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India, Pak agree on strict observance of LoC pacts

DGMOs talk over hotline | Relief for border residents

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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25
India and Pakistan have agreed to strictly observe all existing ceasefire agreements along the Line of Control (LoC) and other sectors in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

A joint statement issued on Thursday said the Director Generals of Military Operations (DGMOs) of the two countries held discussions over hotline and reviewed the situation along the border.

"Both sides agreed on strict observance of all agreements and understandings on ceasefire with effect from the midnight of February 24/25," the statement said.

The agreement was reached on February 22 but announced today, ironically on the eve of the second anniversary of the Balakot airstrikes when Indian Air Force jets bombed terror camps in Balakot, Pakistan.

The two countries had signed a ceasefire agreement in 2003, but it was hardly adhered to over the past several years with more violations than observance of the pact. A similar statement on following the pact was issued



4,645
CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS IN 2020
3,168
SUCH INCIDENTS AT BORDER IN 2019

PEACE INITIATIVE

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- A similar initiative in May 2018 had failed to yield desired results
- India said its position on counter-terror operations won't change

PAKISTAN REMAINS ON FATF 'GREY LIST'

in May 2018 after the neighbours exchanged some serious firing following which the DGMOs spoke to each other.

The DGMOs and their officials had been talking as the civilian population on either side was getting hit due to the cross-LoC firing.

Indian officials said the agreement did not mean that counter-terrorism operations in J&K or action to check infiltration along the border would stop. The agreement was only about not firing across at civilian population, they said.

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Resuming Wagah trade could be next

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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

After an understanding between the two armies to hold peace along the LoC, the reopening of trade at Wagah could be the next step to restore civility in India-Pakistan diplomatic ties, said sources here.

India and Pakistan had started holding back-channel talks ever since it became evident that Joe Biden would

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NEW DELHI/JHAJJAR, FEB 25
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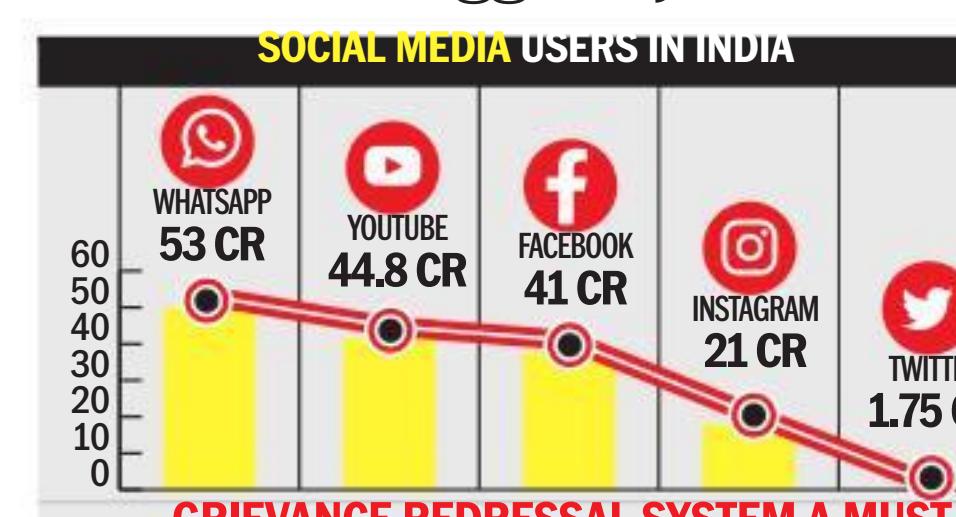
Tough norms for social media, OTT platforms

Will have to remove content flagged by authorities within 36 hours, trace its origin

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

The government on Thursday announced regulations for social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter as well as OTT players such as Netflix, requiring them to remove any content flagged by the authorities within 36 hours and set up a complaint redressal mechanism with an officer based in the country.

As part of the norms, titled Digital Media Ethics Code, the government can ask the social platforms to reveal the originator of a message the authorities consider to be anti-national and against the security and sovereignty of



WILL CURB FAKE NEWS

- Concerns have been raised over rampant abuse of social media platforms and fake news.
- Ravi Shankar Prasad, UNION MINISTER
- Firms will have to set up a complaint redressal mechanism with an officer based in the country
- Publish a monthly compliance report disclosing details of complaints received and action taken
- OTT platforms to self-classify content into five age-based categories; move by govt weeks after spat with Twitter

the country. This is the first time such rules have been framed for digital and online

media. The development comes weeks after a spat between the government and

Twitter over certain messages around farmers' protests that the government saw as inciting

violence. "There has been rampant misuse of social media. The medium is being used by terrorists and criminals, even those sitting across the border," said Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad.

The government has proposed voluntary verification of users and asked the firms to have a compliance officer, grievance officer and a nodal officer, all based in India.

The digital news media has been brought under the purview of Information Technology Act. OTT platforms will have a self-regulating body and classify content based on viewers' age. — TNS



Don't think of using force, warn unions

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Ex-minister Sharma's effigy burnt in Rohtak

RELIEF FOR SHANTANU

New Delhi: A Delhi court granted protection from arrest till March 9 to Shantanu Muluk, an accused along with Disha Ravi, in Toolkit case. PTI

Ministry rarely goes against a court ruling like this unless there is a risk of the person being awarded the death penalty. At the same time, the judge lashed out at the Indian

UK court allows fugitive Nirav Modi's extradition

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Nirav Modi

CAN APPEAL IN HC

- Nirav Modi can appeal in HC if UK Govt clears his extradition
- Court said no proof to suggest he won't get fair trial in India
- Nirav's mental health affected, but suicide risk low, it said

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IN BRIEF

In HC, govt opposes same-sex marriage

NEW DELHI: Marriage in India is not just a union of two individuals, but an institution between "biological man and woman", the Centre told the Delhi High Court on Thursday while opposing same-sex marriage. Any interpretation other than treating a husband as a biological man and a wife as a biological woman would make all statutory provisions unworkable, it said. BACK PAGE

Traders to observe Bharat bandh today

NEW DELHI: Traders across the country will go on a day-long strike on Friday in protest against alleged arbitrary regulations and changes in the goods and services tax (GST) and norm violations by e-commerce giants. The Confederation of All India Traders said over 8 crore traders would observe "Bharat Vyapar Bandh". — TNS

I-T raids on Hry MLA's premises

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Balraj Kundu

that his phone was in possession of the raiding officials.

They said the officials had seized a laptop and some documents containing details of financial transactions, donations etc.

Kundu, a former BJP leader, was denied the party ticket to contest the Assembly poll from Meham. He then contested as an Independent and won. Initially, he supported the BJP-JJP government.

In February last year, he withdrew the support after the government reportedly

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Supporter of farmers' stir; Kundu had snapped ties with Khattargovt last year

tightlipped on the matter, calls made on Kundu's mobile phone too went unanswered. Sources confirmed

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Alarm as daily cases highest since Jan 29

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

Active infections in the country went beyond 1.5 lakh for the first time after four days today, while the number of daily fresh cases rose to the highest since January 29.

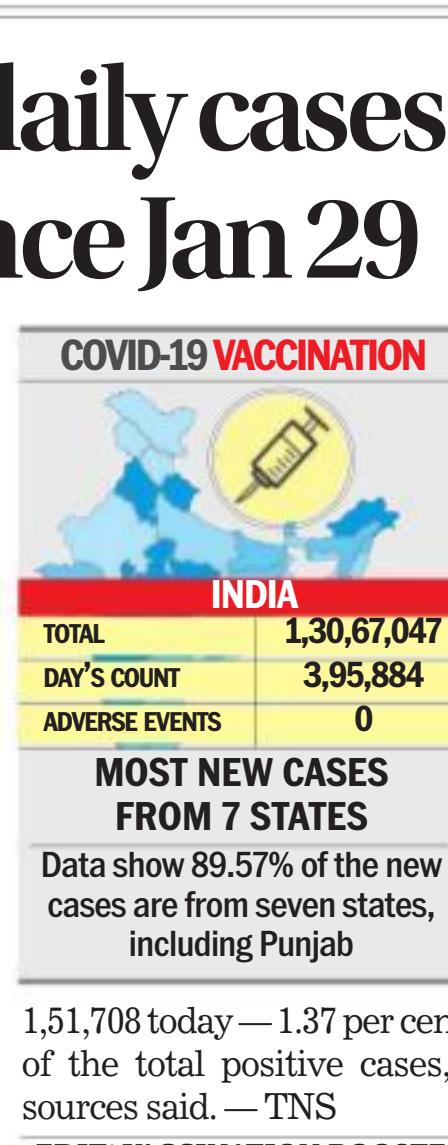
Cabinet Secretary Rajeev Gauba held a review meeting with the chief secretaries and principal health secretaries of seven states, including Punjab, that are contributing heavily to daily infection spike.

The 24-hour new infections across the country were 18,855 on January 29. Since then, the country saw the highest daily case count of 16,738 today.

"India's active caseload is

1,51,708 today — 1.37 per cent of the total positive cases," sources said. — TNS

EDIT: VACCINATION BOOSTER



HC seeks details of cases pending against sitting former lawmakers

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OF VOHRA COMMITTEE & SPECIAL COURTS

The suggestion for special courts flows from recommendations of a committee set up in 1993 under the chairmanship of NN Vohra, then Union Home Secretary, to take stock of info on activities of crime syndicates having links with govt functionaries/political personalities. The panel had suggested a 'nodal cell' for the purpose.

and other central agencies. "In spirit of the order passed by the Supreme court titled 'Ashwani Kumar Upadhyay

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Mandal", has made the observations in his autobiography "Nij Path ka Avichal Panth", released two days ago.

"We all join politics to change the society, not governments. 'Chal kapat ki rajneeti se sarkarein toh badli ja sakti hain, par samajh nahin' (Governments can be toppled fraudulently with money power, but it won't

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RAVINDER SOOD

PALAMPUR, FEBRUARY 25
Veteran BJP leader and two-time former Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Shanta Kumar has said he felt ashamed to see his party allegedly getting involved in the sale and purchase of MLAs to bring down elected governments.

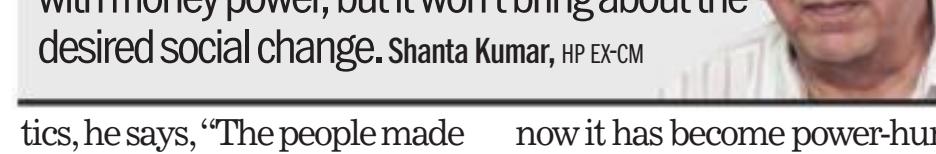
Cautioning the BJP against adopting "unprincipled" poli-

tics, he says, "The people made the BJP the world's largest party due to its idealism, but now it has become power-hungry." Shanta, a member of the BJP's sidelined 'Marg Darshak

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Says lost ministry in 2003 for unearthing scam
UNPRINCIPLED POLITICS WON'T DO

“The BJP has become power-hungry. Governments can be toppled fraudulently with money power, but it won't bring about the desired social change. Shanta Kumar, HP EX-CM



RBI: States should help slash fuel rates

MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 25
RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das today said there was a need for coordinated action between the Centre and state governments to reduce taxes on petrol and diesel prices.

"The revenue requirement and the compulsions of the governments are fully understood, but the fact is that fuel prices do affect inflation," he stressed. — IANS

versus the Union of India and another, an officer of the rank of IGP shall be present on the next date of hearing to furnish the requisite information of all cases pending against MPs/MLAs, sitting or erstwhile, in Punjab, Haryana and Chandigarh," the Bench said.

The District Judges of the two states and the Union Territory too were directed to furnish details of all such cases. "They shall also send a report regarding the stage of such trials," the Bench added. As the suo motu case, "In Re: Special Courts for MPs/MLAs", for monitoring

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Disregard for Covid norms behind spike: Nodal officer

566 cases, 13 deaths in past 24 hours



People without face masks at Heritage Street in Amritsar. FILE

towards wearing masks and social distancing shown by people in the state," says Dr Rajesh Bhaskar, state's nodal officer for Covid.

The number of active cases last month had come down to 2,000 but at present the number, the active cases have increased to 3,870.

"We have figured out that the main reason behind the current spurt in the number of cases is laxity

inactive cases."

On Thursday, among districts, SBS Nagar remained the worst affected with 111 cases and three deaths, followed by Jalandhar with 65 cases, Amritsar 64, and Patiala 62. At present 82 patients are on oxygen and 11 are on ventilator. — TNS

Five dead in Hoshiarpur

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 25

Hoshiarpur district reported five deaths, including 45 Covid cases, in the past 24 hours. As per the official health bulletin, the state reported 566 cases and 13 deaths in the past 24 hours. Among districts, Hoshiarpur reported five deaths, followed by SBS Nagar with three deaths, Jalandhar and Patiala two each and one death was reported in SAS Nagar.

Commission chairman Rajinder Singh said the commission had been receiving a number of emails and phone calls from students and parents against the offline mode of examinations.

Also, in a communiqué to the secretary of the Central Board of School Education (CBSE), the commission has stated that, "It has come to the notice of the commission that the CBSE has decided to conduct the examination of Class IX-XII via offline mode. Students and teachers in Punjab schools have got affected by Covid and the parents are worried."

In its recommendation to the board, the commission has stated that the exams for Class IX and XI students should be conducted through online mode and said guidelines issued by the Ministry

Hold exams online: Child rights panel

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JALANDHAR, FEBRUARY 25

With the increasing number of Covid cases among students in the state, the Punjab State Commission for Protection of Child Rights has written to the Punjab Education Secretary and recommended not to conduct offline exams for pre-nursery to Class VIII students, and instead hold examinations.



A health team takes a swab sample at a school in Patiala.

