTALLING 08 NO. AIR CONDITIONERS OF 2.0 TR CAP. IN THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED GYM AT PUNJAB MLA HOSTEL, SECTOR-3, CHANDIGARH AND ALL OTHER WORKS CONTINGENT THERETO.	23.07.2024/ 01.08.2024	14.50 THOUSAND	9872519223 eeegw1@yahoo.in
21.	Executive Engineer, Construction Division, PWD (B&R) Branch, Patiala	Special Repair of various Link Roads in MC Patran & AC Shutrana for the Year 2023-24 under MC Budget Funds (Group-1)	25.07.2024/ 01.08.2024	1.33 LACS	8427400163 eeodplawdpb@gmail.com
22.	Executive Engineer, Construction Division, PWD (B&R) Branch, Nabha (Patiala)	1. Construction of C-PYTE Camp Buildings at Nabha District Patiala Under Head 2230	23.07.2024/ 07.08.2024	5.68 LACS	9872472745 xennabha@gmail.com
23.	Executive Engineer, Bist Doab Division, Jalandhar	linking of ibban minor/ linking of jalandhar distributary/ linking of Chhiti minor (following 1 to 3 no. work on work order basis)	23.07.2024/ 07.08.2024	0.08 LACS	8146818685 xenbdcdanal@gmail.com
24.	Senior Medical Officer, Sub Divisional Hospital, Kharar	Tender for allotment of Cycle Stand for One Year	30.07.2024/ 05.08.2024	20.00 THOUSAND	9814167842 smokharar@yahoo.com
25.	Executive Engineer, Construction Division No.2, PWD (B&R) Branch, Kapurthala	Special repair of various link roads in MC Phagwara Distt. Kapurthala (Group No.2) Year 2023-24	25.07.2024/ 17.08.2024	2.24 LACS	9115660006 eeed2kpbwdpb@gmail.com
26.	District Sports Officer, Ludhiana	Providing Diet for Day Scholar and Residential Sports Wing.	26.07.2024/ 13.08.2024	2.39 LACS	9814264824 dsoludhiana01@gmail.com
27.	Senior Medical Officer, C.H.C. Bajakhana (Faridkot)	SANITATION Tender for CHC Bajakhana	26.07.2024/ 29.07.2024	50.00 THOUSAND	9878429772 Smo.bajakhana@gmail.com

Office of Gram Panchayat Budha Khara, Block-Narayangarh (Ambala)
Proposal Number: 23/7/24
 An open auction for all the 2368 trees standing on the panchayat land in Gram Panchayat -Budha Khara will be held on 30-07-2024 at 3:00 PM at the Government Primary School. Bidders are required to deposit an earnest money of Rs. 1,00,000/- (one lakh) before bidding. Other terms and conditions will be announced on the spot. **Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat - Budha Khara-Narayangarh (Ambala) Contact: +91 70274 03406**

PUNJAB SKILL DEVELOPMENT MISSION
Department of Employment Generation, Skill Development & Training
SCO 149-152, Second Floor, Sector 17-C, Chandigarh
Notice Inviting Request for Proposal from Event Management Agency for conducting CXO meet under DBU-GKY Scheme
No. PSDM/PB/2024/2047 Dated: 24/7/24
 Punjab Skill Development Mission (PSDM) invites Request for Proposal (RFP) for selection of Event Management Agency for conducting CXO meet under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya - Gramin Kaushalya Yojna (DDU-GKY). The RFP document can be downloaded from www.eproc.punjab.gov.in from 25th July, 2024. Interested applicants should submit their proposal online at www.eproc.punjab.gov.in on or before 11:00 a.m. on 07th August, 2024. Any further updates/corrigendum/amendments to RFP will be uploaded on <http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in>.
Sd/- General Manager, Punjab Skill Development Mission
 DPR/PB/35973

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

SR. NO.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP/ AUTH.	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/ TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/ EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES
1	HARYANA STATE WAREHOUSING CORPORATION PANCHKULA	ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT OF 71 NOS WEIGHBRIDGE OF HSWC INSTALLED IN THE STATE OF HARYANA.	22.07.2024 31.07.2024	-

WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/CORP/AUTH.: <https://etenders.hry.nic.in>
 NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/ E-MAIL: 0172587200 sechyw@hry.nic.in
 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in
 PRDH/13/2025/4/028/164/3/14

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA CORRIGENDUM

SR. NO.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP/ AUTH.	OLD REFERENCE/ NIT NO.	NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP/AUTH.	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	HVPNL	NIT No. 20/CWD-V01-XVII/HVPNL/2024-25 DATED 12.06.2024 ONLINE TENDER ID 2024_HBC_377186_1	RENOVATION OF GSC STORE ROOM AT OPH KARNA. CLOSING DATE 29.07.2024 OPENING DATE 30.07.2024	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9356063248 xoncvl@hvpnlpanchkula@gmail.com
2	HVPNL	NIT No. 06/CWD-V01-XVII/HVPNL/2024-25 DATED 06.06.2024 ONLINE TENDER ID No. 2024_HBC_373358_1	CONSTRUCTION OF DRAINAGE SYSTEM AND OTHER CIVIL WORKS AT 33 KV S/STN. KUTLUPUR. CLOSING DATE 29.07.2024 OPENING DATE 30.07.2024	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9356063248 xoncvl@hvpnlpanchkula@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in
 PRDH/13/2025/40/281/73/3/14

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer, HPPWD Division, Hamirpur, Distt. Hamirpur, H.P. on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the item rate bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible class for the works as detailed in the table.

Sr. No.	Name of Works	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	EMD (Rs.)
1	Annual Maintenance Plan for the Year 2024-25 for Rural roads under HPPWD Sub Division Nadsaun on Link Road to Village Charal in Km 5/0 to 6/0 & 6/0 to 6/500 (SH- Providing and laying 25mm thick Bituminous concrete)	1518697.00	30300.00
2	C/o Principal Residence (Type-VI) Dr. Radha Krishnan Medical College Hamirpur (at Jolesappur) Distt. Hamirpur (SH- Civil work, W.S & S.I., Rain harvesting Tank, Septic Tank & Site development)	9820578.00	153000.00
3	Construction of Girls Hostel (For 42 Girls) for DIET Hamirpur at Gauna Karour (HP). (SH- C/o Building portion, Water Supply & Sanitary Installation and Septic Tank)	26812186.00	3,00,700.00
4	Construction of PHC Building at Rail, Tehsil Nadsaun, Distt. Hamirpur. (SH- Providing and fixing Aluminium doors, windows ventilators frame work & shutters)	2429865.00	44000.00
5	AMP for the year 2024-25 for Rural roads under HPPWD Sub Division Dhanelta on Badaran Bandos road. (SH- P/L WMM and 25mm thick bituminous concrete in km 0/0 to 2/0). DRRP No. HP0303VR0056	1987213.00	37400.00
6	AMP for the year 2024-25 for Rural road under HPPWD Sub Division Nadsaun on Dhanpur Pathriyan Lachhrai Damandari Road & Jalari Paramara to Jalari Padiaara. (SH- P/LWMM and 25mm thick bituminous concrete in km 0/0 to 1/0 & 0/0 to 1/0). DRRP No. HP0303VR0135 & VR0129	1987213.00	37400.00
7	C/o link road from Gharthoon via Ranja Ram & Lala Chand House towards Jani-Jaggian School in Village Jani Jaggian km 0/0 to 2/200. (SH- C/o 900mm dia Hume pipe culvert & C/o Retaining wall in km 0/0 to 2/200)	3931579.00	66500.00
8	C/o link road to Village Chail Bada km 0/0 to 1/0. (SH- P/L GSB, WMM, Premix Carpet, Seal Coat & CC Pavement in km 0/550 to 1/0)	1896775.00	36000.00
9	C/o Govt. Degree College Bhamoti at Nadsaun, Distt. Hamirpur (HP) (SH- C/o Building portion, providing water supply and sanitary installation 2 Nos. Type-II Qtrs)	4353076.00	72800.00
10	C/o link road from Babe Di Kuta Kunal Batal Choru km 0/0 to 2/500. (SH- C/o 900mm dia Hume Pipe Culvert at RD 0/850, 0/910, 1/240 & 1/550, FC at RD 0/440 to 0/450 & 0/900 to 0/950, C/o Retaining wall at RD 0/950 to 0/980 & C/o V-Shape drain at RD 1/050 to 1/270)	1575165.00	31200.00
11	C/o link road from Lower Jalari to Rakkar Shid Mandir and Manjhair Bantera to Pakhrol km 0/0 to 50. (SH- P/LWMM at km 0/350 to 0/370, 0/750 to 1/220, 1/270 to 1/550 and 1/650 to 1/830, M/T work in km 0/350 to 0/370, 0/750 to 1/550 and 1/650 to 1/830)	1920974.00	36400.00
12	C/o link road Sohni Janj Ghar to Kunah Khad km 0/0 to 1/500. (SH- ROFD in km 0/0 to 1/0 & C/o 900mm dia Hume pipe culvert at RD 0/210, 0/435, 0/690, 0/930, 1/270 & 1/435)	1926009.00	36400.00
13	C/o link road from Jhareri to Charada via Dhago, Kudara km 0/0 to 3/200. (SH- C/o Hume pipe culvert with wing wall at km 2/115)	1552288.00	30800.00
14	C/o link road to Village Kotlu km 0/0 to 1/0 (under OTMNP). (SH- C/o ROFD 5/7 metre wide road at km 0/575 to 0/690, C/o PCC Retaining wall at RD 0/180 to 0/190, 0/100 to 0/128, 0/421 to 0/430 and 0/450 to 0/460, C/o Hume pipe Culvert with wing wall at km 0/220 to 0/336, 0/490 and 0/725, P/L cement concrete causeway at km 0/025 to 0/030, C/o wire crate, retaining wall at RD 0/735 to 0/750, V-shape drain at RD 0/0 to 0/350 and P/L GSB, WMM & M/T works in km 0/0 to 1/0)	4999224.00	82500.00
15	C/o link road from Village Pathiyaku to Village Adarsh Nagar GP Kandrola Plas km 0/0 to 2/700. (SH- P/L GSB, WMM, Premix Carpet & Seal coat in km 0/0 to 0/250)	831575.00	16700.00
16	C/o link road from Smt. Kamla Devi House to (Noun Choa Chukrala Maloti km 0/0 to 1/500. (SH- P/L GSB, WMM, Premix Carpet & Seal coat in km 0/0 to 0/500)	1663149.00	32500.00
17	C/o link road from Nanao Bag to Village Badhhar Shamsan Ghati km 0/0 to 1/500. (SH- C/o Hume Pipe Culvert at RD 0/630, 0/750 & 0/890)	748496.00	15000.00
18	C/o link road from Baldook Basti Kut to Khature km 0/0 to 1/900. (SH- P/L GSB, WMM, Premix carpet & seal coat in km 0/0 to 0/500 & CC pavement in km 0/050 to 0/070)	1730815.00	33500.00
19	C/o link road from Rail to Putrali km 0/0 to 3/0. (SH- P/L GSB, WMM, Premix Carpet & Seal coat in km 0/0 to 0/030, 1/140 to 1/650, 1/720 to 1/855 & 1/895 to 2/095)	2387325.00	43400.00
20	Restoration of rain damages on link road from Bharoli Bhagour Kut Aisan Road km 0/0 to 2/720. (SH- P/L M/T work in km 1/840 to 2/690)	983994.00	19700.00
21	C/o link road NH-03 Chhobu to Harizan Basti Kuthiana km 0/0 to 2/500. (SH- Formation cutting 5/7 metre wide in km 0/0 to 1/0 and CD work)	2995000.00	52500.00

