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KOLKATA OUTRAGE



AIIMS medics protest rape & murder of a Kolkata resident doctor, in New Delhi. Similar protests were witnessed across the region on a call by the Federation of Resident Doctors' Association. **PHOTO: BACK PAGE**

HINDENBURG REPORT

Cong threatens stir; will expose toolkit gang: BJP

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12

The Congress on Monday warned of a nationwide stir if a JPC probe was not initiated into US short-seller Hindenburg's latest allegations against industrialist Gautam Adani and SEBI chairperson Madhabi Buch even as the BJP dismissed the demand saying it was aimed at undermining the Indian economy.

Drawing a George Soros link to Hindenburg's allegations, the BJP said the Congress was trying to "create economic anarchy by demanding a JPC probe based on fictitious reports".

Addressing a press conference, BJP leader Ravi Shankar Prasad said Hungarian-American billionaire

ATTEMPT TO UNDERMINE INVESTOR CONFIDENCE

"The Congress' purpose behind the JPC demand is to undermine investor confidence so that FIs and FDIs do not come to India. Ravi Shankar Prasad, BJP LEADER

George Soros, who openly called for regime change in India on the eve of Lok Sabha elections, was the biggest investor in the Hindenburg.

After earlier alleging that Adani was running the "largest con in corporate history", Hindenburg Research has now claimed that the SEBI chairperson had stakes in off-shore funds linked to Adani which was why it went soft on

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SC: Highways not parking space, reopen Shambhu border partially

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The Supreme Court on Monday ordered the DGPs of Punjab and Haryana, along with the SSPs and DCs of Patiala and Ambala, to hold a meeting within one week for partial opening of the Shambhu border where farmers have been camping since February.

A Bench led by Justice Surya Kant asked them to explore the possibility of opening at least one lane for the passage of ambulances, senior citizens, women, students, essential services and commuters of nearby areas.

"If both sides (Punjab and Haryana) are able to resolve such modalities, they need not wait for any order from this court and let such resolution be directed immediately," said the Bench, which

Directs Punjab, Haryana DGPs to hold meet within a week on issue



The SC asked the Punjab Government to persuade protesting farmers to remove tractors from the road. **FILE**

NEEDN'T WAIT FOR ORDER

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also included Justice Ujjal Bhuyan. The top court asked the Punjab Government to persuade protesting farmers

WAY CLEARED FOR 'DILLI CHALO': FARMERS

The protesting farmers camping at the Shambhu border since February 13, when their "Dilli Chalo" march was halted, have welcomed the directions of the Supreme Court for partial opening of the National Highway-44 near the Shambhu border. Farmer leaders said the directions of the top court had paved the way for them to proceed towards the national capital. **INSIDE**

to remove tractors from the road, saying highways can't be used as parking space after Punjab Advocate Gen-

eral Gurminder Singh submitted that it was a six-lane highway and at least one lane **CONTINUED ON PAGE 7**

BJP, RSS in bind over providing refuge to Bangladeshi Hindus

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12

The BJP and RSS' dilemma over opening the land borders with Bangladesh and giving refuge to Bangladeshi Hindus in India is increasingly being looked at askance, with right-wing analysts openly questioning their ideological mentors.

Two key pro-BJP voices, T Mohandas Pai and Sushil Pandit, on Monday asked why the government was not accepting persecuted Hindus into India, despite mounting evidence of atrocities against minorities in Bangladesh since the crisis began a week ago.

Sushil Pandit, an influential right-wing activist, who described the government's position as "hypocritical", said the lack of sympathy for

Top pro-BJP voices question govt's stance

Bangladeshi Hindus was downright "embarrassing".

"We are upset with the government that this is happening...with genocide taking place so openly in Bangladesh. When there was a crisis in Afghanistan, the government rightly gave refuge to Sikhs. Why are they discriminating against the Hindus of Bangladesh? India has earlier provided refuge to Jews and Parsis," Pai told *The Tribune*.

The government, on its part, has given orders that the land borders be reinforced with 70,000 BSF personnel so that undocumented Bangladeshi nationals, including persecuted **CONTINUED ON PAGE 12**

Bharti Global to acquire 24% stake in British telco major BT

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CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 12

Bharti Global, the international investment arm of Bharti Enterprises (Bharti), a diverse business group having presence in telecom, digital infrastructure and space communications, is set to acquire 24.5 per cent stake in

British telecommunications major BT Group, a move which will give the Indian telecom giant a foothold in the British telecom sector.

Commenting on the investment in BT, Sunil Bharti Mittal, chairman, Bharti Enterprises, said, "Bharti and BT have an enduring relationship

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Drowning in Gurugram: ₹100 crore spent in 3 years

SUMEDHA SHARMA
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GURUGRAM, AUGUST 12

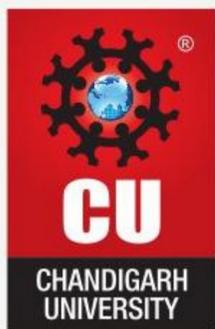
Even though Gurugram has spent over Rs 100 crore on anti-waterlogging measures in the past three years, it has failed to resolve the perennial problem of urban flooding. The Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA), Municipal Corporation, Municipal Corporation



Vehicles move near Gurugram's waterlogged Subhash Chowk after rain. **ANI**

of Manesar (MCM), NHAI and private developers like the DLF have failed to save the city from monsoon mayhem. This, despite the fact that over 50 anti-waterlogging planning meetings and two mock drills have been held since the last monsoon.

"The civic agencies are simply wasting public money, and nobody is holding them **CONTINUED ON PAGE 7**



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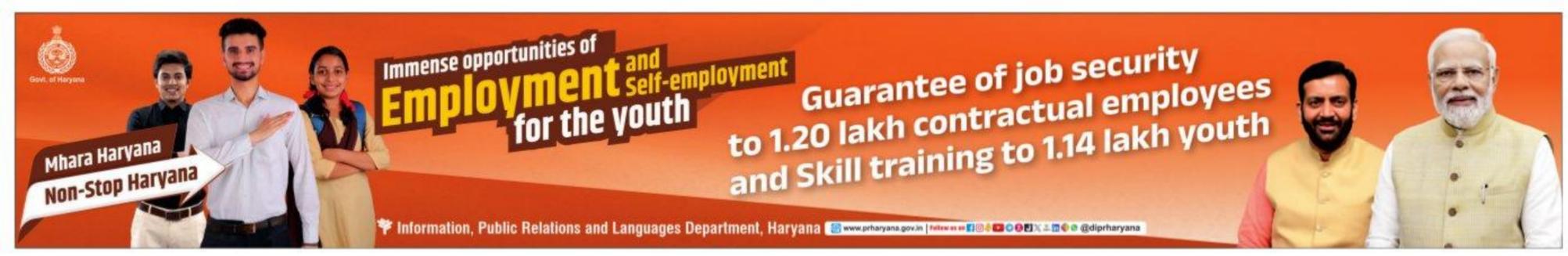
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5000 women from 500 women self-help groups will be trained
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CM launches three schemes for youth

HC recommends dismissal of Sirsa Judicial Magistrate

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PANCHKULA, AUGUST 12 Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini launched three schemes for the youth on the occasion of International Youth Day in Panchkula today. He also announced an increase in unemployment allowance for Class XII pass graduate and postgraduate youth.



Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and Speaker Gian Chand Gupta with students, who were awarded scholarships, at Youth Day celebrations held in Panchkula on Monday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: RAWI KUMAR

CONTRACTOR SAKSHAM YUVA YOJANA

The government will provide skill training to 10,000 engineering diploma and degree holders for three months so that they can become self-dependent.

The government will also provide these youth with ₹3 lakh interest-free loan for one year.

The youth will be able to apply for government contracts of up to the value of ₹25 lakh of the state Panchayati Raj Department.

IT SAKSHAM YUVA YOJANA

Through this scheme the state government will provide IT training to graduate and postgraduate youth to help them make a career in the sector.

The youth will be provided training in coding, Java language, web designing, networking and digital marketing, among others.

The government will also provide employment offers to the youth.

DRONE DIDI YOJANA

Under the Drone Didi scheme, the state government will provide training to 5,000 young women in drone operation and management in 2024-25.

The government will provide them 80 per cent of the cost of drones and other equipment.

UNEMPLOYMENT GRANT HIKED

The Chief Minister announced an increase in the unemployment allowance for Class XII pass youth from ₹900 per month to ₹1,200 from August 1.

The unemployment grant for the graduate youth has been increased to ₹2,000 per month and for the postgraduate youth to ₹3,500 per month.

The government will provide such grants to 2.61 lakh youth.

launched a start-up scheme for the youth to launch new ventures," he added.

Saini congratulated the youth, who had won medals in international games. He said that under the Drone

Didi scheme, the government would provide training to 5,000 women in drone operation and management in 2024-25. "We will provide them 80 per cent of the estimated cost of drones and

other equipment," he added.

He launched the Contractor Saksham Yuva Yojana and said that the government would provide skill training to 10,000 engineering diploma and degree holders for

three months so that they could become self-dependent. "The government will provide these youth with Rs 3 lakh interest-free loan for one year. These youth will be able to apply for government contracts of up to Rs 25 lakh of the Panchayati Raj Department," he added.

The Chief Minister also launched the IT Saksham Yuva Yojana. "Through this scheme the government will provide IT training to graduate and postgraduate youth to help them make a career in the sector. The youth will be provided training in coding, Java language, web designing, networking and digital marketing, among others. The government will also provide employment offers to them," he added.

He awarded one-time scholarship certificates to 20 youth out of 700 Scheduled Caste candidates, who had secured more than 90 per cent marks, for education. He also flagged-off the Skill Yatra, an initiative to inform the youth about the state's skill development schemes.

Saini was accompanied by Panchkula MLA and Assembly Speaker Gian Chand Gupta, Chief Minister's Adviser Lt Gen JS Nain (retd), Panchkula Mayor Kulbhushan Goel, Panchkula BJP president Deepak Sharma and party leader Banto Kataria.

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CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 12

The Punjab and Haryana High Court has recommended the dismissal of Judicial Magistrate (First Class) Manoj Dahiya, compulsory retirement of Additional District and Sessions Judge Sandeep Singh Jossan, and stopping of an increment of Additional District and Sessions Judge Anshu Shukla with cumulative effect. The decisions were made during a full court meeting presided over by Chief Justice Sheel Nagu and, attended by all Judges of the High Court.

Dahiya, who was posted in Sirsa sessions division, faces

dismissal following the full court's recommendation. Jossan, posted as Additional District and Sessions Judge at Hoshiarpur, has been compulsorily retired. Anshu Shukla, serving in Ambala District Courts, will experience a cumulative stoppage of one increment.

The court has already suspended the services of Additional District and Sessions Judge Raj Kumar Jain, who served as the Presiding Officer of the Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Court in Rohtak.

A full court meeting literally means one which is attended by all judges of the high court. It is regularly

held to discuss administrative issues related to the dispensation of justice and judicial officers belonging to the subordinate judiciary and other related issues. Decisions such as transfers, postings, promotions and action against judicial officers are taken in such meetings.

The High Court, in addition to the decisions taken today, had since October last year placed under suspension the services of at least five judicial officers and dismissed three from service. The full court has so far initiated proceedings against more than 24 judicial officers, sending across a strong message of zero tolerance.

MP: Centre doing injustice to Haryana in GST refund

JIND, AUGUST 12

Rohtak MP Deepender Hooda today alleged that the BJP government at the Centre was looting Haryana under the guise of Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections by refunding only Re one to the state out of every Rs 7 collected.

Deepender is on the Haryana Mange Hisab Yatra across the state. The MP,

while addressing a gathering at Kalwa village in Jind district, said, "If we look at it on a per capita basis, Haryana is getting the least amount of funds among 29 states, which is Rs 6,938, while Arunachal Pradesh is getting Rs 1.40 lakh and Goa, which is of the size of a district in Haryana, is getting Rs 40,000." He alleged that this

exposed that Haryana had a weak government, as it was unable to raise its voice against gross injustice being done to the state.

Deepender said that five out of six medals in the Paris Olympics were won by Haryana players but injustice and discrimination was done to the state in the sports budget. — TNS

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Retired bureaucrats, judge eager to try luck in Assembly elections

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ROHTAK, AUGUST 12
Many retired bureaucrats, including IAS, IPS and HCS officers, in the state are also eager to try their fortune in the upcoming Assembly elections. Even superannuated judges are also not far behind. They too intend to become a part of the political system and are vying for the party ticket for the polls.

A majority of the retired bureaucrats are seeking ticket from the Congress and some of them have also applied for that while others are lobbying for the ticket but are keeping cards close to their chest. Interestingly, those considering themselves contenders for the party ticket have also launched a public contact programme to gear up for the elections. The battle of ticket among retired bureaucrats has spiced up the political scenario ahead of the elections.

Vinay Singh Yadav, a 2003-batch IAS officer who retired in September last year, is seeking the Congress ticket from Nangal Choudhary (Mahendragarh) Assembly segment. "I have been active in the Nangal Choudhary Assembly segment for the past several months and meeting the people regarding the polls," he said.

SPICING UP POLITICAL SCENARIO



Interestingly, BJP MLA from Nangal Choudhary Abhe Singh Yadav, who is Irrigation Minister in the state, has also served as IAS officer. Both of them belong to Kanvi village (Nangal Choudhary). It will be an interesting contest between two former bureaucrats if the Congress fields Vinay.

Rakesh Yadav, who retired as District and Sessions Judge in February 2023, is also vying for the Congress ticket from Narnaul (Mahendragarh). He wants to resolve issues of Ahirwal like shortage of canal water on becoming a legislator. Before joining as ADJ in 2008, Rakesh was elected president and secretary of the District Bar Association, Narnaul.

"My father Naunihal Singh was active in politics and he had also contested the Assembly elections in joint Punjab," Rakesh said. Another retired IAS officer,

Vikas Yadav recently joined the Congress. He too is contender for the Congress ticket from Narnaul. Linking development with the economy is the need of the hour for holistic growth, so his motive to join the politics is serving the people by resolving their issues and to ensure development. Vikas belongs to Nirpur village of Narnaul segment.

Belonging to the OBC category, Chander Prakash, another retired IAS officer and former State Information Commissioner, intends to contest election from Nalwa (Hisar) where OBC voters are in a considerable number. Chander Prakash, a native of Arya Nagar village (Hisar), has been quite active in the fields. He was also a strong contender for the Congress ticket from Hisar in the recent Lok Sabha Polls. His uncle Ramji Lal had also served as Rajya Sabha MP. Considered close

to former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda, Chander Prakash was also one of the star campaigners for the Congress in the Lok Sabha elections. He is also a member of the State Congress' manifesto committee. Another retired IAS officer, RS Verma, an OBC belonging to Arya Nagar village, too wants to try his luck in the electoral battle. He is willing to contest the election from either Nalwa or Barwala segment in Hisar. Though Verma, who retired two years ago, is not a member of any political party, he seems to incline towards the BJP. He has been associated with various social outfits of the region.

Subhash Yadav, an IPS officer of 1995 batch who retired as the ADGP in 2020, is an aspirant for the Congress ticket from Ateli (Mahendragarh). Belonging to Sehlang village, Yadav

Arti Rao won't fight from Rewari, weighs Kosli, Ateli, Badshahpur

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

GURUGRAM, AUGUST 12
Out to shrug off the tag of nepo princess and prove her mettle, Arti Rao, daughter of veteran BJP MP and Union Minister of State Rao Inderjit Singh, will test the political waters in the upcoming Assembly elections.

"Denied a ticket from Rewari twice by the BJP in 2014 and 2019, the political heir of Ahir power centre 'Rampura House', Arti has ditched the segment and launched a survey among her supporters to finalise her launch pad among Ahir strongholds of Ateli in Mahendragarh, Kosli in Rewari, and Badshahpur in Gurugram district. The three Assembly segments have a majority of Ahir voters and Rao Inderjit Singh enjoys a massive influence here.

"I have been trying to get the ticket from BJP since 2014. My journey has been from the shooting range to political arena and I toiled for 10 long years as a worker to be election-ready but sadly people just want to talk about political lineage rather than my sports or political achievements. I am fighting it out to break that. I regard my family's political lineage as a great asset but that doesn't sum up my political work or achievements. I have engaged my supporters to assess the ground situation and suggest which is going to be the best place to contest, though Kosli is the closest to my heart as I



SUPPORTERS ASSESSING GROUND SITUATION

"I regard my family's political lineage as a great asset but that doesn't sum up my political work or achievements. I have engaged my supporters to assess the ground situation and suggest the best place to contest. Arti Rao, Rao Inderjit Singh's daughter

grew up there," said Arti while speaking to *The Tribune*. As per political experts, Rewari will not be a great launch pad for her. Though Rao Inderjit Singh has always led from this segment in all his Lok Sabha elections, his rival and Congress leader Capt Ajay Singh Yadav also enjoys a massive influence and has been a six-time MLA from there. The seat is currently held by his son Rao Chiranjeev. Rewari is currently seeing a massive infighting in the BJP and has active anti-Inderjit factions led by former MLA Randhir Kapriwas. It was Kapriwas's candidature in 2019 that divided votes for Rao's supported candidate and handed out a close win to Chiranjeev. Arti's launch pad is one of the most-watched political debuts in the Vidhan Sabha elections. Having been denied the ticket twice, citing 'one family one ticket' principle by the BJP, she is in no mood to wait any longer and has already announced her plans to contest with or without BJP. Arti is an international-level skeet shooter and has four Asian Championship medals. She is the current president of the Haryana ParaSports Association. She is the granddaughter of former Haryana CM Rao Birender Singh and descendant of Ahir king and freedom fighter Rao Tula Ram Singh. Rao Inderjit Singh's brother Yaduvendra Singh has also represented Kosli Assembly segment in the past.

Villagers lock school over 'girls harassment by teacher'

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HISAR, AUGUST 12
Angry over the alleged incident of sexual harassment of a girl by a computer teacher in a government school, residents of a village in Jind district locked the main gate of the school and demanded action against the teacher.

According to information, the village school in-charge got a complaint from some girls that one of their classmates was being harassed by the computer teacher. He said the girls informed him

that the teacher touched her and even sent obscene text messages to the girl. As the villagers got information about the incident, they gathered at the school and locked the gate of the school. A woman protester at the school alleged that the teacher had harassed a number of girl students and demanded strict action against the teacher.

"Our daughters are not safe in the school. The matter came to our notice on Saturday. It seems that a number of female students have faced harassment," he said. A PCR of the police also went to the spot on receiving information about the locking of the school. The school in-charge said they had directed the computer teacher not to come to the school. The villagers demanded transfer of the teacher from the school. Meanwhile, the police spokesperson in Jind, Amit Singh said the police had not received any complaint from any person in this regard. "Action will be taken on getting the complaint," he said.

Govt employees on warpath as Assembly elections draw near

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KARNAL, AUGUST 12
With political temperatures rising in Haryana as the Assembly elections draw near, the government employees are on a warpath against the government and Karnal, the CM's home seat, has become their chosen battleground for protests.

In the past one month, the city witnessed about 12 protests with everyone from doctors, nurses, patwaris, National Health Mission (NHM) employees, computer operators, clerical staff, gramin chowkidars, members and chairpersons of panchayat samitis, engineers of various departments, PWD mechanical workers, and others taking to the roads to press for their demands. Their demands range from increase in pay scale to regularisation of their jobs.

Some of these protests have continued for a week or longer, causing significant inconvenience to residents. On Monday, clerical staff from various government offices staged a dhama outside the Mini-Secretariat,



ILLUSTRATION: SANDEEP JOSHI

demanding a hike in their pay scale from Rs 21,700 to Rs 35,400. Meanwhile, National Health Mission (NHM) workers, who have been staging a state-level protest since July 26 for regularisation of their jobs, continued their dharna at the Civil Surgeon's office, disrupting health services.

Additionally, members and chairpersons of block samitis are protesting to demand an increase in their powers. Regular nursing staff from Kalpana Chawla Government Medical College, who have been on dhama since August 7, continued their protest on Monday,

pressing for the upgrade of their status from Group C to Group B and an increase in their nursing allowance from Rs 1,200 to Rs 7,200.

The data entry operators of the District Information Technology Society (DITS) held a 19-day state-level protest in Karnal from July 15. They demanded regularisation of job, budgetary provisions for DITS, creation of permanent posts, job security until the age of 58, and equal pay for equal work. They resumed duties on August 5 after receiving assurances from Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini that their demands would be considered. During their strike, citizens faced a lot of difficulties in getting their work done at SARAL Kendras, tehsils and other government offices.

Doctors of government hospitals under the banner of the Haryana Civil Medical Services Association protested across the state from July 25 to 27 to press for their demands, including assured career progression. Political experts say such protests are common before every election, as they are seen as pressure tactics.

No state edu institution among top 100 in NIRF 'overall' rankings

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CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 12
For the fifth consecutive year, no Haryana institution has appeared among the top 100 in the 'overall' category in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) India Rankings, 2024. It was in 2019, Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar, was placed 89th in the rankings.

In the universities category, Maharishi Markandeshwar (Deemed to be University), Ambala, has been ranked 71st while Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies, Faridabad, has earned the 92nd spot. Both are private varieties. No government university or the Central University of Haryana, Mahendragarh, has appeared among the top 100 this year. In 2023, there were four varsities among the top 100, including two state universities.

In the NIRF rankings released by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan today, the institutions are

ranked along Teaching Learning and Resources; Research and Professional Practice; Graduation Outcome; Outreach and Inclusivity; and Perception parameters.

No college of the state is listed among the top 100 in the country. The same is the story in Research Institutions, Innovation and Architecture and Planning categories and the newly introduced Open University one.

Among engineering colleges, only the National Institute of Technology (NIT), Kurukshetra, was ranked among the top 100 institutions though its rank fell from 58th in 2023 to 81st this year.

Among management institutions, there are four from Haryana among the top 100 institutions, two less than last year. The MDI, Gurugram, has improved its rank from 13th in 2023 to 11th this year while the IIM, Rohtak, has retained its 12th spot. The Great Lakes Institute of Management, Gurugram, is ranked 52nd and BML Munjal University, Gurugram, has earned the 83rd position.

