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**CABINET GIVES FULL AUTHORITY TO PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE TO PURCHASE ESSENTIAL MEDICAL SUPPLIES**

**CAPT AMARINDER ORDERS STRICT ACTION AGAINST PVT HOSPITALS SHUTTING OPERATIONS OR REFUSING TREATMENT TO COVID-19 PATIENTS**

**DECISION TAKEN TO GRADUALLY SCALE UP PREPAREDNESS FOR COVID-19 CASES, PREPARE CONTINGENCY PLAN**

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 4:

The Punjab Government on Saturday announced special health insurance cover of Rs 50 lakhs each for the police personnel and sanitation workers in the frontline of the battle against COVID-19, on the lines of that announced for health workers by the Centre.

As an emergency measure to combat COVID-19, the Punjab Cabinet led by Chief Minister Capt. Amarinder Singh also authorized the Procurement Committee headed by ACS Vini Mahajan to do quick price discovery for all purchases related to COVID-19 management and containment, and make purchases on urgent basis. The committee has been authorized to make spot purchases and exigency procurements, bypassing normal procedures, in exercise of emergency powers under the National Disaster Management ACT 2005.

The Cabinet also allowed the Procurement Committee to procure essential and emergent medical items at prevalent market prices as the same had risen substantially due to widespread demands due to COVID Management.

The Chief Minister directed that no bureaucratic hassles should be allowed to come in the way of any urgent purchases that may be needed in this critical hour.

Taking serious note of shutdown of operations by several private hospitals, the Cabinet decided on strict action against such hospitals, with the Chief Minister suggesting that the health department should

**CALENDAR**



Lists of Holidays

Punjab Corona Mobile App

**Punjab Chief minister Relief fund- COVID- 19**



CHIEF SECRETARY ISSUES DETAILED DIRECTIONS FOR CONTAINMENT OF COVID-19

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cancel the licences of hospitals refusing to treat COVID-19 patients. Terming it a cowardly act, the Chief Minister said they cannot go into hiding at such a critical time.

The Council of Ministers, which met through a Video Conference to review the current situation in the state, decided that the arrangements to manage COVID patients should be scaled up gradually to cater to larger number of patients, keeping in view the: Harvesting & Procurement of Wheat; Rising trend in the country and state as well as apprehensions of community spread (stage 3); and Prevalence of an unknown and unprecedented pandemic.

Contingency plan should be prepared with alternative locations, equipment, and officers to deal with any emergent situation whereby any of the existing arrangements fail/collapse, it was further decided.

The Council of Ministers further decided that should do distant/remote monitoring and avoid going out in groups in this critical situation.

The Health Department earlier informed the Cabinet that once the rapid testing kits and the final guidelines come in from the Government of India, rapid tests will begin in the state to speed up the identification of positive cases. The rapid testing will be done for symptomatic and asymptomatic cases at all the hot spots, while symptomatic cases will be similarly tested in the non-hot spot areas. The department has already started community testing in hot spots, the Cabinet was further informed.

Contact tracing of the Nizamuddin returnees was being done on an aggressive scale and 192 persons from the list of 255 received by the state had already been tested and isolated, the Health Department further disclosed. In addition, tracking was being done for all the foreign returned, as well as high-risk categories such as healthcare professionals, police etc.

So far, contact tracing had been done for 1600 , including 846 high-risk personnel and of them, 34 had tested positive. Geographical mapping was also being done of the movement of patients from their locations to hospitals. People were cooperating in the contact tracing process, as per the health department.

The Cabinet was further informed that there were enough PPEs for the health staff. Health Minister Balbir Singh Sandhu said it 1000 PPEs each were being made available at each Government hospital.

On the preparedness for tackling further spread of the disease, the cabinet was informed that 5000 isolation beds have been identified, of which 2500 are already operational. Buildings, including hostels, are being taken over and declared isolated for the creation of such facilities, with the state planning for 20000 cases

To further strengthen the supplies, 20 industries have been identified for manufacturing of PPE kits and N95 masks, and five of these have already been approved. Another half a dozen industries have been identified for the manufacture of low-cost ventilators.

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## GALLERY





Corona Mobile APP



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 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.



CAPT AMARINDER MEETS NHAI CHAIRMAN, BOTH AGREE ON EXPEDITIOUS COMMENCEMENT OF WORK ON DELHI-AMRITSAR-KATRA EXPRESSWAY PROJECT



Speaker Rana KP Singh Release Table Calendar Dedicated To Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji



Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh 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.



AT PUNJAB CONGRESS PROTEST DHARNA, CM 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



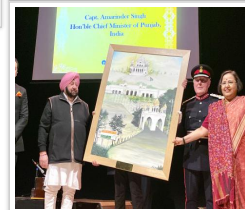
PUNJAB GOVT COMMITTED TO TRANSFORMING MSMEs INTO INDUSTRIAL GIANTS: VINI MAHAJAN



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'



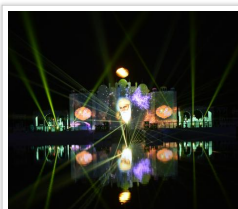
HIGH COMMISSIONER OF INDIA TO UK RUCHI GHANASHYAM PRESENTING A HAND PAINTED PHOTOGRAPH OF SRI KARTARPUR SAHIB GURDWARA TO PUNJAB CHIEF MINISTER CAPTAIN AMARINDER SINGH DURING A SPECIAL FUNCTION ORGANIZED BY INDIAN DIASPORA TO MARK 550TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY



Health Minister S. Balbir Singh Sidhu Hands Over



STUPENDOUS FLOATING MULTIMEDIA LIGHT AND



Floating Light And Sound Show At SUKHNA



The President Of India Ram Nath Kovind,



Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi Being

Appointment Letters To 74 Medical Lab Technicians

SOUND SHOW DRAWS UNPRECEDENTED RUSH OF PEOPLE

LAKE Chandigarh

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

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 PIVO 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



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

TO COMMEMORATE GURU SAHIB'S MEMORY

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



DELEGATION OF PUNJAB GOVERNMENT HOLDS PRE-SUMMIT INTERACTION WITH INDUSTRY

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