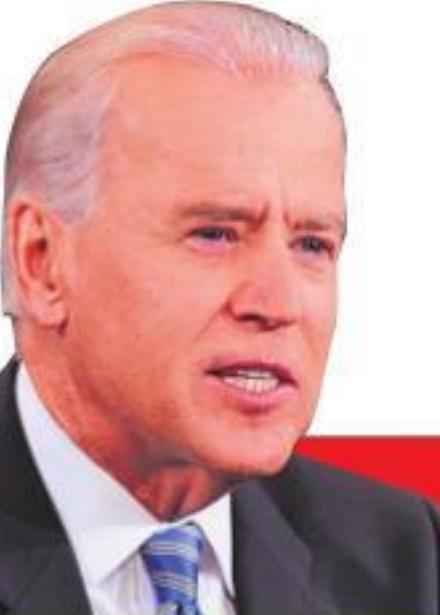


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Moments after touchdown, Perseverance beamed back its first black-and-white images from the Mars, one of them showing the rover's shadow cast on the desolate, rocky landing site.

7 MINUTES OF TERROR DURING DESCENT

There were "7 minutes of terror" during entry, descent and landing of the rover, the most challenging feat in the annals of robotic spaceflight.

HISTORIC MARS LANDING

■ NASA's Mars rover Perseverance landed safely inside a vast crater on the Red Planet on Friday in its search for traces of ancient microbial life

■ "Touchdown confirmed!" rang out the voice of Swati Mohan, an Indian-American scientist, inside the space agency's control room back in the US. She leads the guidance, navigation and controls operations of the spacecraft

■ Mohan moved to the US when she was a year old; was raised in N Virginia-Washington DC

■ Over the next two years, the rover will use its 7-foot arm to drill down and collect rock samples with possible signs of bygone microscopic life



7 MONTHS
the robotic vehicle sailed through space before landing on Mars

472 MILLION KM
distance covered
19,000 KM/HOUR
speed at which it entered Mars atmosphere



Media coverage prejudicial: HC

Toolkit Wants balance between right to privacy, free speech & sovereignty

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 19

Advocating a balance between right to privacy, freedom of speech and sovereignty and integrity of India, the Delhi High Court on Friday asked the Delhi Police to abide by their affidavit that they won't leak personal information about activist Disha Ravi, who was arrested from Bengaluru in the toolkit case last week.

Acting on Ravi's petition seeking to restrain the Delhi Police from leaking to the media any probe material in relation to the FIR lodged against her, a Bench of Justice Pratibha M Singh said

certain media coverage of the investigation indicated "sensationalism and prejudi-

fied and authentic sources. Channel editors to ensure proper editorial control so that investigation is not hampered," Justice Singh said, posting the matter for further hearing in March.

The HC also asked the 22-year-old climate activist to ensure that people connected to her didn't indulge in unnecessary or scandalising messages and the parties didn't go on a maligning course during the investigation. On behalf of Ravi, senior advocate Akhil Sibal wanted the court to order certain TV channels to take

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IN BRIEF

Woman weightlifter found dead in Rohtak

ROHTAK: The body of a young woman weightlifter, working as a physical training instructor at a school in Bhopal, was found near Dhamar village in Rohtak. Preliminary probe indicated murder. INSIDE

Shah summoned by Kolkata court

NEW DELHI: A Kolkata court on Friday issued summons to Union Home Minister Amit Shah in connection with a defamation case filed by TMC MP Abhishek Banerjee. BACK PAGE



Disha Ravi (centre) arrives at a court in New Delhi. REUTERS

DISHA RAVI SENT TO 3-DAY JUDICIAL CUSTODY

Freedom of speech and the right to peaceful protest are non-negotiable human rights. Greta Thunberg, ACTIVIST

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Pb session from March 1, Budget on March 8

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 19

The Punjab Government plans to unveil its Budget on March 8. A Cabinet meeting, chaired by Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh, today approved the holding of Budget session from March 1 to 10.

The government has sent a recommendation in this regard to Governor VP Singh Badnore. An official spokesperson said the CM had been authorised to approve the Governor's Address for the 14th session of the Vidhan Sabha. — TNS

CABINET DECISIONS

JOB FOR KIN OF MAUR MANDI BLAST VICTIMS

Govt approves spt provisions in rules to give jobs to kin of 4 minors killed in 2017 Maur Mandi bomb blast

RECORD OF PROPERTIES WITHIN 'LAL LAKIR'

Nod to Mission 'Lal Lakir'; will help villagers monetise property rights & avail benefits provided by banks

NOW ON, CARRY DIGITAL COPIES OF LICENCE, RC

Look forward to J&K Assembly elections: EU

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 19

The European Union on Friday said it had taken note of recent steps such as district council elections and the resumption of 4G Internet services in Jammu and Kashmir, and was looking forward to a number of other important steps, including holding of early Assembly polls.