Starting Date for downloading of Bids: 30.07.2024 (for each)
 Deadline for Submission of Bids: 05.08.2024 (for each)
 The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website www.hptenders.gov.in
On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh
Executive Engineer, HPPWD, Hamirpur, Hamirpur, Pin Code - 177001.
Telephone No. 01972-222510
E-mail: ee-ham-hp@nic.in
HIM SUCHNA AVAM JAN SAMPARK DPR/HP/977

Himachal Pradesh Jal Shakti Vibhag NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Online bids on terms rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, JSV Division Rohru Distt. Shimla (H.P.) on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, in electronic tendering system in two covers for the undermentioned work from the contractors/firms of appropriate class enlisted with Himachal Pradesh JSV Department.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest money	Time	Cost of tender form
1	Repair & Maintenance of sewerage treatment plant of Rohru Town Tehsil Rohru Distt. Shimla (HP) (SH- Cleaning of various STP components like tanks, diffusers, aerators including disposal of sludge and supply of other STP consumables like media, diffuser).	31,45,000/-	62900/-	3 Months	400/-

Tender ID 2024_HPIPH_90928_1
 For detailed terms and conditions, NIT etc visit Portal <http://hptenders.gov.in>
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Rohru.
 DPR/HP/1011

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Applications are invited from eligible candidates for engagement on Deputation to work at Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY), in the positions given as under:

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	No. of Posts/Category	Pay Scale
1	Accountant	01 (OBC)*	Level-6 (Rs. 35400-112400)
2	Assistant	01 (UR)*	Level-6 (Rs. 35400-112400)

• Method of Recruitment for the above posts - By Deputation

The details of qualifications, experience, age etc. and other terms and conditions for filling up of the post can be obtained from the Institute's website www.yogamdniy.nic.in & Ministry of Ayush website www.ayush.gov.in

The complete application should be sent to Director, Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY), Ministry of Ayush, Government of India, 68, Ashoka Road, New Delhi - 110001 in a sealed cover superscribed "Application applied for the post of _____". The last date for receipt of hard copy of application in MDNIY is 45 days from the date of publication of advertisement in Employment News Advt. No. CBC 17213/11/0002/2425 i.e. 13-19 July, 2024 published in MDNIY website.

CBC 17213/11/0003/2425 **Administrative Officer**

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.	Extension of Running Room at Dhuri.	₹1,16,72,009/-	₹2,08,400/-	06 Months	16.08.2024
2.	Pre & Post survey of track using GEDO trolley system or similar, calculation, marking & feeding of design data to track machine to achieve designed line & level of the track over Ambala Division under ADE/Track/UMB.	₹1,23,80,120/-	₹2,11,900/-	12 Months	16.08.2024
3.	Annual repair, white washing & painting to staff quarters & service buildings from Solan (except Solan) to Shimla ex Shimla under Zone-C on KUK-SML section & at Shimla under Zone-D for the period ending 30.06.2025 in the section of SSE/W/ SML under ADE/SML.	₹99,99,999/-	₹2,00,000/-	10 Months	16.08.2024
4.	Annual repair, white washing & painting to staff quarters & service buildings at Kalka under Zone-A on UMB-KLK section for the period ending 30.06.2025 in the section of SSE/W/KLK under ADE/SML.	₹75,00,000/-	₹1,50,000/-	10 Months	16.08.2024
5.	Annual repair, white washing & painting to staff quarters & service buildings from Kalka (excl.) to Solan (incl.) under Zone-B for the period ending 30.06.2025 in the section of SSE/W/KLK under ADE/SML.	₹34,99,999/-	₹70,000/-	10 Months	16.08.2024
6.	Annual repair, white washing and painting to staff quarters & Service buildings under Zone-2 in the section of SSE/W/L/BI from BTI (incl.) to DUI (excl) for the period ending 30/6/2025 under ADE/BI.	₹50,99,995/-	₹1,02,000/-	10 Months	16.08.2024
7.	Construction of 6.53 KM RCC boundary wall near stations & its approaches as measure to safeguard track and avoiding encroachments in the section of ADE/NCDS.	₹5,53,15,159/-	₹4,26,600/-	08 Months	16.08.2024
8.	i) Extension of new FOB at Doraha railway station on UMB-LDH section under Sr.DEN/IV/UMB funded by DFCCIL - Circulating area to PF 1. ii) Extension of new FOB constructed by DFC at KNN in the section of SSE/W/R/PJ (PF No. 1 to PF No. 2).	₹1,54,47,392/-	₹2,27,200/-	08 Months	16.08.2024
9.	(01) Repair and strengthening of bridge approaches, ballast retainers, waterway and protection work of bridges and dewatering in LHS in the section of ADE/NCDS & (02) Miscellaneous repair and cleaning of waterways of bridge no 279, 286, 281, 286, 289, 290, 291, 294, 295, 296 etc. in the section of SSE/Works/M/UMB under ADE/UMB.	₹70,54,266/-	₹1,41,100/-	12 Months	16.08.2024
10.	Supply, installation, commissioning and operating with AMC (for 60 months) 47 Nos. Electronic Type Track based Rail Lubricator in the section of Sr. DEN/IV/UMB.	₹6,96,70,762/-	₹4,98,400/-	60 Months	16.08.2024

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/ 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 GST will be levied as per GST Act, 2017.
 Open Tender Notice No.: NIT-18/UMB-2024-25 Dated: 23.07.2024 **2245/2024**
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NORTHERN RAILWAY E-Tender Notice

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

Tender No.	Name of work	App. Cost (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Completion period	Opening of tender	Website Particulars
251-Elect-T-29/2024-25	Electrical work for Provision Decorative lighting on rental basis on the eve of Independence Day, Republic Day and other occasions of national importance over Firozpur division.	13,31,856.00/-	26,600.00/-	12 Months	14.08.2024 after 12.00 Hrs.	www.ireps.gov.in

No. 251-Elect/T Notice No. 22-Elect/2024-25 Dated: 24.07.2024 **2259/24**
SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Tel. 01899-299219.
eeppwd-chowari@hp.gov.in

"NOTICE INVITING TENDERS"

Sealed percentage/item rate tender(s) on PWD No 6 & 7/8 are hereby invited by the Executive Engineer, Chowari Division, HPPWD, Chowari on behalf of the Governor of HP for the following works from the approved and eligible contractor/firm of appropriate Class enlisted in HPPWD as per the 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 tender. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all the tender without assigning any reasons:-

- Date of receipt of application for the tender Form A/W requisite documents: - **29.07.2024**
- Date of issued/sale of tender form against Cash payment (non refundable). **30.07.2024**

The tender shall be received up to 11.00 AM on 31.07.2024 and will be opened on the same day at 12.00 PM in the presence of intending Contractor or their authorized representative who may like to be present. The tender can be had from this office against cash payment as shown below (Non-refundable) during the working hours on 31.07.2024.

The Earnest Money in the shape of National Saving Certificate/Deposit at call/Time deposit/Account/in any Post Office/Nationalized Bank in HP duly pledged in favour of Executive Engineer, Chowari Division, HPPWD, Chowari must accompany with each application. Conditional tender and the tender received without earnest money will simultaneously be rejected. The offer of the tender shall be kept open for 90 days. The XEN reserve the right to accept or reject the tender without assigning any reasons:-

Sr. No.	Name of works	Estimated cost	Earnest Money	Cost of tender	Time Limit	Class
1	C/o link road to village Fakrodu Km 0/0 to 2/700 (SH- C/o R/wall in wire crate at Rd 0/680 to 0/695 & 0/770 to 0/780).	451751.00	9035.00	Rs. 350/-	Three Months	Class-D&C
2	Restoration of rain damage on Chowari to Kainthly road Km 0/0 to 12/570 (SH- C/o R/wall at Rd 6/100 to 6/115).	487155.00	9743.00	Rs. 350/-	Three Months	Class-D&C
3	Restoration of rain damage 011 Nurpur Lahru Tunnuhathi road Km 15/390 to 25/00 (SH- C/o R/wall in wire crate at Rd 21/610 to 21/630).	492950.00	9859.00	Rs. 350/-	Three Months	Class-D&C
4	Restoration of Patka to Dadriyara road Km 0/0 to 14/00 (SH- C/o R/wall at Rd 13/375 to 13/399.50).	499527.00	9991.00	Rs. 350/-	Three Months	Class-D&C
5	Restoration of rain damage on Nanikhed to Tikri road Km 0/0 to 1/850 (SH- C/o R/wall in wire crate at Rd 0/589 to 0/598).	482713.00	9654.00	Rs. 350/-	Three Months	Class-D&C
6	Repair & Maintenance of foot bridge at Ghatsani Pull (SH- Providing and fixing 4mm thick chequered plate sheet and primer coat).	498722.00	9974.00	Rs. 350/-	Three Months	Class-D&C
7	Restoration of rain damage on Dramnallah Dhulara Rajain road Km 0/0 to 9/00 (SH- C/o B/wall at Rd 4/118 to 4/138).	494471.00	9889.00	Rs. 350/-	Three Months	Class-D&C
8	Improvement of Chowari Mandhial Baloh road Km 0/0 to 8/700 (SH- ROFD at Rd 2/00 to 3/500).	484369.00	9687.00	Rs. 350/-	Three Months	Class-D&C
9	Restoration of rain damage on Nurpur Lahru Tunnuhathi road Km 15/390 to 25/00 (SH- Hiring of excavator cum loader for removal of slips in Km 15/390 to 22/00).	483000.00	9660.00	Rs. 350/-	Three Months	Class-D&C
10	Restoration of rain damage on NSLT road Km 15/390 to 25/100 (SH- Hiring of excavator cum loader for removal of slips).	483000.00	9660.00	Rs. 350/-	Three Months	Class-D&C
11	Restoration of rain damage on Shahpur Sihunta Chowari Jot Chamba road Km 48/00 to 53/00 (SH- C/o R/wall at Rd 48/075 to 48/088).	493308.00	9906.00	Rs. 350/-	Three Months	Class-D&C
12	Restoration of rain damage on Takoli via Mandrala road Km 0/0 to 4/280 (SH- C/o R/wall at Rd 3/558 to 3/569).	485498.00	9710.00	Rs. 350/-	Three Months	Class-D&C
13	Restoration of rain damage on Samole Dramnallah road Km 0/0 to 12/435 (SH- C/o R/wall at Rd 11/820 to 11/945).	364368.00	7287.00	Rs. 350/-	Three Months	Class-D&C
14	Restoration of rain damage on Dukhar to Morthu road Km 0/0 to 8/00 (SH- C/o wire crater R/wall at Rd 4/020.60 to 4/026.40).	497608.00	9952.00	Rs. 350/-	Three Months	Class-D&C
15	Repair of potholes on Nurpur Sanjhi Nallah Lahru Tunnuhathi road Km 15/00 to 25/00 (SH- Providing and laying mix seal surfacing).	343798.00	6876.00	Rs. 350/-	Three Months	Class-D&C
16	Restoration of rain damage on Shahpur Sihunta Chowari road Km 40/00 to 53/00 (SH- C/o R/wall at Rd 50/950 to 50/964).	447573.00	8951.00	Rs. 350/-	Three Months	Class-D&C
17	Restoration of rain damage on NSLT road Km 25/00 to 40/810 (SH- C/o R/wall at Rd. 26/250 to 26/258).	498802.00	9976.00	Rs. 350/-	Three Months	Class-D&C
18	Restoration of rain damage on NSLT road Km 25/0 to 40/810 (SH- C/o R/wall at Km 35/765 to 35/775).	497112.00	9942.00	Rs. 350/-	Three Months	Class-D&C
19	Restoration of rain damage on NSLT road Km 25/00 to 40/810 (SH- C/o R/wall at Rd 26/170 to 26/181).	499144.00	9983.00	Rs. 350/-	Three Months	Class-D&C
20	C/o link road to village Ghaniyar Km 0/0 to 14/25 (SH- C/o B/wall at Rd 0/000 to 0/007 & R/wall at Rd 0/015 to 0/025).	403030.00	8061.00	Rs. 350/-	Three Months	Class-D&C
21	Restoration of rain damage on Parsiyara Kathiyari road Km 0/0 to 5/00 (SH- C/o wire crater R/wall with pushita at Rd 1/650 to 1/663).	496264.00	9925.00	Rs. 350/-	Three Months	Class-D&C
22.	Restoration of rain damage on Gola Bihora road Km 0/0 to 3/00 (SH- C/o R/wall at Rd 1/150 to 1/165).	498812.00	9976.00	Rs. 350/-	Three Months	Class-D&C
23.	Restoration of rain damage on Ghatsani Pul to Bhalog road Km 0/0 to 7/360 (SH- C/o R/wall at Rd 0/550 to 0/570).	378386.00	7568.00	Rs. 350/-	Three Months	Class-D&C
24.	Restoration of rain damage on Ghatsani Pul to Bhalog road Km 0/0 to 7/360 (SH- C/o B/wall at Rd 0/550 to 0/570).	314125.00	6283.00	Rs. 350/-	Three Month	Class-D&C
25.	Restoration of rain damage on various roads under Chowari Sub Division Section Chowari (SH- Hiring of excav					