5 TEACHERS, 3 STUDENTS POSITIVE IN PATIALA

Patiala: Five teachers and three students of government schools in Patiala tested positive for Covid-19 on Thursday. While three teachers and equal number of students tested positive at Government School, Nuawaguan, two teachers were infected at NTC School, Rajpura. With this, 55 teachers and 12 students have tested positive in February alone.

In its recommendation to the board, the commission has stated that the exams for Class X and XII students

should be followed strictly for the offline board exams of Class X and XII students.

Notably, from Nawanshahr alone, 331 students have tested positive for Covid until now.

Follow Covid rules in buses, schools told

FARIDKOT, FEBRUARY 25

The School Education Department has asked government and private schools to ensure safe transportation of schoolchildren by implementing the Safe School Van Scheme (SSVS).

With the reopening of the schools, many operators were exposing children to the Covid-19 threat by throwing physical distancing norms to the wind in the vehicles.

The Director, School Education (Secondary) has asked all schools to implement it and make the parents aware about these safeguards in the parent-teacher meetings.

As per the orders, the school head will ensure all school buses shall not carry the children in excess than its registered seating capacity and ensure the medical check-up of drivers. A transport committee shall be also constituted in each school. It should meet once in a month. — TNS

BJP leaders face protests in Amritsar, Jalandhar

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AMRITSAR/ JALANDHAR FEB 25

A group of farmers raised anti-BJP slogans when Rajya Sabha MP and former BJP state president Shwai Malik visited the Regional Passport Office (RPO) here today.

As Malik came out of the office, a farmers' group, under the banner of Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee (KMSC), blocked the exit gate and started raising slogans. A heavy contingent of the police, deployed there, facilitated the cavalcade of Malik to pass through and averted any untoward incident.

Malik said the protesters were not "real" farmers, but a group of people with ulterior political motives. "They are associated with the Left parties. I will consider them farmers if they quit their political membership. They have been misguiding the farmers about the farm laws that were enacted for the



Protesters chase the SUV of BJP MP Shwai Malik in Amritsar; and farmers protest against BJP leader Vijay Sampla in Jalandhar. TREBUNE PHOTOS

PROTESTERS ASSOCIATED WITH LEFT PARTIES



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BJP leader Vijay Sampla today returned to his hometown after taking charge as National Commission for Scheduled Castes chairman, members of BKU (Rajewal) indulged in sloganising against him and other leaders. BKU spokesperson Kashmir Singh and other union members were among protesters.

'Don't know why I was kept in Tihar'

MUKTSAR, FEBRUARY 25

A 40-year-old farmer, Jaswinder Singh from Assa Buttar village here, who was arrested by the Delhi Police on the night of January 26 on the charge of violence, was accorded a warm welcome on his return to his village on Wednesday night.

Kabaddi commentator Jaswinder, a landless farmer who takes land on lease for cultivation, said, "I am unaware of the reason why I was put in Tihar jail. I was not involved in any violence. On the night of January 26, I had gone to search a fellow protesting farmer at Nangloi police station, but the cops bundled a few of us into their vehicle, shifted us to Paschim Vihar police station and registered a criminal case against us. I was released from the jail on



WARM WELCOME

Jaswinder Singh 40, who was arrested by the Delhi Police over R-Day violence, was accorded a warm welcome on his return to Assa Buttar village in Muktsar.

Tuesday with the efforts of a panel of advocates formed by the DSGMC chief Manjinder Singh Sirsa and the Samyukt Kisan Morcha.

Notably, Jaswinder was welcomed by the residents

of Kotbhai, Doda, Kauni and Assa Buttar villages, who raised slogans of the kisan morcha and welcomed him by terming him as a hero of the area. Jaswinder said, "I am thankful to all those who gave a rousing welcome to me. I am a poor man, but got a lot of love from the local residents. I will soon be returning to the protest site at Delhi border and had earlier spent almost a month there. I am ready to sacrifice anything to get the three farm laws repealed."

He said nobody from his family was allowed to meet him in the jail. Iqbal Singh and Chand Singh, residents of Assa Buttar village, said, "He doesn't even own a small piece of land, but his contribution towards the ongoing agitation has made him a hero." — TNS

Akalis plan to gherao Delhi Police

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 25

The Youth Akali Dal (YAD) will gherao Delhi Police personnel for singling out Punjabi youth for arrests by registering false cases against them in connection with the January 26 incidents in the national capital.

Disclosing this here after a meeting of the YAD, its president Parambans Singh Romana said the wing had received reports of Punjabi youth being unfairly targeted for punishment by the Delhi Police and the central government.

"We have decided to stand by our youth. Our rank and file will rush to support any youth who is unfairly targeted by the Delhi Police. I request all affected families to seek the support of the YAD in this connection." — TNS

Killed in encounters, gangsters 'alive' on FB

JUPINDERJIT SINGH

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CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 25

A youth with a twirling moustache sits before a birthday cake on his bed smugly. Dozens of guns placed on the bed around the cake adorn it more than the customary cherries.

Scores of celebratory greetings calling the youth a lion; a real son of the soil, are seen in the thread of comments below. Some have even posted clippings or lyrics of highly eulogising Punjabi songs about the gangster. It does not matter that the man died four years ago in the prime of his youth in a police encounter.

Live or die by the gun but stay alive and kicking on social media platforms to keep the fan following. That seems to be the maxim of Punjab gangsters, where pages or accounts of dead ones continue with fresh posts.

On the one hand, these posts pose an open challenge to security forces and on the other, they provide an insight into the life of the gangsters.

While gangster-turned-activist Lakha Sidhana is defying security agencies these days, followers of dead gangsters are keeping their following intact through Facebook pages. The police view these pages as potential recruiting grounds for impressionable minds.

The posts also carry hashtags like save girl child, respect women, no to drugs and help poor, claiming the man as a social-reform messiah. Then you see more posts: "This is to inform all that (such and such person) whose

photos are posted here claims to be a member of our gang. We have nothing to do with him. He will pay soon for misusing our name." Other posts celebrate the killing of rival gangsters. "Today, our great brother and soldier of our group has killed (name) and avenged the murder of one of our gang members killed four years ago."

Devinder Bambha, Vicky Gounder and Prema Lahoria are some of the several names whose pages continue to be active. Wikileaks.com even puts up a detailed profile of several Punjab gangsters listing them as popular and famous. A Facebook page 'Gangster of Page' is thriving too.

The problem gets grim when the platform is used to threaten persons or to claim a crime. Gangster Sukha Gill Lamme's page claimed recently responsibility for the murder of a dera follower in Bathinda (the post was later removed). Another gang is held responsible for Shaurya Chakra awardee Balwinder Singh Bhikhawind's murder in Tarn Taran last month.

Farm union protests harassment by finance companies over loans

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Meets Bathinda SSP, demands action

they even were being threatened of making the recovery by taking stuff from their houses.

President of the union Amarjit Honey said, "While loans of big corporate houses worth crores are being waived-off, women from poverty stricken families are being harassed by micro-finance firms for repayment of loans. The matter has been brought to the notice of the state government a number of times but if such harassment by companies persists then we will be left with no other alternative than to intensify our stir in future."

Armed with additional funds granted by the 15th Finance Commission for the agriculture sector, Finance Minister Manpreet Singh Badal is expected to make some big announcements.

The Budget proposals in the upcoming session of the Vidhan Sabha from March 1 will also focus on improving health and social sectors. On the cards is a major overhaul of the public healthcare sector, necessitated after the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic. Besides, expanding and increasing the social security cover for senior citizens, women and youth is expected in the Budget.

The government is likely to stick to its stand of not imposing any new taxes in its Budget proposals.

Sources in the Finance Department said the govern-

ment would be allocating an unprecedented percentage of total monies available with them for crop diversification, crop residue management and strengthening the agriculture infrastructure.

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A sizeable allocation for agriculture sector will be used for the debt relief of landless and farm workers. The families of those who have been killed in the farmers' struggle will also be accommodated for providing relief. Sources say money will also be set aside by the Finance Minister for the implementation of the Sixth Pay Commission for employees, though the report has not yet been submitted.

Budget expected to focus on agri sector

Sizeable allocation to be kept for debt relief to landless, farm labourers

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Govt shelves plan to reserve mayoral posts for women

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 25 Buckling under pressure from MLAs and party leaders, the Congress government has dithered on its move to reserve 50 per cent of posts of mayors in municipal corporations and presidents in other civic bodies for elected women councilors in the recently held civic body polls.

A proposal to bring the statutory provision by the Local Government Department is learnt to have been shelved after discussion in the recent Cabinet meeting. Sources said some cabinet ministers and MLAs argued that the reservation

Cong leaders, MLAs had opposed proposal



Women queue up outside a polling station in Jalandhar. FILE

would disturb power equations in their respective areas. After detailed discussions, the Chief Minister constituted a high-powered committee

of Cabinet ministers and MLAs to give due representation to all categories. It has been pointed out that so far, there was no statutory provision for women reservation.

Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee chief Sunil Jakhar, who heads the committee, said due representation would be given in all categories in the appointments for the posts of mayors in the municipal corporation and presidents in other civic bodies.

In the recently held civic body polls, women candidates had been elected in nearly 1,100 wards. From the Congress, 675 women candidates were elected.

As the Punjab Congress has launched a concerted campaign to fight the 2022 Assembly elections under the leadership of Capt Amarinder Singh, disquiet against the state leadership surfaced when Jalandhar Cantonment MLA Pargat Singh, a close associate of Navjot Singh Sidhu, on Thursday questioned the performance of his own government.

Not satisfied with the four-year performance of the government, Pargat Singh said, "The government needs to work on issues like controlling the drug, sand and liquor mafias." The former Olympian's utterances have come when the party high command and Punjab affairs in charge Harish Rawat has been working for return of

Sidhu to the mainstream politics, either in the Cabinet or the party platform.

Incidentally, both Sidhu and Pargat were conspicuous by their absence at a pre-wedding lunch hosted for party MLAs and MPs by the

Chief Minister in connection with the wedding of his granddaughter. Congress MP Paratap Singh Bajwa, a bete noire of the Chief Minister, was present at the lunch.

Pargat Singh's statement at this juncture when PPCC chief Sunil Jakhar after the results of the civic body polls announced 'Capt for 2022', has put the state party leadership in a spot. The former Olympian also said it was the prerogative of the party high command to decide the CM face. Jakhar said he had only said the election would be fought under the leadership of Capt Amarinder Singh. Sources said with Harish Rawat in town on Thursday, there were efforts by some ministers to control damage. Rawat was not available for comments.—TNS

Four arrested for murder

AOBOHAR, FEBRUARY 25

The police today nabbed all four persons who were named in the FIR that was registered at the Wahabwala police station in connection with a murder.

A 60-year-old man, Pritivi Raj, was allegedly beaten to death by his relatives due to a domestic dispute on Tuesday in Rampura village near Abohar. The victim had succumbed to his injuries.

Promila, daughter of the deceased, who was staying with her parents, said her brother Vinod and his wife Nirmala, who lived in a neighbouring house, engaged in some dispute. Following this, Vinod's wife along with three others barged into their house and attacked them. A case had been registered against the four persons. —OC

Amendment to job rules for sportspersons challenged

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 25 More than six months after the Punjab Government carried out an amendment to recruitment rules to change the definition of sportspersons, the modification today came under judicial scanner with a petition challenging it before the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

In his petition placed before the Bench of Chief Justice Ravi Shanker Jha and Justice Arun Palli, the petitioner through advocate Vijay K Jindal and Vipul Jindal contended that the Punjab Recruitment of Sportspersons Rules were modified to make participation in senior national championship mandatory for reservation.

Going into the background of the matter, the petitioner claimed that Punjab Public Service Commission issued an advertisement for filling 77 vacancies in the Punjab State Civil Service Combined Competitive Exam-

nation. As many as three posts were reserved for sportspersons.

Referring to the unamended Punjab Recruitment of Sportspersons Rules, 1998, the petitioner added three per cent of the vacancies were required to be filled by direct recruitment in all state civil services and other posts connected with the affairs of the state of Punjab. Sportsperson, as defined in the rules, meant a person of either sex, who had won national championship.

Vijay K Jindal submitted the petitioner was fully eligible as he had won gold and other medals in national championships. But the Punjab Government, in July last year, came out with the Punjab Recruitment of Sportspersons First Amendment Rules, 2020. The amendment made it clear that a sportsperson who participated in senior national championship would be eligible for reservation persons during the process of recruitment.

Caste politics at play as race for Batala mayoral post intensifies

RAVI DHALIWAL

Tribune News Service

BATALA, FEBRUARY 25

Even as the race for the post of the first-ever mayor of Batala has intensified, caste and gender configurations have surfaced, forcing the two kingmakers — Cabinet Minister Tript Rajinder Singh Bajwa and PPCC chief Sunil Jakhar — to do a hard rethink to ensure the party does not split once the final selection is made.

Councillor from ward No. 30 Sukhdeep Singh Teja, who won by a massive margin of 2,200 votes, is the frontrunner for the post. His supporters' confidence stems from the fact that he enjoys the unstinted support of Tript Rajinder Singh Bajwa. Sunil Jakhar and Bajwa are working in tandem to arrive at a consensus candidate.

The minister is eyeing the Batala seat in the 2022 Assembly poll and one mistake here or there has the potential to upset his electoral applecart. "Bajwa's position is akin to a trapeze artiste. One ill-

calculated move can prove to be disastrous. He knows very well that electoral politics is all about balancing the caste factors," said a mayoral aspirant.

