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CM ASKS FOOD & AGRICULTURE DEPTS TO COME OUT WITH SOPs, FURTHER INCREASE PURCHASE CENTRES TO 4000

WRITES TO MAMTA FOR URGENT REVIVAL OF MANUFACTURING AT JUTE MILLS TO MEET PUNJAB'S ORDERS FOR GUNNY BALES

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 7:

The Punjab Government has set up a 30-member control room at the Mandi Board for coordination and providing logistic support during the ensuing wheat harvesting and marketing season, set to begin on April 15 under a tight blanket of unprecedented security and safety measures to ensure smooth operations amid the COVID-19 clampdown.

Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh on Tuesday again reviewed the arrangements for the Rabi operations at a video conference with top officials from various departments, including Food & Civil Supplies, Agriculture, Police, among others.

The Chief Minister ordered the Food and Agriculture departments to immediately come out with Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the Mandis and the purchase centres. He directed the departments to scale up the number of purchasing centres to 4000, from the current 3761, which is already double that of last year. While 1820 mandis had been notified so far, the remaining were expected to be notified later today.

The Chief Minister today also wrote to his West Bengal counterpart Mamata Banerjee, seeking her personal intervention to revive manufacturing and loading at the jute mills in her state against the pending indents for gunny bales placed by the Government of Punjab. This was essential given the emergent situation, to enable smooth procurement of wheat for Central Pool for onward distribution in the country under National Food Security Act and other Public welfare schemes, he said.

The Chief Minister said indents had been placed for 3.40 lakh jute bales from December 2019 to March 2020, and approximately Rs. 1000 crore had been transferred in advance in the escrow account of Jute Commissioner of India, Kolkata. As per the status available on the Jute

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Smart Portal of the JCI, out of 3.40 lakh bales indented by Punjab, 2.46 lakh bales had been cleared in inspection, and 2.30 lakh bales had been dispatched till date. Another 10,000 bales were ready with the Mills for inspections, but the nationwide lockdown disrupted the entire supply chain, he observed.

Captain Amarinder pointed out in his letter that the Union Ministry of Home Affairs had already provided exemption from lockdown for the manufacturing units of packaging of food items, as well as agencies engaged in procurement of agriculture products, including MSP operations. He further noted that in Punjab too, such units have been allowed to run their operations while observing the prescribed health safeguards.

The chief minister also directed the Food department to ensure that payments for the procurement are released to the ahartiyas within 48 hrs and they in turn make the same to the farmers within 2 days. The state government has already secured a CCL of Rs 23000 crore.

Meanwhile, to further check overcrowding at any place during the procurement operations, the Chief Minister today directed that Arhtiyas should make their own individual arrangements for water and food rations, and no water coolers should be allowed to be set up. However, all proper facilities should be in place to minimize hassle for the farmers and others involved in the operation.

The Chief Minister was informed during the video conference that there was no shortage of labour, with 14.2 lakh workers available to join the operations. Details of MGNREGA workers would be shared with the Arhtiyas, he was further told.

Further, to ensure smooth procurement, retired employees of Mandi board and state procurement agencies were being recalled, and dedicated staff of four state procurement agencies (total of 1800) would also be in place to oversee the process. There will one Inspector to look after 2-3 centres.

In his presentation, ACS, Development, Vishwajit Khanna, informed in order to maintain social distance, ground space at the Mandis is being divided into 30'x30' areas for heaps of 50 quintals each. Every day, one-third of the farmers will be issued coupons, with holograms and the number of the trailer allowed to bring in the produce on that day. More coupons will only be issued after the earlier produce is lifted. It may be recalled that the state government has already prohibited night harvesting, with harvesters allowed to be operational only from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Police personnel will be deputed at all the centres to maintain order, said DGP Dinkar Gupta, adding that adequate force would be deployed and nodal officers will be appointed for proper coordination.

Health Secretary Anurag Aggarwal disclosed that guidelines were being prepared to ensure that the Mandis are protected from COVID-19. Farmers and labourers will be checked for influenza like symptoms, masks (including cloth masks) would be made compulsory and multiple hand washing arrangements shall be set up in each Mandi. All trucks/ harvesters going from one village to the others would be required to be cleaned regularly.

In response to concerns expressed by Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Minister Bharat Bhushan Ashu, the Chief Minister meanwhile said that he would also again take up with the Prime Minister the issue of incentives for farmers to encourage them to delay bringing their

product to the Mandis in order to prevent overcrowding. The procurement season has already been extended by the state government till June 15, 2020, and the state has sought incentive to farmers bringing in their grain in May and June instead of April.