ED arrests two linked to HM funding
OUR CORRESPONDENT

JAMMU, JULY 24
The Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Jammu, has arrested two persons under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) in connection with a case involving narco-terrorism. The accused have been identified as Arshad Ahmed Allie and Fayaz Ahmed Dar. The duo was linked to funding of the subversive activities of terrorist group Hijbul Mujahideen.

The duo were produced before the Special Court (PMLA) in Jammu and it granted the ED custody for five days.

"ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR and chargesheets filed by Jammu police under various sections of NDPS Act, 1985, and UA(P) Act, 1967, against accused Arshad Ahmed Allie, Fayaz Ahmed Dar and other involved accused persons. They were involved in operating a narco-terrorism module, busted by the police authority in 2019, leading to seizure and identification of drugs and illicit cash," the official said.

ED investigation revealed a network of collusion between drug smuggling and terrorist activities. The proceeds of crime derived out of cross border drug smuggling and selling were laundered via camouflaging the same under the business of sale and purchase of second-hand cars.

Footfall 'unregulated' in Valley's new hot spots, tourism industry worried

Concern over lack of waste disposal mechanisms at overcrowded sites

ADIL AKHZER

SRINAGAR, JULY 24

With unexplored destinations witnessing a massive influx of tourists in the Valley, tourism industry experts have raised alarm over the "unregulated" footfall and lack of focus on waste disposal mechanisms at these newly-opened sites.

"It is a big challenge for all of us. I am extremely worried," Farooq Ahmed Kathoo, a tour operator in Srinagar, said. "As a tourism stakeholder, I want to leave a legacy for my next generation, but now it does not seem possible," he said.

Kathoo said the most worrying aspect among the stakeholders is influx of tourists beyond the carrying capacity. "The authorities should ascertain the carrying capacity of a destination and allow visitors according to it," he said.

He said waste disposal mechanism was another area that needed attention. "If things continue like this, in the next 10 years, nobody will call Kashmir a paradise on earth," Kathoo said.

While Gulmarg, Pahalgam, Sonamarg are among places where tourists have traditionally visited in recent years, Gurez village in Bandipore, the great lakes in



Steady growth in footfall of visitors has increased pressure on tourist destinations.

UT SAW 1 CRORE TOURISTS IN 2024

Over one crore tourists visited Jammu and Kashmir till June 2024 and the tourism sector in the Union Territory has witnessed unprecedented growth post-abrogation of Article 370, the Union government said in parliament on Wednesday. Border tourism has picked up in Jammu and Kashmir and hitherto unknown locations have been opened up for tourism like Gurez, Keran, Teetwal and RS Pura, Nityanand Rai, the Minister of State for Home said in his reply

South Kashmir and Bungas valley in North Kashmir are among the new destinations that have witnessed an increase in tourist footfall.

On Tuesday, a team from Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) met UT DGP RR Swain and raised the issues of "steady growth in tourist footfall having increased pressure on a few tourist destinations."

The body suggested that "new tourist destinations be developed in a planned and

organised manner taking in consideration carrying capacity, environmental impact assessment and climate change/global warming concerns."

Rauf Trambo, an adventure travel consultant, said the number of tourists coming for trekking and other adventure activities has increased manifold. "This year, I trekked to a number of places. I found that the tourist influx is huge and the sad part is that most of

the people do not care about the environment. There is litter lying around everywhere," he said.

He said the tourism industry's focus should not only be on the number of visitors. "We all should focus on maintaining and managing tourist places as well," he said.

He cited the example of Gurez valley in north Kashmir. According to officials, in 2023, more than 40,000 tourists visited Gurez Val-

Terrorists to either land in jail or hell, says Union Minister Rai

NEW DELHI, JULY 24

Terrorists active in Jammu and Kashmir will either land in jail or be sent to 'jahannum' (hell), Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai said in the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday while asserting that the Modi government has zero tolerance for terrorism.

Rai was replying to a supplementary question from Congress MP Pramod Tiwari. Terrorist activities witnessed recently will soon end, the minister said. "They (terrorists) will not succeed in their design," he added.

In the past few days, 28 terrorists have been killed in Jammu and Kashmir and some security personnel have also lost their lives, which is very unfortunate, Rai said.

According to the minister, security forces have killed about 900 terrorists in the region after the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019.

"Modi government has zero tolerance for terrorism. We will end terrorism. They (terrorists) will be either in jail or jahannum... I want to assure the House," Rai said.

Between 2004-2014 when the UPA was ruling at the Centre, there were 7,217 incidents of terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir. The number came down to 2,259 from 2014, when the BJP was voted to power, and



Union MoS Nityanand Rai in the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday.

July 21 this year, Rai said.

"These should not have happened. It is unfortunate but they (opposition) should not do politics over it," the minister said.

In 2019, the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir was bifurcated into the union territories of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh.

Rai told the House that 2,829 citizens and security personnel lost their lives between 2004 and 2014. This number has come down by 67 per cent since 2014. Besides, there is also reduction of 69 per cent in terror incidents.

People in Jammu and Kashmir are now living in a peaceful environment and there is full guarantee of security, he said. — PTI

Srinagar to host Kashmir Marathon on October 20

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SRINAGAR, JULY 24
Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today unveiled the logo, website and teaser of the inaugural edition of the Kashmir Marathon, to be held on October 20 in Srinagar.

Speaking on the occasion, the Lt Governor invited the runners from all corners of the globe to participate in the marathon and experience the unique charm of J&K.

"We aspire to make this event a beacon of peace and harmony. I am confident the Kashmir Marathon will place J&K firmly on the global running map and it will enhance global recognition of the UT, highlighting our potential as a premier tourist destination," the L-G said.



Jammu and Kashmir LG Manoj Sinha in Srinagar on Wednesday.

He said the Kashmir marathon is the next addition to the series of world class events being organised in the UT following the successful F4 racing event in Srinagar, Sunburn Music Festival in Jammu and Tourism Development Conclave held recently in Srinagar.

Highlighting the socio-economic impact of the Kashmir marathon, the Lt Governor said the event will boost local

businesses, including hotels, restaurants, and souvenir shops, thereby contributing to the prosperity of the region.

The Kashmir Marathon will have two categories- full marathon for 42 kms and half marathon for 21 kms. The proposed route for the Kashmir Marathon will take runners through some of the most picturesque landscapes, featuring Chinar trees, Mughal Gardens, and the serene Dal Lake.

Handcuffed...

Talking to *The Tribune*, Sayed Areeb Ahmad, ACP, UP Police, said, "We don't allow weapons inside the Taj Mahal. When two Haryana Police personnel along with a handcuffed person tried to gain entry to the monument, we stopped them. They tried to argue, but later left. We will recommend a departmental action against them."

The UP Police are scanning the CCTV footage to identify the two policemen and get details of their vehicle, which bore the registration number of Himachal Pradesh. This initially led to the confusion that the cops belonged to the hill state, but their uniform and dialect made it clear that they were from Haryana.

A CISF official deployed at the Taj Mahal said, "We tried to explain the rules to them, but they insisted that they could not leave the prisoner and their weapons behind. We even suggested that they take turns to visit the monument, but they denied."

Oppn protests 'bias' in Budget, FM says...

period, I have also not named Maharashtra. However, the union Cabinet under PM Narendra Modi only recently passed a very important decision to build a major port, costing Rs 76,000 crore, in Maharashtra.

Does my not naming Maharashtra in the Budget mean we have ignored Maharashtra? No," the FM said.

She said even to the states not flagged in the Budget, "government schemes and external assistance we take from multilateral banks and agencies flow in routine".

"These things go to states as per routine. This (discrimination allegation) is outrageous," the FM said. The Finance Minister also hurled barbs at the ruling Trinamool Congress in West Bengal, saying the party never implemented a range of Central Government schemes rolled out for every state but had the "audacity to question the Union Budget".

FROM PAGE 1



INDIA bloc MPs protest at Parliament in New Delhi on Wednesday.

"Several schemes provided by the PM in the past 10 years have not been implemented by Bengal and you have the audacity to ask me today that nothing has been given to Bengal?" Sitharaman said countering the Opposition.

Earlier today, the Congress-led INDIA parties protested outside Parliament alleging neglect of states where opposition parties are ruling.

Congress parliamentary party chief Sonia Gandhi also joined the protest.

India bloc-led states have announced a boycott of the July 27 NITI Aayog governing council meeting, which will be chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The Union Budget yesterday rolled out a 75,000-crore financial assistance for Bihar and Andhra Pradesh, which the BJP rules in alliance with the JD(U) and the TDP. The two regional parties are also government partners at the Centre and fill the gap of seats needed to maintain a majority in the Lok Sabha.