Sunil Sarin, a prominent Hindu face and Harinder Singh, both four-time councillors, have thrown their hats in the ring. Sarin's visit to Chandigarh early this week where he met CM Capt Amarinder Singh and Sunil Jakhar has the grapevine working overtime. He, however, reiterated

that his Chandigarh trip had nothing to do with "his mayoral ambitions". Harinder Singh belongs to the Ramgharia caste which has a 30,000-strong presence in the city.

"Clearly, the claims of Harinder cannot be brushed aside. Bajwa knows that if he contests the Assembly poll, under no circumstances can he ignore the Ramgharia vote bank. This brings Harinder into direct contention," said a loyalist of the minister.

Three time ex-MLA Ashwani Sekhri is trying hard to get his sister Naveen Nayyar, a first-time councillor, into the reckoning by impressing upon the powers-that-be to allocate the top post to a woman.

Observers say it is highly unlikely that all three top posts — mayor, senior deputy mayor and deputy mayor — will be taken by male councillors. And if a woman has to be adjusted, it obviously will be Sekhri's sister.

Driver killed in mishap

OUR CORRESPONDENT



The mangled remains of the bus.

police extricated the injured from the bus with the help of villagers.

IN BRIEF

UDID cards: 7th rank for state Chandigarh: Social Security, Women and Child Development Minister Aruna Chaudhary on Thursday said the department had attained the 7th rank in the country for generating online unique disability identification (UDID) cards for persons with disabilities as per the UDID Card Status Report. Chaudhary said a total 1,89,323 UDID cards had been issued to the PWDs so far, against the target of 3,58,206 given by the Ministry of Women and Child Development. TNS

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Flaws in portal for online transfers, claim teachers

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 25 The Education Department's move for introducing online transfers for teachers in the government schools has courted controversy with teachers alleging that the portal doesn't show all options where they can apply for shifting.

Democratic Teachers' Front president Vikram Dev Singh said: "The government's claims on transparency in transfers have fallen flat with a sizable number of stations not even showing on the portal. This gives us enough reasons to suspect that these places will be offered to teachers who have connections in the department."

"The department had intentionally put lesser preferred stations with vacancies in far-flung areas on the portal," said Mukesh Gujrati, general secretary, DTF. Teachers have also sought that vacancies created after promotions of masters as lecturers be uploaded on the portal to give options to them. Replying to a representation by the DTF Education Minister Vijay Indra Singla said: "The portal has been created as per the existing vacancies in the schools. Due to Covid conditions, the department could not open the options given by teachers last year. We are resuming the exercise in the most transparent manner. In fact, teachers have now been given another chance to update their choice for places of posting."—TNS

State imposes 75% cut in fee reimbursement for SC pupils of pvt colleges

DEEPMALI KAUR

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Remaining amount to be charged from students

WILL STUDY DECISION

● I am yet to review the details of the decision of the state government. In case the commission needs to intervene into the matter for the sake of Dalit students, it will surely stand by them.

Vijay Sampla, Chairman, SC Commission

Since the scheme has been redesigned as per an agreement with the Centre in the 40:60 ratio, the state is to pay only 40 per cent of the fee.

Hence, from now, while the fee of a private BEd college will be Rs 64,500, the college will be repaid only Rs 16,500, with just Rs 6,600 coming from the state. For ETT courses, even if the colleges are charging Rs 40,000, they will be reimbursed only Rs 8,500, with an amount of only Rs 3,400 coming from the state.

Minister Charanjit Channi said, "The state government will pay the fee amount according to the policy of the Centre. We are to repay just 40 per cent of the share to which the Centre agreed. So we have to act by the final charges decided by it."

After a meeting of the council of ministers recently, a decision was taken that the amount of fee to be returned to the colleges under the scheme be made equivalent to the government college fee.

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CL20101484

COURT NOTICES**(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)**

In the Court of Tarjani Civil Judge (Junior Division), Nakodar.

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Harjinder Singh

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Sd/- Civil Judge

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Order 5, Rule 20 CPC

In the Court of Rajeev Bhardwaj, District Judge, Shimla, HP. Execution No. 468-S/10 of 2018 Case fixed for 05.04.2021

HP State Electricity Board Ltd. through presenting Officer-cum-Senior Executive Engineer, Office of Chief Engineer (MM), HPSEBL, Shimla-171001. ...D/H/Applicant

Versus

1. Sh. R.D. Bansal s/o Sh. Kundan Lal Bansal r/o House No. 31, Sector-17, Panchkula, Haryana, Partner M/s Hindustan Electrical House No. 136, Sector-7, Panchkula, Haryana.

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4. J.D./Respondents

Execution petition under Section 36 of The Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996.

Notice to: 1. Sh. R.D. Bansal s/o Sh. Kundan Lal Bansal r/o House No. 31, Sector-17, Panchkula, Haryana, Partner M/s Hindustan Electrical House No. 136, Sector-7, Panchkula, Haryana.

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(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)

In the Court of Sh. Ranjan Kumar Khullar

Additional Principal Judge, Family Court, Hoshiarpur.

Versus

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People burn an effigy of former minister Ram Bilas Sharma in Rohtak on Thursday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Farmers: Sharma's remark provocative

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EFFIGY BURNT

Rohitk: Representatives of several organisations led by Inderjeet Singh, state vice-president, Kisan Sabha, burnt the effigy of former minister Ram Bilas Sharma here on Thursday in protest against his "anti-farmer" statement. They sought an apology from him. TNS

and dictatorial attitude of the RSS. Because of this attitude, he and his Cabinet colleagues in the first term of the Khattar government had met with a humiliating defeat in the 2019 Assembly elections," said Phool Singh Sheokand, a leader of the All-India Kisan Sabha (AIKS).

Virender Hooda, another farmer leader, demanded Sharma should withdraw his words if he considered himself a well-wisher of farmers.

"Sharma's statement is ridiculous. It seems he wants to spread illusion among the masses. It is clear that farmers will not go back until the three farm laws are repealed. The BJP government will have to pay the price if it tries to use force against farmers to end the agitation," said Joginder Singh Nain, a leader of the Bharatiya Kisan Union.

He further said if Sharma was worried about farmers, he should persuade the Centre to repeal the farm laws.

"The arrogance and temerity of the BJP leader is in consonance with the anti-farmer

JHAJJAR, FEBRUARY 25

Farm leaders camping at the Tikri border have termed as "provocative" former minister Ram Bilas Sharma's remark that no farmer would be seen near Delhi by Holi. They demanded that the BJP leader took back his words.

"Sharma's statement is ridiculous. It seems he wants to spread illusion among the masses. It is clear that farmers will not go back until the three farm laws are repealed. The BJP government will

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Vaccination booster

Pvt sector will accelerate drive, but with more players

THE Covid-19 vaccination drive in the country is set to gain momentum with the Centre deciding to rope in 20,000 private hospitals for providing the jabs to those who can pay for them. From next week, those above 60 and over 45 with health problems can go to any of the 10,000 government-run vaccination centres, where no money would be charged, or to the private hospitals. The welcome move follows urgent appeals from business leaders, who warned of the risk of a disruptive new wave of cases unless private players were permitted to help accelerate the rollout. The modalities are yet to be formalised, but there is a need to drastically increase the number of facilities authorised to administer the vaccine, if not on March 1 itself then soon enough.

Since India has ample stockpiles and the pharma giants have the ability to produce additional doses to meet the demand, the second phase of the vaccination programme could see a decisive push, after a rather sluggish first phase of doses for frontline and health workers. Given the hold and dependence on private players in the healthcare sector, their entry is bound to be a game-changer. But a statutory warning is essential. The authorisation to vaccinate the vast population has to be seen as a national duty, not an opportunity to profiteer. The private sector will have to be its own conscience-keeper, and take the oath of acting responsibly with self-regulation.

Going forward, there would arise the need to allow access to other vaccines, ramp up dose production and allow large institutions to hold camps on campuses to vaccinate the staff with strict monitoring. After a precipitous drop in daily new confirmed cases, there has been a surge in recent days. The pandemic is baring fangs at people who had declared its exit. The decision to step up the pace of the vaccination drive gives a fighting chance to stay ahead of the pandemic curve.

Haryana's shameful rapes

Women easy prey as known predators turn rapists

A MINOR was gang-raped in Kurukshetra allegedly by her friend's cousin along with his four accomplices on February 24. A few days earlier in Hisar, five youths reportedly ravaged a 17-year-old sportsgirl who was being blackmailed with her semi-clad photo by one of the accused. Last October, a case was registered of a minor girl allegedly abducted from her house after the administration of an intoxicant and gang-raped in Palwal district by three men. The general pattern of these recent gang-rapes reflects a frightening picture. The common thread of the accused being known to the victims running through most such cases renders women vulnerable and unsafe everywhere. It smacks of a society and culture that are still immersed in oppressively patriarchal mores that scoff at sentiments such as respect for a woman's agency.

Haryana's statistics put the state to shame. As per the latest report of the National Crime Records Bureau showing the figures for 2019, Haryana recorded 159 gang-rapes, with 1.17 cases per lakh population. This is the second highest in the country, after Rajasthan. In rapes under all categories, four cases were reported daily with 1,480 cases being filed, showing a rise of 14.2 per cent from the previous year. Under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, there is an increase of 68.9 per cent, indicating a steep rise in minors being sexually preyed upon.

Significantly, the offender was known to the rape victim in 97 per cent cases. Making matters worse is the low conviction rate in crimes against women. In Haryana courts, it was just 16.1 per cent, as per the NCRB report. The absence of swift action emboldens the predators to repeat offences. With 49 cases involving repeat offenders, the second highest in the country — after Madhya Pradesh — and 308 cases of repeated rape on the same women, Haryana finds itself in another disgraceful position. Even as the struggle for a safe environment for women is grim and arduous, the rising numbers of families standing by their girls and calling out the predators who have abused and violated them is an encouraging trend.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

If you think compliance is expensive, try non-compliance. — Paul McNulty

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

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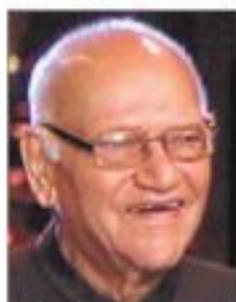
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KHILAFAT AND THE INDIAN LEGISLATURE.

THE Muslim members of the Council of State and the Legislative Assembly have lost no time in acting upon the suggestion made by Sir William Vincent, and conveying their requests to him on the question of the Khilafat for transmission to the Secretary of State. The suggestion was made in the course of a debate in the Council of State initiated by Mr Bhurgri, who moved a resolution calling the attention of the Government to the statements in the public press that representatives of Mahomedan opinion were being summoned to London almost immediately to represent the views of the community in a matter of importance. The speech which the Hon. Member made in moving this resolution was powerful both for the Government of India giving publicity to what they had done in the matter of the Khilafat to represent the wishes and views of the Musselman community to the Imperial Government, and for their making a statement as to what more they were prepared to do. As regards the first, Mr. Bhurgri, at any rate, was not unappreciative. "I should be failing in my duty," he said, "if I did not at the outset express my appreciation of the powerful efforts of Lord Chelmsford's Government, the Secretary of State for India and some of the Provincial Governors in the direction of pressing upon the attention of the British Cabinet the strong views held in my community on the subject. If my community has not acknowledged these efforts, it is not because they are unwilling to acknowledge them. It is because the Government of this country has not taken them into full confidence." As regards the second point, the speaker took exception to the composition of the proposed delegation. He was of the opinion that the matter being one which concerned only the Mussalmans of India ought to have been left, if not to them generally, to the Musselman members of the Indian Legislature.

Modi miffed with 'babus'

He is a man in a hurry; he wants results even before the task is undertaken



TRYSTS AND TURNS

JULIO RIBEIRO



LOSING HIS COOL: Modi made a direct attack on 'babudom' recently. PTI

WHAT prompted Narendra Modi, arguably the most decisive Prime Minister the nation ever had, to fly off the handle on one occasion last week? He made a direct attack on 'babudom', the fraternity of IAS officers who have been executing, often initiating, policies of successive governments.

I heard on an English TV channel the views of two highly respected former IAS officers for not having accepted a post-retirement sinecure from their political masters. They were Subhash Kumar Garg, a former Finance Secretary who retired prematurely after a successful career, and Anil Swarup, a former Coal Secretary, equally distinguished.

The former Coal Secretary was more forthcoming than the former Finance Secretary, who I learn has chosen the spiritual path over the material. Anil Swarup, a man I personally know and admire, was very supportive of Modi, praising him for being a good listener and a boss who did not hesitate to take quick decisions. Subhash Garg was not so effusive in praise, but he too felt that it was a pleasure to work with Modiji.

An IAS officer has many opportunities to interact with top politicians. It is the nature of the job. Many a minister literally eat out of the hands of bureaucrats, in a manner of speaking. If the minister has been given charge of a ministry in which he has no expertise, but is expected to learn the ropes while on the job, the bureaucrat gets a head-start, unless he himself or herself is being introduced to the subject for the first time. This does happen often because the officer is not a specialist. He is trained to take on any depart-

ment of the government. His superior intellect and vast knowledge and experience help him along.

Other all-India and Central services officers specialise in one subject. They have fewer occasions to meet political bosses and certainly not the top man. The only PM I interacted with on a regular basis was Rajiv Gandhi. Punjab Governor SS Ray and I would fly to Delhi from Chandigarh by a government aircraft to brief him on the course the terrorist menace was taking in the state. He was receptive and reasonable. It was only when I mentioned the guilty Congressmen of the 1984 anti-Sikh riots that he turned resentful. That did not deter me from mentioning it, at times, when the occasion arose.