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Whereas, the Authorised officer of the Central Bank of India under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) and 13 (12) read with the Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a Demand Notice calling upon the borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of the said notice. The Borrower having failed to pay the entire dues of the bank, notice is hereby given to the borrower, the Guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13 (4) of the said act, read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule 2002 on the dates as mentioned below. The borrowers/Guarantors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the Central Bank of India, respective Branch for notice amount plus interest & other charges thereon. The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Name of Branch	Name of the Account/Borrower's/Guarantor's Names	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Symbolic Possession	Amount outstanding on the date of Demand Notice
WAKM Bahadurgarh	Sh. Deep Raj Vashisth S/o Sh. Bharat Lal Sharma (Borrower)	01.05.2024	06.08.2024	Rs. 25,14,813.00 (Rs. Twenty Five Lakhs Fourteen Thousand Eight Hundred Thirteen only)+ further intt. & other charges thereon

Description of the immovable property (Detailed description of the secured asset/ mortgaged property)
Residential property i.e. House, measuring 100 Sq. yards i.e. 100/22697 share of land measuring 7 Bigha 10 Biswa, comprised in min jumla asaji Khawat No 1479/1479, Khata No. 2167, Khassa no. 2762 (2-13), 2763(3-8), 2769(0-13), 2770(0-3) & 2772 (0-13) total kitta 5, vaka Mouja Surat Nagar, Line Paar Bahadurgarh within MC limit Bahadurgarh, Tehsil Bahadurgarh Distt. Jhajjar in the name of Sh. Deep Raj Vashisth S/o Sh. Bharat Lal Sharma as per registered Sale Deed No. 12578 dated 30.03.2022 registered with Sub-Union Registrar Bahadurgarh. Bound as : East: Plot no. 70, North: Plot no. 68, West: Gali, South: Gali

DATE: 11.08.2024, Place: Rohtak

AUTHORISED OFFICER
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AAP a strong option in Haryana now: Mann

TRIBUNE REPORTERS

GOHANA/SIRSA, AUGUST 12
Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann today said the people of Haryana voted for many leaders to power but the latter did nothing except making money. The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) was now a strong political alternative in Haryana and people should give the party a chance to serve them.

Mann was addressing a 'Badlav Rally' in the grain market at Gohana. Anurag Dhanda, senior state vice-president of the AAP, also addressed the rally, besides Rajneesh Jain, Devender Gautam, Navin Gaur, Sandeep Malik, Anurag Malik, Ajmer Pehal, Devender Saini attended the rally. Mann said, "We people come

from ordinary background. Arvind Kejriwal was also born in Siwani village here. He left his job and started working to serve the public and formed AAP at the Ram Lila ground in Delhi." He said all other parties were being run by the sons, daughters and relatives of political leaders. None was bothered about the welfare of common people.

He said, "When the Congress harassed people in Haryana, they voted for the BJP and when the BJP troubled them, they voted for the INLD and this process continued. For the past 10 years the BJP had ruled the state but the governance system had not changed. But now Haryana people have a strong option in AAP." He later addressed a rally at Rania in Sirsa.

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BELOVED SH. U.R. GARG Retd. Dy Director NIS Patiala (24.12.1928 - 11.08.2024)

With profound grief and a heavy heart we inform the sad demise of our beloved Shri. U.R Garg Retd. Dy Director NIS Patiala, who left us for heavenly abode on 11th August, 2024

Losing him has been incredibly tough, but we find comfort in knowing that he lived a full and happy life and passed away peacefully.

Wednesday, 14th August 2024
Community Centre, Sector 37-D, Chandigarh
Time - 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Please join us in prayers and remembrance to pay respect to the holy soul

GRIEF STRICKEN:
Anil Garg & Neeru Garg (Son & Daughter-in-law)
Anish Garg & Dr. Arvind Garg (Grandson & Grand daughter in law)
Dr. Dipika Garg & Dr. Arvind Garg (Grand Daughter & Grand Son in law)
Goyal Family - Mansa (Daughter)
Aggarwal Family - Narvansa Daughter
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Fearing losses, farmers plough back cotton crop, go for paddy

Opt for late-maturing variety that allows them assured income

RUCHIKA M KHANNA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 12
Apprehensive of poor returns from cotton due to whitefly and pink bollworm attack, farmers in Punjab have started ploughing back cotton crop in their fields, opting for a safer late-maturing paddy variety that allows them an assured income.

In the past week, there have been instances of farmers in Bathinda, Mansa and Fazilka, ploughing the cotton crop back in the fields, and then using the fields for transplantation of PR 126 variety of paddy.

The cotton crop, which has been infested by whitefly and pink bollworm, though at most places this was below the economic threshold level, has reportedly been ploughed in half of the fields, while it remains standing on the other half.

In Fazilka, where 10 infestation hotspots have been identified by the Agriculture Department, Gurpreet Singh and his father Ajaib Singh of Patti Sadiq village in Fazilka, told The Tribune that they ploughed the cotton crop on one and



WHITEFLY, PINK BOLLWORM ATTACK BIG CONCERN

- Cotton crop has been infested by whitefly and pink bollworm at many places in the state
- Fearing losses, many farmers have ploughed cotton crop on half of their fields in various districts
- They are then sowing PR 126 variety of paddy in that area for assured returns

A farmer in Patti Sadiq village ploughs cotton crop in the field. TRIBUNE PHOTO

half acres of their land on Saturday, while retaining it on three acres.

Though the Agriculture Department's team that visited their field today said the whitefly and pink bollworm infestation was below ETL, Gurpreet Singh said he had ploughed the crop due to fear of suffering losses for a second consecutive year. "I have many social and family obligations to fulfil. I ploughed back my cotton crop realising that my input costs would zoom due frequent sprays to control whitefly," he said.

There have been reports of farmers ploughing back their crops in the fields at

Khui Kheda and Jhura Kheda villages in Fazilka and Giana and Tungwali villages in Bathinda.

Officials in the Agriculture Department said 128 teams had visited 240 spots in the cotton belt. Insect attack was witnessed at a few places, but it was within ETL. The farmers are being told about the best farming practices to prevent insects from devouring the cotton plants, they said.

Last year, over 25 percent of the cotton produce was sold by farmers at rates below MSP of Rs 6,620 per quintal. In 2022-23, the crop sold at an average price of Rs 10,000 per

quintal. Farmers fear incurring losses this year again due to whitefly and pink bollworm attacks.

Director of Agriculture Jaswant Singh said department officials had been undertaking field visits twice a week (Monday and Thursday) to keep tabs on the standing cotton crop. "There have been reports of farmers ploughing back the crop, but it is only in cases where they have seedlings of PR 126 variety of paddy available for sowing. This is why they are ploughing only half the fields, retaining cotton crop on the other half of fields," he said.

Farmers welcome SC order on partial opening of NH-44

SHAMBHU PROTEST

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PATIALA, AUGUST 12

The protesting farmers camping at Shambhu border since February 13, when their 'Dilli Chalo' march was halted, have welcomed the directions of the Supreme Court for the partial opening of National Highway-44 near Shambhu. The farmer leaders said the order had paved the way for them to proceed towards the national capital.

The reaction came after the Supreme Court, on Monday, ordered the DGPs of Punjab and Haryana, along with the DCs and SSPs of Patiala and Ambala, to hold a meeting within a week for the partial opening of the Shambhu border where farmers have been camping since February.

Sarwan Singh Pandher, leader of the joint forum Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM non-political) and Kisan Ekta Morcha, said they had received a report from the media about the partial opening of the highway.

"We welcome the directions of the apex court. However, we have yet to receive the details. We have called a meeting of the SKM (non-political) and Kisan Mazdoor Morcha (KMM) — to

Leaders say directions pave way for them to proceed towards Delhi



Barricades put up at Shambhu border in view of farmers' march. FILE

decide our future course of action," Pandher said.

The highway has been closed for public transport, which has not only thrown normal life out of gear, but also has adversely affected the business and industry.

"The decision will provide respite not only to traders, transporters, businessmen and commuters, but also to the farmers. We will be able to reach Delhi and register our protest," he stated.

The blockade on the main highway has been an ordeal for

commuters. It has also adversely hit the business of the state. Many eateries and other establishments around the protest site have been closed.

The daily commuters are the worst hit. Not only has it increased the travel time, but also the commuters have to make a long detour — either from Patiala or Zirakpur to reach NH-44. This includes bumpy rides through broken roads that often results in the frequent breakdown of vehicles and also leads to long traffic jams.

NIRF RANKINGS

Ludhiana PAU slips to 80th rank in overall category

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

LUDHIANA, AUGUST 12

Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, has once again secured the third rank for the second consecutive year in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), 2024, under the agricultural and allied sector institutes category. The university has also secured the 80th rank in the overall category. In 2023, its overall rank was 54.

"In the broader category of all agricultural institutions, encompassing agriculture and allied sectors, the PAU proudly ranks third, with the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, and the National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal, taking the first and second spots, respectively," said Dr Satbir Singh Gosal, Vice-Chancellor of the university.

Dayanand Medical College has slipped five ranks down to the 40th rank this year while last year it was at 35. Christian Medical College has slipped seven ranks down to the 49th rank among medical colleges. Last year, it ranked 42. However, Christian Dental College continues to maintain its 30th rank among dental colleges this year as well.

Govt appoints three info commissioners

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 12

The state government today appointed Dr Bhopinder Singh, Sandeep Singh Dhalwal and Virinderjit Singh Billing as State Information Commissioners of the Punjab State Information Commission. A notification to this effect was issued after Governor Gulab Chand Kataria accorded in-principle approval to the state government's recommendation on Monday evening.

There are total five posts of Information Commissioner. After today's appointments, two more posts are yet to be filled. For quite some time now, the commission was working with only the Chief Information Commissioner. The government had been drawing flak from various quarters for vacancies in the commission. Even today, the Punjab Youth Congress held a press conference over the issue.

Accusing the AAP government of making mockery of the Right to Information Act,

the Punjab Youth Congress (PYC) said at least 9,175 applications were pending for disposal with the commission.

Linking the inordinate delay in filling all vacant posts of information commissioner, PYC chief Mohit Mohindra alleged that the AAP government was trying to hide its misdeeds from the public by delaying information transfer. Sharing information on the pendency of applications, sought from the commission, the PYC said as on June 30, 9,175 applications were pending. The pendency has gone up further since then.

PYC RTI cell in-charge Jashandeep Singh said the CM had earlier claimed that they had signed MoUs worth Rs 38,000 crore for investment in the state. "An RTI information taken by the PYC said an MoU for only Rs 2,600 crore was signed with TATA Steels in the last two and half years. In advertisements, the government has claimed having signed MoUs worth Rs 70,000 crore," he claimed.

Governor Kataria reviews progress of central projects

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 12

Governor Gulab Chand Kataria today held a meeting with senior officials of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), Railway, Airports Authority of India and the BSNL to review the progress of ongoing central projects in the state.

The meeting held amid Centre's threat to scrap highway projects over delay in land acquisition has raised eyebrows in the top echelons of the state government. Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has also called a meeting (on August 16) with farmer leaders from Gurdaspur and Tarn

Taran districts to sort out land acquisition issues for the construction of highways.

The Governor directed officials to complete all central projects without any delay. He said if there was any problem/issue in the implementation of any project, it should be brought on record in writ-

ing so that such issues could be resolved on priority with the help of the Centre and the state government.

He said a meeting would be held every three months to get the progress report of all central projects. Apart from that, he should be informed in writing about the progress of

all projects from time to time. The Governor also discussed the issue of heavy traffic in Chandigarh. Replying on the issue, NHAI officials said the construction of national highways connecting Panchkula to Shimla and Majri to Baddi would minimise the problem to a great

extent. Governor Kataria is also the Administrator of Chandigarh. During the meeting, the Governor said, "Udaipur, Chandigarh and Jammu are important from the tourism point of view, so a proposal should be prepared to run the Jammu-Tawi train on daily basis." — TNS

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
Tender Reference No:- EE PWSSD No. 2/Amritsar/33/2024
Date: 09.08.2024

The Department of Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Division No. 2 Amritsar invites Bid for Civil Work.

Closing Date & Time : **Closing Date: 03.09.2024 Time upto 1.00 p.m.**
Pre-Bid Meeting Venue : Date 28.08.2024 Sr. No. 1 Tender 11.00 A.M. At C/o Superintending Engineer, Pw. W/S & Sew. Circle, Amritsar, Near Sunrise Multispecialty Hospital, Hide Market, Amritsar. Mob. 83609-07229, Email:- eepwssdsar2@gmail.com

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Sd/- Executive Engineer, Punjab W/S & Sew. Division No. 2, Amritsar.
DPR/Pb/36586

GOVT. OF PUNJAB
Ludhiana Urban Water & Wastewater Management Ltd., Zone-B
(A Municipal Corporation Ludhiana Undertaking)
Tender Notice No: 25/XEN/B Date: 12-08-2024

The Department of Municipal Corporation Ludhiana invites online bids for the following date and time:

Last Date of online sale/submission of bidding documents	Opening of technical bid documents
22-08-2024 @ 04:00 PM.	23-08-2024 @ 11:00 AM.

For Details login to eproc.punjab.gov.in.
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Sd/- Executive Engineer, Ludhiana Urban Water & Wastewater Management Ltd. e-mail: xenzoneb@gmail.com
DPR/Pb/36581

Dr. B.R. AMBEDKAR STATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES
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No. AIMS/E-1/2024/5081 Date: 12.08.2024

Recruitment of Medical Faculty (for Regular/Deputation Faculty)

Applications are invited online for filling up posts of (Professor/Associate Professor/Assistant Professor) on Regular/Deputation Basis in Dr. B.R. Ambedkar State Institute of Medical Sciences (AIMS), Sector-56, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali). The last date of receipt of applications is 02.09.2024 @ 05:00 p.m. Tentative date of interview will be informed on website www.aimsmohali.punjab.gov.in later on.

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2.	Young Professional-I	03	20.08.2024 @ 9:00 AM	ICAR-CIPHET, Ludhiana
3.	Young Professional-I (ICAR-CIPHET, R.S. Abohar)	01	20.08.2024 @ 9:00 AM	ICAR-CIPHET, Regional Station, Malout Road, Hanumangarh bypass Abohar, (Punjab)

For details, please visit our website https://ciphnet.icar.gov.in
DI-10445 Sd/- Chief Administrative Officer

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Phone No. 01679-243522

Applications are invited from the eligible candidates for One post of Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel for the office of Legal Aid Defense Counsel System, Barnala. For detailed information please visit https://barnala.dcourts.gov.in/notice-category/recruitments/

Last date for submission of application is 21.08.2024 up to 05:00 P.M. Dated 09.08.2024

Sd/-
District & Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman,
District Legal Services Authority, Barnala.
DPR/Pb/36577

DIRECTORATE OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION VOCATIONAL AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING HIMACHAL PRADESH SUNDERNAGAR
ADMISSION NOTICE

It is informed to the General Public that the Department of Technical Education, Vocational and Industrial Training, Himachal Pradesh is conducting the Last Round of Spot Counseling at the Institution Level on dated 14/08/2024 for admission against vacant seats in 03 years Diploma in Engineering courses (PAT) & 02 years Diploma in Engineering courses through Lateral Entry (LEET) for the academic session 2024-2025 in Govt./Private Polytechnics of Himachal Pradesh.

This counseling shall be conducted at Institution Level on dated 14/08/2024. The desirous candidates seeking admission against the vacant seat must reach the concerned institute personally alongwith all required documents & fee prescribed in Polytechnic Admission Prospectus 2024-25 which is available on the official website of H.P. Takniki Shiksha Board Dharamshala www.hptechboard.com.

The application form(s) shall be submitted by the applicant at concerned institute from 09:00 AM to 12:00 Noon and merit list shall be prepared accordingly. The admission process shall be started after 1:30 PM as per the rules/provisions contained in Polytechnic Admission Prospectus 2024-25.

The details of tentative vacant seats shall be available on the official website of Himachal Pradesh Takniki Shiksha Board Dharamshala www.hptechboard.com.

For more information regarding the above, you can contact on Toll Free Number 18001808025 (10:00 AM to 5:00 PM) on all working days.

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I. Munesh Malik w/o Ajay Kumar Malik r/o H.No. 1135, Universal Enclave, Sector 48-B, Chandigarh have changed my name from Munesh to Munesh Malik. All concerned please note. (CL24044469)

I. Manjit Singh s/o Harbans Singh r/o # 1697, Sector 80, SAS Nagar, Mohali declare that I had disowned my son Harmeet Singh and his wife Sukhwinder Kaur in The Tribune publication on 04/01/2023. Now, they are under my control and they have full rights in my movable/ immovable property. (CL24044471)

I. Gurwanti Singh S/o Gurbaj Singh VPO Habri, Tehsil Pundri, Distt. Kaithal have changed my minor son name from Abhinor to Abhinor Singh. (CL24044491)

I. Komal w/o Pankaj Singh, H.No. 51, Main Road, Village Badala, PO Sikri, Distt. Hoshiarpur, have changed my name from Komal to Komal Komal (surname as Komal). (CL24044497)

I. Sunny Singh s/o Bhupinder Singh r/o House No. 27, Sukhna Colony, Bishanpura, Zirakpur, Distt. SAS Nagar (Mohali) have changed my name from Sunny to Sunny Singh. All concerned please note. (CL24044499)

I. Japna Singh Anand W/o Amandeep Singh Dihot, Resident #720, Amardeep Colony, Rajpura, District Patiala have changed my name to Japna Anand. (CL24044503)

I. Renu W/o Rakesh Kumar R/o H.No. 11206, St. No. 2, Tower Line, Rahon Road, New Subhash Nagar, Basti Jodhpur, Ludhiana, I have changed my name from Renu to Renu Bala. (CL24044510)

I. Nidhi Aggarwal w/o Sh. Raman Kumar Gupta r/o Village Kalyanpur Baddi, District Solan H.P. have changed my name from Nidhi Gupta to Nidhi Aggarwal. Concerns note. (CL24044521)

I. Raman Kumar Gupta s/o Sohan Lal r/o Village Kalyanpur Baddi, District Solan H.P. have changed my name from Raman Kumar alias Raman Gupta to Raman Kumar Gupta. Concerns note. (CL24044522)

COURT NOTICE

In the Court of Ms. Shampy Chaudhary, PCS, Addl. Civil Judge (Sr. Divn.), Jaitu

Case No. 48/28.3.2024
Nature: Declaration
Pending: 11.09.2024

CNR No. PBFDA00000722024
CIS No.- CS/48/2024
Harwinder Kaur

Versus
Union of India
Harwinder Kaur aged about 53 years daughter of Balveer Singh, Resident of Village Surewala, Tehsil and District Sri Muktsar Sahib, now wife of Shinda Singh son of Sarjan Singh R/o Kotha Santa Mal Matta, Tehsil Jaitu, District Faridkot. M.No. 94636-20921.

Plaintiff

Versus
Defendant 3. General Public

Whereas it has been proved to the satisfaction of the court that the above noted Defendants cannot be served in the ordinary way of service. Hence this Publication is hereby issued against them and they should appear personally or through their counsel on 11.09.2024 at 10:00 a.m. failing which ex parte proceedings shall be taken against them. Given under my hand and seal of this court on 11.06.2024

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(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)

In the Court of Sh. Parmod Kumar Civil Judge Jr. Div., Chandigarh

Parvinder Kaur Vs. Raksha Devi

CNR No. CHCH02-004259-2023

Next Date: 21.10.2024

Publication issued to: 1. Parateek

2. Rahul both r/o House No. 6, Street No. 1, East Enclave Opposite Doctor Colony Gate Bhadson road Patiala. 3. Kamaljit Singh H.No: 2149, Sec. 44C, Chd.

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 21.10.2024 at 10:00 a.m.

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Dated, this day of 08.08.2024

Sd/- Civil Judge Jr. Div. CL24044487 Chandigarh.

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In the Court of Ld. Civil Judge-cum-JMFC, Court No. II, Solan, District Solan H.P. Regd. No. 14/2019

Recovery Suit Case No. 131-01 of 2020

Fixed for 13.09.2024

State Bank of India Vs. Atul Talwar

State Bank of India, having its Head Office at Madam Cama Road Nariman Point, Mumbai through its Chief Manager, Branch Office, Rajgarh Road, Solan, Tehsil and District Solan HP Sh. Rajesh Gupta s/o Sh. Roshan Lal age 55 years.

Plaintiff

Versus

Sh. Atul Talwar s/o Sh. Narender Kumar Talwar r/o House No. B-2/81, Phase II, Ashok Vihar, New Delhi 110052. Defendant

Notice to: (1) Sh. Atul Talwar s/o Sh. Narender Kumar Talwar r/o House No. B-2/81, Phase II, Ashok Vihar, New Delhi 110052.

Whereas in the above noted case it has been proved to the satisfaction of the court that above named Defendant are avoiding the service of summons and cannot be served in the ordinary way. Hence this proclamation is hereby issued against him/them to appear in this Court on 13.09.2024 at 10.00 am to defend the case personally or through an authorised agent or pleader failing to which ex-parte proceedings will be taken against him/them.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court 1st day of August, 2024.

Sd/- Civil Judge-cum-JMFC Court No. II, Solan, District Solan, HP.

CL24044488

Whereas it has been proved to the satisfaction of the court that the above noted Defendants cannot be served in the ordinary way of service. Hence this Publication is hereby issued against them and they should appear personally or through their counsel on 11.09.2024 at 10:00 a.m. failing which ex parte proceedings shall be taken against them. Given under my hand and seal of this court on 11.06.2024

Sd/- Addl. Civil Judge CL24044484 (Sr. Divn.), Jaitu.

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COURT NOTICES

(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)

In the Court of Sh. Ramesh Kumar Civil Judge (Junior Division), Dera Bassi

Wing Commander Ajit Kumar Ghai Versus

Ajit Kumar CNR No.: PBSAB0-001418-2023

Next Date: 12.09.2024

Publication issued to: 1) Ajit Kumar, 2) Ashok Kumar, 3) Vir Singh all alleged s/o Mangat Singh s/o Saun Singh r/o House No. 73/6, Milap Nagar, Kurukshetra.

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 12.09.2024 at 10.00 a.m.

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Dated, this day of 05.08.2024.

Sd/- Sh. Ramesh Kumar Civil Judge (Junior Division), CL24044489 Dera Bassi.

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh CM 3888-LPA-2024 in

LPA No. 162 of 2021 (O&M) Haryana Staff Adhyapak Sangh ...Petitioner (s)

Versus

State of Haryana and Ors. ...Respondent (s)

Notice to:- 115. The Management, H.M.T.E.E.S. High School, Pinjore through its President at Pinjore, District Panchkula (Haryana).

Whereas, it has been proved to the satisfaction of this Court that the above named respondents cannot be served under Order 5 Rule 20 of CPC in an ordinary manner so notice is hereby issued against him to appear in this Court on 30.09.2024 (Actual), personally or through someone authorised by law failing which it will be heard and decided in his absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court the 31st Day of July, 2024.

By Order of the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh.

Sd/- Superintendent (LPA) For Assistant Registrar (Writs) CL24044492

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh CM 3888-LPA-2024 in

LPA No. 162 of 2021 (O&M) Haryana Staff Adhyapak Sangh ...Petitioner (s)

Versus

State of Haryana and ors. ...Respondents (s)

Notice to: 102. The Management, M.L.B. High School, Kurukshetra through its President at Kurukshetra (Haryana).