The comments by a spokesperson of the EU came a day after a number of top diplomats from the 27-member bloc returned from J&K after a two-day visit as part of a trip by 24 foreign envoys. — PTI

Decks cleared for Kangra varsity's satellite campus

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SHIMLA, FEBRUARY 19

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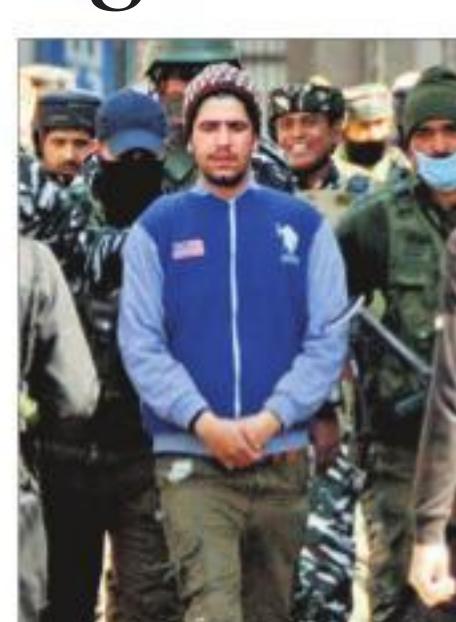
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Two cops shot dead in upscale Srinagar area



A suspect detained in Srinagar. PTI

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Waiver to fraudster a fraud on investors: HC

SAURABH MALIK

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CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 19

The Punjab and Haryana High Court has ruled that waiver of part or entire bank loan obtained by a fraudster is a fraud on the Constitution and investors. Describing it as impermissible, the High Court asked the police chiefs of Punjab, Haryana and Chandigarh to prepare and circulate within three months SOPs for probing such cases.

DGP's DIRECTED TO PREPARE PROBE SOP

■ RBI's 2019-20 annual report shows frauds involving a sum of ₹1 lakh and more by banks shot up by 28% ■ Public sector banks topped the list with 4,413 cases involving ₹1,48,400 cr

"There cannot be any charity or laxity by the banks at the expense of tax payers or investors. It is common experience that banks do not gen-

erally waive even a single penny, not to speak of any part of principal or interest, to an honest borrower who makes re-payment as per re-payment

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Today's issue consists of 24 pages, including 8-page additional pullout.

China admits 4 Galwan casualties

Announces posthumous awards | PLA deaths in June clash possibly more

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MILITARY TALKS TODAY

Senior commanders of India and China are slated to meet on Saturday to ratify their respective troop positions on both banks of Pangong Tso in eastern Ladakh. The commanders will assess whether the pullback has been conducted as per the agreement. They will also discuss the disengagement from other contentious areas like Hot Springs, Gogra and Depsang.

US immigration Bill to benefit techies

WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 19

The US Citizenship Act of 2021 proposing a pathway to citizenship to 11 million undocumented workers, elimination of per country quota for employment-based green cards and work authorisation for dependents of H-1B foreign workers, was introduced in the Congress. After being passed, the Bill would benefit hundreds and thousands of Indian IT professionals and their families. — PTI

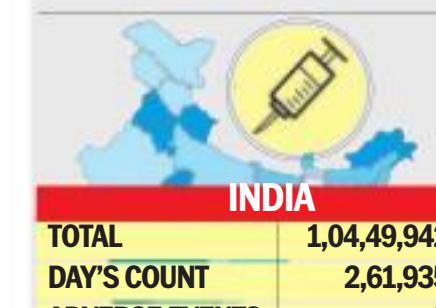
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 19

In a major cause of worry for the government, daily new Covid cases today touched a three-week high with 13,193 new infections being witnessed — more than 72 per cent of these in Maharashtra and Kerala alone.

India's daily new cases were 12,408 on February 5 and lower a week before.

The case surge came even as India crossed the milestone of administering one

1 CRORE VACCINATED



crore Covid vaccine doses to healthcare and frontline workers with Health Minister Harsh Vardhan publicly appealing to eligible benefi-

ciaries to ignore misinformation and accept vaccines.

The six states reporting 86.6 per cent of the new cases

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PATANJALI'S FLIP-FLOP ON CORONIL APPROVAL

New Delhi: Baba Ramdev's Patanjali Ayurved on Friday launched Coronil, claiming it had Ayush certification. Hours later, it retracted the claim after WHO distanced itself from the issue.