GALLERY



Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh Released A Booklet 'Because We Haven't Forgotten...' Along With A CD Of Documentary Film 'Jallianwala Bagh Punjab Da Dil' In Punjabi And Hindi Dedicated To Jallianwala Bagh Centenary Commemoration



PUNJAB INKS MoU WITH SINGAPORE'S CIG TO EXPLORE LEADERSHIP TRAINING, SHOWCASE STATE AS INVESTMENT DESTINATION



Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh During Fourth Day Of Budget Session Of Punjab Vidhan Sabha On Wednesday.



CAPT AMARINDER CONFERRED WITH 10th BCS 'IDEAL CHIEF MINISTER' AWARD FOR UNIQUE INITIATIVES TO BOOST STATE'S HOLISTIC GROWTH



Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh Receiving Cheques Worth US Dollar 16,000 From Chicago-Based NRIs Zorawar Singh Natt And Arjinder Singh Sandhu Towards The Chief Minister's Relief Fund, As Monetary Assistance To The Families



CAPT AMARINDER ANNOUNCES BRAVERY AWARD, FREE EDUCATION FOR AMANDEEP KAUR



Decrease In Arrival Of Migratory Birds In Country Is A Matter Of Concern: Sadhu Singh Dharmasot



Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh Presenting A Memento To A Group Of Specially-Abled Children Which Performed National Anthem During 71st Republic Day Function At SAS Nagar (Mohali) On Sunday.



Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh Presenting A Memento To The Budding Gatka Players On 71st Republic Day Function At SAS Nagar (Mohali) On Sunday.



Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh Along With Dignitaries Witnessing The Cultural Programme On 71st Republic Day Function At SAS Nagar (Mohali) On Sunday.



PUNJAB CEO DR. S. KARUNA RAJU RECEIVES



CAPT AMARINDER MEETS NHAI CHAIRMAN, BOTH



Speaker Rana KP Singh Release Table Calendar



Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh



AT PUNJAB CONGRESS PROTEST DHARNA, CM

BEST CEO NATIONAL AWARD- 2019 FROM HON`BLE PRESIDENT OF INDIA RAM NATH KOVIND DURING NATIONAL VOTERS' DAY FUNCTION AT MANEKSHAW CENTRE NEW DELHI ON SATURDAY.

AGREE ON EXPEDITIOUS COMMENCEMENT OF WORK ON DELHI-AMRITSAR-KATRA EXPRESSWAY PROJECT

Dedicated To Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji

On Saturday Released The Punjab Government's Diary And Calendar For The Year 2020. The New Year Calendar Is Dedicated To The Khulle Darshan-Didar Of Sri Darbar Sahib In Kartarpur, Pakistan.

DECLARES `WE WILL NOT TOLERATE ANY ATTEMPT TO TINKER WITH CONSTITUTION'S PREAMBLE'



Chief Guest Punjab Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Minister Bharat Bhushan Ashu And His Wife Mamta Ashu Being Honoured During The State-Level Function Organised On The Occasion Of National Consumer Day At Dr Manmohan Singh Auditorium, PAU



Dr. Ram Lal Jassi Assumes Charge As Vice Chairman Punjab Scheduled Castes Land Development & Finance Corporation In Presence Of Sadhu Singh Dharamsot



Mohinder Singh KP Assumes Charge Of Chairman Technical Education Board In The Presence Of Cabinet Ministers Channi & Aruna Chaudhary



2nd KPS Gill Memorial Lecture NOTED US TERROR EXPERT DR CHALK WARNS OF USE OF SOCIAL PLATFORMS BY PAK TO ATTACK INDIAN ECONOMY, SAYS US PLAYING DOUBLE ROLE ON ISLAMABAD



JAPANESE AMBASSADOR MEETS CAPT. AMARINDER, DISCUSSES INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN PUNJAB



PUNJAB GOVT COMMITTED TO TRANSFORMING MSMEs INTO INDUSTRIAL GIANTS: VINI MAHAJAN



PPIS 2019 KICKS OFF WITH EXHIBITION SHOWCASING PRODUCTS OF TOP INDUSTRIES, MSMEs & STARTUPS



VIRASAT-E-KHALSA BAGS ANOTHER AWARD, GETS LISTED IN 'WORLD BOOK OF RECORDS'