Whereas, it has been proved to the satisfaction of this Court that the above name respondents cannot be served under Order 5 Rule 20 of CPC in an ordinary manner so notice is hereby issued against him to appear in this Court on 30.09.2024 (Actual), personally or through some one authorised by law failing which it will be heard and decided in his absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court the 31st Day of July, 2024.

By Order of the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh.

Sd/- Superintendent (LPA) For Assistant Registrar (Writs) CL24044494

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)

In the Court of Sh. Karunesh Kumar Additional District and Sessions Judge, SBS Nagar Sukhchain Kaur

Versus Nachhattar Kaur @ Shatto CNR No. PBSB01-003472-2023

Next Date: 28.08.2024

Appeal against judgment dated 31.07.2023 passed by Ms. Komple Dhanjal

Publication issued to: 5 Deepo Kaur daughter of Karnail Singh Village Khanpur, Tehsil Banga, District SBS Nagar. 6. Bhupinder Kaur daughter of Karnail Singh, Village Khanpur, Tehsil Banga, District SBS Nagar.

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 28.08.2024 at 10:00 a.m.

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Module aiding Pak terrorists busted, kingpin among 9 held

Ultras suspected to be behind recent attacks, guided by OGWs to higher reaches

ARJUN SHARMA

JAMMU, AUGUST 12
In a major breakthrough amid rising infiltrations, the Jammu and Kashmir Police have busted a module of nine over-ground workers (OGWs). The accused allegedly used to receive, and provide food and logistics to Pakistani terrorists responsible for multiple attacks on security forces in Jammu region recently.



Army personnel patrol near the LoC ahead of Independence Day in Rajouri district on Monday. PTI

In an official statement, the J&K Police said a module suspected to be behind the recent infiltration of ultras was exposed after the successful operation in the Gandoh area of Doda district on June 26 and intelligence leads provided by the central agencies. The infiltration had allegedly resulted in increased terrorist activities in the upper reaches of Doda, Udhampur and Kathua.

The Kathua police have arrested nine members of the module and taken them in their custody. The kingpin of the OGW module was identified as Mohammad Lateef. The eight other accused were identified as Akhter Ali, Saddam, Kushal, Noorani, Maqbool, Liaquat, Kasim Din and Khadim, all residents of Kathua district.

“Apart from providing terrorists initial shelter, food and other minor logistics, the module was also responsible for guiding them to the upper reaches of the mountains and jungles of Udhampur, Kathua and Doda districts around the Kailash mountain, which is at the centre of the tri-junction of these three districts,” the police spokesperson said.

The members of the module have confirmed that the three terrorists who were killed in the Gandoh encounter had taken their help in hiding and travelling without being detected till they reached the upper reaches. The police said they had investigated more than 50 persons – who were living in mud houses in the upper reaches and mountains for grazing livestock – for coming in contact with the foreign terrorists. Out of these, some took money from the ultras. However, many of them also informed the police about the movement of terrorists.

The police said the kingpin of the OGW module was in collusion with terrorist handlers in Pakistan, and played a crucial role in receiving foreign terrorists after their entry into India through the International Border (IB) in the Samba-Kathua sector.

Search operation intensified in Anantnag's forest areas

OUR CORRESPONDENT

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 12

The search operation following the fierce encounter between militants and security forces in the upper reaches of Anantnag continued for the third day on Monday, with officials saying it had been intensified further in the dense forest areas. Official sources told *The Tribune* that additional forces had been rushed to the spot and the search operation was extended further in the vast forest. Meanwhile, a search operation is also underway in the Doda-Bhaderwah region, which is connected to Anant-

WEATHER A HURDLE IN UDHAMPUR, KISHTWAR

Jammu: Search operations continued in Udhampur and Kishtwar district after two brief encounters on Sunday. The police, Army and the CRPF were using drones and sniffer dogs to detect terrorists behind the gunfights. However, adverse weather conditions were causing hurdles in the search operation. cc

nag through forests. Officials maintain that there had been no fresh contact with the militants since Saturday, when the first contact was established. The death toll in the ongoing operation had risen to three on Sunday, after a civilian succumbed to his injuries. VK Birdi, Inspector General of Police, Kashmir Zone, was among the top police officers who reached Anantnag district on Sunday morning. It was suspected to be a group of two to three militants and a search operation is underway. Locals from villages in Kokemag, meanwhile, continue to claim that many people have been taken along by security forces. They say many of them are released in the evening.

Farooq demands probe into rising infiltration cases

JAMMU, AUGUST 12

National Conference president and former chief minister Farooq Abdullah has called for an investigation into the rising incidence of infiltrations in Jammu and Kashmir.

The statement comes a day after he accused the security forces of collusion and blamed them for rising infiltration of terrorists into the UT.

During a meeting with party workers in Kishtwar district of Jammu division, Abdullah on Sunday stated that many militants had managed to enter into the UT despite a large number of security forces on borders.

Had accused security forces of collusion

“How do these people manage to infiltrate? How are drugs entering? There is a collusion...the collusion is for our destruction,” he had stated during the meeting.

However clarifying his remarks, Abdullah, told the media that he had not given any controversial statement, but raised a valid point about infiltration by militants. He said, “There are nearly 200-300 militants present in J&K...from where did they come...they did not come from sky or were sent through drones.”

“There was definitely some collusion, possibly at border in J&K, Punjab, Rajasthan or Gujarat,” he added.

“Our soldiers and policemen are dying. People of the country have the right to know, who is responsible for this large scale infiltration”. The Union Home Minister, Defence Minister and the L-G should answer this question,” he asserted. — OC

J&K consumers getting cheapest power: L-G

OUR CORRESPONDENT

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 12

“The consumers of Jammu and Kashmir are getting the cheapest power as compared to other states in the country. Besides, there has been no hike in power tariff in the Union Territory for the last three years,” Lieutenant Governor (L-G) Manoj Sinha said on Monday.

Sinha said he pointed this out as there were talks about electricity charges being increased. “In the last three years, there hasn't been an increase of even one paise in power tariff...if you compare

it to neighbouring states or any state or UT in the country, cheapest power is being supplied to the consumers in J&K.” Sinha said, while addressing mediapersons in Srinagar about the Jammu and Kashmir Budget passed in the Parliament. He said the government had “repaid power sector dues of about Rs 28,000 crore, which were pending and rising for several years.”

He highlighted that a Budget of Rs 1,18,390 crore was passed for the UT for 2024-25, which was Rs 30,889 crore higher than the expenditure of 2023-24. The L-G further said the tax/gross domestic product (GDP) ratio for 2024-25 was projected at 7.92 per cent, which is 5.68 per cent higher than that of previous fiscal. The revenue expenditure for 2024-25 is pegged at Rs 81,486 crore. Sinha said, “Historically, Jammu and Kashmir has faced challenges in fiscal

management due to the unabated pressures of externally sponsored terrorism and the high levels of committed expenditure and Aggregate Technical and Commercial (ATC) losses in power sector had accentuated these challenges.” “Hence over the past year, the UT government has stressed on revenue augmentation, improving project execution, reducing ATC losses and improving the quality of governance,” he said, adding that J&K had seen a period marked by peace, prosperity and optimism during the last five years.

DC gets 2 days to decide on apology in contempt case

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 12

The High Court today granted two days to Ganderbal DC Shyambir Singh to decide if he was willing to submit an affidavit of apology to a subordinate court in a criminal contempt case. A Division Bench of Justice Atul Sreedharan and Justice Sanjeev Kumar listed the case on August 14.

The proceedings against Singh, a 2018-batch IAS officer serving as Ganderbal DC since 2022, were initiated after allegations surfaced that he had retaliated against Ganderbal Sub-Judge Rayaz Ahmad Qureshi and allegedly abused his official position to intimidate and harass him. Qureshi had passed an order to attach Singh's salary due to non-compliance with an October 2022 judgment. — PTI



A protest held in Jammu over the doctor's rape & murder in West Bengal.

Jammu doctors protest in solidarity with Kolkata victim

JAMMU, AUGUST 12

Hundreds of resident doctors on Monday suspended their regular work and staged a peaceful rally here to lodge their protest against the recent rape and murder of a woman postgraduate trainee doctor in Kolkata. The protest coincided with the nationwide strike called by Federation of Resident

POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH
CORRIGENDUM
Ref: E-Tender Notice No. P/EP/24-25/01
Following changes are made:

Sr. No.	Equipment/Item Name	Original Bid Submission Date	Revised Bid Submission Date	Original Bid Opening Date	Revised Bid Opening Date	Dept. Name
4.	Online Examination (Computer Based Test)	13.08.2024	31.08.2024	14.08.2024	02.09.2024	Academic Section

All other details shall remain the same. DI-10427 Professor In-Charge (EPI)

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
TENDER NOTICE NO: 13 (2024) DATED: 12.08.2024
Executive Engineer (C), Punjab Mandi Board, Sri Muktsar Sahib invites bids from eligible bidders enlisted with Punjab Mandi Board For Special Repair of various L/Roads (Sub Grade to Premix Carpet including Const. of Culverts, Drain and Supply & Fixing of road structure) in Assembly Constituency Gidderbaha, Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib. For detail, terms and conditions or notice inviting bids, refer to website: www.eproc.punjab.gov.in
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Sd/- Executive Engineer (C), Punjab Mandi Board, Sri Muktsar Sahib.
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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 under mentioned work from the eligible and approved contractors/firms registered with H.P.PWD.

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1.	Construction of Ayurvedic Health Centre at Ghasni GP Kothari Tehsil Rohru Distt. Shimla H.P. (SH- C/O Bid. Portion, WS & SI., Rain water harvesting tank, Septic Tank & Site Development etc.)	7951436/-	24.08.2024

Earnest money: 159029/-
Deadline for submission bid: 31.08.2024
The Bidders are advised to note other details for tenders and letter No. PWD(B) A3/1/2020 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 HP
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Public Notice
Subject: Public hearing notice in the matter of finalization of draft Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Levy and Collection of Fee and Charges by the State Load Despatch Centre) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2024.
Public Notice relating to the subject matter has been published in two newspapers i.e. 'Hindustan Times' and 'Amar Ujala' on 11 July 2024. As per the said public notice, the last date of filing objections/suggestions is 07 August 2024.
This is to inform the stakeholders and the general public that a public hearing in the subject matter which was scheduled to be held on 14 August 2024 from 11:00 AM onwards in the HPERC shall now be held on 16 August 2024 from 11:00 AM onwards.
Place: Shimla
Dated: 12.08.2024.
By Order of the Commission
-sd- (Chhavi Nanta) HPAS Secretary

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going back more than two decades wherein BT owned 21 per cent stake along with two board seats in Bharti Airtel Limited from 1997-2001. Today marks a significant milestone in Bharti Group's history as we invest in BT, an iconic British company.”

Bharti hopes that this investment will further help create new synergies in the telecom sector between both countries in the areas of AI and 5G R&D and core engineering among others, offering great potential to collaborate on industry best practices and emerging technologies.

The shares will be purchased through Bharti Televentures UK Ltd, a company established and wholly owned by Bharti Global. Bharti Televentures UK Ltd has entered into a binding agreement with Altice UK to acquire 9.99 per cent stake of BT Group's issued capital imminently with the balance 14.51 per cent of BT's share capital to be acquired following receipt of applicable regulatory clearances.

Shravin Bharti Mittal, managing director of Bharti Global and founder of Unbound, the long-term global tech investment fund, said, “We review global investment opportunities in the world of technology from digital infrastructure to software. BT is well known to us from the long association with Bharti, so we are pleased to have this opportunity to acquire a significant stake in the company. We believe that BT is poised for leadership in the telecom arena, especially home broadband services.”

Drowning in Gurugram: ₹100 cr spent in...

accountable. The city has become a national shame, but what action has been taken? They hold a meeting every month, but the situation worsens each passing year. We constituted the GMDA to improve coordination in 2016 and have been facing nothing short of flashfloods since. The city contributes 70% of the state's revenue and has the richest MC, yet it lacks drains in many areas. Drains are not cleaned and pumps are absent,” said Rao Narbeer, a former minister.

As per records of the MCG, GMDA and MCM, over 50% drains were not cleaned before the monsoon. While many drains have been encroached upon, delay in tender process or contractors abandoning work midway have been cited as reasons. The NHAI, accord-

CM SAINI HAD NOTHING TO SAY

“Why will officials work when even the government doesn't care? CM Nayab Singh Saini was in the city when it was drowning. He saw everything, but there was no word on the situation or action against those responsible for it. Solving this issue requires intent, which they lack. Raj Babbar, CONGRESS LEADER

ing to sources, failed to complete 60 per cent of pre-monsoon cleaning along expressways and peripheral roads. Every year, the story is the same: 70 per cent of the city is impacted during rains. “Cleaning of drains is a basic civic exercise undertaken even in villages, and here, in the Millennium City, they do not bother with it. Newer an area more flooded it is. The agencies keep passing the buck and residents have to suffer,” said Praveen Malik, president, United Association of New Gurugram. The civic agencies, too, are not oblivious to the lack of coordination. At a meeting chaired by the GMDA CEO, A. Sreenivas, it was highlighted how drains were non-existent in several MC areas, while many had not been connected to the master drain. The MCG Commissioner, Dr Narahari Banger, said areas under the MCG were cleared of rainwater within an hour.

SC: Highways not parking...

should be opened on both sides of the road. The SC was hearing the Haryana Government's petition challenging the July 10 order of the Punjab and Haryana HC requiring it to remove within a week the barricades at the Shambhu border. On behalf of the Haryana Government, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta submitted the DGPs of both states should sit together and think of a solution. Punjab and Haryana submitted a list of names of “neutral” persons to the top court to be included in a panel proposed to be set up to talk to protesting farmers to find out an amicable solution to their demands. Appreciating the efforts made by both the states in proposing the names of “apoliti-

cal” persons, the Bench said it would pass a detailed order on the composition of the committee and its mandate on August 22 – the next date of hearing. The SC turned down a request made by Mehta and Senior Additional Advocate General Lokesh Sinhal to stay the HC order on a judicial probe by a retired judge into the death of a protesting farmer allegedly due to a bullet fired by the police. Noting that the panel had been asked to examine if the force used by the police was proportionate or not, Mehta said a judicial commission should never ascertain this fact as it could demoralise the police. The Bench, however, said the committee's findings were ultimately an opinion and it

would be for the high court to accept or reject the same. Maintaining that farmers have a right to voice their grievances, the SC on August 2 asked the governments of Punjab and Haryana not to precipitate the situation at the Shambhu border where farmers have been camping since February. “In a democratic set-up, yes, they have a right to voice their grievances. Those grievances can be voiced at their place also,” the Bench had said. “Nobody should precipitate the situation. Don't hurt their (farmers') sentiments. But as a state... you try to persuade them that as far as tractors, JCB machines and agricultural equipment are concerned, let those be taken to places where those are required,” it had said.

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE/ CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT/ EMD (APPROX.) IN LACS	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/ EMAIL
1.	Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division No. 1 at Chandigarh	PROVIDING AND FIXING STAINLESS STEEL KITCHEN EQUIPMENTS AT PUNJAB BHAWAN, SECTOR-03, CHANDIGARH	12.08.2024/ 20.08.2024	20.00 THOUSAND	9872519223 eegw1@yahooin
2.	District Sports Officer, Hoshiarpur	Providing diet/Refreshment to the players Participation in Block Level Tournament 2024 in 10 Blocks.	13.08.2024/ 26.08.2024	20.00 THOUSAND	8568080808 dsoshoharpur0529@gmail.com
3.	Executive Engineer, Building & Stores Division, Punjab Chandigarh	Disposal of Unserviceable/Condemned T&P/Stock Items of Pasala, Ludhiana, Faridkot	13.08.2024/ 03.09.2024	1.80 LACS	8196817336 eeworkshop38@gmail.com
4.	Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, (C&M) Division, Pasala	Remodeling and Renovation of Pond at Vill. Mandipur, Isherheri, Alipur Wazir Sahib & Chuhat, Block Bhuneheri (Convergence with MGNREGA)	09.08.2024/ 23.08.2024	4.42 LACS	9815466866 xenprdpasala@yahoo.in
5.	Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division No. 2, Ferozepur	Repair of 6 Nos. Existing RO Plant at various Villages of Division No. 2, Ferozepur (Under Head 4215)	14.08.2024/ 20.08.2024	23.32 THOUSAND	9779584478 eewss.div2ferozepurpb@yahoo.com
6.	Deputy Director, Horticulture, Jalandhar	Winter Vegetables Seed Kits Preparation	27.08.2024/ 27.08.2024	5.00 THOUSAND	9356501600 ddhjalandhar181@gmail.com
7.	District Sports Officer, Jalandhar	Providing Diet/Refreshment for Players Block Level Games under Khedra Vatan Punjab 2024	13.08.2024/ 28.08.2024	29.00 THOUSAND	9417397116 dsjalandhar@gmail.com
8.	Executive Engineer, Construction Division, PWD (B&R) Branch, Pathankot	UPGRADATION/RENOVATION OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTRE AT BAMLADA IN DISTT. PATHANKOT	13.08.2024/ 27.08.2024	0.20 LACS	9988254750 eecdphkpwdpb@gmail.com
9.	Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, PWD (B&R) Branch, Jalandhar Cantt.	CONSTN. OF WOMEN PAVILION (1 & 2) CRICKET STADIUM PUNJAB WHICH INCLUDES WASHROOM FACILITIES & SEPARATE CHANGING ROOM FOR WOMEN PLAYERS & SITTING FACILITIES FOR PLAYERS/TEAMS/AUDIENCE IN BURLTON PARK AT DISTT. JAL.	12.08.2024/ 26.08.2024	1.29 LACS	8288699999 eepdjalwpdp@gmail.com
10.	Senior Medical Officer, I.C Civil Hospital, Jagraon (Ludhiana)	1. Sanitation Worker Tender	12.08.2024/ 19.08.2024	50.00 THOUSAND	9872073684 chjagraon@gmail.com
11.	District Sports Officer, Amritsar	Providing Diet at Kheda Vatan Punjab Diya for 10 Different Blocks in Amritsar (see detail at website)	12.08.2024/ 27.08.2024	40.00 THOUSAND	9888007250 amritsardso@yahoo.in
12.	District Sports Officer, Malerkotla	Diet/Refreshment for players in Block Level Tournament - Block Malerkotla, Amargarh & Ahamedgarh	13.08.2024/ 27.08.2024	30.00 THOUSAND	9914147151 dsomalerkotla@gmail.com
13.	Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, PWD (B&R) Branch, SAS Nagar	Up-gradation/Renovation Health & Wellness Center Village Daun, District Mohali & Renovation of Automated Driving Test Track, Mohali.	14.08.2024/ 29.08.2024	79.84 THOUSAND	9779970088 ee.pd.moh.pwd@punjab.gov.in

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Kolkata horror

Safety of medical staff must be prioritised

THE rape-murder of a post-graduate trainee doctor at a state-run medical college and hospital in Kolkata has shocked the nation and triggered countrywide protests by doctors and medical students. The chilling brutality of the crime has led to comparisons with the 2012 Nirbhaya case, which had shaken our collective conscience and served as a catalyst for tightening rape laws. The resident doctor was sexually assaulted and killed in a seminar hall, where she had gone to take a short break from her strenuous duty. The college principal has resigned, while two security guards have been expelled for dereliction of duty. Nothing less than a high-level probe is needed to get to the bottom of this horrifying matter.

The need to ensure the safety and security of health-care professionals cannot be overemphasised. What makes life-savers and healers vulnerable to violence and harassment? Gruelling timings, especially odd hours, excessive workload due to staff shortage, the entry of unauthorised or undesirable persons and undue pressure from some patients' families are key factors. During the Covid-19 pandemic, countless doctors had put their lives on the line to save patients; around 1,600 of them didn't survive. Yet, the medical community remains unappreciated and unprotected.

Doctors and paramedics simply cannot discharge their duties to the best of their ability if the fear of being attacked or accosted hounds them at every step. A Bill seeking to safeguard healthcare personnel and the property of medical institutions remains in limbo. Practically nothing has changed on the ground since Kerala doctor Vandana Das was stabbed to death by a drug addict at a hospital in May last year. And not many remember the case of Aruna Shanbaug, a nurse who was sexually assaulted in a Mumbai hospital in 1973 and spent the next four decades in a vegetative state before she breathed her last. Will the Kolkata horror pave the way for much-needed reforms? Let's see.

Climate-resilient crops

Encourage adoption, fund research to the hilt

CHANGING monsoon patterns, deadlier heat-waves, rising sea levels and intense storms pose an acute risk to the agriculture sector in India, a report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change warned last month. Climate change is predicted to drastically reduce agriculture cover and crop yields in the absence of mitigation strategies. The impact will be more pronounced for small-scale producers who are highly dependent on rain-fed agriculture. Climate-resilient crops are intended to maintain or increase yields under stressful conditions. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research started its project on innovations in climate-resilient farming in 2011. The launch of several high-yielding, climate-resilient crop varieties by the Prime Minister is a continuation of such endeavours. The government says its target to increase the paddy area with climate-resistant seeds this year follows the success of such seeds in the bumper wheat harvest. Indigenous solutions need consistent support, including by incentivising private sector participation.

There is no dearth of national programmes that have been activated for climate change adaptation. They range from promoting judicious management of available resources and water conservation to protecting forest cover and the Soil Health Card scheme that aims to curb the overuse of urea fertilisers. The progress of crop diversification is slow, even as several states are promoting organic farming on a wider scale. Technology demonstration alone cannot ensure optimum adoption. Equally significant is the farmers' access to scientific inputs and the effectiveness of outreach services.

Amid the debate on what's best for the farmer, building a broad consensus on adopting climate-friendly agriculture practices would be in order. As would be assured support for exhaustive empirical studies on their efficiency. Research and development must get the top billing.

ON THIS DAY...50 YEARS AGO

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CHANDIGARH, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 1974

Public and private interest

THE essence of a modern democratic government is full publicity to all business that is of public interest, but several Union Ministers seem to think otherwise. Thereby, they reflect their disbelief in the precept that the State itself is public property and that it must do everything above board. This is evident from Labour Minister Raghunatha Reddy's refusal, in the Lok Sabha on August 8, to divulge the contents of the Chakravarti Committee report on a wages and income policy. He needlessly created suspicion by insisting that the report was "a secret document" and meant for the Government's "internal use". What precisely is a popularly elected Government's "internal use" of a report on wages? The implicit secretiveness strikes at the root of government by open discussion and consensus. Reddy said the document was intended "to help the Government understand certain problems connected with wages, profits and income policy". What the people's Government wishes to understand, the people themselves wish to understand even more clearly. Otherwise, it would be a closed and not an open society where everything is expected to be subjected to the public gaze all the time, with no iron or nylon curtain to suit the administration's convenience. Reports dealing with defence and national security may, with some justification, be treated as confidential. Premature disclosure of vital details would mean offering military secrets on a platter to a hostile country. Even in this sphere, the people's fundamental right to know is being increasingly asserted.