In Maharashtra, where I was assigned, I would meet numerous politicians, big and small. The first CM I met was Morarji Desai. As CM of the composite state of Bombay, he visited Mount Abu where IAS officers were then trained. I was introduced to him along with three other officers assigned to Bombay State. He picked on me for special attention when he heard my name. He asked if my father had served in the Postal Service and when I nodded, he told me that my

father, who died when I was eight, and he were fellows of the Wilson College in Bombay at the same time, my father in the Arts faculty and he, Morarjibhai, in the science stream. This conversation, heard by my colleagues, made me a minor celebrity in the Sixth Regular Recruitment Course.

Yashwantrao Chavan, Vasantrao Naik, Sharad Pawar and Vasant Dada Patil are other CMs I met quite often in the course of my duties. They were a cut above other politicians in their own party, the Congress. You could guess why they were chosen for high office. Each had his own strengths, possibly weaknesses, too, but I remember no occasion to fault them for insisting on their own wishes being treated as sacrosanct! They were men of steel but willing to listen to the truth and to reason.

I have contacts in Gujarat, mostly in the IPS since I was DGP of that state for four months during the communal riots of 1985. There was a Congress government in Gujarat then. Modi was installed as CM more than a decade later. The junior IAS officers had become senior by then. They provided me with a pen picture of Modi in office.

That he listened intently was a common observation. That he decided

quickly and decisively was another. People appreciate a politician (or even an official) who takes decisions, right or wrong! On the debit side though, was the tendency to be ruthless with those who crossed his path, even inadvertently. If Modi wanted something to be said or done, it had to be said or done, even if the officer's conscience was not comfortable doing so.

Today, more than half of the PMO and other critical positions in the Centre are filled by Gujarat-cadre officers. The remaining slots have gone to officers from other state cadres who had found their way to the 'approved list' based on their ACRs. Clearance from the Intelligence Bureau is an added input that is unofficially obtained in order to clear doubts about ideology and integrity. At one time, we were told of another unofficial source of information obtained by the PMO through a system called the 180° initiative that entrusted a few retired bureaucrats of the PM's confidence to make their own quiet inquiries about the candidates!

There is no dearth of honest and competent officers in the IAS. At times, lateral entry for specialised jobs has been tried out, but even these highly valued experts have often been replaced by IAS officers of high calibre.

Instances of lateral entry into the government's top echelons have occurred even in the time of the Congress. Dr Manmohan Singh, Montek Singh Ahluwalia, noted economist, and Bimal Jalan, a finance wizard, were all brought in from academia. The present government continues with the experiment and has even taken it to the cutting edge level by recruiting Joint Secretaries from the open market.

So why is Modi frustrated? Well, he is a man in a hurry. He wants results even before the task is undertaken! And he also wants undiluted loyalty and perhaps a dose of ideology thrown in. I am sure he will be able to find such marvels in this vast country without losing his cool!

So we may feel unapologetically

SANJEEV TRIKHA

LOVE that brews between individuals cannot be perceived to bloom between nations, especially when Indo-Pak relations are concerned. On my trip to London in 2019, I booked a taxi to get me around the tourist destinations. Faizan Ahmed was the name displayed on the taxi. A white-bearded man was at the wheels. I could not resist asking him, 'Are you Indian?' 'No, I am a Pakistani with roots in Hindustan,' was his prompt reply. 'And I am an Indian having roots in Pakistan,' I replied with excitement.

On hearing about my roots in Cheechawatni of Montgomery district, he, with a distinct spark in his eyes, told me that he also belonged to

that region. Although I could not tell him more than what I used to hear from my father, he seemed eager to nurture the warmth of the incubated relationship. He regretted the sore relations between the two countries and seemed concerned about it.

On reaching the gates of the Lords cricket ground, I purchased entry tickets for him also. Some World Cup matches that year, including the final, were scheduled for this ground and preparations were on. He lovingly asked me to pray for the India-Pakistan final. 'If it happens, you shall be my guest here, I shall arrange for the tickets,' he said earnestly.

If you accept my invitation, I shall get shirts prepared, jointly flexing Pakistan and India flags. We both

shall wear these shirts and be ambassadors of peace and harmony, and if that does not happen, we shall wait for the day when the final is played in India, then I shall be your guest. We shall be doing the same exercise there!" he gushed. Riding high on emotions, I agreed to his plans.

As he dropped us back, he refused payment. On my insistence, he accepted the amount but the next moment, handed it over to my daughter as a 'gift from Pakistani chacha'. The warmth of his love kept our hearts and souls cozy throughout the chilly weather conditions and provided us with moments to cherish.

The promise made to him regarding the final disturbed me. Would I be able to wear Pakistani colours, if

at all, the fixture matures? The pragmatic mind seemed to be overpowering the heavy emotions.

If Amulya Leona, a girl of 19, is charged with sedition for raising the slogan of 'Pakistan zindabad' along with 'zindabad' for India, Bangladesh and Nepal, will wearing a shirt with India and Pakistan flags be easy on my soil? The micro-macro paradox did not spare even the pious bond of love.

India and Pakistan did not reach the finals then, but the love for the Pakistani gentleman won outright. Let us aspire for a better and warmer relationship between the countries so that Faizaans can be fearlessly invited and the ideas heartily brewed by them can proudly be worn on our sleeves.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why rename stadium?

The renaming of the Sardar Patel cricket stadium after Narendra Modi was totally unwarranted. The Prime Minister himself had criticised the Congress many times for naming many institutions and schemes after Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi and started naming every new scheme as the Pradhan Mantri Yojana. Everyone knows that Pradhan Mantri here means Modi and the poor class always says 'Modi wala khata' or 'Modi wala cylinder' and thus the political purpose is served. But now putting his own name in place of Sardar Patel shows how false his public show of reverence was for the great man.

ARUN BALA, BATHINDA

Hope in judiciary

Apropos of Varavara Rao gets 6-month bail on medical grounds, the order of granting interim bail to an old man who was ailing with multiple health issues on the basis of humanitarian grounds must be welcomed. Being booked under UAPA, it was not easy for Rao to get bail as multiple previous requests by his family had been denied. Better late than never, the Bombay High Court has set an example and has shown that

our basic fundamental rights, including the right to life and health, are being protected by one of the pillars of our democracy — the judiciary.

ISHAN HASTIR, GURDASPUR

Scrap seditious law

'Bail for Disha' and 'Acquittal of Priya Ramani' have come as a relief for the 'disquiet' society these days. The magistrates in both cases have given a landmark ruling that the offences of 'sedition' and 'criminal libel' cannot be invoked to minister to the 'wounded vanity' of the government or the powerful in society. But the question is, will the police and young magistrates follow that ruling? The police will continue to arrest and the magistrates will continue to violate the SC ruling of 'bail not jail' at the behest of the government. Never mind the 'scanty and sketchy' evidence, because 'the process is the punishment'. Disha has already suffered incarceration for 10 days. The government has probably taught her what it set out to teach. The long-term solution lies in scrapping these anachronistic laws. The government on its own will not do that. And the judiciary is demurring to do that. It is the media that will have to pick up

the gauntlet and launch a vigorous campaign against these laws.

LT COL GS BEDI (RETD), MOHALI

Disha's trauma ends

The Delhi court order granting bail to Disha Ravi ends her trauma of jail. The 10 days she endured in custody on the basis of "scanty and sketchy" evidence raise questions on the Delhi Police. With police and prosecution harbouring no compunction presenting dissent as crime, the safeguards against sedition are failing. The judge correctly noted that India's 5,000-year civilisation was never averse to ideas from varied quarters and the freedom of speech and expression includes the right to seek a global audience. Cataclysmic climate change knows no national borders and will impact young people the most.

SANJAY CHOPRA, MOHALI

Govt business for pvt banks

Apropos of 'Govt lifts ban on grant of government business to pvt banks', the businesses that were being restricted for private sector banks are now being open for both private as well as government sector banks. The government has lifted the embargo on private sector banks for the lead of government-related transactions, such as taxes, and other related payment facilities. The main

reason behind this is that the private sector banks are at the bleeding edge of soaking up and actualising the latest innovation in the financial sector. Now, the government wants to use their innovations to facilitate its social sector activities. It also wants to give a free hand to everyone because it's not about public sector banks or private sector banks, it's about the Indian economy.

ABHIMANYU SAHOO, ODISHA

Singer par excellence

It was very sad to know about the demise of Punjabi artiste and singer Sardool Sikander. His contribution to Punjabi culture and industry is immense. His sudden death has shocked his fans. He will be missed.

RAMANJOT KAUR, SULTANPUR LODHI

Cyber security

Refer to 'India needs a dedicated cyber security law'; during the lockdown, along with the working habits, the modus operandi of crimes has also changed. The lockdown has exposed our weak cyber laws. The government must come up with stronger laws and strategies to catch up with the hackers. There is a need to introduce some security application to prevent hacking.

GAURAV BADHWAR, ROHTAK

Why we should worry about Bengal polls



YOGENDRA YADAV

NATIONAL PRESIDENT, SWARAJ INDIA

clean record on holding fair elections. In that election, Indira Gandhi's Congress — it was called Congress (R) at that time — recorded a landslide victory reducing the Communist Party of India (Marxist) or CPI(M) to just 14 seats in a 280-member Assembly. If you go by the pro-Left media and academics, the entire election was 'rigged'.

A more balanced assessment suggests that the Congress was poised for a narrow victory anyway, riding on the 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War. It seems that the last-minute panic of a possible defeat pushed Siddhartha Shankar Ray, a close confidant of Indira Gandhi at that time, into pressing the panic button and 'manipulating' the elections to ensure a landslide.

Whatever the motive, what we know is that in several constituencies, the Congress used strong-arm tactics, voters were allegedly turned away and booth-capturing took place. In many constituencies, the sudden switch in voting behaviour was hard to explain.

In short, the 1972 election was seen to be rigged in many instances.

I worry because the BJP is rather desperate to win this Bengal election. It can smell a chance in the state but it knows it is not quite there. The BJP has all the power and resources at its command. And, needless to say, little scruple.

The BJP's desperation to win Bengal is no secret. Besides an overarching and all-consuming desire to expand its rule all over India, it has a clear need. The losses that the party has suffered and is likely to suffer in the North, where it has reached saturation, can only be made up from the East or the South. States such as Tamil Nadu and Kerala are still far away for the BJP. So it needs major gains from the East. For a party that is known to throw every-

thing into a routine election, it is not hard to imagine what it might do in an election it is desperate to win.

The BJP knows that it has an outside chance in West Bengal. Its tally of just three seats in the previous Assembly elections does not indicate where it might stand today because its spectacular performance in the Lok Sabha elections of 2019 showed that it was only three percentage points behind the TMC. If the Lok Sabha elections were to be translated into Assembly seats, the BJP would have won 126 seats to the TMC's 152.

The BJP also knows that it is hard for it to replicate this performance.

The party always does much worse in the Assembly elections in the state than in the Lok Sabha elections. Besides, the party has no leadership face to come anywhere close to Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's popularity. It does not have a substantial election issue or a concrete agenda to offer so far. In other words, it is a situation of 'so close, yet so far'. This is dangerously tempting.

Let me pause here: I am ultra-cautious, almost a conservative, when it comes to allegations or insinuations of electoral rigging and fraud. I have scoffed at politicians, including Mamata Banerjee in 2006, when they

used allegations of 'rigging' to cover their electoral reverses. I have maintained, much to the chagrin of my anti-Narendra Modi friends, that there is so far no credible evidence to suggest that the BJP's victory in 2019 was based on EVM hacking or rigging.

Let me now spell out my worry, as far as I can see it in this stage. My worry is that the 2021 election could have much more at stake than 1972. Specifically, I fear that in the coming weeks, the present regime might use the following to somehow try to win this election.

First, there is some fear we could witness a virtual Governor's rule. Given the blatantly partisan actions of the

current Governor, you cannot rule out the Raj Bhawan virtually becoming the BJP headquarters. This would mean a slugfest for control of local bureaucracy during the elections.

Second, the Election Commission, already battered and compromised in public perception, might take further beating. This is one election where the Election Commission's neutrality would matter most. This is where the Commission might come under pressure from the ruling party the most.

Third, the Central Government might be tempted into using the powers at its disposal to neutralise the strong-arm tactics of the TMC cadre on the ground, for which the BJP has no match at this moment. There are fears of blatant partisanship on polling day.

Fourth, the BJP has already begun and is likely to pour money on a scale that West Bengal has never known before. For all its other flaws, Bengal elections have not witnessed money on a scale that is used, say in Punjab or Karnataka. This might change in the coming elections.

And finally, we are going to see one of the most divisive elections in India's recent history. The BJP has already used every possible means of communally polarising the state — a state that has more than a quarter Muslims. Bengal has had a bloody communal history and has seen clashes after Partition too. A deliberate push to create communal divide and hatred can push Bengal into pre-Partition days. This could be one of the most tragic and enduring legacies of this election.

I sincerely hope that my fears and worries are unfounded. But given what I see so far, I do worry about the Bengal elections. So should you.

Views are personal



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UNFAMILIAR TERRAIN: The BJP has neither any substantial election issue nor leadership face to challenge the TMC in West Bengal. PTI

Covid vaccine rollout needs to be decentralised



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SCIENCE COMMENTATOR

THE Covid-19 vaccination drive is set to enter a new phase to cover people eligible for vaccination beyond the first prioritised group of healthcare and frontline workers. Those who were vaccinated at the very beginning of the immunisation drive are also getting the second dose of the vaccine. Vaccination has been initiated in all states and union territories where over one crore healthcare and frontline workers have been covered. The coverage of vaccination, however, is not uniform throughout the country. Many states have reported vaccine hesitancy even among healthcare workers who are at the forefront of the battle against Covid-19. The lower-than-expected achievement of vaccination despite the availability of vaccine supplies has led to questions about the potential wastage of doses in some places. Besides, it has led to the demand for making Covid-19 vaccines available in the private market.