HIGH COMMISSIONER OF INDIA TO UK RUCHI GHANASHYAM PRESENTING A HAND PAINTED PHOTOGRAPH OF SRI KARTARPUR SAHIB GURDWARA TO PUNJAB CHIEF MINISTER CAPTAIN AMARINDER SINGH DURING A SPECIAL FUNCTION ORGANIZED BY INDIAN DIASPORA TO MARK 550TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY



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Health Minister S. Balbir Singh Sidhu Hands Over Appointment Letters To 74 Medical Lab Technicians



STUPENDOUS FLOATING MULTIMEDIA LIGHT AND SOUND SHOW DRAWS UNPRECEDENTED RUSH OF PEOPLE



Floating Light And Sound Show At SUKHNA LAKE Chandigarh



The President Of India Ram Nath Kovind, Governor Punjab VP Singh Badnore And Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, Patiala Member Parliament Preet Kaur, Cultural Affairs Minister Charanjit Singh Channi



Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi Being Received By Punjab Governor Mr. VP Singh Badnore And Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh At Bussawal Village In Sultanpur Lodhi On Saturday.



CAPT AMARINDER SINGH HOPES CORRIDOR WOULD LEAD TO PEACEFUL ENVIRONMENT BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES LEADING TO EASY ACCESS TO OTHER GURDWARAS



Prime Minister Narendra Modi Along With Punjab Governor VP Singh Badnore And Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh Inaugurating The Integrated Check Post At Dera Baba Nanak To Mark The Opening Of Kartarpur Corridor On Saturday.



PM ALONG WITH CAPTAIN AMARINDER PARTAKES LANGAR IN PUNJAB GOVERNMENT PANDAL



ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਵਿੱਤ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਮਨਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਬਾਦਲ ਲਲਿਤ ਹੋਟਲ ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ ਵਿਖੇ 'ਪੰਜਾਬ ਇਨੋਵੇਸ਼ਨ ਅਤੇ ਤਕਨਾਲੋਜੀ ਸਮਿੱਟ 2019' ਦੌਰਾਨ



CAPT AMARINDER USHERS IN WEEK-LONG 550TH PRAKASH PURB CELEBRATIONS AT SULTANPUR LODHI WITH GURU GRANTH SAHIB SAROOP SEWA



PUNJAB GOES TOTALLY HI-TECH AS CAPT AMARINDER LAUNCHES EOFFICE FOR ELECTRONIC FILE MOVEMENT



CAPTAIN AMARINDER SINGH LAUNCHES VERKA'S PIO NATURAL VANILA MILK & CHELATED MINERAL MIXTURE



Balbir Singh Sidhu Gives Appointment Letters To 519 Community Health Officers



CAPT AMARINDER LAUNCHES 1ST OF ITS KIND 'PUNJAB JOB HELPLINE' FOR UNEMPLOYED YOUTH



A ROOM SEEPED IN VALOUR - CAPT AMARINDER'S ODE TO 2 SIKHS



MANPREET BADAL SEEKS EARLY RELEASE OF GST ARREARS FROM NIRMALA SITHARAMAN



CAPT AMARINDER SEEKS WB SUPPORT TO HELP PUNJAB'S FARMERS SHIFT TO ALTERNATE CROPS TO BOOST INCOME & SAVE WATER



PUNJAB INKS MoU WITH INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATIONS & GNDEC-LUDHIANA TO PROMOTE RESEARCH & INNOVATION



MORE THAN 8800 VISITORS VISIT LIGHT & SOUND SHOW ALONG WITH DIGITAL MUSEUM IN LUDHIANA



CABINET MINISTER CHARANJIT SINGH CHANNI AND BALBIR SINGH SIDHU LAUNCHED 4-MONTH ELABORATE PROGRAMME TO COMMEMORATE GURU SAHIB'S MEMORY



PUNJAB CM SEEKS INVESTMENT FROM US COMPANIES IN MEETING WITH NEW JERSEY SENATOR



Ghar Ghar Rozgar & Karobar Mission' Scheme, Punjab Chief Minister On Saturday Declared All-Out Efforts To Identify The Poorest Of The Poor Jobless In Villages For Employment, Even As He Announced A Free Coaching Scheme For Candidates To Prepare For Group



CAPT AMARINDER MOOTS A PUNJAB IRAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO BOOST TRADE, INVITES IRANIAN ENVOY TO 550TH PRAKASH PURB



Manpreet Badal And Vijay Inder Singla Invite Punjabi Community To Attend Guru Nanak Dev Ji's 550th Prakash Purb Celebrations



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