Too early for India to intervene in B'desh

New Delhi is currently in no position to influence the events in the neighbouring country

KP NAYAR
STRATEGIC ANALYST

THE best option for India in dealing with Bangladesh after the exit of Sheikh Hasina into exile is not to do anything now. With a torrent of advice, suggestions, tips and hypothetical expertise flowing from the humble teashops of Siliguri in West Bengal to think tanks in New Delhi brimming with erudition, it is not easy for policymakers in the national capital to sit tight while an important neighbouring country is in turmoil.

The government was particularly vulnerable to criticism by the political class because Parliament was in session when Hasina left her country and arrived in India. Ministers and senior officials had to be seen as being responsive to the situation across the eastern border or face flak. Besides, the evolving national mood in India in the last decade has been one of assertion, be it in foreign policy or sports, to mention two spheres of activity that are currently dominating the 24-hour news cycle.

To borrow from the memorable phraseology of then US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld in the run-up to the invasion of Iraq two decades ago, there is little point in discussing the 'known knowns' about Bangladesh. That has been the essence of public discourse in this country since student protests erupted in Bangladesh. What is important are the 'unknown unknowns' about Bangladesh. Rumsfeld had said in 2002 that these are "the ones we don't know that we don't know. And if one looks throughout the history of our country and other free countries, it is the latter category that tends to be the difficult ones."

That being the case, India must



GOOD CALL: It is to External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's credit that he did not use the worn-out cliché 'wait and watch' when he briefed Parliament on August 6 about developments in India's eastern neighbourhood. ❧

pause until the unknown unknowns about Bangladesh — the domestic evolution there, its external dimensions, the fallout on India, etc — translate into the first category, that is, the known knowns. As a rule, governments and their image-makers are loath to accept inaction as policy. Former Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao was an exception to this. He once famously remarked that "even not taking a decision is a decision." Rao practised this dictum in many spheres when he was the head of government in a fluid political environment, often with remarkable success. India's best recourse now is to follow this truism in dealing with the uncertain situation that has unfolded in Bangladesh. In any case, the stark reality is that India is currently in no position to influence the events there. Beyond urging restraint and perhaps making an issue of Hinduphobia at the United Nations, can India do anything to stop the attacks on minorities and prevent further destruction of Hindu temples in Bangladesh? Surely, the Indian Army is not going to march across the border to provide security to temples and preserve them! At television studios across

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this country, panellists who seek their 15 minutes of fame are not going to accept that India is helpless in this matter. Even if it were feasible, the Indian government is not foolhardy enough to resort to any such course. If there is a fundamental threat to India's national security, the Cabinet Committee on Security will surely act, as it has done many times before. But we are not there yet. Incendiary rhetoric, a sadly familiar feature of Indian society now, must stop.

If India is to have a realistic Bangladesh policy once things

settle down in Dhaka, it must not fall for fanciful depictions of how good things were in the neighbouring country during Hasina's rule. It is a safe assumption based on extended conversations and the fallout of public opinion from Kolkata to Kochi and from Gurugram to Gandhinagar that most Indians have come to believe that the best is behind for Bangladesh. And that it is now staring into an abyss of regressive forces and Islamic nationalists whose agenda is to destroy the friendship that Hasina struggled to create with successive Indian leaders. There is, of course, no polling or any scientific evidence to support this assertion.

No one will dispute that Bangladesh's performance in many sectors was worthy of emulation by other similarly placed nations. After all, how many other countries in our time have pulled themselves up by their bootstraps and graduated out of the Least Developed Country rankings by global parameters? Dhaka would have done just that in two more years, but that outcome is now in doubt — unless its new, interim leader, Muhammad Yunus, can perform a miracle of creating

national cohesion and sustaining human development alongside.

Even those who have only dabbled in foreign policy — though for decades — know that India has gone through this before. When the Shah of Iran had to flee his country in 1979, much like Hasina now, Indians were similarly sorry because he had tried to be friends with India in his later years as a monarch. He had downgraded relations with Pakistan in a zero-sum game. Most Indians failed to grasp the meaning of Iran's historic Islamic revolution. New Delhi had a tough time building bridges with Qom, and relations did not stabilise until Rao visited Tehran in 1993.

A serious mistake that Indians are making in forming their opinions about Hasina's troubles and Yunus' challenge is to conclude that Bangladesh was a peaceful country during the now-exiled Prime Minister's rule. Bangladesh was created because the blood of East Bengalis was being shed before Partition and after it became East Pakistan. Its bloodletting has continued throughout. If Hasina had not fled, she would have likely met the same tragic fate as her father.

Counting mutinies, revolts and coups d'état — all with fatalities — Bangladesh has encountered 15 attempts to change its governments by force. Two of its Presidents have been assassinated. In addition, the army has intervened to change governments peacefully. No other country in South Asia has experienced such violent transfers of power. By comparison, Pakistan has had only five successful coups. 'Wait and watch' is one of the more popular clichés in diplomacy, although in reality it has no meaning. It is to External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's credit that he did not use this worn-out cliché when he briefed Parliament on August 6 about developments in India's eastern neighbourhood. With formidable resources, both overt and covert, India will hopefully be in a position to act if the situation demands in a few months. Now is not the time to act.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Sincere diplomacy is no more possible than dry water or wooden iron. —Joseph Stalin

Pride of place at Bara Khana

NJ RAVI CHANDER

I grew up listening to stories about World War II from my uncles, granduncles and grandparents who served in the war. My paternal uncle Major P Sampangi Raju's unit, 12 Field Company of the Madras Sappers, was among the first to go overseas and distinguish itself on the battlefield.

In October 1939, the 12 Field Company joined a combat unit in Egypt. The soldiers' versatility and adaptability were evident as they built camps and huddled accommodation and initiated defence works. They took part in the encounter with the Italians at Sidi Barrani and were engaged in water supply, track repair, mine lifting and obstacle demolition. The operation in Sudan, as part of the Fourth Infantry Division, highlighted their adaptability. They provided long-range reconnaissance patrols and did mine and track construction. They participated in the fighting that led to a spectacular victory over the Italian forces and the capture of Keren.

Major Raju was awarded the Indian Order of Merit for his exceptional courage, initiative, skill and devotion to duty in detecting and destroying minefields during this operation. Later, he was decorated with the Indian Distinguished Service Medal and the Vishisht Seva Medal. The MEG Museum and Archives in Bengaluru showcase his medals.

On one occasion, Major Raju and a fellow soldier were riding atop an armoured tank with its hatch open when they came under heavy enemy fire. My uncle dived into the mouth of the tank headlong and escaped with his life. But his mate, who jumped in with his leg down, didn't survive after being shot in the head.

A little-known incident occurred during the African campaign. Col DN Das, who commanded 12 Field Company in the early 1960s, narrated it: 'When I first met Chatu (Major Raju), he was the oldest hand in the company. He was a sweeper who enrolled just before the company embarked on the desert campaign and had served in it throughout the war. He enjoyed unusual freedom in his dealings with the men, calling platoon havildars and NCOs by name and participating in all the chores and activities.'

Col Das further said: 'What caught my attention was that he was the first to be served at the company *Bara Khana*. Major Raju told me the story behind this unusual custom. During the African campaign, some sappers were trapped inside a minefield. At nightfall, they were still there, without food or water. Chatu volunteered to carry sustenance to them. The Officer Commanding, Major Cameron, honoured him for his selfless courage. At a *Bara Khana* held after the war, Major Cameron led Chatu to the table and insisted that he be served first. The tradition continued till the day Chatu left the company, on retirement.'

Being introduced to King George VI in Tunisia was a source of great pride for Major Raju. This royal introduction was a testament to the recognition he received for his exceptional service. Besides, a ground on the MEG campus has been christened 'Sampangi Circus' in his honour, further cementing his legacy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Violence against health workers

The rape and murder of an on-duty doctor at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata is horrifying. The fact that the perpetrator managed to commit the heinous act at a medical facility with security arrangements in place is mind-boggling. The incident exposes the extent of negligence on the part of the authorities concerned. It is a pity that no effective steps have been taken to ensure the safety of healthcare workers, who toil day and night under enormous pressure. It is incumbent on West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee to ensure that the guilty is brought to book. Besides, all states should come up with stringent laws to deter violence against medical professionals.

DVG SANKARA RAO, VIZIANAGARAM

Counter allegations with facts

With reference to the editorial 'Hindenburg at it again', the allegations against SEBI chairperson Madhabi Buch and her husband raise serious questions about the credibility of India's market regulator. The claims of conflict of interest, if left unaddressed, could erode investors' confidence and undermine the integrity of our financial system. This is an issue that transcends corporate manoeuvring. It is essentially a matter of transparency and accountability. Dismissing the allegations as 'baseless' or branding those making them as conspirators is not enough. SEBI must counter the claims with facts or risk losing the trust of the very investors it is meant to protect.

GURDEV SINGH, BY MAIL

SC strikes the right balance

The Supreme Court has done well to partially stay the Mumbai college circular banning the hijab while upholding restrictions on the niqab and burqa. The decision balances religious sentiments with modern educational needs and fosters inclusivity while maintaining discipline and uniformity. The nuanced approach adopted by the apex court will go a long way towards promoting progressive educational spaces. Besides, the ruling can serve as a template for handling such sensitive issues without causing polarisation.

AMANJOT KAUR, MOHALI

Get the House in order

Apropos of 'Oppn must apologise, says Scindia' (Dhankhar-Jaya face-off); Union Min-

ister for Communications Jyotiraditya Scindia has rightly called on Opposition leaders to apologise to Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar over his recent spat with Samajwadi Party MP Jaya Bachchan. The lawmakers must be respectful while dealing with dignitaries holding constitutional posts. Just recently, V-P Dhankhar had to tell MP Jaya that her celebrity status did not give her the right to disturb the decorum of the House. The Rajya Sabha MP is known for her haughty behaviour. A few days ago, she even took exception to being addressed as 'Jaya Amitabh Bachchan' in the House, insisting that her identity not be tied to her husband's name. This was so needless.

UPENDRA SHARMA, BY MAIL

Don't disrupt House proceedings

It has become increasingly common for Opposition MPs in the Rajya Sabha to disrespect Upper House Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar. It seems like a calculated move by them to derail the proceedings of Parliament. MP Jaya Bachchan recently sparked a massive controversy when she objected to being called 'Jaya Amitabh Bachchan' in Parliament. Her attempt to politicise a non-issue was condemnable. This is nothing but a nefarious design to create a flutter and cause disruptions.

ASHOK KUMAR, BY MAIL

Bring our men back

The delay in the discharge of the 69 Indian nationals still fighting in the Russian army is a matter of grave concern. Going by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's recent remarks on the matter in the Lok Sabha, Russian authorities maintain that the Indian citizens had signed contracts for service with the Russian armed forces. Though PM Narendra Modi took up the issue with President Vladimir Putin last month, and he was assured by the latter of their prompt release, there is still no sign that our men will be brought back home soon. Some of the Indians recruited into the Russian army have already perished. It is time for New Delhi to facilitate a speedy return of our nationals. Besides, the powers that be must crack down on the unscrupulous travel agents responsible for pushing Indians into the war against their will.

HARSH SHARMA, JALANDHAR

Tech-driven initiatives are redefining judiciary



JUSTICE D.Y. CHANDRACHUD
CHIEF JUSTICE OF INDIA

I AM delighted to deliver the inaugural address at this national conference, which aims to explore the transformative impact of technology on India's courts and map our future trajectory. The convening of this conference underscores the significant progress we have made in harnessing technology to enhance justice delivery. Even before I assumed the office of Chief Justice of India, I had the privilege of serving as the chairperson of the Supreme Court's e-committee. I have closely observed the remarkable evolution in our discourse on the subject over the last four years, progressing from discussing the need for technology to delving into its intricacies and best practices. Today, technology is acknowledged as an indispensable catalyst for accessible justice.

There is no better evidence of the depth of our discourse than the agenda of this conference, carefully curated by our colleagues from the High Court of Punjab and Haryana. The discussions on themes ranging from technical strategies to critical issues like arti-

ficial intelligence (AI) and data security highlight how we are no longer debating whether to adopt technology but rather how best to harness it. When I was a young judge of the Bombay High Court, most judges didn't even know how to operate a desktop. Yet, look at how much we have transformed as an institution and as individuals. People often remark when I approach the desk, "Oh Chief, are you going to talk about technology once again?" But what they may not realise is that technology, as a tool to access justice, is deeply intertwined with the very foundations of our republic. It enhances transparency, democracy and equitable access to justice — values that are the cornerstone of our republic.

One quintessential example of technology augmenting transparency in our judicial system is the live-streaming of cases and the facility of hybrid hearings. Virtual hearings are now a normative practice across the country, from the Supreme Court to tribunals, and have been used to hear over eight lakh cases. This shift amplifies transparency and accountability for litigants, lawyers and the public. With hybrid hearings, lawyers can appear before courts across the country, ensuring that the best legal representation is accessible to our citizens. Even litigants can log into their hearings and witness proceedings firsthand, holding us judges accountable



LIMITED ROLE: AI and tech can serve to augment our human capabilities, but not replace them. **PI**

for our words and actions. Innovative initiatives like the National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG) have revolutionised transparency in our judicial system. The NJDG provides real-time data on case pendency and disposal rates, empowering citizens to monitor court efficiency. I invite the chief justices to encourage all administrative judges of the high courts to use the NJDG. The virtual justice clock installed in courts across the country takes this a step further, offering a visual representation of key parameters. AI-generated transcripts of arguments before the Supreme Court's Constitution Benches have created a valuable, freely available resource for researchers, legal practitioners and academics. These transcripts offer a reliable

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record of deliberations, and I find them extremely helpful when crafting judgments on complex questions of law. Transparency not only makes our institution more accountable but also enhances the quality of our jurisprudence. When I was invited to become a judge of the high court in 1998, I consulted many learned people. One of them, Justice AP Sen, told me that a judge always leaves footprints in the sand — the written word. Today, with the benefit of modern technology, the transcripts of legal arguments presented would be an eternal resource for future generations to understand the legal minds that shaped our decisions.

The facility of hybrid hearings also plays a vital role in increasing access to justice. A

classic example is a special Lok Adalat organised by the Supreme Court recently, which successfully disposed of over a thousand pending cases. This lok adalat would not have been possible without technology. Members of District Legal Services Authorities, litigants and lawyers from across the country participated effortlessly, enhancing efficiency and promoting equity and accessibility.

For democracy to flourish, every citizen must feel connected to our institutions. One significant barrier preventing citizens from engaging with the judiciary, especially the high courts and the Supreme Court, is language. Our higher judiciary predominantly carries out its official work in English. However, with the help of the Supreme Court Vidic Anuvad Software (SUVAS), we are actively translating judgments into regional languages. To date, 69,841 judgments have been translated and uploaded, including 36,280 in Hindi, 20,119 in Punjabi, and others in languages like Malayalam, Marathi, Tamil, Telugu and Gujarati.

Democratising the judicial system requires more than just installing world-class technological infrastructure. We must ensure that this technology reaches and benefits every corner of the country. The establishment of e-seva kendras nationwide is essential to complementing our virtual infrastructure. These centres

empower litigants to access case information, facilitate e-filing and bridge the access-to-justice gap for citizens who may not have access or need support to utilise our virtual facilities.

As part of our mission of inclusion, we have been holding training programmes for differently abled staff across high courts in India, making them aware of the technological tools available for effective work. This address would be incomplete without discussing the role of AI in the judicial process and the legal profession. While AI can augment tasks that can be automated, it cannot replace the innovative spark, emotional intelligence and nuanced judgments that define our humanity.

The Supreme Court has opened up its web portal for a second hackathon focusing on AI, with themes like using AI to lift metadata from case files and developing intelligent chatbots for litigants. The world is moving at an enormous pace and we must be open to absorbing ideas from beyond the judiciary. The legal profession can deeply benefit from AI and automation for routine tasks, leaving lawyers with more time for high-value activities like legal strategy and innovative argumentation. While we must welcome AI and technology, we must ensure they serve to augment our human capabilities and not replace them.

Excerpted from CJI's address held at the Chandigarh Judicial Academy on Saturday

SEBI-Hindenburg-Adani row shows mishandling of credibility crisis



SUCHETA DALAL
SENIOR JOURNALIST

THE manner in which India's market regulator, the Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI), has gone about investigating the astounding rise in share prices of the Adani Group has been troubling for independent observers, even before Hindenburg Research released its explosive report in January 2023. This harks back to the tenure of another chairperson who is now associated with the industry group, but it was always assumed that SEBI's reluctance was primarily due to political compulsions.

Having ignored the inexplicable price run-up, SEBI, under the present chief, framed its post-Hindenburg investigation primarily on short-selling activities. Even a novice investor understands that short-selling opportunities emerge only when stock prices soar far beyond a company's fundamentals or future prospects. The explosive new 'whistle-blower' documents released by Hindenburg Research on August 10 give a new twist to

the issue and have led to a full-blown credibility crisis at the market regulator. They question chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch's (MPB) integrity and disclosure with a set of facts and documents. As one of the top five capital markets in the world and a key resource mobiliser for the Indian economy, restoring confidence in the independence of our regulatory mechanism is of paramount importance today. What we are witnessing instead is a textbook example of how not to handle such a situation. In the 36 hours since Hindenburg released its sensational allegations, there has been silence from the government and the finance ministry, which oversees SEBI. Instead, we have seen a series of statements from those involved, which raise more questions than they answer.

Late on Sunday night, SEBI decided that Hindenburg's allegations "warrant an appropriate response". When serious allegations are made against the chairperson and the regulator, an appropriate response cannot be anonymous. It is unclear who is taking responsibility for the press release or whether the issue was even discussed by the board or with the ministry. Exhibiting a complete lack of understanding of the situation, SEBI issued an unsigned press release listing its actions in the Adani matter and defending the chairperson without any semblance of inquiry. It claims that MPB



WAY FORWARD: An independent, time-bound probe leading to credible action is the need of the hour. **REUTERS**

had "recused herself" in matters of potential conflicts of interest; whether she did so in the Adani investigation is not answered.

Meanwhile, there seems to be a concerted attempt to question Hindenburg's credibility and silence or discredit anyone attempting a serious analysis. Unless the government comes up with a nuanced response, these actions will only harm India's credibility.

Despite the clarifications offered by various parties, many issues require further scrutiny. It is now an indisputable fact that MPB and her husband had investments in an offshore entity (Global Dynamic Opportunities Fund Ltd), which was part of the same named entities used by Vinod Adani (Gautam Adani's brother) that were under SEBI's investigation. This warranted a clear disclosure.

It is imperative that SEBI remains credible and is seen to adhere to the rules & compliance standards it imposes on all stakeholders.

SEBI has a precedent of the chairperson (CB Bhavde) being ring-fenced from issues, even when they did not involve personal investments. Even if the investment was redeemed, MPB ought to have recused herself and created a board-monitored committee, perhaps comprising the three whole-time members, to handle the Adani investigation, in consultation with the government. Since this did not happen, it raises questions about MPB's two meetings with Gautam Adani while the investigations were ongoing. No disclosure or recusal happened even when the matter reached the Supreme Court and an expert committee was appointed, specifically to examine if there were regulatory lapses in investigating the Adani Group.

MPB's dealings with Trident Trust Company are perplexing. On the one hand, a letter from

her husband Dhaval Buch states that their "accounts be registered solely in his name", yet the email registered to the account remains that of MPB, who continues to receive investment details. Why did she send a redemption request from her email in 2018 when the funds were solely held by Dhaval? In India, this would have fallen foul of compliance requirements and attracted penal action by SEBI. It now raises red flags about the real ownership of funds.

MPB and her husband have confirmed their holdings in two separate consultancy companies. MPB says she transferred her entire holding in the Singapore entity, Agora Partners, to her husband, who became a 100 per cent shareholder in March 2022. This was two weeks after being appointed chairperson in her second stint at SEBI. She continues to hold a 99 per cent stake in the India-registered Agora Advisory Pvt Ltd. While the couple says the two entities "became immediately dormant on her appointment with SEBI" in 2017, Hindenburg has released documents showing that the Indian entity is active and generating revenue.

The clarificatory statement by MPB and Dhaval itself seems contradictory. It says that Dhaval started his own consultancy practice through these companies after retiring from Unilever. This confirms that the company is not dormant, so it is unclear if 'prominent clients in the

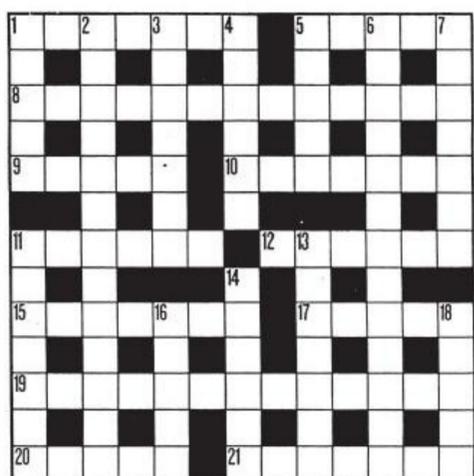
Indian industry' that it does business with are SEBI-regulated entities, since the SEBI chairperson remains a 99 per cent owner of the firm.

Another disclosure by 360 One Wam Ltd (formerly IIFL Wealth Management) revealed investment details of MPB and her husband, raising a crucial question posed by MP Mahua Moitra: if foreign portfolio investment records down to the last natural person were made available so quickly by one entity, why did SEBI "hit a wall" in its investigation, as noted by the Supreme Court?

An independent, time-bound investigation leading to credible action, one way or another, alone will restore SEBI's credibility. Rather than a politically motivated joint parliamentary committee, a suggestion by former Revenue Secretary EAS Sarma seems a better option. Since the apex court has not yet closed the Adani cases, Sarma suggests that the Chief Justice could nominate a senior member of the judiciary to head an inquiry commission under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952.

India's national interest is not served by defending one business group. With a market capitalisation of several lakh crores of rupees and the savings of countless ordinary people riding on the market, it is imperative that SEBI remains credible and is seen to adhere to the rules and compliance standards it imposes on all stakeholders.

