

WEATHER

FORECAST
Generally cloudy sky with one or two spells of rain or thundershowers

SUNRISE: 5.54 am
SUNSET: 6.48 pm

TEMPERATURE

HISAR
Max: 35°C Min: 22°C

KARNAL
Max: 36°C Min: 22°C

GURUGRAM
Max: 37°C Min: 23°C

WHAT'S ON

KURUKSHETRA

VOLLEYBALL TRIALS: State-level trials for men and women volleyball games at Dronacharya Stadium at 10 am.

SONEPAT

HOCKEY TRIALS: State-level trials for men and women hockey games at the Sports School, Rai, from 10 am onwards.

HELPLINE

- Coronavirus: 8558893911
- Police control room: 100
- Fire brigade: 101
- Ambulance: 102/108
- Corruption: 1064
- Women helpline: 1091
- Child helpline: 1098
- Accident helpline: 1073
- Railway enquiry: 139
- FARIDABAD**
Commissioner of Police
0129-2438000
- GURUGRAM**
Police control room
0124-2316100
- HISAR**
Superintendent of Police
8814011300
- KARNAL**
Deputy Commissioner
0184-2267500
- KURUKSHETRA**
Police control room: 01744-222100
- PANIPAT**
Superintendent of Police
0180-2699100
- ROHTAK**
Superintendent of Police
0126-2228114
- SONEPAT**
Superintendent of Police
0130-2222904
- YAMUNANAGAR**
Superintendent of Police
8818000100

Rohtak schools see 95% drop in fee submission

Hafed bazaars in all dists soon

RAVINDER SAINI
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

ROHTAK, APRIL 15
The clamping of night curfew and closure of classes I to VIII has hit private as well as government schools in the district as parents have stopped depositing the fees of their wards, fearing a complete lockdown in coming days.

Consequently, the schools have recorded a decline of more than 95% in fee submission after the imposition of fresh curbs. The district has over 450 private schools at present.

"Around 100 parents were daily depositing fees of their wards before the closure of schools on April 9. The development reduced the number to 20 but the night curfew has hit the fee submission process badly. Now, merely four-five parents deposit the fees daily and it won't last long as they are apprehen-

Fearing lockdown, parents refuse to pay for online classes, hopeful of relaxation



There are over 450 schools in Rohtak district, most of which are already facing financial crisis.

sive about a complete lockdown soon," said Anshul Pathania, secretary, Rohtak CBSE Schools' Association.

He said many parents were also hopeful of some relaxation in fees like last year

hence they were in a wait-and-watch mode and not showing any interest in depositing the amount despite several requests. The schools were in a tight spot due to the spurt in the Covid

cases, he added. Rajni, a parent, said except tuition fee, the schools were also demanding hefty annual charges and payment for smart classes. "The rising number of Covid cases on a

WAIT & WATCH MODE

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Anshul Pathania, SECRETARY, ROHTAK CBSE SCHOOLS' ASSOCIATION

daily basis gives credence to the possibility of a complete lockdown in the coming days. If this happens then the annual charges need not to be paid so I have not yet deposited the fees of my chil-

dren," she added.

Meanwhile, Ravinder Nandlal, president, Haryana Private School Sangh, said the trend was almost similar in every district of the state. "After the imposition of night curfew, parents are neither depositing the fees nor demanding school-leaving certificates of their wards. We don't know what they are thinking but the back-to-back orders for the closure of schools up to Class VIII and the night curfew have completely broken the backbone of private schools," said Nandal.

Anil Kaushik, president, Progressive Private School Owners' Association, said parents had categorically refused to pay the fees for online classes, forcing them to contemplate over relieving the teachers and other staffers of the schools, which were already reeling under a financial crisis.

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 15

Haryana Co-operation Minister Dr Banwari Lal said because of the increasing demand for HAFED products among the consumers, sales at Hafed outlets in the state are increasing and overall sales of Hafed products reached Rs 10 lakh per day on April 12 and April 13.

From October to December 2020, the average sale of Rs 3.71 lakh per day was recorded. He said through various strategic steps, efforts have been made to increase the sales in the Hafed outlets.

He said inspired by the increase in the sales of existing small outlets, Hafed had decided to open a sale outlet called 'Hafed Bazaar' of about 1,000 sq ft area. At least one such bazaar will be opened in all district headquarters. He said its interior design and ambience would be modern and attractive.—TNS

Gurugram converts hotels into isolation centres

SANJAY YADAV

GURUGRAM, APRIL 15
Bringing the city's health infrastructure on its toes, Gurugram recorded its highest-ever 1,500 Covid cases on Thursday.