In the current phase, the vaccination drive is fully funded by the government. It is not yet clear how the next phase covering people above 60 and those above 45 with co-morbidities will be funded. Those supporting the demand for letting the private sector handle Covid-19 inoculation cite the slow pace of vaccination in the public sector, and the fact that many people in the next phase can afford to pay for their vaccine shots. This view is based on the assumption that the public sector is inefficient and incapable of handling a large vaccination drive. This is fallacious because it was the public



EXPANDING COVER: Keeping the Covid-19 vaccination drive in the public sector may help in prioritising target groups and reducing divide deepened by the pandemic. TRIBUNE PHOTO

sector healthcare system that led disease eradication campaigns in the past such as smallpox and polio that were driven mainly by the effective delivery of vaccines in every nook and corner of the country.

The bulk of the essential child immunisation programme is state-driven, though India is yet to reach 100 per cent coverage of life-saving vaccines. All this does not mean that the private sector has no role in immunisation as such. The private sector has been a supplier of essential vaccines and also plays a critical role in delivery in urban areas, particularly of a host of new optional vaccines. The private sector has been involved in Covid-19 vaccination for healthcare workers at many centres.

The idea of keeping the Covid-19 vac-

cine drive in the public sector was to ensure that those who need the vaccine first should be prioritised, given the limited supplies in the initial weeks and months. Affordability or willingness to pay for the vaccine was not a factor while formulating this strategy. Even developed countries, where affordability may not be a dominant factor as in India, decided to keep vaccination in the state sector. It is a different issue that the same countries did not bother about the issue of access vis-à-vis poor countries. The bulk of available supplies in global markets were cornered by developed countries through direct and advance purchase mechanisms, leaving little for several countries in Africa and Asia with little or no supplies. Those asking for Covid-19 vaccines available in open mar-

kets should bear this in mind.

The glitches seen in the public sector-led immunisation drive in the initial days are being progressively fixed. Other inefficiencies can be identified and addressed in many ways to optimise the use of available doses of the two vaccines. The rollout needs to be decentralised. Instead of a Centrally framed and implemented plan, we need state-level immunisation programmes based on epidemiological factors driving the pandemic in each state. If the pandemic curve in Maharashtra and Kerala is different from that of other states, vulnerable groups there need to be prioritised for vaccination even if they don't fall in the priority groups decided by the Centre.

The same should apply while implementing vaccination at the state level. All districts within a state may not need the same quantities of the vaccine. Such a targeted approach can make the vaccination programme efficient. At the political level, taking states into confidence while formulating the plans can help address issues like those raised by the Chhattisgarh government.

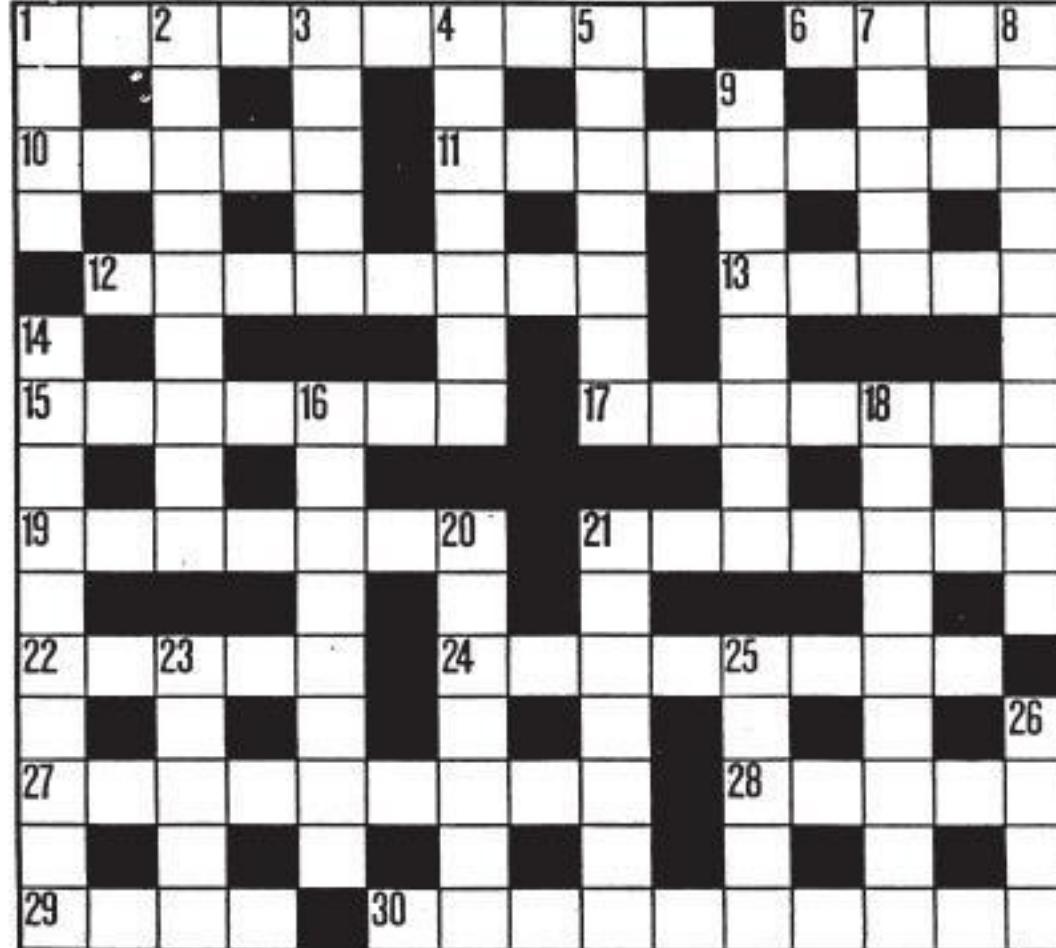
By being proactive and transparent with vaccine-related information with state governments, the Health Ministry could have avoided politicisation of the vaccination rollout and perhaps prevented hesitancy too.

Another aspect relating to the wider availability of the vaccines is their pricing. For the government sector, Serum Institute of India (SII) and Bharat Biotech negotiated a special price. The SII has already said that the price of its vaccines in the private market will be much higher, factoring in

administration fees or margin of doctors, cold chain costs etc. It means there will be differential pricing. If such dual pricing is allowed before all priority groups are vaccinated and before enough doses are available to feed both private and public sectors, it can lead to pilferage from public supplies and black marketing. Profiteering by unscrupulous elements in the private sector, as seen in Covid-19 testing and treatment, can't be ruled out. Higher pricing of say Rs 2,000 for two doses for private markets could also dissuade economically weaker people who are not on priority lists or have comorbidities from vaccination. The number of such people is substantial and if they are not vaccinated, it would be difficult to achieve the goal of ending the pandemic through vaccination.

The pandemic has deepened existing fault lines in society, between the rich and the poor, between haves and have-nots, globally and domestically. Telemedicine for non-pandemic-related health problems is tricky for those on the wrong side of the digital divide. If Covid-19 vaccine supplies are diverted to private, for-profit markets at the current stage of the pandemic, it will only add to existing inequities. Instead, the Central and state governments can utilise the opportunity to boost the public system with new investments. This will not only help in vaccination, but also help achieve other goals such as the eradication of tuberculosis and childhood diseases, besides redeeming people's faith in the public sector health system.

QUICK CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Across: 1 Towards, 5 Means, 8 Put on airs, 9 Sue, 10 Zoom, 12 Decadent, 14 Rustic, 15 Design, 17 Peaceful, 18 Myth, 21 Sag, 22 Willpower, 24 Entry, 25 Cursory.

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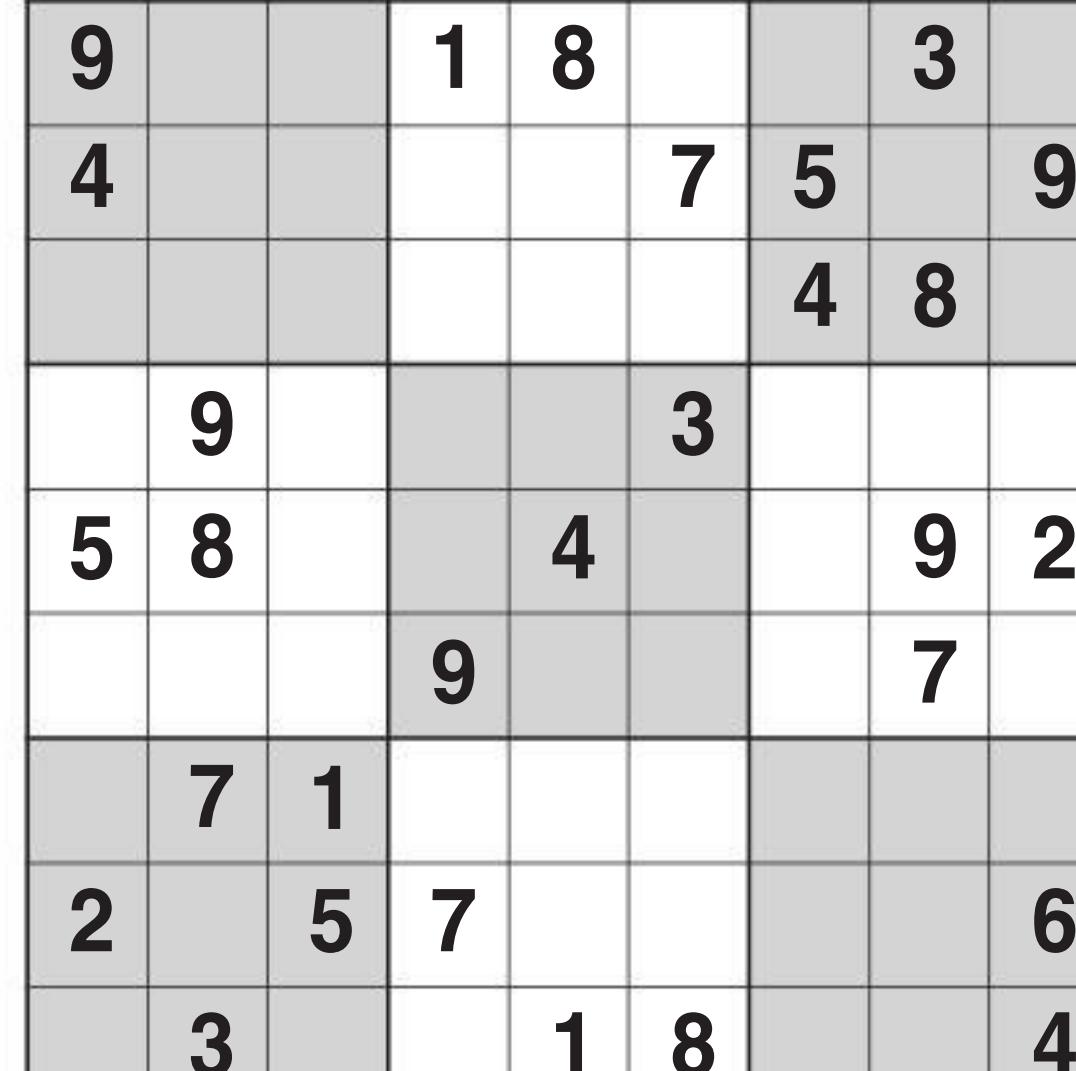
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- 6 A failure (4)
- 10 Overcharged (5)
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- 12 All the gods of a religion (8)
- 13 Desert watering place (5)
- 15 Female wild cat (7)
- 17 Gather in (5,2)
- 19 Tableland (7)
- 21 An English cheese (7)
- 22 Place much frequented (5)
- 24 A binding agreement (8)
- 27 Make a copy of (9)
- 28 Originate (5)
- 29 A limited period (4)
- 30 Something remarkable (10)

DOWN

- 1 Instance (4)
- 2 Severe pain along nerve (9)
- 3 Boxing match (5)
- 4 Weigh heavily on (7)
- 5 Seafarer (7)
- 7 Name of 18 French kings (5)
- 8 Having nothing in common (5,5)
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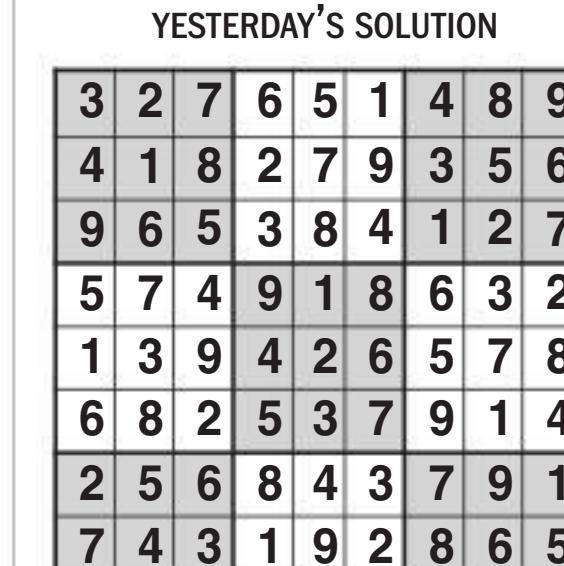
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■ Hijri	1442
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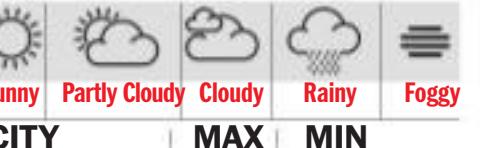
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Result of Written Examination and notice to candidates for Scrutiny of Documents for the post of Art & Craft Teacher of School Education Department, Haryana against Advt. No. 06/2006, Cat No. 22.