QUICK CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- Lose hope (7)
- Part of the eye (5)
- To an extent but not very well (5,1,7)
- Colour slightly (5)
- Hard-headed practical person (7)
- Command (6)
- Extravagantly showy (6)
- Orange-yellow colour (7)
- Continuously (2,3)
- Lose one's impetus (3,3,2,5)
- Have and use (5)
- Lecturer (7)

DOWN

- Handed out (5)
- Remain neutral in dispute (3,2,3,5)
- Stuffy (7)
- Change for the better (6)
- Spaghetti, ravioli etc. (5)
- Tiresome person or thing (4,2,3,4)
- Drawn-out (7)
- Scatter about (7)
- General survey (4-3)
- Bulb vegetables (6)
- Regular recurring series (5)
- Take exception (5)

Yesterday's solution

Across: 1 Rally, 8 Non-event, 9 Agony, 10 Sideline, 11 Poise, 12 Pen, 16 Galore, 17 Uppity, 18 Gab, 23 Snake, 24 Hard core, 25 Bigot, 26 Fair play, 27 Jetty.

Down: 2 As good as, 3 Long shot, 4 Docile, 5 Fever, 6 Merit, 7 Steep, 12 Peg, 13 Nub, 14 Open fire, 15 Stake out, 19 Abroad, 20 Chafe, 21 Frail, 22 Scope.

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FORECAST

SUNSET	TUESDAY	19-05 HRS
SUNRISE	WEDNESDAY	05-49 HRS
CITY	MAX	MIN
Chandigarh	34	26
New Delhi	33	26
Amritsar	34	26
Bathinda	35	27
Jalandhar	33	26
Ludhiana	34	26
Bhivani	33	27
Hisar	35	26
Sirsa	35	27
Dharamsala	28	18
Manali	24	17
Shimla	24	17
Srinagar	30	20
Jammu	33	24
Kargil	32	20
Leh	29	14
Dehradun	32	23
Mussoorie	20	16

TEMPERATURE IN °C

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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CALENDAR

- AUGUST 13, 2024, TUESDAY**
- Shaka Samvat 1946
 - Shravan Shaka 22
 - Shravan Parvishite 29
 - Hijari 1446
 - Shukla Paksha Tithi 8, up to 9.32 am
 - Brahma Yoga up to 4.33 pm
 - Vishakha Nakshatra up to 10.44 am
 - Moon in Scorpio sign
 - Shridurgashtmi

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1. Invitation of Applications

Online applications are invited for direct recruitment for the 1456 posts of Primary Teachers in Mewat Cadre (Group-C Services) mentioned below through the URL address i.e. <http://adv52024.hryssc.in/StaticPages/HomePage.aspx> from 12.08.2024 to 21.08.2024 till 11.59 P.M. The refferer website link will be disabled.

Details of Posts and Qualification**2. PRIMARY TEACHERS (PRT) (GROUP-C SERVICES) DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, HARYANA****Details of the Post:-**

Cat. No.	Name of the Post	Gen	SC	BCA	BCB	EWS	ESM Gen	ESM SC	ESM BCA	ESM BCB	Grand Total
1	Primary Teacher (Mewat Cadre)	607	300	242	170	71	50	6	5	5	1456

PWD (Person with Disability):- Total posts 58

(OH) = 15, (VH) = 15, (HH) = 14 & (BD) = 14

Cat. No. 1 1456 Posts of Primary Teachers (PRTs)

E.Q. (i) Senior Secondary (or its equivalent) with at least 50% marks and 2 year Diploma in Elementary Education; OR

Senior Secondary (or its equivalent) with at least 45% marks and 2 year Diploma in Elementary Education in accordance with the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure), Regulations 2002; OR

Senior Secondary (or its equivalent) with at least 50% marks and 4-year Bachelor of Elementary Education (B. El. Ed.); OR

Senior Secondary (or its equivalent) with at least 50% marks and 2 year Diploma in Education (Special Education); OR

B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. and 2-year Diploma in Elementary Education (by whatever name known);

(ii) Certificate of having qualified Haryana Teacher Eligibility Test (HTET)/School Teachers Eligibility Test (STET);

(iii) Matric with Hindi/Sanskrit or 10+2/B.A./M.A. with Hindi as one of the subject.

Note:- (i) Professional Training Diploma or Certificate awarded by any State, Board or University other than Haryana Education Department will be recognized only if this Degree or Diploma or Certificate has been recognized by the Haryana Government; AND

A Diploma/degree course in teacher education recognised by the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) only shall be considered. However, in case of Diploma in Education (Special Education) and B.Ed. (Special Education), a course recognized by the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) only shall be considered.

(ii) Candidate possessing higher academic or professional qualification will not be eligible unless he possesses the minimum qualification including HTET & experience, if any, prescribed for the said posts.

(iii) There will be relaxation of 5% in minimum qualifying marks at B.A./B.Sc./B.Com./Senior Secondary Level for Schedule Caste (SC)/Backward Class (BC)/Differently abled candidates.

(iv) Preference will be given to candidates who possess knowledge of URDU up to Matriculation/Middle Standard for posts of Primary Teachers (PRTs) for Mewat. Such candidates, if selected, shall serve only in Mewat

(v) School Education Department has clarified vide their order No. 15/6-2017 co(1) dated 06.08.2024 that validity of STET/HTET shall be for lifetime and STET/HTET Certificate expired on the date of notification i.e. 06.08.2024 will be treated as valid for this advertisement.

Age: 18-42 years.

Pay Scale: Rs. 9300-34800 with a grade pay of Rs. 4200/-

3. Relaxation in Age: As per Haryana Govt. Instructions No. 22/06/2021-IGS-III, Dated 25th March, 2022, benefit of relaxation in upper age limit, applicable to various categories, is as follows:

(i) Where the upper age limit is 42 years without any relaxation in age the same shall not exceed 52 years for the applicants who are entitled to get the benefit of relaxation in age of one or more categories under various circumstances mentioned below:-

Sr. No.	Categories where relaxation is admissible	No. of years of relaxation
(i)	Scheduled Castes	5 years' relaxation in age
(ii)	Backward Classes	5 years' relaxation in age
(iii)	Disabled persons who covered under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.	(i) 10 years' relaxation in age (+5 years if PwD applicant belongs to S/Caste, S/tribe, B/Castes, EWS Category) subject to maximum 52 years, for Group C & D Posts and also for Group A & B Posts where recruitment is made otherwise than through open competitive examination. (ii) 5 years' relaxation in age (+5 years if PwD applicant belongs to SC/Caste, S/tribe, B/Castes, EWS Category (subject to maximum 52 years) for Group A & B posts where recruitment is made through open competitive examination. Note:- Relaxation in age limit shall be applicable in irrespective of the fact whether the post is reserved for PwD or not, provided the post is identified suitable for persons with disabilities.
(iv)	Wives of military personnel who are disabled while in military service;	5 years' relaxation in age
(v)	Widowed or legally divorced women;	5 years' relaxation in age
(vi)	Judicially separated women residing separately for more than two years from the date as prescribed for the purpose of age for applicants of other 5 years' relaxation in age categories.	5 years' relaxation in age
(vii)	Unmarried women	5 years' relaxation in age
(viii)	Ex-servicemen/including Short Service Commissioned Officers and Emergency Commissioned Officers.	Relaxation in age to the extent of his military service added by three years provided:- (a) he has rendered continuous military service for a period of not less than six months before his release; and (b) he was released otherwise than by way of dismissal or discharge on account of misconduct or inefficiency.
(ix)	Persons who have already worked or presently working on adhoc/contract/work-charged/daily wages basis excluding the period of break, if any, including any other age relaxation admissible, if any, subject to maximum age of 52 years and also subject to the condition that if once a person has been appointed on regular basis in any Department/Board/Corporation etc. of Haryana Government with the benefit of relaxation in age he will not be entitled to avail the same again for any subsequent appointment.	Relaxation in age equal to the number of completed years only on equivalent post on adhoc/contract/work-charged/daily wages basis excluding the period of break, if any, including any other age relaxation admissible, if any, subject to maximum age of 52 years and also subject to the condition that if once a person has been appointed on regular basis in any Department/Board/Corporation etc. of Haryana Government with the benefit of relaxation in age he will not be entitled to avail the same again for any subsequent appointment.

Note 1. For appointment of an ex-serviceman to a post of Group A, B, C or D, his age will be calculated keeping in view the actual age minus (actual period of military service plus up to three years of break, if any, between military and civil service). If the resultant age does not exceed the maximum age limit, including the number of years of any other relaxation in age admissible to him, prescribed for the post for which he is seeking appointment he shall be deemed to satisfy the condition regarding age limit.

Note 2. The upper age limit of an applicant of any category (except Ex-servicemen) shall not exceed 52 years who is entitled to avail the benefit of relaxation in age of one or more of the categories mentioned above.

Note 3. The experience certificate(s) of equivalent post issued by the Appointing Authority of respective Department/Board/Corporation/Government aided Institutions only shall be valid. Before grant of benefit of relaxation in age, the experience certificate(s) shall be got verified by the HTSC/HSSC from the concerned Appointing Authority (ties).

3.1. Age relaxation is not admissible to sons, daughters and dependents of Ex-servicemen.

4. Reservation:

4.1. Implementation of reservation policy, maintaining reservation roster and earmarking of vacancies for different categories comes under the domain of the concerned departments and Commission has nothing to do with the number of posts required under different categories. Benefit of reservation to the persons of reserved category will be as per Haryana Government instructions contained in letter No. 22/10/2013-IGS-III, dated 15.07.2014 and thereafter issued from time to time up to the date of advertisement shall be applicable.

4.2. The short listing of candidates shall be done on the basis of particulars and reservation category filled in online application form for which supporting documents shall be uploaded. Candidates can update their particulars before final submission of application. After final submission, no change of particular at any stage shall be entertained. In absence of documentary evidence or mismatch in claimed category and uploaded documents, candidature of candidate shall be considered under General category/Parent category, subject to his/her fulfilling eligibility in General category/Parent category.

4.3. The benefit of reservation will be given only to those SC/BCA/BCB/EWS/PwD/ESP and ESM candidates who are bona-fide resident of Haryana State and certificate must be issued by the competent authority of Government of Haryana and submit the application against reserved category posts and upload documents in support thereof. Only those reserved candidates will be considered against General category posts who have not taken relaxation in age, percentage relaxation in essential qualifying marks under Educational Qualification/HTET or any other benefit except application fee waiver.

HTET/STET are qualifying exams for PRT cadre, therefore only those reserved category candidates are eligible against the General category posts in final result who have secured equal to or more than the qualifying marks fixed for General category candidates in HTET/STET.

4.4. EWS certificate on prescribed proforma should be valid for the year in which the candidate has applied for the posts as per govt. instructions issued vide no. 22/12/2019-IGS-III, dated 25.02.2019. **EWS certificate issued for jobs in Central Govt. will not be considered irrespective of income mentioned in certificate. The copy of EWS proforma is placed at Annexure-IV. If a candidate fails to submit certificate as per above requirement, then he/she shall be considered under General Category.**

4.5. The candidates belonging to BC-AB-C categories are directed to obtain the fresh/latest BC-A or BC-B certificate as the case may be as per Haryana Government instruction issued vide no. 22/13/2013-IGS-III, dated 22.03.2022. Government notification No. 40/13/2024-ISVD dated 16.07.2024 and as amended from time to time, as applicable. **OBG certificate issued for jobs in Central Govt. will not be considered irrespective of income mentioned in certificate.**

4.6. The reserved category candidates belonging to other States can compete against the posts meant for general category and will be considered as general category candidates.

4.7. Benefit of reservation to Ex-Serviceman & their family members will be as per Government Instructions bearing No. 12/15/2019-4GS-II dated 09.03.2022 and 13.04.2022 or as amended from time to time up to the date of advertisement.

(A) An ex-serviceman who himself/herself or his/her family member has already secured employment in civil service on regular basis in any Department/Board/Corporation/University etc. under the State Government with availing the benefit of reservation -

(i) He/She himself/herself shall not be entitled to avail the benefit of reservation in civil service for any subsequent appointment in any Department/Board/Corporation/University etc. under the State Government. However, the benefit of age relaxation for securing another employment in a higher pay scale or post shall remain continue and

(ii) his/her family member shall also not be entitled to avail the benefit of reservation against the posts reserved for ex-servicemen.

(B) (i) An ex-serviceman who himself/herself has already secured employment in civil service on regular basis in any Department/Board/Corporation/University etc. under the State Government without availing the benefit of reservation in such case he/she himself/herself or one of his/her family members (son, daughter or spouse) will be entitled to avail the benefit of reservation;

(ii) Where an ex-serviceman who himself/herself is eligible to avail the benefit of reservation under these instructions but he/she does not want re-employment in civil service in such case one of his/her family members (son, daughter or spouse) will be entitled to avail the benefit of reservation.

(C) If an ex-serviceman applies for various vacancies before joining any civil employment, he/she can avail the benefit of reservation as ex-serviceman for any one of the subsequent employments. However, to avail of this benefit, an ex-serviceman as soon as he/she joins any civil employment should give self-declaration/undertaking to the concerned employer about the date-wise details of applications for various vacancies for which he/she had applied for before joining the initial civil employment. Further, this benefit would be admissible only in respect of vacancies which are filled by direct recruitment and wherever reservation is applicable to the ex-servicemen.

(D) The family members of martyr military personnel shall be entitled to exercise an option either-

(i) to avail the benefit of reservation up to two family members; or

(ii) to avail the benefit of compassionate appointment to one of the family members under the Ex-gratia Policy namely Compassionate Appointment to family member of Martyr Armed Forces Personnel Policy notified by Government from time to time.

(E) The priority list for recruiting agency for preparation of final list of selection/appointment of ex-servicemen or their family members against the posts reserved for ex-servicemen shall be as under:-

(i) disabled ex-servicemen, the post(s) for which they are physically fit;

(ii) failing (i), family member of disabled ex-servicemen;

(iii) failing (ii), other ex-servicemen who are eligible to get the benefit of reservation under these instructions;

(iv) failing (iii), family member of other ex-servicemen who are eligible to get the benefit of reservation under these instructions.

(F) Disabled ex-serviceman means a person who has been released from military service due to disability attributable or aggravated due to military service. An ex-serviceman shall not be treated as disabled one who has been released from military service not on account of his/her disability but has been released in the normal course after the completion of his/her term or retired from military service voluntarily.

(G) Both the reservations are horizontal, therefore, a disabled ex-serviceman who is selected against the post reserved for ex-servicemen will not be counted

(H) In all circumstances the benefit of reservation against the posts reserved for Ex-servicemen shall be admissible at the time of final selection list only and not at the time of preliminary test, main test or interview.

(I) An ex-serviceman who has been discharged from military service by way of dismissal, misconduct or inefficiency neither he/she himself/herself nor his/her family members shall be entitled to avail the benefit of reservation in civil service.

4.8. ESM candidates shall upload/produce attested photo copy of Identity Card issued by concerned Zila Sainik Board or Discharge certificate/Book. Disabled ESM/Dependent of Disabled ESM shall attach disability certificate & proof that he/his/his father or husband has not been released in the normal course after the completion of his/her term or retired from military service voluntarily and family member of Martyr shall produce relevant certificate/Battle Casualty certificate which proves the Martyr status issued by competent authority.

4.9. Family member of Disabled ESM/ ESM candidates of Haryana claiming benefit must have valid eligibility certificate on last date of submission of online application form which is to be uploaded at the time of submitting the application and shall produce the valid Eligibility Certificate from the concerned Zila Sainik Board if called upon to do so by Haryana Staff Selection Commission.

4.10. Benefit of reservation to the children/grandchildren of Freedom Fighters will be as per Government Instruction No. 22/49/2021-1GS-III dated 27.10.21 and 26.04.2022. Children/Grand Children of Freedom Fighter shall be required to upload the Certificate duly issued by the respective competent authority.

4.11. Commission can direct the ESM candidates to provide relevant information along with the affidavit to avail the benefits.

4.12. If for any post, there is no vacancy in reserved category, then the candidate of reserved category can apply under general category. However, such candidate will be considered as general category candidate and will be shortlisted as per merit of general category.

5. Provision of Compensatory Time and assistance of Scribe to Persons with Benchmark Disabilities:- As per the guidelines issued by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities under Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, following facilities will be made available to Persons with Benchmark Disabilities:

5.1. In case of persons with benchmark disabilities in the category of blindness, locomotor disability (both arm affected-BA) and cerebral palsy, the facility of scribe will be provided, if desired by the candidate. Candidates will be provided with Scribe only if they apply for availing the scribe facility in online application form.

5.2. In case of remaining categories of persons with benchmark disabilities, the provision of scribe will be provided on production of a certificate at the time of examination to the effect that the person concerned has physical limitation to write, and scribe is essential to write examination on his/her behalf, from the Medical Board consisting of Chief Medical Officer and at least 2 other members of a Government health care institution as per proforma at Annexure-I. Candidates will be provided with Scribe only if they apply for availing the scribe facility in online application form and upload the certificate with application form as per Annexure - I.

5.3. The qualification of the scribe should be one step below the minimum qualification prescribed for the post. The candidates with benchmark disabilities opting for scribe shall be required to submit details of the scribe at the time of examination as per proforma at Annexure-II. In addition, the scribe has to produce a valid ID proof in original at the time of examination. A photocopy of the ID proof of the scribe signed by the candidate as well as the scribe will be submitted along with proforma at Annexure-II.

5.4. Scribe should not be a candidate of the same examination. If a candidate is detected as assisting another PwD candidate as scribe in this examination, then the candidatures of both the candidates will be cancelled.

5.5. A compensatory time of 20 minutes per hour of examination will be provided to the candidates who are allowed to use of scribe as per Para 5.1 and 5.2 above.

5.6. The candidates referred at Para 5.1 and 5.2 above, who are allowed to use of scribe but not availing the facility of scribes will also be given compensatory time of 20 minutes per hour of examination.

5.7. No attendant other than the scribe for eligible candidates will be allowed inside the examination hall.

5.8. The PwD candidates who have availed the facility of Scribes and/or compensatory time shall be deemed to have availed benefit of relaxation and must produce relevant documents for the eligibility of scribe/compensatory time when called upon to do so by Commission.

List of Benchmark Disabilities

Sr. No.	Type of Disability	Category of disability to be selected in Registration/Application form
(a)	Blindness and low vision	VH
(b)	Deaf and hard of hearing	HH
(c)	Locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy.	OH
(d)	Autism, intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness.	BD/Other
(e)	Multiple disabilities from amongst persons under clauses (a) to (d) including deaf-blindness.	BD/Other

6. Details of Fees

Sr. No.	Category of Post	General		SC/BC/EWS Candidates of Haryana State	
		Male/Female	Female (Haryana Resident)	Male	Female
1.	Cat. No. 1	150	75	35	18
2.	PwD (Person with Disability)/Ex-Serviceman of Haryana	No Charges			

7. Criteria for Selection, Examination & Syllabus.
(i) In view of Hon'ble High Court Judgement dated 31.05.2024 in LPA No. 1037/2023, the weightage of socio-economic marks has been done away with. As per Govt. Letter No. 42/02/2018-5GS-I dated 25.03.2022, the scheme of marks shall be as under:-

Sr. No.	Subject	Marks
1.	Written Examination	95

Note:- Syllabus and Pattern for written examination is attached at Annexure V.

(a) Written Examination
All questions are compulsory. Question paper shall be Bilingual (English & Hindi). An Offline (OMR base) written examination will be held for recruitment to the PRT posts. There shall be no negative marking for wrong answer. The total no. of questions will be 100 with weightage of 0.95 marks for each question. A candidate has to fill one option compulsorily out of five options given. **In case a candidate doesn't mark any of the five options for a question then 0.95 marks for each un-attempted question shall be deducted.** Extra Five minutes shall be given to mark fifth option, if candidate does not know the answer. Total time allowed for the paper will be (100*5) = 105 minutes including five minutes.

8. Procedure/Instructions/Guidelines for Online Filing of Application Form
Following are all the general and special instructions for the candidates with respect to the online filing of the application form:-

9.1. How to apply:
Please read the instructions and procedures carefully before you start filling the online application form and check all the particulars filled up in application form after getting the printout to ensure the correctness of information and upload all documents before finally submitting the application.

9.2. Apply online well in advance without waiting for last date of submission of online application form. Before submission of the online application, candidates must check that they have filled correct details in each field of the form. A candidate may edit his/her application form till the last date of submission of application form i.e. closing date. After closing date of registration, no change/correction/modification will be allowed under any circumstances. Requests received in this regard in any form like Post, Fax, Email, by hand etc. shall not be entertained and shall be deemed to be rejected.

9.3. The candidate should fill all details while filling the Online Application Form. After applying online, Registration No. and Password will be generated. Take print out of the registration no. and password screen for future reference of your application status and for Reprinting of your online filled application form and e-Challan form. Keep record of the same. Candidate may change his/her password after registration. The protection of password is the sole responsibility of the candidate and no request shall be entertained after closing date if someone tempts with application details by using id and password of the candidate.

9.4. After successful submission of application, candidates are advised to take final print out of application form and e-Challan/fee pay receipt for record along with uploaded documents.

9.5. The hard copy of application form along with all uploaded documents must be brought at the time when called upon to do so by Haryana Staff Selection Commission. Documents which have not been uploaded, shall not be entertained. However HSSC may ask an additional paper in support of already submitted document for more clarity if so desired.

9.6. No request for change or any particular on the application form shall be entertained by the Haryana Staff Selection Commission after final submission.

9.7. No offline application form or copy of downloaded application form will be accepted by the Haryana Staff Selection Commission.

9.8. Candidates who do not fulfill the qualifications/eligibility conditions on cut-off date, their application shall be liable to be rejected. All the Certificates/Documents relating to educational qualification/eligibility conditions & experience etc will be determined with regard to last date fixed to apply online applications or as mentioned in the notification, wherever applicable.

9.9. The Commission does not carry out physical scrutiny of the documents at the time submission of online application and the same is done only at the time of Scrutiny of documents.

10. Important Note:

10.1. Applications must be submitted in online mode only. The hard copy of application form along with all uploaded documents must be brought at the time when called upon to do so by Haryana Staff Selection Commission. Documents which have not been uploaded shall not be entertained. However HSSC may ask additional documents in support of already uploaded documents if so desired.

10.2. Candidates are advised to fill their application form carefully and correctly such as Name, Father's/Mother's name, Date of Birth, Marital Status, Category, Qualification, marks obtained, passing year, photo, Signature, experience, fee & other details etc. candidates are advised to check the spellings as per documents. No change in spelling in the name of candidate himself/herself, mother, father or spouse shall be entertained after final submission of application form. No request for change of any particular on the online application form shall be entertained by the Haryana Staff Selection Commission after application form on any ground in spite of affidavit. Candidate will be responsible for any mistake in the data of application form and fees paid by him/her.

10.3. The decision of the Commission in all matters relating to acceptance or rejection of an application, eligibility/suitability of the candidates, mode and criteria for selection etc. will be final and binding on the candidates. No inquiry or correspondence will be entertained in this regard.