Citing neglect, chief minis-

Soldier, militant killed in gunfight in J&K's Kupwara

presence of terrorists. The forces observed a suspicious movement and established contact with the hiding enemy. In response, the terrorists opened indiscriminate fire. "In the ensuing gunfight, one terrorist was eliminated and an NCO injured. The operation is in progress," the Army said in the morning. Late on Wednesday, officials said the injured soldier succumbed to his injuries.

The fresh encounter is the fourth such incident in Kupwara district since May this year. Last week, the Army had foiled an infiltration bid along the Line of Control (LoC) in the district, killing two militants. Sources in the security establishment said they were keeping a tight vigil along the LoC as there were high chances of infiltration attempts amid the melting of snow.

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1	MARKET COMMITTEE, PALWAL	CLEANING, SWEEPING WITHIN THE FRUIT & VEGETABLE MANDI & ANAJ MANDI AND MARKET COMMITTEE PALWAL OFFICE AND CLEANING OF DRAINS WITHIN GRAIN MARKET AND VEGETABLE MARKET AREA AND CLEANING & SWEEPING OF THE SERVICE ROADS ON BACK SIDE OF GRAIN MARKET & VEGETABLE MARKET PALWAL EVERY DAY IN THE WEEK AND CLEARED THE DAILY DUMP, GARBAGE, MUD AND DUST OUTSIDE THE CITY (LOCATION DECIDED BY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL PALWAL) BY HIS OWN TRACTOR - TROLLEYDUMPER ON HIS OWN RISK	23.07.2024 29.07.2024	EMD 20420/-	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	8059133494 mcpalwal@rediffmail.com

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1	DHBVN	SUPPLY OF MATERIAL, ERECTION, TESTING & COMMISSIONING (INCLUDING CIVIL WORKS) OF 3 NO. 33 KV SUBSTATIONS NAMED DAULTABAD UNDER OP CIRCLE, DHBVNL, GURUGRAM I, BIDOLA UNDER OP CIRCLE, DHBVNL, BHIWANI AND SURTIA UNDER OP CIRCLE, DHBVNL, SIRSA ON TURNKEY BASIS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF DHBVNL.	19.07.2024 14.08.2024	23.03 CRORES	www.dhbvn.org.in	01662-223216 cepdc@dhbvn.org.in
2	DHBVN	COMPLETION OF BALANCE WORKS AT THE RISK AND COST OF FIRM AGAINST THE WORK ALLOTTED UNDER NIT NO. TSGP-08 FOR CONDUCTING FOOT SURVEY, DESIGNING THE SYSTEM, SUPPLY OF MATERIAL, ERECTION FOR RENOVATION/ MODERNIZATION/ UPGRADE/ AUGMENTATION/ BIFURCATION OF THE EXISTING 11 KV BY CONVERTING 11 KV OVERHEAD NETWORK INTO 11 KV UNDERGROUND NETWORK PROVISION OF 11 KV RMUS, LT PANELS ETC. UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF 'OP' CIRCLE, DHBVN GURUGRAM AND UNDER SMART CITY PROJECT OF GURUGRAM AGAINST NIT NO. TSGP-17/2024-25 DATED 19.07.2024.	19.07.2024 12.08.2024	49.93 CRORES	www.dhbvn.org.in	0124-4286730 sesmarcity@dhbvn.org.in
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'Farmer-govt trust deficit': SC orders status quo at Shambhu

confidence-building measures," Justice Kant said. Punjab Advocate General Gurminder Singh told the Bench that the blockade of the highway was resulting in "huge and grave ramifications on the economic health of Punjab because goods are not able to come to Delhi".

Suggesting a "result-oriented approach", Singh said the national highway could not be blocked endlessly.

The Bench, which included Justice Dipankar Datta and Justice Ujjal Bhuyan, asked both the states to suggest proposals for the removal of barricades at the Shambhu border to prevent inconvenience to the general public. The matter will be taken up next week.

The order came during a hearing on the Haryana Government's petition challenging the July 10 order of the Punjab and Haryana High Court requiring it to remove within a week the

WILL BURN BUDGET COPIES: SKM

Giving a call to burn Budget copies, the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) accused Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman of prioritising the corporatisation of agriculture at the expense of farmers and workers. It said the Budget ignored their long pending demands of a law on MSP and farm loan waiver.

REACH OUT, HOLD TALKS

Reach out to farmers. Why would they otherwise want to come to Delhi? Where is trust deficit... Why don't you have some neutral umpires? SC Bench

barricades at the Shambhu border near Ambala where farmers have been camping since February.

On behalf of the Haryana Government, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta and Haryana Senior Additional Advocate General Lokesh Sinha submitted that over 500-600 tractors, modified as "armoured tanks", were stationed at the site and if they were allowed to travel to Delhi, law and order problems would arise.

"You need to make some effort after all. You have to reach out to the farmers. Why would they otherwise

need to come to Delhi?" the Bench commented.

Justice Bhuyan said, "You also can't block the highway...it's been for over a year." Mehta responded, "The NH can't be used for JCBs, trolleys, etc. as the Motor Vehicles Act prevents the use of such vehicles on national highways." On tractors being modified by farmers, the Bench said the protesters too might need some shelter and that it was a common practice among farmers in Punjab and Haryana to modify their tractors.

10-year jail, ₹1-crore fine: Bihar passes Bill to curb paper leak

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NEW DELHI, JULY 24
The Bihar Legislature on Wednesday passed the Bihar Public Examination (Prevention of Unfair Means) Bill, 2024, to curb paper leaks in the state. The Bill lays down the provision for three to 10 years of imprisonment with a fine of Rs 10 lakh that can go up to Rs 1 crore.

If a government entity or a private agency engages in malpractice, it will face a Rs 1 crore fine and a four-year suspension of services. The accused service provider will also be made to provide a portion of the total cost of conducting the examination.

The Bill was presented in the Bihar Legislative Assembly on Tuesday, and passed by the Upper House in the Bihar Legislature today. The Opposition staged a walkout over the Bihar Government's inability to stop "solver gangs" involved in the paper leaks over the last two decades.

The move comes in the backdrop of multiple instances of paper leaks in state-level constable and teacher exams. Recently, the trail of NEET-UG paper leak was also traced to



Bihar CM Nitish Kumar speaks in the state Legislative Assembly. PTI

WB PASSES RESOLUTION AGAINST NEET

The West Bengal Government on Wednesday passed a resolution to scrap the NEET-UG exam and reinstate the Joint Entrance Examination

The development comes a day after the Supreme Court refused to order the retest of controversy-ridden exam

On Tuesday, Karnataka had passed a resolution to scrap NEET-UG. Last month, the DMK had also passed a similar resolution

PAST EXAMINATION SCANDALS

- 2023: Constable recruitment paper leak
- 2016: Bihar School Examination Board scam
- 2017: Bihar SSC exam paper leak
- 2014: Mass cheating in Class XII board exams

Bihar. Over 13 people suspected to be involved in the NEET-UG paper leak were arrested from Bihar.

The Economic Offences Unit (EOU) of Bihar Police, that was investigating the NEET-UG paper leak case, discovered that medical aspirants had paid sums ranging from Rs 30 lakh to Rs 50 lakh each, to obtain question papers.

Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Arunachal and Rajasthan have passed similar Bills recently. Under the new law,

all offences will be cognisable and non-bailable. In February 2024, the Centre had passed the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024, to curb malpractices in public examinations.

Government officials said that since Nalanda, which is the home turf of Bihar CM Nitish Kumar, was the epicentre of the leak, the government was left reeling after the arrests.

"There was a series of paper leaks in the state but the NEET-UG leak embarrassed

the government. Most of the arrested accused were from Bihar. We were in the media only for the bad news. Finally, a concrete step has been taken," a senior official from the Bihar Education Department told *The Tribune*.

The Bihar Public Service Commission Mains examination in 2022 was postponed because of an alleged paper leak. The constable examination in the same year was also cancelled after it had been leaked.

Next gen reforms to boost economic growth, create jobs

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NEW DELHI, JULY 24
The 2024-25 Union Budget focused on next generation reforms, addressing the woes of unemployed youth, small businesses and the middle class.

The government will undertake reforms to facilitate employment opportunities and sustain high growth. With land and labour-related reforms and ease of doing business, the government intends to introduce and incentivise next-generation reforms spanning various sectors to boost growth.

The rules and regulations for foreign direct investment and overseas investments will be simplified to facilitate foreign direct investments, nudge prioritisation and promote opportunities for using Indian Rupee as a currency for overseas investments.

The Finance Minister said the government will soon firm up an economic policy framework. "Our government will initiate and incentivise reforms for improving productivity of factors of production and facilitating markets and sectors to become more efficient," Sitharaman said. The implementation of sev-



FM Nirmala Sitharaman

eral of these reforms requires collaboration between the Centre and the states and building consensus. She proposed to earmark a significant part of the 50-year interest-free loan to incentivise states for faster implementation of reforms.

Working with the states, the Centre will initiate land-related reforms both in rural and urban areas. The reforms will include land administration, planning and management, and urban planning, usage and building bylaws. These will be incentivised for completion within the next three years. The rural land-related actions will include assignment of Unique Land Parcel Identification Number or Bhū-Aadhaar for all lands. These will facilitate credit flow.



No merit found in expanding disaster list

New Delhi: The 15th Finance Commission had examined states' request to expand the list of notified disasters to include heatwave but did not find merit in it, the government informed the Lok Sabha on Wednesday. Replying to a question by Congress MP Sukhdeo Bhagat, Union Earth Sciences Minister Jitendra Singh said extreme heat and sunstroke claimed 10,635 lives in India during the 10-year period starting from 2013. However, he said steps taken by the India Meteorological Department to improve monitoring and early warning systems have helped minimise the loss of life and property during extreme weather events, including heatwave. PTI

201 Indian pilgrims died during Haj

New Delhi: More than 200 Indian pilgrims died during the 2024 Haj pilgrimage, with a majority of the deaths being attributed to cardio-respiratory and cardio-pulmonary arrests, the government informed the Lok Sabha on Wednesday. In a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha, Union Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijju said the government of India has placed significant emphasis on the successful conduct of Haj operations and on ensuring the safety and well-being of Indian pilgrims. PTI

Data breach likely at BSNL, says CERT-In

New Delhi: The Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) had reported possible intrusion and data breach at state-owned Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) on May 20, 2024, Parliament was informed on Wednesday. An Inter Ministerial Committee has been constituted to conduct an audit of the telecom networks and suggest remedial measures for prevention of data breaches in the telecom networks, Minister of State for Communications Pemasani Chandraraj Sekhar said in a written reply in the Lok Sabha. PTI

Chidambaram flays job schemes, highlights unemployment 'crisis'

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NEW DELHI, JULY 24
Senior Congress leader and former Union Finance Minister P Chidambaram on Wednesday urged Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to give clarity on the employment-linked incentive (ELI) scheme proposed by her in the Budget speech on Tuesday.