In Compliance of Hon'ble High Court orders dated 20.02.2015 in CWP No. 23394/2010, LPA No. 359/2015 order dated 10.11.2020, SLP No. 14171/2020 order dated 14.12.2020 and on the basis of Written Examination held on 31.01.2021 for the post of Art & Craft Teacher, School Education, Haryana against Advt. No. 06/2006, Category No. 22, the candidates bearing following Roll Nos. have been called for Scrutiny of Documents provisionally to ascertain eligible candidates against the advertised posts and further subject to the fulfillment of their eligibility conditions as per respective advertisement and service rules.

Advt. No. 06/2006, Cat. No. 22, Art & Craft (816 Posts)

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Bays No 59-62, Sector 2, Panchkula.

Phone: 01722567945

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (NIT)

Tender Enquiry No.: 150/Tend/COR/2020-21/3/4-A

Online Tenders of Medical consumables for a period of Three Months procurement of Logistics for Corona virus, Haryana of "Group C" and documents can be downloaded from 24.02.2021 onwards on e-procurement portal www.etenders.hry.nic.in.

For Managing Director,
HMSCL, Panchkula**HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION**
BAYS NO. 67-70, SECTOR-2, PANCHKULA – 134151
(Website: www.hssc.gov.in)**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is in reference to a Re-schedule Notice that is circulating in social media alleged to have been issued by HSSC Re-scheduling Gram Sachiv Written Examination on 03.04.2021 & 04.04.2021.

Haryana Staff Selection Commission denies authenticity of this Re-schedule Notice circulating in social media and categorically states that the Schedule of Written Exam for the Post of Gram Sachiv will be issued by Commission later on.

HSSC requests the public not to indulge in such rumours in any way without verifying the same from the office and website of HSSC.

Place: Panchkula Sd/- Controller of Examination, Haryana Staff Selection Commission, Panchkula.

Dated: 25th February, 2021

PRDH/1159/13/44/2021/1947/31/4

HARYANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
BAYS NO. 1-10, BLOCK-B, SECTOR-4, PANCHKULA
DENTAL SURGEON CLASS-II IN HEALTH DEPARTMENT, HARYANA

Advt. No. 02/2021 Date of publication: 25.02.2021

The Commission invites online applications from eligible candidates for the posts of **Dental Surgeon Class-II in Health Department, Haryana**. Category wise break-up of the posts is as under:-

Sr. No.	Name of the Post	Gen/ UR	SC/ BC of Hry	ST/ EWS of Hry	Total	ESM of Hry	PWBD of Hry.	ESP of Hry.
1.	DENTAL SURGEON (CLASS-II)	45	15	08	05	08	81	SC-02 SC-01 BC-B-01 BC-A-01
TOTAL		45	15	08	05	08	81	03

(a) Opening date for submission of online applications: 01.03.2021

(b) Closing date for the submission of online applications: 26.03.2021 up to 11:55 p.m.

(c) Closing date for deposit of Fee: 26.03.2021 up to 11:55 p.m.

For more information, logon to <http://hpsc.gov.in>Sd/- Secretary,
Haryana Public Service Commission,
Panchkula.

Date: 25.02.2021

PRDH/1156/13/11/2021/1949/31/4

NATIONAL CENTRE FOR DISEASE CONTROL GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

(DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF HEALTH SERVICES)

22-Sham Nath Marg, Delhi – 110 054

Walk-in Interview for filling up of the 07 additional manpower for Epidemiology Division i.e. 01-Senior Public Health Consultant, 01-Technical Specialist (Disease Surveillance), 01-Technical Specialist-(Laboratory Strengthening), 01-Procurement Specialist, 01-Consultant Finance & 02-Program Assistant to support the implementation of activities envisaged under the World Bank Project to be filled purely on contract basis for a period two years, will be held in the month of **March, 2021** at NCDC, 22-Sham Nath Marg (Near Civil Line Metro Station), Delhi – 110 054.The exact date of Walk-in Interview along with other details regarding essential qualifications/ other terms & conditions or the contractual posts may be viewed on the NCDC website www.ncdc.gov.in, idspn.nic.in as well as MoH&FW website www.mohfw.nic.in. Eligible candidates fulfilling the educational qualification and experience etc. may appear for the Walk-in Interview on the dates and time as mentioned along with a resume, one passport size photograph, original certificates and their self-attested copies. Registration of eligible candidates for interview will be held between 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Candidate reporting after 11:00 a.m. will not be entertained.

(PRAKASH DOVAL)

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NORTHERN RAILWAY**E-Tender Notice**

Dy. CEE/JUDW acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No. 56-W/Elect/20-21/7/02/EOT Crane(RT). Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

Information regarding this tender is available on website www.ireps.gov.in can be seen/downloaded. The Tenderers/bidders will have to make payment towards tender document cost and Earnest Money against this tender through online payment modes like Net Banking/Debit/Credit Cards etc available on IREPS portal. Manual/ offline mode of payment through Demand Draft, Banker's cheque, cash deposit receipts etc are not permitted.

Name of Work Extension of shed and flooring with EOT crane track provision in wagon shop SRE end in CBC & Bogie section.

Tender Type Open Bidding System Single Packet System

Tender sale Closing Date 23.03.2021 at 15:30 Hrs Date Time of Uploading Tender 01.03.2021

Pre-Bid Required No Pre-Bid Query till date N. A.

Advertisement Value Rs.49,764/- Including all taxes GST etc. Tender & Works/ Electrical branch Jagadhi Workshop

Earnest Money NIL (as per Ry. Bd's L.No. 2020/II-CII/CT/3/E/GCC/ Policy Dt.: 30.12.2020) Validity of Offer 45 days

Tender Document Cost Rs. 3,000/- Period of Completion 90 days

Bidding Start Date 15 days before opening of tender as per IREPS provisions. Bidding end date 23.03.2021 up to 15:30 hrs.

Tender opening date & time At any time thereafter 15.35 hrs on dt. 23.03.2021. The tenderers are not required to be present during the opening. Railway reserve the right to open the tender at any time after closing of tender.

No. 56-W/Elect/20-21/7/02/EOT Crane (RT) Dt.: 25.02.2021

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

Open Tender Notice No. 16/2020-21

Open tenders through E-tendering are invited by Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/G. Northern Railway, Ambala from the willing contractors for following work upto 15.00 hrs on the date of closing shown against the work and will be opened thereafter.

S. N. Open Tender No. Name of work Date of Closing/ Opening Approx. Cost Earnest Money Completion period Validity period Cost of tender form

1. 30-Elect/T-31/2020-21 (Open Tender) Electrical work in connection with Repair & comprehensive annual maintenance contract (CAMC) of no 01. Thyssenkrupp makes lift installed at Railway Hospital, Ambala Cantt for three years over Ambala Division.

15.03.2021 Rs. 777207.00 NIL 36 Months 20 Days NIL

2. 30-Elect/T-32/2020-21 (Open Tender) Electrical work in connection with Raising & Extension of Platform no. 1 & 2 upto 24 coaches at JUDW in the section of SSE/W/L/SRE under ADEN/SRE over Ambala Division.

15.03.2021 Rs. 1500021.61 NIL 04 Months 20 Days NIL

1. Tenderer(s) are required to upload scanned copies of all related eligibility documents including PAN/TIN as per conditions. The required Earnest Money & Tender Document Cost will be acceptable On-Line payment through Net Banking/or Payment Gateway payment only well before & upto 1500 hrs of closing date & time of tender.

2. Tenderer(s) should have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate to participate in E-Tendering of Works Tenders.

3. For details please log on IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in.

No. 30-Elect/T/Notice/16/2020-21 Dated: 25.02.2021

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District Child Protection Unit

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1. बालक का नाम - विकास S/o रामसिंह पुराणी तस्वीर

वर्तमान तस्वीर



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पंजाब नं. : 0180-2641574, 2642574

जिला बाल संरक्षण अधिकारी, पानीपत

PRDH/1128/11/30/2021/1936/31/4

जिला बाल संरक्षण अधिकारी, पानीपत

Sonamarg fest



Tourists take sledge ride after fresh snowfall during Sonamarg Winter Festival in Ganderbal. PTI

I-T raids on Hry MLA's premises

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gave "clean chit" to those involved in alleged corruption cases flagged by him. In October last year, Kundu and his brother were booked in a fraud case. Kundu's aides and farm union leaders

claimed he was being targeted for criticising the government and supporting the farmers' stir.

"Balraj Kundu was the first MLA in Haryana to oppose the three laws. Here comes the reward!" said social

activist Yogender Yadav in a tweet. Refuting claims of political vendetta, Member of Parliament from Karnal Sanjay Bhatia said the raids were being carried out on the complaints of "discrepancies" in his accounts.

bring about the desired social change), he writes, attributing the remarks to former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. He says he has always sworn by the politics of principles and wished his party, "which has the capacity to change Indian politics", doesn't deviate from the politics of principles.

Incidentally, Shanta's remarks on the "BJP's horse-trading" have come at a time when the Congress has been accusing the saffron party of toppling its government in Puducherry. Known for speaking his mind even if it meant paying a heavy price, Shanta's autobiography has kicked up a political storm with the Congress demanding a probe.

A writer and a poet with several books to his credit, he claims he has paid a heavy price for calling a spade a spade, but "had no regrets about it".

If the political scenario has

STRICT LAWS NEEDED
If the political scenario has to be changed, the PM must bring in stringent laws to curb the use of black money in elections.

Shanta Kumar, HP EX-M

to be changed, writes Shanta, Prime Minister Narendra Modi must bring in stringent laws to curb the use of black money in elections and keep criminals out of politics.

Shanta's book was expected to unravel several truths, one being "he lost his chair in the Union Cabinet in 2003 for unearthing a Rs 300 crore scam when he was the Rural Development Minister". "I brought the facts to the notice of the then PM Vajpayee... instead of initiating action against the culprits, I was forced to step down," he writes.

ENGAGEMENT OF GROUND WATER EXPERT

Under National Hydrology Project (NHP), one number experienced Ground Water Expert is required to be engaged initially for a period of 1 year, extendable later on.

For details visit <https://hid.gov.in/>

Sd/- Executive Engineer/NHP Irrigation & W.R. Department Haryana, Panchkula.
PRDH/1069/11/8/2021/1941/31/4

**WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, PUNJAB
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, CIVIL AND MAINTENANCE CIRCLE,
RANJIT SAGAR DAM PROJECT, SHAHPURKANDI TOWNSHIP - 145029**

E-procurement tender notice No. 01/2021-39250/E-1428
& 02/2021-36356/A-1140

Two Tier Online E-Bids are invited from eligible bidders for the procurement of materials as mentioned below for use on Ranjit Sagar Dam Project.

- Period of sale of bid document is from 26.02.2021 to 15.03.2021 up to 15:00 Hrs.
- Last date for online submission of bids is 15.03.2021 up to 15:00 Hrs.
- Technical bids will be opened on dated 16.03.2021 at 12:30 p.m.
- Price bid will be opened on as per Technical Evaluation.

Sr. PR No. Brief Description of material Item/ Unit Cost of bid document Earnest Money/ Bid Security App. Cost of Work Re- marks

Sr. No.	PR No.	Brief Description of material	Item/ Unit	Cost of bid document	Earnest Money/ Bid Security	App. Cost of Work	Re- marks
1.	R-39250/E-1428	Procurement of Electrical and other items	16 Nos.	500/-	40,000/-	40.00 Lacs	
2.	PR-36356/A-1140	Procurement of One No. Wheel Loader (Bucket capacity 2.8 Cum to 3.5 Cum Turbo Charged 6 Cylinder inter cooled BS-VI compliance orbital hydraulic power steering).	01 No.	500/-	86,000/-	86.00 Lacs	

1. For any query please logon to website www.eproc.punjab.gov.in.

2. Corrigendum, if any, will be issued on website only.

DPR/Pb/1923 Sd/- Executive Engineer, Purchase, Store & Disposal Dams Division, Shahpurkandi T/Ship.

Office of the Project Director HP Crop Diversification Promotion Project JICA-ODA, Administrative Building Agriculture Complex Hamirpur, District Hamirpur (H.P)

Website: www.hpcdp.nic.in Telefax: 01972-223059 Email: pmucdp-hp@nic.in

Expression of Interest (EoI) for selection / appointment of Auditors / Audit Agency for HP Crop Diversification Promotion Project JICA-ODA Phase-II

About HPCDP Phase-II

Himachal Pradesh Crop Diversification Promotion Project Funded by the Japan International Cooperation Agency- Official Development assistance (JICA-ODA) shall be implemented by Department of Agriculture (DOA) Govt. of Himachal Pradesh. The main implementing and coordinating agency for Project is "Himachal Pradesh Agriculture Development Society" an autonomous body registered under HP societies Act 2006.

Submission of Expression of Interest (EoI)

The Project Director HPCDP JICA-ODA Hamirpur on behalf of HP State Agriculture Development Society invites EoI from the interested Auditors/ Audit agencies for the selection/ appointment of Auditors / Audit Agency for HP Crop Diversification Promotion Project JICA-ODA Phase-II.

A complete set of EoI document may be obtained by the interested Auditors/ Audit Agency or their authorized representative in person on submission of written request from the Office of Project Director along with a demand draft (non refundable) of Rs. 5000/- (Rs. five Thousand only) in favor of Project Director HPCDP payable at Hamirpur. In case the EoI documents are downloaded from the project website the demand draft in lieu of cost of EoI documents should be attached with the technical bid proposal separately. The bid received without requisite fee shall not be accepted and shall summarily be rejected.

Procedure for submission of EoI: Detailed EoI along with documents confirming compliance with eligibility requirements may be submitted within schedule date and time given as under.