10.4. If on verification at any stage starting from submission of application form till appointment and any time even after appointment, it is found that any candidate does not fulfill any of the eligibility condition or it is found that the information/document furnished is false or incorrect, his/her candidature will be cancelled and he/she will also be liable to be debarred and criminally prosecuted. This is irrespective of whether the candidate was benefitted by furnishing the false or incorrect information in his/her application. If the candidate is selected higher recommendation may be withdrawn after issuing show cause notice.

10.5. Candidates are advised in their own interest to submit online applications much before the closing date and not to wait till the last date to avoid the possibility of disconnection/inability or failure to login to the HSSC website on account of heavy load on the website during the closing days. No extension in date shall be given on any grounds.

11. Documents to be uploaded with Application Form (MANDATORY)

11.1. Scanned Copy of Essential Academic Qualifications and Maintenance Certificate showing Date of Birth and other relevant details.

11.2. Scanned Copy of SC/BCA/BCB/ESM/ PwD (Person with Disabilities) certificate, eligibility certificate for family member of ESM and children/grandchildren of Freedom Fighters.

11.3. Scanned Photograph

11.4. Scanned signatures of the Candidate.

11.5. Scanned copy of all documents showing higher qualification, experience etc. as per criteria if applicable.

11.6. Haryana Bonafide Resident certificate if applicable.

11.7. EWS certificate as per Annexure-IV.

11.8. Discharge Certificate/Book if discharged from the Armed Forces For (ESM)

11.9. Eligibility certificate for family members of ESM.

11.10. Eligibility certificate and Disability certificate for Dependent of Disabled ESM.

HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION
BAYS NO. 67-70, SECTOR-2,
PANCHKULA - 134151
(Website: www.hssc.gov.in)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice to the candidates for Physical Screening Test (PST) for the post of Female Constable (GD) against Advt. No. 06/2024, Cat. No.02 of Police Department, Haryana

Vide reference to the Commission's public notice dated 10.08.2024 the list of candidates along with the schedule for PST was published, now in addition to the earlier qualified candidates the list of candidates who have qualified the Physical Measurement Test in subsequent rounds is published. The Physical Screening Test (PST) of shortlisted candidates is scheduled to start from 13.08.2024 for the post of Female Constable (GD) against Advt. No.06/2024, Cat. No. 02. The schedule of the PST is attached vide Annexure -A. The qualified candidates are advised to be prepared for their PST accordingly. The list of candidates who have not qualified PMT is mentioned vide Annexure-B.

The Registration No's of candidates who have qualified PMT in ascending order are available on the official website of the Commission i.e. www.hssc.gov.in

Sd/- Deputy Secretary,
Haryana Staff Selection Commission.
Dated : 11.08.2024

PRDH/1159/13/670/2025/28873/31/4

**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, PROCUREMENT,
JAMMU POWER DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LIMITED,
JAMMU, RAIL HEAD, NARWAL, JAMMU, J&K PIN - 180112
PHONE NO. 0191-2473402 TELEFAX- 0191-2472350
e-mail: epc1jmu@gmail.com**

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

e- NIT No. SE/PRJ/11/2024-25 Dated: 08.08.2024

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of Jammu & Kashmir, Superintending Engineer, Procurement, JPDC, Jammu invites online e-bids from original Govt. registered manufacturers for supply of material as under for the requirement of JPDC:

Table with 2 columns: NIT No., Description of Material & Quantity (in Nos.), PURCHASE OF DISTRIBUTION TRANSFORMERS OF EEL-II(New) OF RATING: 1. 63 KVA (AI Wound) = 102 2. 100 KVA (AI Wound) = 90

Detailed NIT may be downloaded from the website http://jktenders.gov.in up to 30th of August 2024 till 14:00 Hrs. The tender shall be accepted through online mode only. In case, the tender process does not get completed due to any reason, no corrigendum will be published in the newspapers. The details regarding corrigendum may be seen on the above mentioned website.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer,
Procurement, JPDC
Jammu

DIP/J-1666/P/24

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

Table with 5 columns: SR. NO., NAME OF BOARD/CORP/AUTH, NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER, OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME), AMOUNT/ EMD (APPROX.) in Rupees. Includes details for SPECIAL REPAIR OF LINK ROAD FROM VILLAGE BADHWANA TO JHOJHU...

WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/CORP/AUTH: https://etenders.hry.nic.in
NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/E-MAIL: 01964242782 eebhawan2024.hsamb@gmail.com

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

PRDH/13/2025/40/28868/31/4

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WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/CORP/AUTH: https://etenders.hry.nic.in
NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/E-MAIL: 9416384454 xengurugram.hsamb@gmail.com

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WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/CORP/AUTH: https://etenders.hry.nic.in
NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/E-MAIL: 9560513991 xerfaridabad.hsamb2025@gmail.com

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CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD

A CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION UNDERTAKING
8, JAN MARG, SECTOR 9, CHANDIGARH - 160009
PUBLIC NOTICE
It is hereby notified for the General Public that the following person(s) have applied for the Permission for the Sale/Purchase of Dwelling Unit in their names under Regulation of the Chandigarh Housing Board (Allotment, Management and Sale of Tenements) Regulations 1979:-

Table with 5 columns: Sr. No., NAME OF THE PURCHASER, NAME OF THE SELLER, DU No., CAT., SECTOR. Includes details for SH. RAJNISH PAINULI, MRS. BEERTA GUPTA...

In case anybody has any objection for the Sale/Purchase in respect of above said Dwelling units, he/she may submit the objection, if any, in writing within 21 days of the publication of this notice before the undersigned along with documentary evidence, if any.

SECRETARY
CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD CHANDIGARH

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

Large table with 6 columns: Sr. No., NAME OF BOARD/CORP/AUTH, NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER, OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME), AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) in Rupees, WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/CORP/AUTH, NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/E-MAIL. Includes various projects like PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING, PWD B&R, etc.

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

PRDH/11/2025/420/28869/131/4

- 12.23. If any documents are required to be renewed/re-issue candidate must submit the old and new documents both at the time of scrutiny of documents.
- 12.24. In case an examination is conducted in more than one shift the Commission may adopt Normalization method/process as deemed suitable.
- 12.25. Candidates, who have obtained degrees or diplomas or certificates for various courses from any Board/Institution declared fake by the University Grants Commission or not recognized by Haryana Government shall not be eligible for being considered for recruitment to the posts advertised and no representation in this regard shall be entertained.
- 13. Scrutiny of Documents :- The Commission will not undertake detailed scrutiny of applications for the eligibility and other aspects at the time of written examination and, therefore, candidature will be considered only provisionally. The candidates are advised to go through the requirements of educational qualification, age & reservation etc. and satisfy themselves that they are eligible for the post.
- 14. Resolution of the cases for final result
- 14.1. In case two or more candidates have the same aggregate score, the order of merit shall be determined by the higher score achieved in the Written Test.
- 14.2. Whereas two or more candidates have the same aggregate score as well as the same score in Written Test also, the order of merit shall be guided by the age of the candidate, i.e. the oldest being placed higher than the younger ones.
- 14.3. Where two or more candidates have the same aggregate score as well as the same score in Written Test and their date of birth is also same, the order of merit shall be in favour of the candidate having higher educational qualification.
- 14.4. Commissioner's Decision Final: The decision of the Commission in all matters relating to eligibility, acceptance or rejection of the applications, penalty for false information, mode of selection, conduct of examination(s), allotment of examination centres and preparation of merit list and allocation, debarment for indulging in malpractices will be final and binding on the candidates and no enquiry/correspondence will be entertained in this regard. Commission can anytime call candidates to capture their biometric data and for document verification. In case of biometric thumb or facial mismatch of data taken at the time of examination at time of scrutiny, before making recommendation at the time of joining or at any other stage, candidature of candidate will be cancelled on grounds of impersonation and candidate will be debarred. Criminal proceeding shall also be initiated against such candidates/impersonators.
- 14.5. If a candidate bypass the biometric arrangements and does not provide his/her biometric/facial data or uses any other unfair mean to provide exam, scrutiny, physical test, joining or any other stage his/her candidature will be cancelled on attempt of cheating and impersonation and will be debarred.
- 16. ACTION AGAINST CANDIDATES AND/OR IMPERSONATOR FOUND GUILTY OF MISCONDUCT

Table with 3 columns: Sr. No., Type of Malpractice, Debarment Period. Lists various malpractices like taking away any Examination related material, misbehaving, obstructing the conduct of examination, etc.

In addition to above, if any person/organization indulge any unfair means in Public Examination, he/she shall be liable to be punished under THE HARYANA PUBLIC EXAMINATION (PREVENTION OF UNFAIR MEANS) ACT, 2021 or any other law applicable at that point of time.

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD, CHANDIGARH.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Subject:- Transfer/Mutation of Ownership in respect of Registration No. UTemp/2008/1 BR/SC/269 (Application form no.36) in the names of (i)SMT. GULZAR KAUR, W/O LATE SH. PREM SINGH (II) SH. BALWINDER SINGH S/O LATE SH. PREM SINGH AND (III) S.M.T. KAMALJEET KAUR D/O LATE SH. PREM SINGH & W/O SH. NIRPAL SINGH from the name of allottee/transferee SH. PREM SINGH, S/O SH. AMAR SINGH, on the basis of intestate demise.

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned that (i)SMT. GULZAR KAUR W/O LATE SH. PREM SINGH (II) SH. BALWINDER SINGH S/O LATE SH. PREM SINGH AND (III) S.M.T. KAMALJEET KAUR D/O LATE SH. NIRPAL SINGH have applied after death of its registered applicant (for the allotment of Category "C" dwelling unit under the self Financing Housing Scheme for U.T, Chandigarh Employee) of SH. PREM SINGH S/O SH. AMAR SINGH expired on 21/08/2022 at Chandigarh. He has further stated that the WILL of the deceased allottee/transferee is the last WILL executed by him which has neither superseded nor cancelled till the death of the deceased.

If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the registration and allotment of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimants.

Secretary,
Chandigarh Housing Board,
Chandigarh

PRDH/1031/11/161/2025/28837/31/4

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE
The Deputy Chief Engineer/BR/Workshop, Northern Railway, Jalandhar Cantt. for and on behalf of President of India invites Open-tender under Single Packet System for the under noted work:-
Tender Notice No.: OT-17-JRC-2024
Name of work: Transportation of PSC Slabs/RCC Retainers from Bridge Workshop Casting unit to Various sites of bridge including loading & unloading spread across Northern Railway.

Table with columns: Name of work, Approx. Cost (₹), Earnest Money (₹), Date of opening, Bidding start date on IREPS, Cost of Tender Form (₹), Completion Period of work, Date & Time for submission of tender and opening of tender, Website Particulars where complete details of tender can be seen & downloaded.

NO.: 80-W/30/Bridges/Invitation Dated : 09.08.2024 2502/2024
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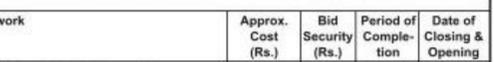
SPECIAL TRAIN - 2024

In order to clear extra rush of passengers during summer, Northern Railway has decided to run the following Special Express Train as per details given below:-

Table with columns: Train No., STATIONS, ARR., DEP. Includes details for 04211/04212 Varanasi Jn. - Chandigarh - Varanasi Jn. Superfast Summer Special Train.

DAYS OF RUN: 04211 From Varanasi Jn. on 17.08.2024 (Saturday) and 04212 From Chandigarh on 18.08.2024 (Sunday).
STOPPAGES: Maa Belha Devi Dham Pratappgarh Jn., Rae Bareilly Jn., Lucknow, Bareilly, Moradabad, Saharanpur, Yamunanagar Jagadhri and Ambala Cantt. Jn. stations.
ACCOMMODATION: 1st AC, AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, AC 3 Tier Economy, Sleeper & General.

For any kind of information, passengers are requested to contact RailMadad Helpline No. 139 or visit Indian Railways website https://enquiry.indianrail.gov.in or NTES App



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NORTHERN RAILWAY e-TENDER NOTICE

OPEN TENDER NOTICE NO. NIT- 24/UMB-2024-25 DATED 12.08.2024
Open tenders through e-tendering are invited on & behalf of president of India by Sr. Divisional Engineer/Coordination, Northern Railway, Ambala from the willing contractors for following work upto 15.00 hrs. on the date of closing shown against the work and will be opened thereafter.

Table with 5 columns: S. No., Name of work, Approx. Cost, Bid Security (Rs.), Period of Completion, Date of Closing & Opening. Includes details for River bed Mapping / 3D scanning of River bed of bridge no 36, Under water inspection of submerged portion of piers and abutments of Bridge no. 36 on RPJ-BTI section using Remote Operated Vehicle (ROV)...

NOTE :- 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. 3. Tenderers should have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate to participate in e-Tendering of works tenders. 4. For detail, please log on IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in. 5. GST will be levied as per GST Act, 2017 2506/24

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STATE INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY
NILOKHERI (KARNAL) - 132117
(A Government Engineering College, Nilokheri)
(Affiliated to Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra)

Physical Counselling-cum-Admission Notice for B.Tech. 1st year 2024-25

Applications are invited on prescribed proforma from eligible candidates for filling up of vacant/leftover seats of B.Tech. 1st year courses (Civil Engg., Computer Engg., Computer Sc. & Engg. (AI & ML), Electronics & Comm. Engg., Mechanical Engg. and Electrical Engg.) as per HSTES 2024-25 guidelines and reservation policy. Admission form is available on Institute Website: www.gecnilokheri.ac.in and in Room No. 203 at Institute. Completely filled application form may be submitted at Room No. 203 in the Institute by hand or on the email at admission@gecnilokheri.ac.in along with relevant documents upto the last date as per the schedule. The duly filled Application form must be submitted along with application fee Rs. 500/- (Account No: 50100330793947, IFSC Code: HDFC002898, HDFC Bank, Nilokheri, only one time paid) and relevant documents upto the last date as per the schedule given below:

Table with 4 columns: Counselling No., Date of Submission of Application Form, Reporting Date & Time (Offline), Admission Criteria, Category. Includes details for 01, 16.08.2024 to 30.08.2024 up to 5.00 P.M. (Merit list will be displayed on Institute website on 02.09.2024 after 5.00 P.M.)

Daily Basis On Spot Physical Counselling & Reporting schedule at the Institute
Daily Basis: Applications will be taken by Institute every day from 04.09.2024 to 15.09.2024 up to 1.00 P.M. (except Saturday, Sunday). Merit list will be displayed at 2.30 P.M. every day. On 14 and 15.09.2024 institute will remain open for admissions.

The candidates must report in the Institute as per schedule strictly with all original certificates. The selected candidates shall have to deposit the first semester fee of Rs. 31,900/- on spot, through credit/debit card/Net-banking. The annual fee of Institute is Rs. 46,900/-only. Fee will be deposited on spot and cash will not be accepted. Note:- For any query candidates may contact Helpline No: 01745-247003. HOD ME - 9896991177, HOD ECE - 8529947988, HOD CE - 9896427805, HOD CSE - 9416350145, HOD App. Sc. & Engg. - 9812940846, HOD EE - 8529947988, Warden (Boys)-9729629786, Warden (Girls)-895098585. Candidates are advised to check the Institute's website (www.gecnilokheri.ac.in) regularly for any updation.

Director-Principal

Six women among 7 dead in Bihar temple stampede

16 hurt; CM orders ₹4 lakh ex gratia aid each for kin of deceased

JEHANABAD (BIHAR), AUGUST 12 At least seven people, including six women, were killed and 16 others suffered injuries in a stampede at Baba Siddheswar Nath Temple in Bihar's Jehanabad district, an official said on Monday.

The deceased had been identified as Pyare Paswan (30), Nisha Devi (30), Punam Devi (30), Nisha Kumari (21) and Sushila Devi (64). The identity of one woman was not known yet, the official added.

District Magistrate Alankrita Pandey confirmed the fatalities and injuries, stating that the stampede took place at the temple around 11.30 pm on Sunday. She noted that security personnel at the temple quickly brought the situation under control.

"Seven persons, mostly kanwariyas, were killed and 16 others suffered injuries in a stampede at Baba Siddheswar Nath Temple in Barabar Pahadi area of Jehanabad around 11.30 pm on Sun-



People mourn the death of their family members in a stampede at a temple in Jehanabad district, Bihar, on Monday. PTI

PROBE ORDERED INTO INCIDENT

In addition to the ₹4 lakh ex gratia, the administration will provide ₹20,000 each to the families of the deceased for last rites. The injured persons will get ₹50,000 each, officials said.

A dispute among kanwariyas might have led to the stampede. The exact cause was yet to be ascertained. An inquiry has been ordered, officials said.

Meanwhile, RJD leaders Lalu Prasad, Rabri Devi and Tejashwi Yadav have expressed grief over the incident, a statement by the party said. — PTI

ensure the best possible treatment for the injured.

"The CM ordered an ex gratia of Rs 4 lakh each to the next of the kin of the deceased. Kumar has also directed the district administration to provide best possible treatment to the injured," a statement by the Chief Minister's Office said.

While 10 persons were discharged after administering first aid, six others are still undergoing treatment at the hospital.

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"Some locals suggested that a heated argument between a group of kanwariyas and flower sellers outside the temple may have triggered the incident. The exact cause is yet to be ascertained," she said.

Meanwhile, RJD leaders Lalu Prasad, Rabri Devi and Tejashwi Yadav have expressed grief over the incident, a statement by the party said. — PTI

UGC-NET EXAM SCrefuses to entertain fresh plea

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12 The Supreme Court on Monday refused to entertain a fresh plea filed by some examinees challenging the government's decision to cancel the UGC-NET examination following alleged question paper leak, saying that entertaining it at this stage would create "chaos".

A Bench comprising Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud and Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra said the government is conducting the exam afresh on August 21 and the students, who are around nine lakh, must have some kind of "certainty now".

"The Supreme Court stepping now will have a serious effect and there will be chaos all over," the CJI said while declining to entertain the plea filed by Praveen Dabas and others. The Bench said the exam was held on June 18 and was cancelled a day after that.

"Entertaining the plea at the present stage would add to uncertainty and add to utter chaos," the CJI said. — PTI

India lost 528 jumbos in 5 years

WORLD ELEPHANT DAY

AKSHEEV THAKUR
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12

India lost 528 elephants in the past five years due to poaching, electrocution, train accidents and poisoning. As many as 50 elephants were killed by poachers, 392 died due to electrocution, 13 succumbed to poisoning and 73 were killed in train accidents during this period.

Human-elephant conflict resulted in the death of 2,827 persons since 2019. According to the last survey of the Asian elephants in 2017, there are over 30,000 elephants in India.

Forest officials point out that mining and infrastructure projects in elephant corridors pose a threat to the population of jumbos.

"Several infrastructure projects have come up in elephant corridors in states such as Uttarakhand, Karnataka, Odisha and Assam. In November 2020, the Uttarak-

ELECTROCUTION MAIN REASON	
Cause of death	Number
Electrocution	392
Train accidents	73
Poisoning	13
Poaching	50



hand Wildlife Board denotified the Shivalik Elephant Reserve to expand the Jolly Grant airport in Dehradun," a senior Indian Forest Service (IFS) officer told The Tribune.

In 2007, the Odisha Government decided to notify 14 elephant corridors. The NGT also directed the Odisha Government to notify the corridors in 2021. But, these are still pending due to pressure from mining groups.

While the Union Environment Ministry launched Project Elephant in 1992, it remained highly understaffed and underfunded, officials pointed out.

"Elephant reserves and corridors have no legal sanctity under the Wildlife Protection

Act. Project Elephant's budgetary allocation has remained around ₹30-35 crore for several years, which is nothing when it comes to manning 2,400 sq km of forest reserves across the country. In 2023, Project Elephant and Project Tiger were merged, which was not a sound decision," the IFS officer said.

Forest officials believe that given the threats, which elephants and tigers face, Project Elephant and Project Tiger should have continued.

"There was no strategic plan to strengthen the Project Elephant by providing sufficient funding. In fact, Project Elephant could never become successful like Project Tiger," the official said.

Centre to bring fresh draft of broadcasting Bill

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12

The government on Monday said it would hold further consultations with stakeholders and publish a fresh draft of the Broadcasting Services (Regulation) Bill.

The government's move comes amid criticism and concerns voiced by several stakeholders, including OTT platforms and digital news broadcasters, over provisions that placed online content creators in the same bracket as OTT or digital news broadcasters, bringing them under the ambit of the Information and Broadcasting Ministry's content and advertisement code.

The Editors Guild of India and DigiPub were among the media bodies that flagged the lack of consultation on the Bill. The I&B Ministry today said, "The draft Bill was placed in public domain on November 10, 2023, for comments of the stakeholders and the general public."

The Ministry is holding a series of consultations with the stakeholders on the draft bill. "Additional time is being provided to solicit comments/suggestions till October 15," it added. — TNS

Infiltration bids continue at India-B'desh border

ANIMESH SINGH
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12

Normal trade through the five international check posts (ICPs) and 26 land customs stations on the India-Bangladesh border has resumed after a brief disruption owing to the political crisis in the neighbouring nation.

Yet attempts of infiltrations are being regularly foiled by the BSF even as it has managed to prevent large gatherings of Bangladeshi nationals — consisting of minority communities — from near the Indian borders through peaceful measures.

One such incident of attempted infiltration occurred on Monday at the Tipura sector when BSF personnel prevented a group of around 15 Bangladeshi nationals, taking advantage of inclement weather and poor visibility, tried to forcibly cross over through the border fencing.

The infiltrators were challenged by BSF troops and to prevent them from entering, one round of pump action gun was fired. Subsequently, the intruders fled towards Bangladesh. Meanwhile, the Indian Coast Guard has increased surveillance to stall any attempts of illegal migration through sea routes following the unrest in neighbouring Bangladesh.

or to the political crisis — with valid passports and visa for official, personal and medical purposes too are being allowed to travel into India.

At the same time, incidents of attempted infiltration apart from those of public gathering of Bangladeshi nationals near the border are being regularly negotiated and foiled by the BSF.

BSF officials, however, downplayed the Monday incident, calling it a routine attempt at infiltration. They said it had nothing to do with the ongoing unrest in Bangladesh. According to sources, the incident took place during daytime when a group of around 12 to 15 Bangladeshi nationals, taking advantage of inclement weather and poor visibility, tried to forcibly cross over through the border fencing.

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BJP, RSS in bind over providing...

Hindus, cannot enter Indian territory. On August 9, the BSF "peacefully foiled" an attempt by 1,700 Bangladeshi Hindus to enter India, with BSF officials saying they had strict instructions not to allow any undocumented Bangladeshi into India.

New Delhi has sought to impress upon the interim Bangladesh dispensation led by Muhammad Yunus that Hindus and other minorities need to be protected, with PM Narendra Modi making this pitch when he greeted Yunus.