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Cabinet nod to 'Mission Lal Lakir' in all villages

Will help monetise real value of property | Land records to be prepared with Centre's assistance

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 19
In a move that will benefit thousands of residents, the Punjab Cabinet on Friday approved implementation of Mission Lal Lakir in all villages across the state.

As no record of rights is available for such properties within the lal lakir, the same cannot currently be monetised as per real value of the property and no mortgages, etc, can be created on such properties. There are households which do not own property other than in the areas within the lal lakir and are thus at a disadvantage when it comes to monetising or realising the real value of the property.

Under the mission, the right of record of properties within the lal lakir in the villages of the state will be prepared with the cooperation of the Government of India under the SVAMITVA Scheme. This will enable mapping the land, households, habitation and all other areas falling within the lal lakir.



A Cabinet meeting, chaired by Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh, in progress at Chandigarh on Friday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

PROMOTIONAL QUOTA FOR CLERICAL STAFF

Conceding a long-pending demand of the clerical cadre of the School Education Department, the Cabinet agreed to amend rules providing 1% promotional quota to clerical staff

POLICY TO FACILITATE NEWS WEB CHANNELS

Considering the emergence of social media as a powerful medium, the Cabinet cleared the news web channel policy to allow empanelment of news web channels and issue advertisements to these

SPEEDY CLEARANCE TO NEW INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS

The Punjab Bureau of Investment Promotion Act, 2016, will be amended for incorporating provisions for automated deemed approval of regulatory clearances to facilitate industrial projects.

BILL TO SET UP AMITY VARSITY IN MOHALI

The state government has said it would table a Bill in the Budget session to establish private self-financed Amity University, which is set to become functional at IT City, Mohali, from this year

The SVAMITVA Scheme was handled by the Rural Development and Panchayats Department, but on the directives of the CM, it will now be transferred to the Revenue and Rehabilitation Department.

In another significant deci-

sion, the Cabinet gave approval to 'The Punjab Welfare and Settlement of Landless, Marginal and Small Occupant Farmers) Allotment of State Government Land Rules, 2021' in order to make allotment of encroached lands to unauthorised small and marginal farmers on the basis of a rational criteria by sale of land at a predetermined price. This will ensure a fair balance for the occupants who have been in possession

since long, and for the government to get its due revenue in respect of the unauthorised occupation and also settle long-pending litigation.

The new rules will provide a mechanism for the receipt and process of the applica-

tions to be received under the Act. The eligible person under the Act will apply to the allotment commissioner, who will issue an allotment letter after seeking a report from the patwari with due diligence. The allotment letter will be issued on the payment of 25 per cent of the total allotment price and the rest of the 75 per cent payment will have to be paid in lumpsum or in six equal instalments.

In case of default in payment of 25 per cent of the allotment price, the letter will not be issued and the allotment will be revoked. In case of default in payment of the instalments as per the allotment letter, the payment will be allowed to be made along with 6 per cent interest on delayed payment within three months of the final payment due. After the payment of the entire sum, the deed will be registered in the name of the farmer.

The Cabinet also approved the administrative report of the Industries and Commerce Department for the year 2017-18.

Restructuring of depts to create 1,875 posts

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 19

In line order to generate jobs across departments and enhance functional efficiency, the Cabinet today approved restructuring of five more departments, leading to creation of 1,875 new posts, with 3,720 existing ones, which had become defunct or irrelevant to be surrendered.

The five departments to be restructured are: Revenue, Rehabilitation and Disaster Management; Social Security and Women and Child Development; Planning; Social Justice Empowerment and Minorities; and Civil Aviation.

As per the restructuring plan of the Revenue, Rehabilitation and Disaster Management Department, the Cabinet has decided to revive or create and abolish various posts in the offices of Divisional Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners besides newly created subdivisions/tehsils and sub-tehsils in the office of Commissioner, Faridkot Division.

In the Social Security and Women and Child Develop-

ment Department, 124 defunct posts will make way for 12 new ones, with the Cabinet also approving filling of 101 posts (62 in women and child development wing and 39 in social security wing) through outsourcing.

For the Planning Department, 219 posts have been created (five from Punjab State Planning Board and 214 from Economic and Statistical Organisation) against 637 defunct ones.

The Cabinet also approved the restructuring of the Social Justice Empowerment and Minorities Department to enable it better handle multiple legal cases apart from empowering the field offices. In the process, 285 posts will be done away with to make way for 147 new ones. The Cabinet also approved the restructuring of the Civil Aviation Department to infuse greater efficiency. —TNS

22 newposts of ADC okayed

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 19

To boost efficiency in the functioning of urban local bodies, the Cabinet today approved the creation of 22 posts of Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development) at all district headquarters in the state in place of Regional Deputy Directors.