He asked if the proposed ELI has been mooted as the existing production-linked incentive (PLI) schemes have failed to generate employment, while mocking Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for lifting ideas from the Congress manifesto for the ELI scheme.

"I suspect that the PLI scheme didn't create the kind of jobs you wanted," the former union finance minister said. Taking part in the discussion on the Budget proposals, Chidambaram urged Sitharaman to disclose the PLI scheme's outcomes to provide context for evaluating the ELI's potential.

Chidambaram said he was concerned about the lack of clarity and confidence in the ELI's execution and its ambitious targets.



Congress MP P Chidambaram speaks in the House in New Delhi. PTI

Nirmala's reply to Budget debate likely on July 30

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JULY 24
Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is expected to reply to general discussions on the Union Budget on July 30, and to the Finance Bill, 2024 and discussions on select ministerial budgets on August 7.

It is learnt that the Lok Sabha business advisory committee has zeroed in on ministries of civil aviation and road transport, rail-

Not Haryana Assembly, Birla chides Selja

ANIMESH SINGH
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JULY 24
Congress leader and Sirsa Lok Sabha MP Kumar Selja was admonished by Speaker Om Birla as she repeatedly referred to her home state Haryana while initiating the discussion on the Union Budget, reminding her that she was not addressing the legislative Assembly.

Selja, who spoke at length on alleged regional disparities, said no mention was made of Haryana and two other porthound states of Maharashtra and Jharkhand (in the Budget speech by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman).

As she continued to speak about the travails of Haryana's youth while referring to the Agniveer scheme, Birla interrupted her speech and asked whether how the Finance Minister would reply to her queries as she was speaking on Haryana. "I would like to remind you that this is not the Haryana legislative Assembly. How do you think the Finance Minister will answer your queries?" the Speaker said.

To this, Selja jokingly replied that just as he (Birla) loved Rajasthan, she too should be allowed to mention about Haryana.

Withdrawal of indexation benefit won't hurt: Dept

CHANDIGARH, JULY 24

Amid fear among the masses that the removal of the indexation benefit for property sales will reduce the capital gains of an individual, the Income Tax Department has clarified that the removal will benefit in all cases.

Indexation means adjusting the purchase price of an asset for inflation, thereby reducing the gains and ultimately the tax liability. The Income Tax Department wrote on X, "The reduction in the long-term capital gains rate from 20 per cent with indexation to 12.5 per cent without indexation for real estate will benefit in almost all cases."

The government reduced the tax rate on long-term capital gains from 20 per cent to 12.5 per cent, while removing the indexation benefit in the Budget. This implies that individuals selling their property will no

Tax rate on long-term capital gains reduced from 20% to 12.5%



longer be able to adjust their purchase price using inflation. Sources in the Finance Ministry said, "Normal real estate returns are in the range of 12 to 16 per cent per annum, much higher than inflation. The indexation for inflation is in the range of 4 to 5 per cent, depending on the period of holding. Therefore, substantial tax savings are expected to a vast majority of such taxpayers." The new tax rate without indexation was beneficial in most cases, said the sources. — TNS

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	Name of Board/Corp./Auth.	Name of Work/Notice/Tender	Opening Date (Closing Date)	Amount (Approx.) in Rupees	Website of the Board/Corp./Auth.	Nodal Officer/Contact Details/E-Mail
1	HSAMB ROHTAK	PGD 4 NO.8. HIGH MAST LIGHTING INS TALLATION IN NIGM AND ADDITIONAL MANDIAT DABWALI	23.07.2024 30.07.2024	EMD: 24300/-	https://tenders.haryana.gov.in	9812100311 sanketkrota2023. hsamb@gmail.com
2	HSAMB ROHTAK	ANNUAL REPAIR OF AGRO SHOPPING MALL AT ROHTAK (MARKET COMMITTEE ROHTAK) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2024-25	CLOSING DATE: 26.07.2024	AS PER APPROVED DNT	https://tenders.haryana.gov.in	992233960 sanketkrota2023. hsamb@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in PRDH/13/2025/40281/13/14

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

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1	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ROHTAK	CONST. OF SANIT. DRAINAGE/SHALA COMMUNITY CENTRE NEAR GARDHIAH, WARD NO. 3 BICHARWAL ROHTAK	22.07.2024 29.07.2024	34.26 LACS	https://tenders.hry.nic.in	981092444 xamrota@gmail.com
2	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ROHTAK	MAINTENANCE WORK IN PEHAWAR GAUSHALA (SEWER WATER AND MEDICAL WARE OF THE ANIMALS) MAINTAINED BY M.C. ROHTAK (RE-CALL)	23.07.2024 01.08.2024		https://tenders.hry.nic.in	981092444 xamrota@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in PRDH/13/2025/40281/13/14

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB Tender/RFP Reference No. 13 of 2024 dated 23.07.2024

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Work	Amount
1	O&M of Water Supply Scheme at Phagwara Town, Dist. Kapurthala 2024-25. Prov., Instt. & Comm. of Electro-Magnetic Diaphragm Dosing Pump & all other sum works contingent thereto.	Rs. Lump

Closing date & time : 05.08.2024 up to 3:00 p.m.
For details login to : <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>
Note: Any corrigendum(s) to the Tender/RFP Notice shall be published on the above website only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Pb. W/S & Sew. Divn. No. 2,
Jalandhar.

DPR/Pb/35991

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, NAYA GAON (S.A.S. NAGAR) GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, NAYA GAON NOTICE INVITING TENDER

E-Tender No. MC Nayagaon/2024/563 Dated: 22.07.2024

Department Inviting Work :- Municipal Council, Naya Gaon
Name of Work :- Development of work
Cost of Work :- Rs. 49.55 Lacs
Date of Opening of Bid :- 30.07.2024

For detailed terms and conditions of the Notice Inviting Tender please see <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> and Helpline No. 0172-2791226, 2791326.
Corrigendum, if any, will be issued on website only.

Sd/- Executive Officer,
Municipal Council, Naya Gaon.

DPR/Pb/35984

Higher Education Institute Society (HEIS) Govt. College Machhiwara

HEIS of the college, which is registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 invites applications from eligible candidates for three posts of HEIS Lecturer to teach B.B.A. (Business Innovation & Entrepreneurship), B.B.A. (Business Process Reengineering and Management) under the scheme of H.E.I.S. The posts are purely temporary basis for the session 2024-25. Eligibility conditions and qualifications are as per UGC/Punjab University/Punjab Govt. norms.

Applications will be submitted by hand/post by 03.08.2024 till 12:00 Noon. The Demo of Teaching Skills/Interview will be held on 05.08.2024 at 10.00 a.m. Bring original certificates, and testimonials at the time of the interview, No TA/DA permissible.

Phone: 01628-250173 CEO (HEIS)
Website: www.gcmachhiwara.ac.in Govt. College, Machhiwara.
DI-8405

INDIAN RAILWAYS PATIALA LOCOMOTIVE WORKS (Formerly Diesel Loco Modernisation Works) PATIALA-147 003 Tel: 0175-2396000, 2396001 Fax: 91-175-2306413

Notice Inviting Electronic Tenders

On behalf of President of India Principal Chief Materials Manager/PLW/Patiala invites tenders in electronic form for following items.

A) e-Tender Notice No.18 ET/2024-25

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Description	Qty.	Tender closing date
1	20241138A	Machine Room Blower	855 Nos.	16.08.2024*

B) e-Reverse Auction Notice No.16 e-RA/2024-25

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Description	Qty.	Tender closing date
1	01241413	Semi Furnished DETC Shell Assembly	88 Nos.	13.08.2024
2	02241712	Set (Moto Set) of MP CP Coil	219 Sets	14.08.2024*

Tender closing Time (A & B): 15:00 Hrs.

Item marked with * is reserved for procurement from CLW approved firms.

The prospective tenderers are advised to visit the website <http://www.irps.gov.in> or <http://www.plw.indianrailways.gov.in> for detailed description of items & other terms and conditions of tender document. Please note that tenders can submit their quotations only through <http://www.irps.gov.in>.

Corrigendum to e-Tender Notice No.14 ET/2024-25
Closing date of Tender No. 12245100 published at SN-4 may be read as 25.07.2024 instead of 18.07.2024. 2253/2024

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DISTRICT HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY, BHIWANI CORRIGENDUM

Regarding General Instructions for NHM recruitment (July-August 2024)

All the concerned candidates are informed that the advertisement for various contractual vacant posts under NHM Bhiwani (initially up to 31.03.2025) was published in various newspapers on dated 12.07.2024. Following general instructions has been added for candidates seeking advantage for reservation.

RESERVATION:

- The benefit of reservation will be given only to those SC/BC-A/BC-B/EWS/PwBD/ESM category candidates who are domiciles of Haryana State.
- The women candidates seeking reservation under SC/BC-A/BC-B category are required to submit the Caste Certificate issued by the Competent Authority from Parental Side (Father's side) only.
- It should be noted that Certificate from in-laws (Husband Side) will not be entertained. It is clarified that State Government has decided to specify the criteria for exclusion of persons with the Backward Classes as Creamy Layer, regarding reservation in Service and Admission as per notification No. 491-SW(I) 2021 dated 17.11.2021. Therefore, the candidates belonging to BC-A/BC-B category of Haryana are required to attach latest/updated Certificate as per notification No. 491-SW(I) 2021 dated 17.11.2021 & Govt. instruction No. 22/132/2013-1GS-III dated 22.03.2022 (available on the website of C.S. Haryana i.e. <http://csharyana.gov.in>) issued by the Competent Authority during 2024-25 only.
- Candidates who have in possession of OBC certificate. The candidates are advised to submit BC-A/BC-B certificate as per instructions detailed above.

The candidates are advised to visit www.nhmharyana.gov.in regularly for updated information. (no additional correspondence will be made individually).

Sd/- Dy. Civil Surgeon NHM-cum-Secretary(E) DH&FWS Bhiwani.

For more details contact-
O/o Civil Surgeon, Bhiwani.
Ph. No. 01664-242110 PRDH/1058/11/870/2025/28151/3/14

SC to examine if accused can seek removal of judgments from public domain after acquittal

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JULY 24
The Supreme Court on Wednesday agreed to examine the scope and ambit of the right to be forgotten after an accused sought removal of judgments containing his name from the public domain.

Noting that it will have "serious ramifications", a Bench led by Chief Justice Chandrachud stayed a Madras High Court judgment that had asked a law portal to remove from its website a verdict acquitting the accused in a rape case.

"How can a court order this? To say that the judgment, a public document, be pulled down will have very serious ramifications," said the Bench, taking note of the submissions of Ikonoon Software Development Pvt Ltd, a Bengaluru-based legal website. The firm said the Madras



In a landmark verdict, the SC on August 24, 2017, declared the right to privacy a fundamental right under the Constitution.

HC asked it to take down a judgment which revealed the identity of a person who was acquitted in a rape and cheating case.

"Issue notice, and in the meantime, the directions of Madras High Court shall remain stayed," the Bench ordered. The court said it will settle the law on the issue.

In a landmark verdict, the Supreme Court on August 24, 2017 declared the right to privacy a fundamental right

under the Constitution, saying it was "the constitutional core of human dignity".