RSS and BJP sources who spoke to this reporter on the condition of anonymity admitted that the Bangladesh crisis presented a grave challenge to the government and that there were no easy solutions. The CMs of Assam and Tripura, Himanta Biswa Sarma and Manik Sarkar, respectively, are believed not to be in favour of opening the land borders.

Some years ago, on the eve of bringing in the Citizenship amendment to the Constitution, then BJP president (and now Home Minister) Amit Shah had described Bangladeshis infiltrators as "termites".

Over the past week, as the crisis has unfolded next door, RSS leaders have been engaged with the government on this complex issue, with a VHP delegation meeting Shah last week to demand protection for Bangladeshi Hindus and minorities.

"The Home Minister has expressed hope as the interim

Cong threatens...

the industrialist while probing the earlier allegations of market manipulation against it. SEBI yesterday denied the charges and defended Buch saying she recused herself from the issue disclosing conflict of interest.

"What does the Congress want?" Prasad asked today, pointing to a Rahul Gandhi video where the Leader of Opposition is heard saying that small investors were in danger.

"The statement by Rahul is an attempt to crash the stock markets and risk the savings of small investors. The markets, however, are stable and we salute the investors who are not buying the conspiracy theory of the Congress and its toolkit gang," Prasad said, adding that the BJP would go all over India to "expose the Congress".

Prasad also asked why Hindenburg Research, instead of responding to a July notice from SEBI in its ongoing probe on the matter, decided to respond with new allegations.

Meanwhile, the Congress threatened to launch a nationwide agitation to press the demand of setting up of a JPC to look into the charges against the SEBI chief in the light of Hindenburg Research's revelations against her centring on conflict of interest issues.

Describing the allegations as "very serious", AICC general secretary (organisation) KC Venugopal accused the PM of supporting the Adani Group.

NORTHERN RAILWAY
1st Corrigendum
No. NR-SNT-W-LDH-80 dated 07.08.24

No.	Name of work	Original Value	Revised Value
1	S&T Work (Indoor and Outdoor) for Provision of Electronic Interlocking alongwith yard remodelling at Bajalta station of Firozpur Division	Rs. 4,97,55,206.20/- (Rs. Four Crore ninety seven lakh fifty five thousand two hundred and six and paise twenty only)	Rs. 4,74,26,759.30/- (Rs. Four Crore seventy four lakh twenty six thousand seven hundred and fifty nine and paise thirty only)
2	Approximate Cost of the work	Rs. 4,97,55,206.20/- (Rs. four lacs forty eight thousand and eight hundred only).	Rs. 3,87,100/- (Rs. Three lacs eighty seven thousand and one hundred only).
3	Earnest Money	Rs. 4,48,800/- (Rs. four lacs forty eight thousand and eight hundred only).	Rs. 3,87,100/- (Rs. Three lacs eighty seven thousand and one hundred only).

All other terms and conditions are same. 2495/24

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

SC to consider listing Kejriwal's plea challenging arrest by CBI

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12

The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to consider listing for hearing Delhi Chief Minister Arvind

EXCISE SCAM

Kejriwal's petition challenging the Delhi High Court's order upholding his arrest by the CBI in a corruption case linked to the excise policy scam.

Kejriwal's petition challenging the Delhi High Court's August 5 order was mentioned by advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi before a Bench led by Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud.

The CJI assured Singhvi that he would examine the e-mail request and assign a date to the petition for hearing. "Please email it. I will look at it," the CJI told Singhvi.

The High Court had said there was no malice in the acts of the CBI which demonstrated how the AAP supremo could influence witnesses who could muster the courage to depose only after his arrest. It had asked him to move the trial court for regular bail in the CBI case.

POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH
NIT NO. PGI/ENGG./BIOMED/2024-25/24

Hospital Engineer (Biomedical), PGIMER, Chandigarh on behalf of Director, PGIMER, invites online percentage rate bids from the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) for supply of modular laboratory furniture, (along with completion certificate) in two bid system (Eligibility-cum-Technical Bid & Financial bid) as per details given below:-

Sr. No.	Description	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Time Limit (Days)	Last Date and Time of submission of Bid	Last Date and Time of submission of EMD	Opening of Eligibility-cum-Technical Bid
1.	Renovation of Cafeteria for Staff & Faculty at level-II, New OPD Block, PGIMER, Chandigarh.	Rs. 7.80 Lakh	Rs. 15600.00	30	27.08.2024 up to 03:00 P.M.	28.08.2024 up to 11:30 A.M.	28.08.2024 at 03:00 P.M.

The original EMD or EMD exemption certificate for MSE/SME as scanned & uploaded by the bidder and also original shall be deposited physically by all the intending bidders in the office Hospital Engineer (Biomedical) as per above schedule failing which the bid shall be treated as invalid. The Technical and Financial bids for the above works shall be opened only after the eligibility criteria specified in the bid documents and date for the same will be communicated to eligible bidders. The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website: <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> and official website of the PGIMER: www.pgimer.edu.in. The contractors are requested to get their firm register on the website <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> for participating in e-tendering process (Helpdesk No. for registration - 09417701794 & 7988403142).

DI-10426 Hospital Engineer (Biomedical)

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

The Executive Engineer HPPWD Dhamarsala Division on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the item rate bids, in electronic tendering system, for following works from the eligible and approved contractors registered with HPPWD:-

Sr. No.	Name of Works	Estimated cost in Rs.	Earnest Money	Time Limit	Cost of tender form	Start date for downloading of bid	Deadline for submission of bid
1.	Periodic Maintenance of Link road Kand to Kand in Km. 0/0 to 0/330 and Link road to Village Sokeni Da Kot Rajinder Kumar house Ward No. 1 under AMP 2024-25 Rural Road in Distt. Kangra HP (SH- Providing and Laying 25 mm thick Mix Seal Surfacing with Plastic Waste in Km. 0/0 to 0/600)	9,53,056/-	19,000/-	Two Months	350/-	22.08.2024	28.08.2024
2.	Periodic Maintenance of Chelus Maned Passu Darioroad under AMP 2024-25 Rural Road in Distt. Kangra HP (SH- Providing and Laying 25 mm thick Mix Seal Surfacing with Plastic in Km. 1000 to 2000)	10,71,631/-	21,500/-	Two Months	500/-	22.08.2024	28.08.2024
3.	Restoration of damages on various roads under Sub-Division No.1 HPPWD Division Dhamarsala Distt. Kangra HP (SH- Repair of Pot Holes at various reaches)	5,77,917/-	11,600/-	Two Months	350/-	22.08.2024	28.08.2024
4.	Restoration of damages on various roads under Sub-Division No.1 HPPWD Division Dhamarsala Distt. Kangra HP (SH- Repair of Pot Holes at various reaches)	5,66,706/-	11,400/-	Two Months	350/-	22.08.2024	28.08.2024

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the departmental website <https://hptenders.gov.in>. The Executive Engineer reserves the right to reject any tender or all tenders without assigning any reasons.

On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh,
Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Dhamarsala Division,
HPPWD, Dhamarsala.

HIM SUCHANA AVAM JAN SAMPARK
No. PWD-DDC/BM-27/-2024-25-2888-2917 Dated:-09.08.2024 DPR/HP/1403

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

The Executive Engineer, Jawali Division HPPWD, Jawali — 176023 on behalf of the Governor of Himachal Pradesh invites e-tenders on item rate basis, from approved and eligible contractors registered with HPPWD for the following work.

Sr. No.	Division No.	Name of Works	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Time allowed for completion (Months)	Cost of documents (Rs.)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Jawali	C/O Bhalidast Chaniala Tharu Karsoli Dharoon Road Km. 0/0 to 7/500 (Under MNP) (SH- Construction of 6.00 mtr. span RCC slab culvert at RD 3/795)	1450486/-	30000/-	Six Months	500/-
2	—do—	Construction of Jeapable road to Harizan Basti Jhinpur Gram Panchayat Sidhpurhar Km. 0/0 to 1/750 (Under SCSP), (SH- Construction of 3.00 Metre R.C.C. slab culvert at RD. 1/570)	739057/-	15000/-	Three Months	350/-
3	—do—	Construction of link road from Bhalli to Bohra Road to Gaddi Abad and Harizan Abad Road Km. 0/0 to 1/760 including bridge over Chicher Nallah at RD. 0/150 (Under SCSP), (SH- Construction of 3.00 Metre span RCC Slab culvert at RD. 1/200)	539981/-	11000/-	Three Months	350/-

8. Class of Contractor/Firms: Class-D & C for each
9. Location/Office where e-tenders will be opened: Jawali Division, HPPWD Jawali for each
10. Date and Time of Opening of Tenders: 31 August, 2024 for each

- Tender documents, other instructions and terms and conditions can be downloaded or viewed on line from the portal <http://hptenders.gov.in> by the firms/individual registered on the website which is free of cost.
- As the bids are to be submitted online are required to be encrypted and digitally signed.

3. Key Dates:-

- Date of online publication: 25/08/2024 at 11:30 AM
- Downloading of e-tender document: From 25/08/2024 at 11:30 AM up to 30/08/2024 at 4:00 PM
- Date of Submission of e-tendering: From 25/08/2024 at 11:30 AM up to 30/08/2024 at 4:00 PM
- Physically Submission of Earnest Money Deposit and Cost of tender: 31/08/2024 up to 11:00 AM
- Date of technical bid opening, evaluation of technical bid followed by financial bid: 31/08/2024 at 11:30 AM

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Jawali Division HPPWD, Jawali

HIM SUCHANA AVAM JAN SAMPARK
No. PWJ/CB/TA/E-27/2024-25-5239-43 Dated: 9.8.2024 DPR/HP/1406

No. AGR.SPMU-(F)/8/Mech/48/23-
Dated: Hamirpur, the:-09.08.2024

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Online Expression of Interest is hereby invited for selection/Empanelment of Manufacturer towards supply of Farm Machinery and Farm Equipment under JICA-ODA Funded Project Phase-II Himachal Pradesh Crop Diversification Promotion Project.

The tender should reach in the office of undersigned on or before 30.08.2024 by 5.00P.M. and same shall be opened at 11:30 A.M on 31.08.2024 in the presence of bidders or their authorized representatives. The tender form along with Terms and Conditions can be obtained and downloaded on HP e-procurement portal: <https://hptenders.gov.in> against payment of Rs. 5000/- (non-refundable).

Project Director,
HPCDP JICA-ODA,
Hamirpur (HP)

DPR/HP/287

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer Division HPPWD Tanda at Nagrota Bagwan Distt. Kangra H.P on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the Percentage rate bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of contractors registered with HPPWD CPM/DPWD of neighbouring states for the work as detailed in the table. The cost of tender & earnest money will be accepted only in online mode.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Starting date for downloading Bid	Earnest Money	Deadline for submission of Bid
1.	Flood Mitigation works to Meet Recurring Erosion due to Joggal Khad to Protect Massal Sakra Basti road in Distt. Kangra (HP) (SH- Protection works in Km 0/200 to 0/315).	8114137/-	12.08.2024	162300/-	20.08.2024

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website [www.hptenders.gov.in](http://hptenders.gov.in).

(On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh)
Sd/- Executive Engineer,
H.P.P.W.D. Division,
Tanda at Nagrota Bagwan,
No. PW/NBD/TA/Tender/INT/2023/6295-6324 Dated: 9.8.2024 DPR/HP/1408

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, HIGHER EDUCATION CHAMBA, DISTT. CHAMBA
Tel. No. 01899-222211, Email ID: dche.chamba@rediffmail.com
No. EDN-CHM(Lb. Books) Misc.2/2024- 1877-78 Dated: 12th August, 2024

TENDER NOTICE

The sealed tenders from reputed firms are hereby invited on ADVERTISED tender basis by the undersigned for purchase of library books against the funds sanctioned under the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLAD). The complete tender document can be obtained from office of the undersigned on below mentioned working days between 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM on payment of tender fee i.e. Rs. 1000/- (Rupees One Thousand Only) or can be downloaded from our official website dchechamba.edu.in. Any corrigendum/modification to bidding documents shall be published on our official website dchechamba.edu.in and bidders are advised to regularly visit the website before deadline for submission of tender.

Sr. No.	Name of Component	Sale of Tender	Pre-Bid Meeting	Last date of receipt of Tender & time	Date of opening of Tender & time
1	Purchase of School Library Books	13.08.2024 to 02.09.2024	24.08.2024 at 11:00 AM	03.09.2024 up to 11:00 AM	03.09.2024 at 11:30 AM

DI-10487 Sd/- Dy. Director, Hr. Education Chamba, Distt. Chamba (H.P.)

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	HPGCL	2024_HBC_386272_1 NIT NO 15/MSP 674/RGTPP/2024-25 DATED 04.07.2024	DUE DATE OF BID SUBMISSION 20.08.2024 OPENING DATE 22.08.2024 OVERHAULING OF BOILER PRESSURE PARTS, HIGH PRESSURE VALVES, BURNERS, WIND-BOX AND PROVIDING QP-LOCK SCAFFOLDING INSIDE THE FURNACE INSTALLED IN 600 MW UNIT-DURING FORTHCOMING OVERHAULING UNIT-1, RGTPP, HPGCL, KHEDAR, HISAR	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	8222023757 xenmp.rgtp@hpgcl.org.in

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

PRDH13/2025/50/28857/13/14



Govt. of Haryana



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- नायब सिंह सैनी

“आज हमारी हर नीति, हर रणनीति- जनकल्याण से राष्ट्रकल्याण की है। जन अभियान से राष्ट्रनिर्माण की है।”

- नरेन्द्र मोदी



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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
TENDER NOTICE REFERENCE NO. 08 (2024)

The Department of Executive Engineer(c) Punjab Mandi Board Gurdaspur invites online Bids for Special Repair of Link Roads under MC funds in Market Committee Dera Baba Nanak and Fatehgarh Churian in Assembly Constituency Dera Baba Nanak Distt. Gurdaspur (MC Fund).

For details logon to : www.eproc.punjab.gov.in

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

Sd/- Executive Engineer © Punjab Mandi Board, Gurdaspur.

DPR/Pb/36573

POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
E-TENDER NOTICE: PGI/Engg./Elect/2024-25/19

The Hospital Engineer (Electrical), PGIMER Chandigarh invites on behalf of the Director, PGIMER Chandigarh Online Percentage rate bids from the eligible contractors of appropriate class in CPWD/ Department of Posts/SNL/Railways/M.E.S./Chandigarh Administration/CHB/ MC Chandigarh/State PWD's/HUDA/PUD/Sate Electricity Boards & Corporations dealing in Electrical works OR Composite works on two bid system (Eligibility bid & Financial Bid), who fulfil the Eligibility Criteria for the work of 'Upgradation of main LT panel at GE Substation, PGIMER, Chandigarh' Estimated Cost: Rs. 24.92 Lakh, Earnest Money Rs. 49,840/-, Period of Completion- 3 Months. The last date & time for submission of bid is 16.08.2024 upto 11:00 AM. The last date and time for submission of Original EMD/EMD Exemption certificate in physical form is 17.08.2024 upto 10:30 AM. The date and time for opening of Eligibility cum Technical Bid is 17.08.2024 at 11:00 AM. The date and time for opening of Financial Bid is to be decided later.

The original EMD or EMD exemption certificate for MSE/MSME as scanned & uploaded shall be deposited physically by all the intending bidders in the office of H.E. (Electrical), as per above schedule failing which the bid shall be treated as invalid. The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website: <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> and official website of the PGIMER www.pgimer.edu.in. Contractors are requested to get their firm registered on the website <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> for participating in e-tendering process. (Help desk No. for Registering- 9988447883).

DI-10425 HOSPITAL ENGINEER (ELECT.)

हरियाणा राज्य परिवहन, कैथल
नीलामी सूचना

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि हरियाणा राज्य परिवहन कैथल डिपो के बस अड्डा कैथल, चौका, ढाण्ड, जौल, पुंडरी, राजौद व कलायत पर स्थित शेष दुकानों को दिनांक 31.03.2025 तक को अवधि के लिए किराए पर देने की खुली नीलामी दिनांक 23.08.2024 को प्रातः 11.00 बजे कमराला कैथल में की जानी है। इच्छुक बोलीदाता नीलामी शुरू होने से पूर्व निश्चित समय व स्थान पर पहुंचकर सिक्कॉरिटी जमा करवाकर एक खाली बैंक हस्ताक्षर सहित तथा एक नीलामी फार्म का 500.00 रु. के नकद भुगतान करके (अप्रतिदेय) बोली में भाग ले सकते हैं। अत्र बोली के लिए विस्तृत निर्देश व हिदायतें नीलामी पोस्टर में देखी जा सकती हैं।

महाप्रबंधक,
हरियाणा राज्य परिवहन,
कैथल।

PRDH/11/19/11/527/2025/28834/31/4

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
PUNJAB WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD
BID No. ETENDER/EE/PWSSD/ROPAR/25 Dated: 06.08.2024

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

Sr. No.	Items	Quantity
1.	Boring & Installing of 2 Nos. T/well at Lalru.	Rs. 86.49 Lacs 3 Months
2.	O&M of 17.3 MLD STP & MPS at Zirakpur.	Rs. L.S 36 Months
3.	Const. of Chlorine Contact Tank at Shri Chamkaur Sahib	Rs. 4.78 Lacs 2 Months

Closing Date & Time → Sr. No. 1 to 2 : 29.08.2024 up to 03:00 p.m.
Sr. No. 3 : 19.08.2024 up to 03:00 p.m.

Prebid Meeting Date : 12.08.2024 up to 11:00 a.m.

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

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

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

DPR/Pb/36588

ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰ
ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸ਼ਹਿਰੀ ਯੋਜਨਾਬੰਦੀ ਅਤੇ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਅਥਾਰਟੀ
ਪੁੱਛਾ ਬਟਨ, ਸੈਕਟਰ-62, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ
ਜਨਤਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ

ਸੂ ਹਰਕੀਰਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਪਰਮਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ, ਕਲਰਕ-ਕਮ-ਡਾਟਾ ਐਂਟਰੀ ਓਪਰੇਟਰ ਮਿਤੀ 13.03.2023 ਤੋਂ ਲਗਾਤਾਰ ਡਿਊਟੀ ਤੇ ਰੋਹ-ਗਜ਼ਰ ਰਹਿਣ ਕਰਕੇ ਮਿੱਠੇਮਿੱਠੇ ਨੰਬਰ 11316, ਮਿਤੀ 13.05.2024 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਉਸ ਨੂੰ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸ਼ਹਿਰੀ ਯੋਜਨਾਬੰਦੀ ਅਤੇ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਅਥਾਰਟੀ ਕਰਮਚਾਰੀ (ਸਜਾ ਅਤੇ ਅਪੀਲ) ਰੋਹਲੇਸ਼ਨਜ਼, 1997 ਦੇ ਵਿਨਿਯਮ-3 ਅਧੀਨ ਚਾਰਜਸ਼ੀਟ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਉਸ ਦੇ ਘਰ ਦੇ ਪਤੇ 'ਤੇ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਡਾਕ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਭੇਜੀ ਗਈ ਸੀ ਪ੍ਰੰਤੂ ਇਹ ਚਾਰਜਸ਼ੀਟ ਡਾਕ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਵੱਲੋਂ 'Addressee Left Address' ਕਾਰਨ ਸਮੇਤ ਇਸ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਵਾਪਸ ਭੇਜੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਉਪਰੰਤ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ ਹਕਕਾਰੇ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਵੀ ਉਸ ਦੇ ਘਰ ਦੇ ਪਤੇ 'ਤੇ ਚਾਰਜਸ਼ੀਟ ਡਿਲੀਵਰ ਕਰਵਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਭੇਜਿਆ ਗਿਆ ਪ੍ਰੰਤੂ ਘਰ ਵਿਚ ਮੌਜੂਦ ਉਸ ਦੇ ਪਿਤਾ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਪਰਮਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ ਹਕਕਾਰੇ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਕਿ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਹਰਕੀਰਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ ਵਿਖੇ ਰਹਿੰਦਾ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦਾ ਉਸ ਨਾਲ ਕੋਈ ਤਾਲਮੇਲ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਉਸ ਦੇ ਘਰ ਦੇ ਪਤੇ 'ਤੇ ਚਾਰਜਸ਼ੀਟ ਨਾ ਹੋਣ ਕਰਕੇ ਉਸ ਦੇ ਪਿਤਾ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਚਾਰਜਸ਼ੀਟ ਰਸੀਦ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ। ਕਰਮਚਾਰੀ ਨੂੰ ਪਬਲਿਕ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਅੱਤਮ ਮੌਜੂਦਾ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਹੋਏ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਇਸ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਉਸ ਵਿਰੁੱਧ ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਚਾਰਜਸ਼ੀਟ ਕਿਸੇ ਦਫ਼ਤਰੀ ਕੰਮਕਾਜ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ਾਸਨ ਸ਼ਾਖਾ, ਪੁੱਛਾ, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਹਾਜ਼ਰ ਹੋ ਕੇ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰ ਲਈ ਜਾਵੇ ਅਤੇ ਇਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਅਪਣਾ ਜਵਾਬ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜਾਵੇ। ਜੇਕਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ਤ ਹੋਣ ਦੇ 15 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ ਅੰਦਰ ਉਸ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਚਾਰਜਸ਼ੀਟ ਰਸੀਦ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੋਣਾ ਕੇਸ ਵਿਚ ਇਕਤਰਫ਼ ਫ਼ੈਸਲਾ ਲੈ ਲਿਆ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ।

DPR/Pb/36584 ਮੁੱਖ ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ਾਸਕ

HIMACHAL PRADESH
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer, Palampur Division, HPPWD, Palampur on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, invites the Percentage rate bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of contractors registered with HPPWD for the works as detailed in the table:-

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost (In Rs.)	Starting date for down-loading Bid	Earnest Money (In Rs.)
1	Construction of Office of the Assistant Director Animal Production Spem Station Palampur (SW-Construction of Lab)	35,69,126.00	17.08.2024	71,400.00

Deadline for submission of bid : 22.08.2024
Time limit: Nine Months

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

ON BEHALF OF GOVERNOR OF H.P.
Executive Engineer,
HPPWD, Division, Palampur
PIN-176061, Tel. 01894-230561,
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Former ISI chief Faiz arrested in housing scheme scandal

ISLAMABAD, AUGUST 12 In an unprecedented move, the Pakistan Army on Monday announced that it has arrested former ISI chief Lt Gen (ret'd.) Faiz Hameed and initiated court martial proceedings against him in connection with a housing scheme scandal.

"Complying with the orders of the Supreme Court of Pakistan, a detailed court of inquiry was undertaken by Pakistan Army, to ascertain correctness of complaints in Top City Case made against Lt Gen Faiz Hameed (Retd)," the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) - the media wing of the army- said in a statement.

"Consequently, appropriate disciplinary action has been initiated against Lt Gen Faiz Hameed (Retd.), under provisions of the Pakistan Army Act," it said.