With its hospital beds full and many condominiums becoming Covid hotspots, the health authorities have gone ahead by converting 12 hotels and five hospitals into isolation centres.

Issuing orders in this regard, Deputy Commissioner Yash Garg said the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare had issued guidelines for the isolation of the



Many condominiums becoming Covid hotspots in Gurugram.

confirmed cases in private facilities. There are instances where people

don't have the requisite space at home and may opt for facilities such as hotels,

guest houses etc. This is likely to reduce the pressure on the family, give comfort to the person and protect the family members and the immediate neighbourhood.

"Whereas, it is necessary that paid isolation facilities may be notified for confirmed Covid-19 cases having mild and very mild symptoms. Now, therefore, Gurugram hereby notified 12 hotels and five hospitals as self-paid/govt paid isolation facilities," read his orders.

According to the Health Department, these isolation facilities had a total of 577 beds and around 20 per cent were already full. They have

different packages and the room rent is between Rs 1,200 and Rs 3,500.

"As per the guidelines, we have started the facility of isolation in private hotels. Five government-paid and 13 self-paid isolation centres are set up in the district. We have also issued strict guidelines on who should be admitted to hospitals. We have asked them not to give beds to mild or asymptomatic patients", said CMO Dr Virender Yadav.

The move has, meanwhile, led various resident associations accuse the administration of putting them to risk by providing business to hotels.

Make policy to regularise illegal units, officers told

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 15
Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has directed the officers to formulate a policy for regularisation of industries running in unauthorised areas in the state and apply it as soon as possible.

He was presiding over the meeting of officers of the HSI-DC, Industries, Local Bodies Department and HSPV here. Deputy CM Dushyant Chautala was also present.

The CM directed the officers to take forward the work by drafting rules and regulations to avoid any problem at any level. So far, industries in

Yamunanagar, Faridabad, Panipat and Rohtak have been surveyed.

As per the survey report, there are 4,742 industries in Yamunanagar. Of these, 1,413 are in the conforming zone while 3,329 are in the non-conforming zone. Of 21,460 units in Faridabad, 6,048 are in the conforming and 15,412 in the non-conforming zone. Of 10,805 units in Panipat, 3,318 are in the conforming and 7,487 in non-conforming zones. In Rohtak, 793 out of a total of 4,176 units are in the conforming and 3,383 in non-conforming zones. —TNS

Ensure stronger ties between Haryanvi diaspora & govt: CM

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 15
Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Thursday said dedicated efforts should be made to ensure that the Haryanvi diaspora connect with the state government gets stronger.

He was presiding over a review meeting with the officers of the Foreign Cooperation Department (FCD) here.

Khattar directed the officers concerned to identify potential investors across the world in order to establish Haryana as a global brand through 'Go-global approach' for transforming the state into a

UTMOST PRIORITY

Developing strong ties with Haryanvi diaspora for the socio-economic welfare of the region should be the top priority of the Foreign Cooperation Department.

Manohar Lal Khattar, CM

global economy and further prepare a progress chart of the activities being conducted by the FCD and also hold a monthly review meeting. "Specific country-wise tar-

geted activities towards export enhancement should also be prepared. Besides, targeting investors through potential mapping should also be done on a priority basis."

The CM was apprised that dedicated efforts had been made by the FCD for further strengthening Haryana's embassy connect across the globe. Director General and Secretary, FCD, Anant Prakash Pandey said the department was organising regular interaction and exchange programmes to ensure strong links with Haryanvi diaspora.—TNS

EDUCATION NOTES

TRIBUTES PAID TO DR AMBEDKAR

Yamunanagar: Staff and students of Guru Nanak Khalsa College celebrated Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar Jayanti. Principal (Maj) Harinder Singh Kang said Dr Ambedkar was counted among the scholars of the world who had a deep knowledge of many subjects. Patron of the college management committee Bhupinder Singh Jauhar and chairman Randeep Singh Jauhar congratulated the staff and students.

BABASAHEB REMEMBERED AT MDU

Rohtak: To mark the 130th birth anniversary of Dr BR Ambedkar, a programme was organised at Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU). Vice Chancellor Prof Rajbir Singh, Registrar Prof Gulshan Lal Taneja along with other faculty members paid floral tributes to Dr Ambedkar. In his address, the VC extolled the socio-economic vision of Babasaheb and said he was a true nation builder. An online seminar on the "Relevance of economic vision of Dr BR Ambedkar in present scenario" was organised to commemorate his birth anniversary. Former secretary, UGC, RK Chauhan was the chief guest for the online seminar. He threw light on the legislations brought in by Dr Ambedkar on economic issues.