"The right to privacy is protected as an intrinsic part of the right to life and personal liberty under Article 21 and as a part of the freedoms guaranteed by Part III (which deals with fundamental rights) of the Constitution," a nine-judge Constitution Bench headed by the then CJI JS Khehar had ruled in a unanimous verdict.

The counsel for the website said the high courts of Kerala and Gujarat have held that there was no right to be forgotten in such cases, while the Madras High Court in the present case took a contrary view.

The Bench asked the counsel, appearing for the person who had moved the high court, "Assuming you are being acquitted, how can the high court ask him (the website) to pull down the judgement which is part of the public document...once the judgement is delivered it is part of the public record".

However, the Constitution Bench had clarified that like other fundamental rights, the right to privacy was not absolute and any encroachment will have to withstand the touchstone of permissible restrictions. A law to survive a challenge on the ground of violation of Article 21 must be fair, just and reasonable, it had noted. (With PTI inputs)

Israel launches fresh raids in Gaza as Netanyahu visits US

CAIRO/GAZA, JULY 24 Israeli forces carried out new raids in the Gaza Strip on Wednesday, hours before Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was due to address the US Congress.

The latest Israeli attacks destroyed homes in towns east of Khan Younis in southern Gaza and thousands of people were forced to head west to seek shelter, residents said.

The Palestinian Civil Emergency Service said it had received distress calls from residents trapped in their homes in Bani Suhaila, east of Khan Younis, but were unable to reach the town.

Medics later said two Palestinians had been killed in an airstrike on Bani Suhaila, where the armed wing of the Palestinian Islamist militant group Hamas said fighters had detonated a bomb against an Israeli army personnel carrier.

Israel's military, which is trying to eradicate Hamas



Pro-Palestinian people stage a protest on Capitol Hill in Washington on Wednesday. REUTERS

after the Oct 7 attack on Israel, said it had been operating in areas from which fighters had been able to fire rockets into Israel and attack Israeli troops. Gaza health officials said Israeli military strikes in the past 24 hours had killed at least 55 people, the latest casualties in a war

that health authorities in the enclave say has killed more than 39,000 Palestinians.

Israeli forces also launched out airstrikes on several areas of central and northern Gaza, including one on Al-Bureij camp in central Gaza which health officials said killed nine people.

Netanyahu was due to address Congress later on Wednesday and to meet President Joe Biden at the White House on Thursday. Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump said he would meet Netanyahu in Florida on Friday. — Reuters

Open to talks if Russia acts in good faith, Ukraine FM tells China

BEIJING/KYIV, JULY 24 Ukraine's top diplomat told China's foreign minister at talks in the southern city of Guangzhou on Wednesday that Kyiv was open to talks with Russia if Moscow was prepared to negotiate in good faith, something he said he saw no evidence of for now.

Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba is the highest ranking Ukrainian official to travel to China since Russia's February 2022 invasion and held talks with Foreign Minister Wang Yi for more than three hours, a Ukrainian source in the delegation said.

"Kuleba restated... that (Kyiv) is ready to engage the Russian side in the negotiation process at a certain stage, when Russia is ready to negotiate in good faith, but emphasised that no such readiness is currently observed on the Russian side," his ministry said in a statement.

Russian troops have been

RUSSIA INTERCEPTS UK JETS OVER BLACK SEA

Moscow: Russia's defence ministry said on Wednesday it had scrambled a Su-27 fighter jet to escort two British Typhoon fighter jets and an RC-135 reconnaissance plane over the Black Sea. According to the ministry, after the approach of the Russian fighter, the British planes turned away from the Russian border. REUTERS

inching forward in eastern Ukraine in the 29-month-old invasion ahead of a US election in November that could see the return to the White House of Donald Trump, who has threatened to cut vital aid flows to Ukraine.

The Kremlin told reporters that Kuleba's remark appeared to tally with Russia's own position, but that it needed more details to assess what was being proposed. — Reuters

Office of Gram Panchayat Dehar, Block-Narayangarh (Ambala)
Proposal Number/Date: 23/7/24
An auction for all 5643 trees standing on the panchayati land in Gram Panchayat Dehar will be held on 29-07-2024 at 10:00 AM at the Community Hall. The earnest money will be Rs. 1,00,000/- (one lakh). Other terms and conditions will be announced on the spot. **Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat Dehar Contact: 9813578008**

ਨਿਲਾਮੀ ਨੋਟਿਸ
ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਬਰਨਾਲਾ ਵਿਚ ND&PS Act ਅਧੀਨ ਵੈਸਟਮੈਨ ਮੁਕੱਦਮਿਆਂ 'ਚ ਮਾਲਕੋਗ ਅਦਾਲਤਾਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਜ਼ਬਤ ਕੀਤੇ 15 ਵੱਖ-ਵੱਖ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਵਹੀਦਗੀਰ ਸਬੰਧੀ (ਬਿਨਾਂ ਕਾਰਜਾਤ ਅਤੇ ਦੁਬਾਰਾ ਨਾ ਵਰਤੋਂ ਯੋਗ ਸਕੱਲੇ ਦੀ ਨਿਲਾਮੀ, ਖੁੱਲ੍ਹੀ ਬੋਲੀ) ਨਿਯਮਿਤ ਨਿਲਾਮੀ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਮਿਤੀ 07.08.2024 ਸਵੇਰੇ 10:00 ਵਜੇ ਪੁਲੀਸ ਲਾਈਨ ਬਰਨਾਲਾ ਵਿਖੇ ਨਿਲਾਮੀ ਕਰਵਾਈ ਜਾ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ। ਵਹੀਦਗੀਰ ਦੀ ਲਿਸਟ, ਕੀਮਤ, ਨਿਯਮ ਅਤੇ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਹੋਰ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ www.barnala.punjabpolice.gov.in ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ 'ਤੇ ਉਪਲਬਧ ਹੈ। ਜੇਕਰ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਸ਼ੇਪ ਹੋਰੀ ਤਾਂ ਸਿਰਫ਼ ਇਸ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ 'ਤੇ ਹੀ ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।
ਨੋਟ: /NDPS Cell, ਮਿਤੀ:-
DPR/Pb/35964 **ਸਹੀ/- ਸੀਨੀਅਰ ਕਪਤਾਨ ਪੁਲੀਸ, ਬਰਨਾਲਾ**

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
MUNICIPAL CORPORATION LUDHIANA
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS (B&R-works)
NIT No. 46/SE(TIC), dated 23.07.2024
The Department of Municipal Corporation Ludhiana (B&R) invites online double bids for 02 Nos. works (1st time) as per schedule given below:-
Closing date & time: **08.08.2024 up to 05:00 PM**
For details logon to: eproc.punjab.gov.in
Note: Detail of works, other terms & conditions & tender documents any corrigendum/addendum to the tender notice shall be published on above website only.
Sd/- Executive Engineer (TIC)
Municipal Corporation Ludhiana
DPR/Pb/35996

HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTE SOCIETY (HEIS)
SCD GOVT. COLLEGE, LUDHIANA
WALK-IN INTERVIEW
Applicants for the post of Assistant Professors may walk-in for interview dated 5th August, 2024 for the following courses purely on contract basis under HEIS:
B.B.A. (Hons) (Logistics & Supply chain Management),
B.B.A. (Business Innovations and Entrepreneurship),
B.B.A. (Banking Financial Services and Insurance),
B.B.A. (Hospital Management)
Performa for application & eligibility criteria is available on college website : (www.scdgovtcollege.ac.in)
Sd/- Chairperson HEIS
DI-8412

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is notified for the general public that the Bungalow No. 63, Survey No. 137, Ferozepur Cantt. had given on lease in favour of Haji Mohd. as per lease deed 1912 form 'D' but as per GLR of this office the bungalow had given on lease in favour of Kishori Lal S/o Dal Chand & latest in the name of Smt. Sushila Devi Maini. The lease of bungalow has expired on **02.06.2019**. However, if anyone has any claim over the above said bungalow on behalf of Haji Mohd., he/she can send his objections or claim within fifteen days from the date of publication of this notice either by registered post or in person to the Defence Estates Officer, Jalandhar Circle, Jalandhar Cantonment along with supportive documents/evidence to justify their claims/objections. In case, no objection received within the specified period of **15 days**, the matter shall be processed as per applicable rules/regulations and Policies of the MoD.
File No. FB-63/Vol-II **Sd/- (Dr. Mamta Kansay, IDES)**
Dated: 24 July, 2024 **Defence Estates Officer,**
DI-8448 **Jalandhar Circle, Jalandhar Cantt.**

NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE
For & on behalf of the President of India, Chief Workshop Manager, N.Rly. C&W workshop, Jagadhri Workshop/Yamuna Nagar invites open e-tender for the following work:-
Scrapping, Cleaning & Painting of Underframes of 1600 LHB (1552 POH and 48 NPOH) and Washing of Underframes of 1600 LHB coaches, 1200 ICF POH coaches and 500 IOH Bogie Sets of ICF Coaches for Two Years at Jagadhri Workshop.
Location Northern Railway, Carriage & Wagon Repair Shop, Jagadhri Workshop, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana-135002
Tender Value ₹79,28,783.30 Quantity As per Scope
Earnest Money Amount ₹1,58,600/- Cost of Tender Form ₹0.00
Completion period of the work 24 months from the date of issuance of Letter of Acceptance.
Date & Time for Submission of tender form 14.08.2024 till 15:30 hrs.
Opening of tender 14.08.2024 till 15:35 hrs.: Tender opening will be done any time after the tender closing time. The tenderers are not required to be present during the opening. Railway reserves the right to open the tender any time after closing of tender. Website particulars: www.ireps.gov.in
No.: 6-S/42/Tender/2023-24/P3 Dated : 23.07.2024 2257/2024
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GURU ANGAD DEV VETERINARY AND ANIMAL SCIENCES UNIVERSITY, LUDHIANA, PUNJAB
APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHANCELLOR OF GURU ANGAD DEV VETERINARY AND ANIMAL SCIENCES UNIVERSITY, LUDHIANA
Last date for submitting the application : August 16, 2024.
Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (GADVASU) has been established by an Act No. 16 of 2005 for the purposes of affiliating and teaching and ensuring proper and systematic instruction, training, research and extension in modern systems of veterinary, animal and fishery sciences.
Applications are hereby invited for the post of Vice-Chancellor, Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Ludhiana. The Vice-Chancellor, being Academic and Administrative Head of the University, should be:-
• A visionary with proven leadership qualities, administrative capabilities as well as teaching and research credentials.
• A person possessing the highest level of competence, integrity, morals and institutional commitment.
• A distinguished academician, with a minimum of ten years of experience as Professor in a University or ten years of experience in a reputed research and/or academic administrative organization with proof of having demonstrated academic leadership.
Salary and Service Conditions
• The appointment shall be for a period of four years.
• The emoluments and other conditions of service of the Vice-Chancellor shall be such, as may be prescribed by the competent authority.
Procedure for Appointment of Vice-Chancellor
• The appointment will be made from a panel of names recommended by the Search-cum-Selection Committee.
• Reputed academicians may also nominate the name of the candidates for the post of Vice-Chancellor.
• The Search-cum-Selection Committee may consider the name of any academician who may not have even applied and who fulfills the requisite qualifications for the post of Vice-Chancellor.
• Applications of eligible individuals received by post should reach in a closed envelope on or before **August 16, 2024 upto 5:00 p.m.** by Registered/Speed Post at:-
Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Punjab, Department of Animal Husbandry, Fisheries & Dairy Development, Room No. 414, Fourth Floor, Punjab Civil Secretariat-2, Sector-9, Chandigarh.
• "Application for the post of Vice-Chancellor, Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Ludhiana," should be superscribed on the envelope carrying the Application. Applicant should attach self-attested copies of certificates/supporting documents/testimonials.
• The applications may also be sent up to the prescribed last date by e-mail to fcab@punjab.gov.in with complete documents attached to the email.
• Applications received after due date will not be considered.
• The advertisement is available on the website of the University (<https://www.gadvasu.in>).
• The Department will not be responsible for any postal delays.
(On behalf of Search-cum-Selection Committee)
(Vikas Pratap)
Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Punjab, Department of Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Dairy Development, Room No. 414, 4th Floor, Punjab Civil Secretariat-2, Sector-9, Chandigarh.
DPR/Pb/35978