"In addition, multiple instances of violation of the



Faiz Hameed hogged the limelight after he was spotted drinking tea at a Kabul hotel following Taliban's Afghanistan takeover in 2021.

Pakistan Army Act post-retirement have also been established. The process of Field General Court Martial has been initiated and Lt Gen Faiz Hameed (Retd) has

been taken into military custody," it added.

Lt Gen (ret'd.) Hameed was considered extremely powerful when he headed the spy agency from 2019 to 2021.

He was appointed to the coveted post when then ISI chief and current Army chief Lt Gen Asim Munir was prematurely removed from the post. It was reported then that then prime minister Imran Khan was not happy with Munir.

Later, the army decided to replace Hameed, a move vehemently opposed by Imran Khan and it is believed that it was the beginning of souring of his ties with the powerful military.

The Top City case made headlines when on November 8, 2023, Moez Ahmed Khan, the owner of Top City, filed a petition in the Supreme Court in which he accused Hameed of misusing his authority. — PTI

Hasina's stay in India will not hurt bilateral ties, says interim govt

DHAKA, AUGUST 12 A top adviser of Bangladesh's interim government on Monday said that deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina's stay in India will not hurt bilateral relations and Dhaka will always try to maintain good relations with New Delhi.

Foreign Affairs Adviser Md Touhid Hossain made the comments when he was asked whether bilateral ties with India will be affected if Hasina's stay in India gets prolonged, Bangladesh media reported.

"This is a hypothetical question. If someone stays in a country why the relations with that particular country will be affected? There is no reason for that," he said, emphasising that bilateral relations were a big matter.

Hossain said bilateral relations were a relation of interest and friendship is also of interest. "Friendship does not exist

CJ: STERN ACTION ON 'MISDEEDS' BY JUDICIARY

Newly appointed Chief Justice Syed Rezaat Ahmed on Monday warned of stern action if anybody from the judiciary was found to be involved in any "misdeeds".

'ARMY TO BE IN BARRACKS ONCE COPS RESUME DUTY'

Army Chief Gen Waker-Uz-Zaman said on Monday soldiers will return to barracks once the police resume normal operations, as he met the interim government head Muhammad Yunus.

if the interest is hurt." He said the two sides - Bangladesh and India - have interests and they will follow those interests. Hossain said they will "always try to maintain good relations" with India.

Earlier, he briefed the diplomats stationed in Dhaka, including Indian envoy Pranay Verma. — PTI

Israel PM, defence minister trade barbs over Gaza

JERUSALEM, AUGUST 12 Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu traded barbs with his defence minister on Monday, underscoring the deep internal splits that continue to plague the government as the war in Gaza risks spilling out into a wider regional conflict.

Following Israeli media reports quoting Defence Minister Yoav Gallant dismissing Netanyahu's war aim of total victory against the Islamist movement Hamas in Gaza as "nonsense", Netanyahu's office put out a statement rebuking Gallant. — Reuters

In control of 1K sq km Russian land: Ukraine

KYIV, AUGUST 12 Ukraine's army chief Oleksandr Syrskiy said on Monday Kyiv controls around 1,000 sq km of Russia's Kursk region, in his first comment on the shock cross-border incursion.

President Volodymyr Zelenskiy published a video excerpt of Syrskiy's report on Telegram. Zelenskiy said he ordered the preparation of a "humanitarian plan" for the area.

Meanwhile, Russian state media quoted the governor of the Kursk region, Alexei Smirnov, as saying that Ukrainian forces had used shells containing chemical weapons during their incursion there.

It was not clear if Smirnov had produced any evidence to support the accusation, which Reuters was unable to verify.

Ukraine's State Security Service (SBU) said Russia was trying to falsely accuse Kyiv's military of war crimes.

The SBU said it had information showing Russia might stage crimes for which it would blame Ukraine. — Reuters

WILDFIRE RAGES ON

■ Greece's worst wildfire this year spread into the Athens suburbs on Monday, forcing hundreds of people to flee as it torched trees and homes overnight and choked busy roads with smoke and ash.

■ The government has called in help from EU members to tackle the fire. Almost 700 firefighters backed by 190 fire engines and 33 waterbombing aircraft have been battling the conflagration.

BUSINESS

USD \$	EURO €	POUND £	JPY ¥	YUAN ¥	CAD C\$	AUD A\$	SGD S\$	HKD HK\$
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-56.99 79.648.92	-20.50 24,347.00	₹70,580 Mumbai	₹82,500 Mumbai

Powergrid's distribution scheme

Ladakh Lt Governor Brig (Dr) BD Mishra (ret'd) recently laid the foundation stone of Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme. Powergrid CMD RK Tyagi and senior administrative officers were present.

PFC bags Assocham award

PFC has won Assocham's 'Corporate Bond Market 2024 Award' in the CB/Private Placement category. The award was presented at a function held in Mumbai recently.

Workshop on green transition

The PHDCO in association with UNDP recently held a workshop on green transition to empowering MSMEs. Various issues, challenges and readiness of MSMEs to navigate key compliance requirements in the context of green transition were discussed.

Tanishq store in Chandigarh

Tanishq recently inaugurated its grand new store in Sector-17, Chandigarh. It was inaugurated by CK Venkataraman, MD, Titan Company Ltd.

Indian Bank's roadshow

Indian Bank will celebrate its 118th foundation day on August 15. In this regard, a roadshow was recently organised in Chandigarh by Zonal Office Chandigarh. Zonal Manager Sankar Raju V explained various deposit schemes of the bank.

Nexus Elante Techstination 2.0

After the success of its inaugural edition, Nexus Select Malls has announced the second edition of Techstination 2.0 from August 5 to August 19. It will have the entire range of gadgets and technology available at the partnering brands.

TiE holds seminar with Dheeraj

TiE Chandigarh recently organised a session with teacher-turned entrepreneur Dheeraj Bhatia. The session, 'Journey from school teacher to leading publishing house- EdTech: Dheeraj Bhatia's inspiring entrepreneurial journey', was moderated by Puneet Verma, vice-president, TiE Chandigarh.

LPU welcomes new students

LPU recently commenced its academic

Retail inflation eases to 5-yr low of 3.54% in July

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12 Retail inflation declined to a five-year low of 3.54 per cent in July mainly on account of subdued prices of food items, and base effect, according to official data released on Monday.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) based retail inflation was 5.08 per cent in June 2024 and 7.44 per cent in July 2023.

Retail inflation slipped below the median target of 4 per cent of the Reserve Bank for the first time since September 2019 when it was at 3.99 per cent. The government has tasked the RBI to ensure inflation remains at 4 per cent with a margin of 2 per cent on either side. Inflation has remained below 6 per cent since September 2023.

According to the data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), the annual inflation in 'milk and

milk products' was 2.99 per cent, 'oils and fats' (-) 1.17, fruits 3.84 per cent, and spices (-) 1.43 per cent.

The rate of price rise was 6.83 per cent in the vegetable basket and 8.14 per cent in 'cereals and products', NSO said.

The CPI Inflation in the food basket was 5.42 per cent in July, down from 9.36 per cent in June, and 11.51 a year ago. Inflation in the 'fuel and light' segment was in negative at 5.48 per cent.

The NSO data further showed that inflation was more than the national average in rural India at 4.1 per cent while in urban areas it was 2.98 per cent. Among states, the highest inflation was in Bihar at 5.87 per cent and the lowest in Jharkhand at 1.72 per cent. — PTI

Industrial output growth slows to 4.2% in June

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12 India's industrial production slowed to a five-month low of 4.2 per cent in June 2024, mainly due to poor performance of the manufacturing sector, though power and mining sectors continue to perform well, as per official data released on Monday.

The factory output growth, measured in terms of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), was 6.2 per cent in May, 5 per cent in April, 5.5 per cent in March, 5.6 per cent in February and 4.2 per

cent in January 2024.

During the April-June period this fiscal, the IIP growth was 5.2 per cent against 4.7 per cent in the same period of the preceding financial year.

India's Index of Industrial Production grew by 4 per cent in June 2023, according to a statement by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation.

The manufacturing sector's growth decelerated to 2.6 per cent in June compared to 3.5 per cent a year ago. — PTI

Direct tax collections increase by 24%

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 12 Gross direct tax collections for April 1 to August 11 of the current fiscal year (2024-25) rose 24 per cent from the previous year to Rs 8,13,170 crore. While during the corresponding period of the previous year, it was Rs 6,55,843 crore.

Also, during the period in the current fiscal year, the net direct tax collections, after adjusting for refunds, was Rs 6,92,987 crore, about 22.5 per cent higher than last year, the government data said. In 2023-24 (April to August 11), the net collection was Rs 5,65,815 crore. — TNS



Paris 2024



Au revoir Paris! LA embark on mission Olympics

Most gender equal Games ever, Paris 2024 set new standard of sustainability for Los Angeles 2028



French swimmer Leon Marchand, who won four gold medals at the Paris Games, carries the Olympic flame. REUTERS



The Golden Voyager, a character inspired by references from French history, stands atop a pile of masked dancers. REUTERS



Tom Cruise rappels down into the stadium before taking the flag and hopping on a motorcycle to drive out of the stadium. REUTERS



ROHIT MAHAJAN IN PARIS

PARIS shed its famous aversion for the English language through the Olympic Games, and at the closing ceremony, the singer Yseult, discovered on Nouvelle Star, a French reality TV contest, performed 'My Way', the song made famous by Frank Sinatra. The closing ceremony of the Paris Olympics at the magnificent Stade de France had a decided American twist to it, for the 2028 Olympic Games are going to be held in Los Angeles. So we had Tom Cruise, the Mission Impossible star, rappel down into the stadium and was handed over the flag for the next Summer Games. Cruise, 62, took the flag and hopped on a motorcycle and actually drove out of the stadium — into pre-recorded footage! Thus we had the occasion, if not pleasure, of watching French aesthetics blending with American glitz and



India's flag-bearers PR Srejeesh and Manu Bhaker during the closing ceremony. PTI

showmanship, and the mood shifted from the arty Frenchness of the event to American braggadocio. Gymnast Simone Biles was on the stage when Los Angeles mayor Karen Bass became the first black woman to receive the Olympic flag — an image fraught with symbolism even as an American woman of colour contests for the

highest office in the US. The ceremony lasted over an hour longer than planned, the speakers were a bit too long-winded for comfort. Thomas Bach, the International Olympic Committee president, talked about the importance of sport in times of conflict; there had been hopes that there would be an Olympics truce in the

war between Russia and Ukraine, there was no peace in Gaza — at least 93 Palestinians were killed in an Israeli attack on a school and mosque in Gaza in the weekend. And so Bach's words sounded hollow. Paris wanted the Olympics to be an open party, and it was just that — only two new stadiums were built, and temporary stands were put up across the city, close to great and famous monuments of the city. This promoted the City of Lights, as if such promotion was needed, and also set a new standard of sustainability. Paris gave a stirring message that white elephants — such as the ones created for the New Delhi Commonwealth Games in 2010, or the Rio de Janeiro Olympics in 2016 — must be avoided at all costs. The Paris Olympics were the most gender equal Games ever, with an equal

number of male and female athletes participating. In another act of great symbolism, the Games were closed with the women's marathon — traditionally, men's marathon used to be the final event of the Olympics. Parisians, fearing the chaos the Olympics would bring, had left the city in hordes for the countryside, but those who stayed back seem to have become quite proud of the event, as happens when medals are won — France finished fifth with 64 medals, including 16 gold — and when praise is showered by visitors for good organisation, good hosting. As Yseult performed 'My Way' as the final act, the sky above Stade de France was lit by fireworks — sadly, even as she sang, people were trooping out of the stadium. But France indeed did it their way, their own Olympics in their own manner. Au revoir and merci beaucoup, Paris! 'Your Way' was very magnifique.

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BRIEFLY

MADRID
Alvarez leaves Man City to join Atletico Madrid
Atletico Madrid have signed Argentine forward Julian Alvarez from Premier League side Manchester City on a six-year contract, the LaLiga club said. Financial details about the transfer were not disclosed by either club, but British media reported that the deal was worth around €75 million plus €20 million euros in potential add-ons.

PORT OF SPAIN
South Africa and West Indies settle for draw in rain-hit Test
Both South Africa and West Indies had hopes of winning the rain-hit first Test before having to settle for a draw. South Africa set West Indies a target of 298 runs on the fifth and final day at Queen's Park Oval, with Alick Athanaze leading the hosts' chase with 92. West Indies finished on 201/5 in their second innings as each team started to run out of overs to get the required runs or wickets amid light checks in the evening session.

MONTREAL
Rublev beats Arnaldi after rain delay to reach final
Fifth-seeded Andrey Rublev beat Matteo Arnaldi 6-4 6-2 in the National Bank Open semifinals after waiting out a rain delay early in the second set. AGENCIES

India team stars to play in Duleep Trophy

BENGALURU, AUGUST 12
With some of the India regulars, except pacer Jasprit Bumrah and senior spinner Ravichandran Ashwin, likely to appear in the first round of the Duleep Trophy, the BCCI has decided to shift one of the opening matches from Anantapur to Bengaluru. Senior batters Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma also might get an exemption, and the choice of appearing in the tournament is entirely on them.

The Duleep Trophy was earlier scheduled to kick off with two sets of first round matches at Anantapur in Andhra Pradesh from September 5, but now one of those games has been shifted to the M Chinnaswamy Stadium here to reduce the logistical inconveniences. Anantapur is approximately 230km from



Veteran batters Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli might get an exemption from the red-ball tournament. PTI

Bengaluru and the city is not connected via flights. "The decision has been made to accommodate some of the top players, so that they get a feel of the red-ball cricket ahead of the Test series against Bangladesh," a source close

to the development said. India are slated to play two Test matches against Bangladesh — from September 19 at Chennai and from September 27 at Kanpur. While it is up to Rohit and Kohli to play in the event, some other prominent play-

ers such as Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, KL Rahul, Shubman Gill, Shreyas Iyer and Kuldeep Yadav are expected to be available for this tournament fully or partially. However, Bumrah and Ashwin are unlikely to take part in the tournament at any stage as they are expected to join the India squad directly ahead of the Bangladesh series. This could be Rishabh Pant's first red-ball assignment after coming back from the horrific car accident in 2022. Since his return, Pant has been a part of India's white-ball set-up and the wicketkeeper batter also donned the national jersey in the T20 World Cup. Mohammed Shami, who has been recuperating from a surgery, will not feature in the tournament. — PTI

Neeraj to miss PM's felicitation ceremony for Diamond League

VINAYAK PADMADEO
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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12
Neeraj Chopra, the star of India's Olympics contingent, will not take part in the Independence Day celebrations as well as the felicitation of the Indian Olympians being hosted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Neeraj, who finished second behind Arshad Nadeem in the javelin competition at the Paris Games, has already shifted base to Lausanne, Switzerland, to take part in the Diamond League. The competition is scheduled to happen on August 22 and he was keen to reach early to train.

The Indian contingent — those returning from Paris after the closing ceremony and those who are already in the country — will be trooping in the capital from Tuesday. As per the schedule shared with the athletes, they would first meet President Droupadi Murmu on August 14 and then are to take part in the flag hoisting ceremony at Red Fort and then will head for the PM's function. "Yes, Neeraj is in Switzerland and he has prior commitments. He is taking part in the Diamond League. He is not the only one. (Avinash)



“He is already in Switzerland as he has to take part in a competition. I really do not know when he is coming back home. It will be sometime in September. He has also told me that he wants to quietly come back and doesn't want the swagat ceremony as was being planned by a few of our friends.” Bhim Chopra, NEERAJ'S UNCLE

Sable and Priyanka (Goswami) are also there,” said a source with the Athletics Federation of India (AFI). “The season is not over because the Olympics are over. There are two more meets to take part in for him and others if I am not mistaken,” he added. Neeraj's uncle Bhim Chopra said that the javelin star is unlikely to be back in the country before September. “I can confirm he is not coming back anytime soon. He is already in Switzerland as he has to take part in a competition,” Chopra told *The Tribune*. Chopra also added that his nephew wants to return without hype or any celebrations. “I really do not know when he is coming back home. It will be sometime in September. He has also told me that he wants to quietly come back and doesn't want the swagat ceremony as was being planned by a few of our friends,” he added.



Indian-origin Aaron wins Wyndham Championship

GREENSBORO, AUGUST 12
England's Aaron Rai produced a steady finish for a final-round 64 to win on the PGA Tour for the first time during a grueling day of golf at the Wyndham Championship. Rai's two-stroke victory, which came by playing

36 holes on the final day, will be largely associated with Max Greyserman's misfortune as a four-shot lead evaporated on the back nine with dusk fast approaching. Rai's first title on the PGA Tour came in his 89th appearance. — Reuters

DOC'S RAPE & MURDER IN KOLKATA

Case will be assigned to CBI if police fail to crack it by Aug 18, says Mamata

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12 West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee on Monday said that if the Kolkata police did not solve the rape and murder case of a doctor by August 18, the case would be transferred to the CBI.

After meeting the family of the doctor who was raped and murdered at the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata last week, the CM directed the state police to crack the case quickly and said the government would demand the death penalty for the perpetrators. "We are trying our best to solve the case. I don't know how this type of incident can happen in a hospital. If there are more accused and all are not arrested by

Sunday, we will hand over the case to the CBI — even though their success rate is low," she said. Meanwhile, Sandip Ghosh, principal of the medical college, has resigned taking moral responsibility.

Kolkata Police Commissioner Vineet Goyal, who was with the CM during the press meet, said three junior doctors and one house staff of the hospital had been summoned by the police so far. "All those who were near the place of occurrence of the crime are being summoned. We have already started a helpline. Doctors can anonymously call to tell us if they suspect someone and why," he said.

Meanwhile, resident doctors from several hospitals across the country, such as AIIMS, Safdarjung and NIMHANS,

have gone on an indefinite strike to show solidarity with the victim. They suspended elective services, including OPDs and OTs.

The Federation of Resident Doctors Association (FORDA) had announced nationwide halting of elective services in hospitals. FAIMA doctors' association, along with the Indian Medical Association and FORDA, have demanded a CBI inquiry into the case.

"Our hearts are heavy with profound grief and shock over this heinous act. Even as time has passed, the wheels of justice have moved slowly. The investigation into this crime has yet to bring forth answers, and the lack of resolution only deepens our despair," the AIIMS Delhi Resident Doctors Association said.



Doctors during a protest in New Delhi on Monday. PTI

India dubs Nepal 'priority partner'

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12

India today described Nepal as a 'priority partner' under its 'neighbourhood first policy'. This comes after Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri concluded a two-day visit (August 11-12) to Kathmandu.

Misri, since he took over July 15, made his second visit in the neighbourhood — the first being to Bhutan. "The Foreign Secretary's visit helped in advancing bilateral ties further," the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said.

Both sides appreciated the progress made in the mutually beneficial partnership in the field of power sector cooperation, which has seen substantial progress in recent years, the MEA said. Nepal's hydropower export to India in the past 2-3 years has increased manifold and has created additional source of revenue for Nepal and added to 'clean energy' for India.

Misri and Mani Ram Gela,

Foreign Secy ends two-day visit



Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri with Nepal Foreign Minister Arzu Rana.

POWER SUPPLY COOPERATION GROWING

■ A power trade pact signed in January will allow Kathmandu to export 10,000 MW hydroelectricity to India over the next 10 years

■ Nepal's rivers, cascading from the Himalayas, have the potential to generate about 42,000 MW electricity

Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development of Nepal, inaugurated the 'Nepal Bhasa Parishad', a historical residential building associated with the eminent Nepali poet Kavi

Kesari Chittadhar 'Hridaya' in Raktakali. This is one of the 28 cultural sector reconstruction projects undertaken with Indian assistance after the devastating 2015 earthquake.

Court gives former IAS trainee interim protection from arrest

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12

The Delhi High Court on Monday granted interim protection from arrest till August 21 to former IAS probationer Pujja Khedkar, who has been accused of cheating and wrongly availing OBC and disability quota benefits.

Justice Subramonium Prasad issued notice to Delhi Police and UPSC on the anti-

ipatory bail plea by Khedkar and asked them to file their responses. "In the facts of the present case, the court is of the opinion that the petitioner be not arrested till the next date of hearing," Justice Prasad said, adding that Khedkar shall cooperate with the investigation. The court listed the case for further hearing on August 21. — PTI

How US firm behind charges of irregularities against Adani, Sebi chief is making a killing

HINDENBURG REPORT

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CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 12

On Monday, Department of Economic Affairs Secretary Ajay Seth told reporters that the government had nothing further to add on the New York-headquartered Hindenburg Research on the Adani matter. He made his comments after the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) and its chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch issued their statements, a day before. On Sunday, Sebi and Madhabi rebutted fresh allegations made by Hindenburg Research. "Sebi has given a statement. The chairperson has also made a statement. There is nothing further to be added," Seth said.

In its latest report, Hindenburg questioned the delay in Adani probe and Sebi's objectivity in the matter, alleging Buch and her husband Dhaval Buch had investments in offshore funds connected to entities used by the Adani Group for market manipulation.

What is Hindenburg Research US-based investment research firm Hindenburg Research is known for its

investigative reports and short-selling strategies. The firm specialises in forensic financial research. The company focuses on uncovering accounting irregularities, unethical practices and undisclosed financial issues within companies across the world.

What is short-selling

Short selling is a trading strategy in the stock market where investors or traders speculate over a stock and expect its price to fall. The investors place their bets on a company's stock, which they anticipate will fall at a specific

time. It involves borrowing shares of a stock and selling them at the current market price, to buy them back later at a lower price.

The difference between the selling price and the buying price is the profit for the short seller. In India, all categories of investors, including retail and institutional investors are allowed to short-sell as it is recognised as a legitimate trading strategy under a framework by Sebi. Hindenburg Research made just over \$4 million from its short-selling position on Adani stocks, Bloomberg reported.

NIRF ranking 2024: IITs continue to rule the roost

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12

The Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, has retained its dominance in the latest edition of the National Institute Ranking Framework (NIRF) as the number one institution of the country in the overall category for the sixth consecutive year and in the engineering category for the ninth consecutive year.

IIT Bombay, IIT Delhi, IIT Kanpur are at the third, fourth and the fifth spots respectively. IIT Kharagpur got the sixth place and IIT Roorkee and IIT Guwahati are at eighth and ninth spots, respectively. Indian Institute of Science, Ben-

THE TOP 5

IIT-Madras
IIT-Bombay
IIT-Delhi
IIT-Kanpur

galuru, topped the universities category for the ninth consecutive year. It also occupied the second position in the overall category. Jawaharlal Nehru University got the tenth spot in the overall category. In the medical category, AIIMS Delhi has secured top position and PGIMER, Chandigarh, got the second spot. — TNS

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