APTITUDE TEST TOPPERS AWARDED

Hisar: Top five performers of the GJUST weekly online aptitude test (GWOAT) have been felicitated by the training and placement cell of Guru Jambheshwar University of Science and Technology for their consistent performance in March. The students are Amisha and Vanshika from MBA (Finance), Arpit and Satyam from B.Tech (ECE) and Mohd Sadik from B.Tech (Food technology). Pratap Singh, Director Placement, said to date, 42 GWOAT tests had been conducted. Top performers of each month are given special awards for their encouragement. He appealed to winners to motivate their friends to avail this special opportunity.

Farmer gets ₹121 claim for crop loss

DEEPENDER DESWAL
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

HISAR, APRIL 15
A farmer, Ravinder Singh, of Sarsana village paid Rs 6,600 as insurance premium for his cotton crop on four acres under the PMFBY during kharif season last year.

The crop was damaged due to whitefly attack and he managed to garner only 14 quin-

Memorandum submitted to Hisar DC

tals from the four acres. But he was taken aback when he got the message that he has been given a claim of Rs 121 for the crop damage.

Similarly, a number of farmers complained to the DC that they too have got paltry sums

of Rs 40 to Rs 135 per acre as claim by the insurance firm.

Farmers led by Kisan Sabha district president Shamsher Singh Nambardar today submitted a memorandum to the DC seeking adequate compensation for the crop loss.

Nambardar said the insurance firm had given the claim on the basis of crop cutting experiments (CCEs), which were carried out at the time of harvest of the crop. Deputy director, agriculture, Vinod Kumar Phogat, however, said the firm gives claim on the basis of losses either due to localised calamity or the CCEs, whichever was higher.

WHAT OUR READERS SAY

Is a civic issue bothering you? Are you agitated over the lack of concern? Is there something heartening that you feel needs to be highlighted? Or a picture which in your opinion ought to be seen by many, and not just you?

The Tribune

invites its readers to have their say. Please email at: haryanacity@tribunemail.com

HIGH TIME TO GET SERIOUS ABOUT COVID PROTOCOL

THE state government has ordered new night curfew timings to control the Covid surge, but it is the chronic violators who must be reined in on 24x7 basis. Intriguingly, the enforcement agencies concerned don't appear to be serious enough as may be evident by no police patrolling in market or residential areas to ensure the compliance of Covid norms at least in Panchkula district. Perhaps, one of the grey areas happens to be morning walkers, several of whom can be seen moving without mask. Needless to say, the lackadaisical attitude towards the strict observance of various Covid preventive measures must be sternly dealt with.

KUMAR GUPT, PANCHKULA

NO END TO MONKEY MENACE

IT is a matter of grave concern that the monkey population is increasing considerably in the state, leading to the rise in attacks on public, especially children. However, the Haryana Government is taking good steps with which the population of monkeys may be controlled. A wildlife census will be conducted from April 20 to 27 to contain the population of monkeys and hence reduce the attacks. SUBHASH C TANEJA, GURUGRAM



GOVT APATHY BEHIND GLUT IN MANDIS

EVEN after precise and elaborate procurement arrangements made by the government in advance, mandis are still flooded and have no further space to unload the wheat produce. The reasons could be many, but the fact for this utter negligence is the 'lackadaisical' attitude of government agencies. They have no interest and intention to handle the crisis. RAMESH GUPTA, NARWANA



HASSLE-FREE MUTATION OF PROPERTY

A large number of owners who purchased property under the municipal area without mutation about 25 years ago or more are now facing a lot of difficulties in order to sell it as required by the registering authority viz. the tehsildar/joint sub-registrar. The government should either exempt such owners from providing mutation or allow the sale deeds of the property without mutation being old ones so that they may be protected from undue harassment at various levels. NITA NAND YADAV, ROHTAK

Remembering
UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador
Madanjeet Singh
(April 16, 1924 - January 6, 2013)
On his
97th Birth Anniversary

South Asia Foundation fondly remembers the visionary, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador Madanjeet Singh, author, diplomat, painter, photographer and philanthropist who dedicated his life to the principle of regional cooperation among the countries of South Asia. He is the first Indian in the history of UNESCO to be nominated UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador.

The South Asia Foundation pays tribute to the memory of its Founder and dedicates itself to achieving his vision for the Region.

"I do believe that history is not merely a series of accidents. It is a never-ending struggle between the reactionary, divisive warmongers and the people striving to realize their dream to live peacefully in cooperation with each other in a society where men and women love reason, despise hatred and violence."

-Ambassador Madanjeet Singh

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