Scientists in China find traces of water in lunar soil

BEIJING, JULY 24 Chinese scientists studying the soil samples of the moon brought by Chang'e-5 mission found water molecules in lunar soil, according to the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

Based on lunar soil samples returned by Chang'e-5 mission in 2020, Chinese scientists have found a hydrated mineral "enriched" with molecular water, the CAS said. In 2009, India's Chandrayaan-1 detected signs of hydrated minerals in form of oxygen and hydrogen molecules in sunlit areas of the moon. — PTI

Istrally: Kamala slams Trump's 'hate' politics

MILWAUKEE, JULY 24 US Vice President Kamala Harris has assailed Donald Trump at her first campaign rally since replacing President Joe Biden as the Democratic presidential candidate.

In a 17-minute speech, Harris aggressively went after Trump's vulnerabilities, comparing her background as a former prosecutor to his record as a convicted felon.

Harris ticked through a list of liberal priorities, saying that if elected she would act to expand abortion access, make it easier for workers to join unions and address gun violence, drawing a sharp con-



People raise signs in support of Kamala Harris at a campaign event in Wisconsin. REUTERS

trast with Trump, the Republican nominee for president in the November 5 election. "Donald Trump wants to take our country backward," she told a cheering crowd of several thousand at West Allis Central High School in a Milwaukee suburb in Wisconsin,

TRUMP CAMPAIGN OPPOSES HARRIS' CONTROL OVER BIDEN WAR CHEST

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump's campaign filed a complaint with the Federal Election Commission on Wednesday, arguing that US Vice President Kamala Harris could not legally take over funds raised by President Joe Biden's reelection campaign.

subdued events Biden held, underscoring Democrats' hope that Harris, 59, can revive what had been a flagging campaign under Biden, 81. The audience danced and waved Harris signs, while chants of "Ka-ma-la!" broke out when she took the stage. — Reuters

USD	EURO	POUND	JPY	YUAN	CAD	AUD	SGD	HKD	BSE	NSE	GOLD	SILVER
₹83.71	₹90.88	₹108.23	₹0.54	₹11.53	₹60.71	₹55.21	₹62.40	₹10.72	-280.16 80,148.88	-65.55 24,113.50	₹70,860 (MC)	₹87,500 (MC)

Budget proposals lay ground for long-term reforms: NITI Aayog

NEW DELHI, JULY 24 Review of the direct tax and custom's duty rates as announced by the Finance Minister in her Budget speech will prepare the ground for long term reforms, NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Suman Bery said on Wednesday.

Bery further said the Budget for 2024-25 was a structural budget, which will help in improving labour productivity by building a relationship between the workforce and the private sector. "The Budget (2024-25) proposals provide a roadmap for review of direct taxes, customs duty rates meant to be done in the six months...will prepare the ground for longer term reforms," he said. The government on Tuesday announced that it will undertake a comprehensive review of the Income Tax Act to make it easy to read. Presenting the Union

Budget for 2024-25, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said the government will come out with SoP (Standard Operating Procedure) for TDS defaults and simplify and rationalise the compounding of such offences. "I am now announcing a comprehensive review of the Income-tax Act, 1961. The purpose is to make the Act concise, lucid, easy to read and understand. "This will reduce disputes and litigation, thereby providing tax certainty to the tax payers. It will also bring down the demand embroiled in litigation. It is proposed to be completed in six months," Sitharaman has said.

Bery noted that fiscal consolidation is being maintained and improved in this year's budget which is important. According to him, the Budget proposals provide long term vision and it is the first step towards Vikshit Bharat. — PTI

After duty cut on minerals, EV industry now bats for lower GST

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 24 Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's decision to waive import duties on critical minerals including lithium, copper and cobalt will reduce battery manufacturing costs, making electric vehicles (EVs) more affordable and attractive.

It will also enhance lithium-ion battery production in India, supporting localisation efforts and advancing the sector's growth. Hailing the move, the industry has sought reduction in GST on all components of EVs to 5 per cent which will make electric vehicles more pocket-friendly and increase adoption. The battery constitutes 50 per cent of the total cost of the EV. So if the battery cost is lower, the cost of the vehicle will come down. But the battery cost can be reduced only if it is localised. Currently, the cost of the battery is \$140-150 per kWh (kilowatt hour), which is like-



TARGETING 30% SALES BY 2030

...These will also support in setting the tone for the ambitious target of 30% EV sales by 2030.
Samarth Kholkar, CEO & CO-FOUNDER, BLIVE

further support the adoption of EV for last mile revolution. These will also support in setting the tone for the ambitious target of 30 per cent EV sales by 2030," said Samarth Kholkar, CEO & Co-Founder, BLIVE.

This optimism is further fuelled by the abolishing of angel tax on all classes of investors, putting that extra zip in the start-up ecosystem. The move is expected to reduce the financial and regulatory burden on start-ups substantially, encouraging more angel investors to fund innovative ventures in the EV and logistics space.

The industry believes much bolder steps are now needed. Bringing down GST on all components of EVs to 5 per cent will make electric vehicles more pocket-friendly and increase adoption. Further, charging and battery swapping infrastructure must be expanded to eliminate range anxiety and provide seamless service to users.

7 of 10 intra-day equity traders lost money in FY 2022-23: Sebi study

NEW DELHI, JULY 24 A study by market regulator Sebi showed that 7 out of 10 individual intraday traders in the equity cash segment made losses in the financial year 2022-23. At the same time, the study highlighted a sharp surge of over 300 per cent in the number of individuals participating in intraday trading in the equity cash segment in

2022-23 compared to 2018-19. Interestingly, the average number of trades by loss-makers was higher than the profit-makers. Further, the share of young intra-day traders, with less than 30 years of age, has risen significantly over the period, according to the study released by Sebi on Wednesday. The markets regulator has

conducted a study to analyse the trends in participation and profits and losses in intraday trading by individuals in the equity cash seg-

ment. It covered the periods of FY2018-19, FY2021-22 and FY2022-23 to comparatively analyse the trends before and after the pandemic. The study, based on a sample of individual clients of the top-10 stock brokers accounting for around 86 per cent of the individual client count in the equity cash segment during 2022-23, has

been peer-reviewed by a working group with representation from academia, brokers and market experts. In its study, Sebi found that around one in three individuals who trade in the equity cash segment, trades intraday. Moreover, the share of young intraday traders, with less than 30 years of age, has grown to 48 per cent in 2022-23

compared to 18 per cent in 2018-19. "7 out of 10 individual intraday traders or 71 per cent in the equity cash segment incurred a net loss in FY2022-23," the study said, adding that the proportion of loss-makers jumped to 80 per cent for traders with very frequent (more than 500 trades in a year) trading activity. — PTI



Paris 2024



DOUBLING HOPES

Sindhu is 2-time medallist, but Sat-Chi have the best chance

PARIS 2024

01 DAY TO GO

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CHANDIGARH, JULY 24
Saina Nehwal and PV Sindhu, the first queen of Indian badminton and the duckling who deposed her, brought three medals to India from consecutive Olympics — bronze, silver, bronze. From zero in the five Olympics that featured badminton to three in three, India has become accustomed to success in the sport. The three medals won by Saina and Sindhu place India at the fifth spot on the list of countries with most medals in women's singles; indeed, for three Olympics in a row, only badminton and wrestling have won India medals.



CHIRAG SHETTY AND SATWIKSAIRAJ RANKIREDDY

duced as a competitive sport at Barcelona 1992. Sindhu, the leader of the pack, is the sole Indian in the women's singles draw; Prannoy and Lakshya Sen feature in men's singles; Sat-Chi in men's doubles; and Ashwini Ponnappa and Tanisha Crasto in women's doubles. Sindhu must not be dismissed summarily, but her performance has been patchy after she suffered a stress fracture on her left ankle at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. This kept her out of the rest of the tournaments that year, including the World Championships — which she had won in 2019. She's been inconsistent since her return, reaching four semifinals in 2023 and also losing in the first round in seven tournaments. This year, her best has been a silver at the Malaysia Masters. At 29, Sindhu has seen the best days in her career; Paris is likely to be her last hurrah — her best hopes lie in her vast experience and her big-match temperament. Prannoy makes his Olympics debut at the rather



ripe age of 31, while Sen does it at 22 years; Prannoy reached a career-high world No. 6 in 2023, with a first BWF World Tour title, a bronze at the World Championships, and the bronze at the Asian Games. Sen reached the semifinal at the French Open and the All-England Open. He's also the current Commonwealth Games champion. On their day, both can best the best in the world. The rise of Sat-Chi has been phenomenal: A World Championships bronze, gold in the Asian Games — that too in China! — and gold at the Asia

BADMINTON

Women's singles: PV Sindhu
Group stage: July 27-31
Round of 16: August 1
Quarterfinals: August 3
Semifinals: August 4
Final: August 5

Men's singles: HS Prannoy, Lakshya Sen
Group stage: July 27-31
Round of 16: August 1
Quarterfinals: August 2
Semifinals: August 4
Final: August 5

Men's doubles: Satwiksairaj Rankireddy/Chirag Shetty
Group stage: July 27-31
Quarterfinals: August 1
Semifinals: August 2
Final: August 4

Women's doubles: Ashwini Ponnappa/Tanisha Crasto
Group stage: July 27-31
Quarterfinals: August 1
Semifinals: August 2
Final: August 3

Archers begin quest to end long wait for Games medal

Deepika leads way as action begins with ranking rounds

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NEW DELHI, JULY 24
There will be a few amongst the archery team with butterflies in their stomach. Their quest to end India's long wait for an elusive Olympics medal begins tomorrow with the ranking rounds at the Esplanade des Invalides. In the last three Games, India's archers have exited at the quarterfinal stage or before. For some, the scars can last a lifetime. L Bombayla Devi is still haunted by her miss in London when she failed to hit the target. Taunts like "that arrow is still flying somewhere over London" remind her of that harrowing miss. "You feel bad. It is not as if I missed that arrow intentionally. Till today, I do not have an answer as to how I did not hit the target that day," Bombayla said. Bombayla, though, is hopeful that the current team has the tools to end India's wait. "It can happen this time, why not? Speaking about the women's team, Deepika (Kumari) is very experienced and both Ankita (Bhagat) and Bhajan (Kaur) have done well in world tournaments, so I am hopeful," she said. Only Deepika and Tarundeep Rai carry the luggage of past exits, which could work in India's favour. However, securing a top-10 ranking is a must, otherwise they may run into big teams, including South Korea, China and even Chinese Taipei,