Last date for obtaining the EoI documents from Office

Last date submission of EoI

Date of opening of Technical bid

The Project Director shall not be responsible/ liable for any postal delay for late receipt of EoI documents. Incomplete EoI document shall be rejected out rightly.

Address for communication and submission of Expression of interest (EoI) (By Post/InPerson)

Project Director,

"Himachal Pradesh Crop Diversification Promotion Project (JICA-ODA)

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Project Director,
HPCDP JICA-ODA,
Hamirpur, Distt.Hamirpur (H.P)

Official's salary withheld after teachers' plaint

SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 25

J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday directed for withholding the salary of Social Welfare Department's director in Kashmir for delaying the release of salary of teachers working in a special school.

Expressing his dismay over the matter, Sinha directed for expediting the process of releasing salaries in favour of affected teachers. On being apprised by an applicant from Kulgam about the issue of raising surcharge in his electricity bills without delivering the same to the consumer, the L-G during the 5th round of "L-G's Mulqaat-Live Public Grievance Hearing" directed Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited for deducting the undue surcharge from the salary of the officials concerned.

In another case, the Lieutenant Governor ordered an inquiry into unnecessary delays made by J-K Grameen Bank in granting loan to an applicant. "We have always advocated it," he said.

Moderate Hurriyat hails ceasefire pact

SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 25

The moderate faction of the separatist Hurriyat Conference on Thursday welcomed the agreement between the armies of India and Pakistan on ceasefire along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir. It said the pact would provide a huge relief to the "beleaguered" people.

"It is a move in the right direction, which will provide huge relief to the beleaguered people living under constant threat on the LoC and end the bloodshed there," the Hurriyat faction led by Mirwaiz Umar Farooq said in a statement.

The Hurriyat said the governments of India and Pakistan needed to address the core concern of Jammu and Kashmir in keeping with the aspirations of its people. The separatist conglomerate said talks were the best means to address this concern.

"We have always advocated it," he said.

**No thinning of troops along LoC, says Army**

■ There is no plan to thin troops along the LoC in J&K as Pakistan has not stopped terrorism, the Army has said

■ The force, however, said it was hopeful that Pakistan would end support to cross border terrorism

■ Our endeavour is to achieve peace which is beneficial for the region and specially for the population residing along the LoC, it added.

India and Pakistan

"In the interest of achieving mutually beneficial and sustainable peace along the borders, the two Director Generals of Military Operations agreed to strictly observe all agreements on ceasefire along the Line of Control (LoC) and other sectors, according to a joint statement on Thursday.

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**108 cases take Covid tally to 1,26,201**

SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 25

Jammu and Kashmir recorded 108 new Covid cases on Thursday, taking the infection tally to 1,26,201, even as no fresh deaths due to the virus was registered in a span of 24 hours, officials said.

Out of the fresh cases, 31 were from Jammu division and 77 from Kashmir division of the UT. The officials said Srinagar district recorded the highest number of 47 new cases, followed by Udhampur district with 23.

While eight districts did not report any fresh cases, 10 districts had cases in single digits. The number of active has risen to 820 in the UT, while 1,23,426 patients have recovered so far, the officials said. The death toll in the UT due to the pandemic stands at 1,955, they added. — PTI

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Resuming Wagah...

be the next US President. While trade and ceasefire are low-hanging fruits, sources said Islamabad was looking at a gesture from India on Kashmir.

MEA spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said India was always ready for talks to address issues, if any. On key issues, the Indian position remained unchanged, he said when asked if New Delhi was still maintaining its position that terror and talks could not go together.

Pakistan is understood to have conveyed that it expected

from India about not changing the demography in Kashmir.

Sources said Islamabad had claimed there was no state-sponsored cross-border militancy, though a sure give-away of its involvement had been the tell-tale cover firing on Indian posts to facilitate infiltration. They expect Pakistan to take some more hard action on cross-border terrorism as Biden's consistent stand ever since he was a Senator two decades back was that this kind of activity was inconsistent with the desire to settle the Kashmir dispute by bilateral talks.

Both sides reiterated that existing mechanisms of hotline contact and border flag meetings would be utilised to resolve any unforeseen situation or misunderstanding.

**DIRECTORATE OF TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING PUNJAB
Public Notice**

Amendment in Approved revised layout plan of Mis Manohar Infrastructure and constructions Pvt Ltd. in New Chandigarh

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The said revised layout plan was discussed in the Layout plan approval committee meeting.

Before taking final decision, a public notice is hereby published for inviting suggestions/objections from the persons interested in this project. The revised Layout Plan has been uploaded on PUDCA website www.pudca.gov.in. It has also been displayed on the following places for inspection of the general public:

1. Office of Chief Town Planner, Punjab at PUDA Bhawan, 6th Floor, Sector-62, SAS Nagar.

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Those desirous may submit their suggestions/objections in writing within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice to the office of the undersigned.

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Gone with the spin

India beat England inside two days to take 2-1 lead in series

AHMEDABAD, FEBRUARY 25
India's Axar Patel claimed an 11-wicket match haul as they beat England by 10 wickets inside two days in the Day-Night third Test today, dashing the tourists' hopes of making the final of the inaugural World Test Championship (WTC) in June.

On a viciously turning track, England were shot out for 81 in the second innings, their lowest ever total against India, who had suffered their own first-innings collapse on a chaotic day.

Chasing 49 for victory in the spin-dominated, low-scoring contest, India overwhelmed the target without losing a wicket to go 2-1 up in the four-Test series.

The hosts need a draw in the final Test, also in Ahmedabad from March 4, to reach the WTC final. If India lose the fourth Test, Australia will play New Zealand in the June 18-22 contest.

"The result went our way but the quality of batting wasn't at all up to standard by both teams," home captain Virat Kohli said.

"There was a lack of application from both sides. Our bowlers were much more effective and that's why we



India's players celebrate the dismissal of England's Ben Foakes on the second day. PTI

INDIA RISE TO TOP IN WTC TABLE

India need to win series 2-1 or better to qualify for the final

Team	Series	Won	Matches	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	% Points
IND	6*	4	16	11	4	1	490	71.00
NZ	5*	3	11	7	4	0	420	70.00
AUS	4*	2	14	8	4	2	332	69.20
ENG	6*	4	20	11	6	3	442	64.1

* Due to disruptions caused by Covid, standings are determined by percentage of points out of total points contested by a team.

got the result."

England had been on the back foot since being skittled out for 112 in their first

innings at the world's largest cricket stadium.

Yet Joe Root and Jack Leach shone with the ball to

drag the tourists back into the contest by bowling out India for 148. England, however, suffered a second batting collapse to allow the hosts to take charge again.

Earlier, resuming on 99/3, India looked on course for a handy first-innings lead but Root (5/8) and Leach (4/54) wreaked havoc with the pink ball. Rohit Sharma top scored for India with 66 but the hosts lost their last seven wickets for 31 runs. — Reuters

Pitch was OK, batting bizarre: Kohli

Root says lacquer on ball made it hurry off pitch

AHMEDABAD, FEBRUARY 25
Virat Kohli has said poor batting and not the pitch was responsible for the third Test winding up inside two days. He described the performance by batsmen on both sides as "bizarre".

The captain insisted there were no demons in the pitch, which has been called "not ideal" by several former players like Michael Vaughan and Harbhajan Singh. Kohli said the track was absolutely fine at least in the first innings and only the odd ball was turning.

"To be honest, I don't think the quality of batting was up to standards. We were 100 for three and bowled out for less than 150. It was just

that the odd ball was turning and it was a good wicket to bat in the first innings," the India skipper said.

Kohli said batsmen of both the sides did not apply themselves enough. Only Rohit Sharma (66 and 25 not out) and England's Zak Crawley (53 in first innings) scored 50s.

"It was bizarre that 21 of the 30 wickets fell to straight balls. Test cricket is about trusting your defence. Lack of application ensured it was a quick finish," Kohli said.

Left-arm spinner Axar Patel had match figures of 11 for 70 and was named the Man of the Match.

Patel stole the limelight in only his second Test from off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin, who picked up 4/48 in the second innings and seven for the match. Ashwin became the fourth Indian bowler and second fastest in the world to reach 400 Test wickets.

referred to the heavy lacquer on the pink ball, too. "The plastic coating on the ball gathered pace of the wicket. It was high quality bowling as well. Both sides struggled on that wicket. We don't define ourselves on a performance like this," he said.

Ashwin's 400
Axar Patel said his focus would remain on bowling wicket-to-wicket, a plan which has reaped him rich dividends so far in his nascent Test career.

"When it happens, it feels so easy, not so much when it doesn't," he joked. "I am not thinking much. I want to continue this form. I am happy that if I am not contributing with the bat, I am doing it with the ball. My strength is to bowl wicket-to-wicket and not give any room... I just want to bowl as many dot balls as possible and make life difficult for batsmen." — TNS, agencies

“I don't think the quality of batting was at all up to standard from both teams to be honest. The batting was below-par from both sides. It was bizarre that out of 30 wickets, 21 was to straight balls. It was down to lapse of concentration or playing for turn and beating on the inside. Test cricket is all about it – this is a classic example of batsmen not applying themselves enough.” — Virat Kohli



“It feels amazing actually (to reach 400 Test wickets). The entire stadium stood up and clapped for me. Pleased it happened in the winning cause. I can't really get a grip of what has happened in the last 2-3 months. It has been a dreamy run and a fairytale. I thought I would not start in Australia, but Jadeja got injured and I worked hard in the lockdown.” — Ravichandran Ashwin

Hima, Dutee sprint to gold in Indian GP

BRIEFLY

DUBAI

Para-archers ensure one gold, two silver

Para-archers Rakesh Kumar and Shyam Sundar Swami set up an all-Indian men's compound open final after brilliant victories in the last-four stage of the 7th Fazza Para Archery World Ranking tournament.

Jyoti Baliyan also cruised into the final in the women's event, defeating Russia's Dzhioeva Anastasia 139-138. In the semi-finals, Rakesh defeated Turkey's Aygen Erdogan 143-138 before Swami overcame a strong challenge from Slovakia's former world No.1 and last year's champion Marcel Pavlik by just two points 145-143.

NEW DELHI
Naveen in semis of Strandja Memorial tourney

Naveen Boora (69kg) assured himself of at least a bronze by advancing to the semifinals, while Manjeet Singh (+91kg) entered the quarters on an all-win day for Indian boxers at the 72nd Strandja Memorial Tournament in Sofia, Bulgaria. Boora defeated Brazil's Eravio Edson 5-0 in the quarterfinals. Manjeet got the better of Ireland's Gytis Lisinskas in his last-16 stage bout. AGENCIES

PATIALA, FEBRUARY 25
Star Indian sprinter Hima Das ran her first competitive race in more than a year and won a gold in the women's 200m in the Indian Grand Prix II here today. The 21-year-old won the race in 23.31 seconds.

Sprinter Dutee Chand blazed the track to win the women's 100m in 11.44 seconds, an improvement on the 11.51 seconds she had clocked last week in the first GP. She is hoping to qualify for the Olympic Games by meeting the 11.15

seconds standard.

In the men's 400m, Amoj Jacob of Delhi came up with a personal best time of 46.00 seconds to win the race.

Kerala's M Sreesankar, competing in his first national-level long jump competition since October 2019, produced a best leap of 4.48m on his sixth try to win the gold.

Tajinderpal wins gold

In the men's shot put, Tajinderpal Singh's opening effort of 19.49m was good enough for the gold. — PTI

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 25
Chandigarh secured their third win on the trot to brighten their chances of qualifying for the quarterfinals of the Vijay Hazare Trophy.

Chandigarh are second in their group with 12 points. Saurashtra also have 12 points but lead the table on the basis of net run-rate.

In their maiden season in the Elite Group, Chandigarh were once again impressive, pipping Services by five runs. Gaurav Gambhir stole the show with an all-round effort as he first hit an unbeaten 44 from 47 balls to take his side

to 224/8 after a middle-order batting collapse. He then took 4/51 before left-arm spinner Raman Bishnoi's 2/29 in the death overs ended Services' chase.

Meanwhile, Haryana beat Jammu & Kashmir by 13 runs in a high-scoring match.

Shaw slams 227

JAIPUR: Mumbai captain Prithvi Shaw became the highest individual scorer in Vijay Hazare Trophy as he smashed an unbeaten 227 off just 152 balls to help Mumbai beat Puducherry by 233

runs. The 21-year-old broke the record held by Sanju Samson (212 not out against Goa in 2019). This was the fourth double hundred in Vijay Hazare Trophy.

Brief scores: Chandigarh 224/8 (Gambhir 44*); Services 219 in 49.4 overs (Ahlawat 69; Gambhir 4/51); Haryana 308/6 (Chauhan 123, Rohit 51); J&K 295 in 49.1 overs (Rasool 86; Chaprana 4/5); Mumbai 457/4 (Shaw 227*, Suryakumar 133); Puducherry 224 (Solanki 5/48, Shardul 2/31); Himachal 251/8 (Gangta 100*; Kherjroliya 2/30); Delhi 252/4 (Kshitiz 67*; Dagar 2/40). — PTI

Cancelo sparks City's 2-0 win

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

BUDAPEST, FEBRUARY 25
Versatile, tactically astute and boasting the creativity of a midfield playmaker, Joao Cancelo is a one-of-a-kind defender who is proving to be Manchester's City unlikely secret weapon this season.

Borussia Monchengladbach certainly couldn't handle the Portugal international in the Champions League.

Two pinpoint and almost-identical crosses from Cancelo — City's roving fullback —



set up goals for Bernardo Silva and Gabriel Jesus in a 2-0 win for the Premier League leaders in a one-sided first leg in the last-16.