Consequent upon this approval, the existing posts of ADC (Development) will be redesignated as ADC (Rural Development) and will be given power exercisable under the Punjab Municipal Act, 1911, and Punjab Regional and Town Planning and Development Act, 1995.

The Cabinet also authorised the CM to take the final decision with regard to the responsibilities to be assigned to ADC (Urban Development), powers to be delegated to these officers under different Acts, regulatory powers under the Punjab Regional and Town Planning and Development Act, 1995, and all other administrative issues in this regard without presenting them to the Cabinet. —TNS

Approval to revision of fee for services to firms

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 19

The Punjab Government has decided to revise the nearly 90-year-old fee structure under the Indian Partnership Act, 1932, to bring it on a par with other states. The decision was taken on Friday by the Cabinet led by Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh.

The Council of Ministers approved 'The Indian Partnership (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 2021' for the revision of fee for various services as contained in Schedule-1 under Section 71 of the Act, such as registration of firms, updation of records, inspection and copying.

A spokesperson of the Chief Minister's Office said the prescribed fee structure for various services as currently contained in Schedule-1 of the act is too meagre and has become irrelevant with the passage of time, as the existing fee structure has not been revised since the Act came into force in 1932.

CHANGES IN 90-YEAR-OLD STRUCTURE

Services	New	Old
Application registration	₹5,000	₹3
Name alteration/other changes	₹500	₹1
Inspection of documents	₹100	50 paise

Under the revised structure, Rs 5,000 would now be charged for making a statement under Section 58 for application registration as against Rs 3 charged earlier. Instead of the existing Rs 1, the revised structure provides for charging Rs 500 each for making a statement under Section 60 for recording of alterations in firm name and principal place of business, for intimation under Section 61 for noting of closing and opening of branches, for intimation under Section 62 for changes in names and addresses of partners, notice under Sections 63 (1) & 63 (2) for recording of changes in and dissolution of a firm, recording of withdrawal of a minor besides application under section 64 for rectification of mistakes respectively, said the spokesperson.

Further, Rs 100 each in place of earlier fee of 50 paise would be now charged for inspection of one volume of the register of firms under sub-section (1) of Section 66, for inspection of all documents related to one firm under sub-section (2) of Section 66 regarding inspection of register and filed documents and Rs 20 against previous fee of 25 paise for each 100 words or part thereof regarding copies from the register of firms under section 67 for the purpose of grant of copies.

Govt job for Maur Mandi blast victims' kin

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 19

The government has approved special provisions in the rules to provide government jobs to one of the family members of each of the four minors killed in the Maur Mandi bomb blast on January 31, 2017.

The decision was taken today by the Council of Ministers at a meeting chaired by CM Capt Amarinder Singh.

It was decided to grant special provision to provide jobs on compassionate grounds as per the educational qualifications of one member each of the families of the deceased — Japsimaran Singh (15), Sourav Singla (14), Ankush (11) and Ripandeep Singh (9).

The existing rules do not provide for employment in state service on compassionate grounds for minor deceased. With the Cabinet decision today, the relevant rules/policies have been relaxed to provide jobs to a member each as per their educational qualification in Bathinda district or adjoining districts against direct quota vacant posts as a spe-

To get direct quota posts as special case

cial case (without treating it as a precedent).

The jobs provided by the state government are in addition to the financial grant of Rs 5 lakh each to the families of each of the deceased. The injured received Rs 50,000 each from the CM's relief fund.

It may be recalled that seven persons were killed and 13 injured in the bomb blast at Maur Mandi in Bathinda. The government had earlier provided government jobs to the next of kin of two deceased — Harpal Singh (40) and Ashok Kumar (35) — as per the existing policy, since both were the breadwinners of their families.

In Ashok Kumar's case, his minor daughter Bago (11) was also killed, but since one member of the family has already been given a job, Bago has not been included in the special provision approved today. —TNS

'Bring guilty to book'

SUKHMEET BHASIN

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BATHINDA, FEBRUARY 19

The relatives of those killed in the Maur Mandi bomb blast called the Cabinet's jobs offer an image makeover exercise ahead of polls.

Khushdeep Singh, father of deceased Japsimaran Singh (15), said: "The government did nothing for us in the past four years and now ahead of polls they want to clean their image by providing us jobs. We will be satisfied only when the accused is arrested and punished."

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by the area when the blast took place. He suffered 70 per cent burns with severe head and eye injuries.

His family members had taken him to AIIMS-Delhi and PGI-Chandigarh for plastic surgery, but the treatment cost around Rs 7.5 lakh, which the family could not afford.