DEEPIKA KUMARI

ARCHERY

MEN
Dhiraj Bommadevara, Tarundeep Rai, Pravin Jadhav
Individual ranking round: July 25
Elimination rounds: July 30-August 1
Gold medal match: August 4
Team gold medal match: July 29

WOMEN
Deepika Kumari, Ankita Bhakat, Bhajan Kaur
Individual ranking round: July 25
Elimination rounds: July 30-August 1
Gold medal match: August 3
Team gold medal match: July 28
Mixed team gold medal match: August 2

in the earlier rounds. Rahul Banerjee, who took part in the London competition, said that the key is to do well in the ranking rounds. "We have to do well in the ranking rounds. A good seeding means avoiding the big teams early. Once they do that they have the skills to take it to the knockout rounds," Banerjee said. "Dhiraj Bommadevara and Tarun have been shooting well and their average scores generally were 675 or above throughout the year. So I am optimistic. But yes there will be pressure. Once you start getting closer it will play on the mind, so we have to deal with that. If we do that, we will win something. Tarundeep and Deepika will have to take the lead here," he added. This is the first time after London 2012 that India is able to field a full team in both the men's and women's categories.



THE MEN'S TEAM OF TARUNDEEP RAI, DHIRAJ BOMMADEVARA AND PRAVIN JADHAV.

Team's mantra is to take one game at a time: Deepti

DAMBULLA (SRI LANKA), JULY 24
Senior player Deepti Sharma said India's mantra in the Women's T20 Asia Cup has been to take one game at a time as conditions haven't really changed from the last time the team played here. India marched into the semifinals with a thumping 82-run win over Nepal on Tuesday after fireworks with the bat from Shafali Verma (81 off 48 balls) and Deepti's impressive 3/13 with the ball. India amassed 178/3 after batting first and then restricted Nepal to a paltry 98/9 in their 20 overs. "From the first game we are pretty confident about each (match) and every situation and the condition as well. We are looking forward to semifinal as well," Deepti said. She said not much has changed in terms of the nature of the pitches and conditions in Sri Lanka from the team's previous tour to the island nation in June 2022. "Nothing (has) changed,



Shafali Verma scored 81 off 48 balls against Nepal. ANI

just keep it very simple and just focus for another match. I played (here) last time also and yeah, nothing changed," she said. The right-arm off-spinner is topping the bowling charts with eight wickets in three matches. "I (am) always ready to bowl in any kind of situation. I like to take the challenges from the front. (It's) nothing, just (that) I'm enjoying each and every match, plan accordingly," she said. — PTI

With renewed hope, Anjum targets Paris medal

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CHANDIGARH, JULY 24
Three years ago, Anjum Moudgil had entered the Olympics, her first, with eager eyes and high hopes. The Chandigarh-born shooter thought she was ready for the biggest challenge of her career. But things never went as planned. She finished 15th in the 50m rifle 3 positions and 18th in the 10m air rifle mixed team events. The disappointment dimmed the fire in her bright brown eyes, and a heartbroken Anjum decided to take a break from the sport. During her sabbatical, Anjum learnt paragliding, ribbon poi and skating. She enhanced her painting skills and even got married. In 2022, when she had finally forgotten about Tokyo, Anjum picked up the gun again. "It was tough, but I am over it," said Anjum, while talking to The Tribune from France. Anjum said that Tokyo was a "totally different" experience due to Covid, which also hit their preparations. "We



Anjum carries India's medal hopes in the 50m rifle 3 positions event.

were undergoing tests every day, everything was unclear and we were constantly worrying about the wellbeing of our families back home," said Anjum, who is a sub inspec-

tor with Punjab Police. there for our pre-Olympics preparation in Luxembourg. I have adapted to the conditions. The weather is also very pleasant here," she said. This time, Anjum will also get moral support from international shooter Ankush Bhardwaj, whom she married in January 2022. "When I was making my comeback, he gave me emotional support. Life has surely changed after marriage but I am lucky to have my in-laws by my side," she said. Ankush said: "She has gone through a lot in the last three years. The challenges have made her strong and she will definitely emerge as a better shooter in these Olympics. She is a keen learner and I hope she delivers as planned in the Olympics." No longer overawed by the Olympics, Anjum said she was positive about her chances this time. "The competition is very high, so it's very challenging. But I am positive. I am not just thinking about going with the flow, but about implementing my plans to win a medal," she said.

India, UK launch new 'tech security initiative'

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JULY 24

India and the UK, on Wednesday, announced a new 'Technology Security Initiative' (TSI) to focus on collaboration in critical and emerging technologies (CET) across multiple priority sectors, a statement of the Ministry of External Affairs said tonight.

India has similar critical technology partnership with the US. Like the India-US partnership, this too will be steered by the National Security Advisers (NSAs) of both countries.

The NSAs will set the priority areas and identify interdependencies for cooperation on critical and emerging technologies that will, in turn, help build meaningful technology value chain partnerships between the two countries. The announcement came after External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar met his UK counterpart David

Will be steered by NSAs of both nations

Lammy here in New Delhi.

The MEA said UK and India would hold a dialogue on global technology governance. Among others will be 'future telecoms partnership to collaborate on joint research on future telecoms, telecoms security, spectrum innovation, software etc.

The two sides will work together on 6G test beds for 6G R&D initiatives and work for integration of advanced technologies and practices in future telecoms infrastructure. Notably, the two sides will expand critical minerals collaboration, including exploring research and development and technology partnerships in exploration, processing and manufacturing.

The two sides mentioned partnership in semi-conductors, including collaboration in chip design and compound semiconductors.



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and UK Foreign Secretary David Lammy during a meeting in New Delhi on Wednesday. PTI

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Nepal plane crashes during takeoff, 18 dead

Pilot lone survivor, admitted to hospital with critical injuries; three of family among those killed

KATHMANDU, JULY 24

A Nepalese private plane crashed and caught fire shortly after taking off from the Tribhuvan International Airport here on Wednesday, killing 18 people aboard, including a child, and seriously injuring the pilot — the only survivor.

The Bombardier CRJ-200 aircraft of Saurya Airlines, carrying 19 people, including two crew members and technical staff of the airline, was bound for the Pokhara International Airport for regular maintenance service when the accident occurred at 11.11 am local time.

"Shortly after take-off from runway 2, the aircraft veered off to the right and crashed on the east side of the runway," said a statement issued by the Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal. It said rescue operations were initiated immediately and the fire was brought under control.

"One injured person (Captain Manish Ratna Shakya) was rescued and taken to the hospital, and 18 people were found dead," it added. The aviation authority identified one of the passengers as a



The wreckage of the plane at the Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu on Wednesday. PTI

child named Adhiraj Sharma, who was the son of Manu Raj Sharma, a technician of Saurya Airlines. Sharma's wife Priza Khatiwada and their four-year old son Adhiraj died in the crash.

A statement issued by the airline said Priza and her son were initially identified as

employees of the company, but it was later revealed that they were passengers. Videos posted online showed the plane being enveloped in fire and smoke. Pilot Captain Manish Shakya, 37, is undergoing treatment at the Kathmandu Model Hospital. Of the deceased, 15 died on the spot,

while three died during treatment at a local hospital, authorities said.

Prime Minister KP Oli said he was deeply saddened by the tragic deaths in the crash and was at the site to inquire about the cause of the air crash with the Civil Aviation Authority's officials. — PTI

DEADLY JOURNEY

360 persons have died in 19 crashes since 2000

JAN 15, 2023: Plane crashes in Pokhara, all 72 aboard killed

MAY 29, 2022: Four Indians among 22 killed near Pokhara

FEB 27, 2019: Tourism minister among 7 killed in eastern Nepal

MARCH 12, 2018: 51 of 71 killed on a Bangladeshi airliner

FEB 24, 2016: All 23 on board killed as Twin Otter aircraft crashes in west Nepal

FEB 16, 2014: All 18 on board killed as small plane of state-run Nepal Airlines Corp crashes

SEPT 28, 2012: 7 Britishers

among 19 killed in Kathmandu

SEPT 25, 2011: Plane carrying foreigners to view Mt Everest crashes, all 19 on board dead

DEC 16, 2010: 22 killed as plane crashes in eastern Nepal

OCT 8, 2008: 18 persons, mostly foreigners, killed in crash in remote northeast Nepal

AUG 22, 2002: All 18 aboard killed as Twin Otter crashes into a mountain in bad weather

JULY 27, 2000: Royal Nepal Airlines plane crashes in western Nepal, all 25 people aboard dead



Inconsolable family members of victims outside a hospital. REUTERS

New warship launched at sea

NEW DELHI, JULY 24

The first of two new warships being constructed by Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) was launched at the sea, the Navy said.

Called the 'Triput class', the warships are designed for combat operations against enemy surface ships, submarines and aircraft. At a length of 125 m, they have a displacement of 3,600 tons and a maximum speed of 28 knots. — TNS

Missing sailor found dead

INS BRAHMAPUTRA FIRE

NEW DELHI, JULY 24

Sitendra Singh, Leading Seaman of the Navy, who was missing since July 22 after an accident, has been found dead.

His body was found today after intensive diving operations at the naval dockyard in Mumbai. Singh was on board INS Brahmaputra that caught fire while undergoing a re-fit and then listed to one side, causing damage.



Sitendra Singh

Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi visited Mumbai where he directed that INS Brahmaputra be made seaworthy and combat ready at the earliest. — TNS

Indian-origin Canada MP receives threat from SFJ's Pannun

OTTAWA, JULY 24

Chandra Arya, Nepean MP in the Canada House of Commons, wrote on X today that separatist Gurpatwant Singh Pannun released a video demanding that Arya and his Hindu-Canadian friends go back to India after he condemned the vandalism of the Hindu temple and other acts of violence by Khalistan supporters in Canada. — PTI

Don't travel to Manipur, J&K, US tells its citizens

WASHINGTON, JULY 24

The US has asked its nationals not to travel to Manipur, Jammu and Kashmir, the India-Pakistan border and parts of central and eastern parts of the country where Naxalites are active.

In a revised travel advisory for India, the State Department said it had updated to reflect information on the

northeastern states.

"Exercise increased caution in India due to crime and terrorism. Some areas have increased risk," it said.

Overall, India has been placed at Level 2. But several parts of the country have been placed on Level 4: Jammu and Kashmir; India-Pak border; Manipur and parts of central and east India. — PTI

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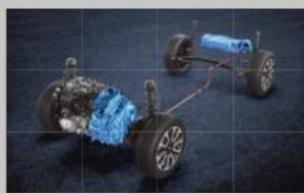
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