Meanwhile, Real Madrid struggled to break down 10-man Atalanta before Ferland Mendy netted an 86th-minute winner. — AP

SHOTGUN WORLD CUP

CAIRO, FEBRUARY 25
Indian skeet shooters, including Olympics quota holders Mairaj Ahmad Khan and Angad Vir Singh Bajwa, were in line for medals in the team events at the Shotgun World Cup. Both the men's and women's teams ended the first three qualification rounds, with two more qualification rounds to go before the finals.

Mairaj and Angad shot

scores of 70 and 67 each to end in 21st and 28th positions, respectively, in the individual competition. Gurjot Khangura got ahead of them in 19th place, matching Mairaj's score. Their combined effort of 207 put them in the fourth spot.

The women's team of Kartiki Singh Shaktawat, Parinaaz Dhaliwal and Ganemati Shekhon ended Day 1 in third place behind Russia and Kazakhstan after a combined score of 188. — PTI

Chandigarh win another thriller

VIJAY HAZARE TROPHY

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PUBLIC NOTICE

For inviting objections in respect of Petition No. 08 of 2021 filed by Punjab State Power Corporation Limited under Section 23 of the Electricity Act, 2003 seeking Regulatory guidance for measures to be taken in case of exigencies leading to power cuts for the year 2021-22.

- Notice is hereby given to all that the Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) has filed subject cited Petition No. 08 of 2021.
- The petition filed by PSPCL before the Hon'ble Commission is available on the website of PSPCL i.e. www.pspcl.in and the website of the Commission i.e. www.pserc.gov.in and can be downloaded therefrom.
- Objections against the Petition filed by PSPCL together with supporting material may be filed with the Secretary, Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission, Site No. 3, Madhya Marg, Sector-18A, Chandigarh in person or through Registered Post so as to reach her within 15 days of the publication of this notice. Copy of the same must also be sent to Chief Engineer/ARR & TR, PSPCL, F-4, Shakti Vihar, Patiala and proof of service of the same must be enclosed with the filing made to Secretary, Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission, Chandigarh.
- The objections to the petition should be filed in 10 copies. The objections should carry full name, signature, postal address and telephone/mobile number of the person sending the objections. if the objection is filed on behalf of any organization or any class of consumers, it should be so mentioned. All the objectors should also send a copy of their objections to the Secretary/PSERC at e-mail ID secretarypsercchd@gmail.com and PSPCL e-mail ce-arr-tr@pspcl.in. if any member of the public wants

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**11 LAKH ADDED IN FIRST QUARTER**

7.37L	9.30L	9.98L
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up and pain inflicted by restrictions eased.

"Payroll reporting in India: An Employment Perspective" document finalised today showed continuous stress on EPF subscriptions in the first quarter of 2020-21 when almost 2.7 million (27 lakh) employees ceased to subscribe to EPF

contributions. While in April last year 7.37 lakh subscribers exited the EPF contribution net, the number rose to 9.30 lakh in May 2020 and 9.98 lakh in June last.

During the first quarter of this fiscal when 2.7 million exited EPF subscriptions only 1.1 million new subscribers were

joined and 64.95 lakh left.

BJP chief Nadda kick-starts campaign, vows 'Sonar Bangla'

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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

Intensifying its poll preparations in West Bengal, the BJP today launched a campaign in the state seeking public inputs for the party manifesto for forthcoming elections.

BJP chief JP Nadda kick-started the "Lokkho (goal) Sonar Bangla" campaign in Kolkata, eliciting the views of 2 crore locals for manifesto ideas. Rolling out the manifesto crowdsourcing plan in Kolkata, Nadda said the BJP was committed to the development of West Bengal and its only goal (Lokkho) was the creation of Sonar Bangla.

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To protest fuel price hike, West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee on Thursday commuted to and from state secretariat Nabanna on an electric scooter.

■ The TMC supremo said the Modi government only makes false promises.

■ "A middle-class household needs two LPG cylinders a month, which they can't afford now," she said. PTI

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boxes across the state for this purpose. In all, the 294 Assembly seats, the BJP will place 100 suggestion boxes in every constituency. Our party cadres will take 50 suggestion boxes from house to

house to seek people's suggestions, while 50 boxes will be placed in prominent places," said Nadda.

Lokkho Sonar Bangla campaign will run in the state from March 3 to March 20.

PM dubs oppn meets as graft hackathons

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today inaugurated and announced projects in poll-bound Puducherry and Tamil Nadu.

Addressing a public meeting in Puducherry and Coimbatore, he accused the Congress of lying and slammed the DMK for the way it treated 'Amma' Jayalalithaa. "The entire Tamil Nadu knows how the DMK treated 'Amma'. Those who troubled her were rewarded (by the Congress)," he said. He called the meetings of the DMK and Congress "corruption hackathons".

The PM also took a jibe at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for questioning the Centre over an exclusive ministry for fishermen.

"Congress leaders can win gold, silver and bronze medals for telling lies," he said in Puducherry. The slew of projects that he inaugurated or announced today included the four-laning of NH 45-A, a blood centre at Jawaharlal Institute of Post-

Ignoring merit in job selection violation of Constitution: SC

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

Selections to public employment should be on the basis of merit and appointing people with lesser merit ignoring those who have secured more marks will be in violation of the Constitution, the Supreme Court has said.

A Bench of Justices L Nageswara Rao and Indira Banerjee made the observation while upholding an order of the Jharkhand High Court which allowed appointment of 43 persons for the post of Sub-Inspectors on the basis of their merit after the authorities prepared a revised select list correcting the irregularities.

An advertisement was issued for the appointment to the posts of Sub-Inspector, Attendant (Sergeant) and Company Commander by the Home Department of the Government of Jharkhand in 2008.

The final result was published and 382 candidates were selected but later a high-level committee was constituted by the state government to examine the irregularities in the selection process. As many as 43 persons were appointed on the basis of the revised list. The HC had observed that 43 petitioners could not be held responsible for the irregularities committed by the authorities. — PTI

"In India, marriage is not just a matter of union of two individuals but a solemn institution between a biological man and a biological woman," the affidavit read. The Centre further stated that living together as partners and having sexual relationship with same-sex individuals, which was decriminalised now, was not comparable with the Indian family unit concept of a husband, wife and children.

It submitted that any interference with the marriage laws framed would cause complete havoc. — IANS

Shringla visit sets tone for India-Russia talks

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla's visit to Moscow last week helped strengthen India-Russia partnership as well as set the tone for high level exchanges during the year, said MEA spokesperson Anurag Srivastava at the weekly media briefing today.

This was the Foreign Secretary's first visit abroad this year which "reaffirms the importance" that India attaches to its partnership with Russia, he added.

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INVITES RUSSIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

■ Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla handed over a letter of invitation to visit India to Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov. The latter has accepted the invitation.

■ Russia has expressed keen interest in investing in new technologies. Shringla also inaugurated a digital online library in the Indian Embassy in Moscow.

and policy planning dialogue at the Joint Secretary level. Earlier, Secretary (West) Vikas Swarup had visited Moscow for consultations with Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Vershinin Sergey Vasiliievich on UNSC issues. — TNS

EAM reviews Ladakh status with Chinese FM

SANDEEP DIKSHIT

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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

Following the troops' pullback from the Pangong Lake area, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar today spoke to his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi to discuss the implementation of the Moscow Agreement between the two leaders and reviewed the status of disengagement.

Both sides view the smooth and successful completion of disengagement in the North and South Bank as a significant first step as this forms the basis for resolution of remaining issues so as to achieve the eventual goal of complete disengagement in all friction areas, said MEA spokesperson Anurag Srivastava shortly after the Jaishankar-Wang conversation.

The disengagement has been reviewed at the 10th round of the Senior Commanders meeting on February 20. "As agreed earlier by the two sides, the 10th meeting was convened within 48 hours of the completion of disengagement in the North and South Bank of Pangong Tso," pointed out the spokesperson.

The marathon meeting saw "candid and in-depth exchange of views" on the remaining issues in the western sector. The two sides have agreed to work towards a mutually acceptable resolution of the remaining issues, he added.



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LIST OF PROPERTIES FOR E-AUCTION ON AS IS WHERE IS BASIS

Sr. No.	Name & Address (M/s)	Details of Property	Product	Land	Building	Machinery	Reserve Price/ Earnest Money Deposited/ Bid increased amount
DISTT. AMRITSAR							
1.	M/s Amritsar Motors (P) Ltd., Village Guntala, Lohar Ka Road, Amritsar	E-auction of machinery lying at factory premises of M/s Amritsar Motors (P) Ltd., Village Guntala, Lohar Ka Road, Amritsar.	Exhaust System for Auto Mobiles	0.00	0.00	5.27	5.27 0.26 0.10
2.	M/s Pai Textiles, Outside Green Market, Bhagtan Wale, Amritsar Sub Urban, Amritsar Chan Mai.	E-Auction of land measuring 250 sq. yds forming part of Khasra No. 664 min situated at Amritsar Sub Urban Abadi Chah Mian Singh Wala, Tehsil & District Amritsar standing in the name of Sh. Jaspal Singh S/o Sh. Gurdial Singh along with building constructed thereon.	Synthetic Blankets	6.86	0.71	0.00	7.57 0.38 0.10
3.	M/s Inder Polymers, Village Cheema Bath, G.T. Road, Near Markfed Godown, Rayya, Distt. Amritsar	E-auction of land measuring 1K-0M being 10/377 share in land measuring 18K-17M comprised in Khatiauni No. 291/658 and 659, R/Killa No. 9/5/1(2-6(8), 6(8-0), 15/1(4-9) situated at Village Cheema Bath, Tehsil Baba Bakala, Distt. Amritsar as entered in the jamabandi for the year 1995-96 along with building constructed thereon.	Water Storage Tank	9.52	1.10	0.00	10.62 0.53 0.10
DISTT. BARNALI							
4.	M/s Gang Steel, Near Gita Thread Ltd., Handiya Road, Bhatinda	E-auction of land measuring 0K-17M being 17/160 share in 8K-0M comprised of Khetawat No. 1061, Khatiauni No. 1886, Rect. No. 125, Kila No. 1(8-0), situated in the revenue estate of Handiya, HB No. 58, Tehsil & Distt. Barnali, as per jamabandi for the year 1998-99 along with building constructed thereon.	Showels and Section window	19.50	2.75	0.00	22.25 1.12 0.10
DISTT. FARIDKOT							
5.	M/s Real Wealth Feed (P) Ltd., Vill. Inna Khera, Tehsil Malout Faridkot	E-auction of land measuring 2K-0M i.e. comprised of Khetawat No. 542, Khatiauni No. 855, R.No. 72, Killa No. 7/2(2-0), situated in Village Inna Khera, Mukatsar Road, Malout, District Faridkot as entered in the jamabandi for the year 1988-89 and plot of land measuring 2 Kanal comprised of Khetawat No. 542, Khatiauni No. 856, Rect. No. 72/7(2-0).	Cattle Feed	12.80	2.60	0.00	15.40 0.77 0.10
DISTT. FEROZEPUR							
6.	M/s Gupta Rice Mills, Vill. Haraj, Talwandi Bhai, Ferozepur	E-auction of land measuring 26K-14M out of land measuring 37K-8M comprised of Khetawat No. 467, Khatiauni No. 861 and 862, R/No. 58, Kila No. 16/1(5-2), 16/2(2-18), 17/1(7-0), 25(7-18), R.No. 65, Kila No. 5 min (1-3), R.No. 58, Kila No. 17/2(8), 24(7-8), R/No. 65, Kila No. 4(5-5) 5 min (0-6) situated in Village Haraj Talwandi Bhai, District Ferozepur as entered in the jamabandi for the year 1990-91 along with building constructed thereon.	Sella Rice Plant	56.07	18.65	0.00	74.72 3.74 0.10
DISTT. FATEHgarh Sahib							
7.	M/s Mandigobindgarh Gases & Alloys (P) Ltd., G.T. Road, Mandigobindgarh, Fatehgarh Sahib	E-auction of land measuring 8K-7M being 167/396 share of 19K-16M comprised in Khetawat No. 26/49, Rect. No. 8, Kila No. 16/2(6-18), 25(8-0), 15/5(14-18) situated in Village Mugal Majra, Tehsil Amloh, District Fatehgarh Sahib as entered in the jamabandi for the year 1988-89 along with building constructed thereon.	Oxygen Gas	101.8	7.12	0.00	108.97 5.00 0.10
8.	M/s Mehar Meals (P) Ltd., Guru Ki Nagri, Near PSEB Grid, Mandigobindgarh, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib	E-auction of machinery lying at factory premises of M/s Mehar Meals (P) Ltd., Guru Ki Nagri, Near PSEB Grid, Mandigobindgarh, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib	Mineral Water	0.00	0.00	1.13	1.13 0.06 0.05
DISTT. HOSHIARPUR							
9.	M/s Sehgal Ornaments Industries, Mohalla Brahma Da, Main Bazar, Hajipur, Hoshiarpur	E-auction of land measuring 0K-18M out of land measuring 7K-8M comprised of Khasra No. 74, Khatiauni No. 585-86, Khetawat No. 417, HB No. 387, situated in Village Hazipur, Tehsil Mukrian, District Hoshiarpur alongwith building constructed thereon.	Mfg. of Gold & Silver Ornaments	9.18	2.68	0.00	11.86 0.60 0.10
10.	M/s Jagdebjay Oil Inds., Mukerian-Talwara Road, Near Nikku Chowk, Hazipur, Hoshiarpur	E-auction of land measuring 0K-18M out of land measuring 7K-8M comprised in K/K No. 95/131, bearing Khasra No. 22/28(7-8), situated in Village Hazipur, HB No.					