On January 31, 2017, six persons, including three children, were killed in an explosion outside a Congress rally at Maur Mandi in Bathinda.

Akalis: EVMs tampered with in Gurdaspur

GURDASPUR, FEBRUARY 19

After the Congress hit the bullseye by bagging 29 of the 29 MC wards at stake, Gurdaspur SAD president and former MLA Gurbachan Singh Babbehal claimed that "seals of a majority of the EVMs were tampered with by the henchmen of ruling party MLA Barindermeet Singh Pahra".

He also blamed the local police for being hand in glove with Congress leaders. "There was an unholy nexus between the police and the legislator's cohorts which subsequently resulted in sabotaging the chances of Akali candidates," Babbehal said.

Cong MLA refutes allegations

Pahra refuted the allegations and said, "Ever since Babbehal lost the poll to me in 2017, he has developed a knack of saying the right words at all the wrong places and the wrong words at all the right places." Babbehal said he had given nearly 400 plots to poor people in a particular ward during his tenure as MLA from 2007 till 2017.

"Despite doling out so much to the voters, my party got just 45 votes in that particular ward," he said. Pahra retorted, "This clearly proves that a majority of these plots were given to outsiders." —TNS

23 women first-timers in Bathinda MC

SUKHMEET BHASIN

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Women councillors in the 50-member Bathinda MC. TRIBUNE PHOTO

for the second time from ward Nos. 49 and 7, respectively, while Santosh Mahant won for the third time from ward No. 21.

In most of the wards, women fought the elections as mere dummies as their election campaigns were managed by the male members of their families.

Even in the election publicity material, the pictures of their husbands or other male relatives could be seen in almost every ward.

The husband of one such woman councillor said the reservation was not by choice but was forced on them.

AAP candidates along with party workers staged a protest at Fire Brigade Chowk in Bathinda alleging booth capturing and bogus voting by the Congress in the civic body elections held recently. They demanded that the election be cancelled.

The protesting members raised slogans against the state government.

Navdeep Jeeda, AAP president, Bathinda (urban), said, "Bogus voting and booth capturing took place during the MC elections under the



AAP leaders protest in Bathinda on Friday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

patronage of the ruling Congress government. Our candidates were threatened and goons were brought to Bathinda to put pressure and give advantage to the ruling party."

BJP: Will go it alone in Assembly elections

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 19

Undeterred by the drubbing it suffered in the civic bodies elections, state BJP president Ashwani Sharma today said the party would contest Assembly elections on its own next year.

On impact of farm laws in the elections, Sharma said parties like the Akalis and AAP which supported the farmer protest against the laws have also suffered in the polls.

He refused to react to statement by BJP Union Minister Som Parkash yesterday that resentful

Saffron party fared poorly in its Malwa strongholds

BATHINDA, FEBRUARY 19

Faced with the backlash over the three farm laws, the BJP failed even in its strong pockets in the hinterland of Malwa in the local body elections. The farmers unions are quite active in the region and staging protests against the BJP-led central government at the Delhi border and in the state as well.

Most of these areas are dominated by the Hindu community, where BJP supporters have sizable numbers, but despite this the BJP failed to get any vote. In Bathinda, the BJP failed to open its account. In 2015, BJP had won eight seats in alliance with the SAD and its two leaders Tarsem Goyal and Gurinderpal Kaur Mangat remained senior deputy mayor and deputy

mayor for 10 years in two consecutive terms. Goyal did not contest the polls this time, while Mangat lost badly from ward No 1.

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- In Bathinda, the BJP failed to open its account. In 2015, it had won eight wards in alliance with the SAD
- In Abohar, too, the party failed miserably. Of the total 50 wards, Congress won 49 and SAD one
- In Ferozepur, the Congress won in all 33 wards. However, the BJP won one seat each in Moga, Muktsar & Jaito

In Abohar, despite having its MLA Arun Narang, who had defeated Congress giant Sunil Jakhar in 2017 Assembly elections, the party drew a



Congress workers celebrate the poll victory in Bathinda. FILE

Saini's plea seeking copy of chargesheet dismissed

FARIDKOT, FEBRUARY 19
In the Kotkapura police firing case of October 2015, the court of Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) on Friday dismissed two applications of former DGP Sumedh Singh Saini.

On February 8, counsels for Saini had filed an application, seeking inspection of the chargesheet filed by a special investigation team (SIT) of the Punjab Police against him on January 18.

In the second application, filed on February 11, he had sought the copy of the chargesheet, claiming it was presented in the court in his absence, and there was a need to inspect it to lead his defence and challenge it, claimed his counsels in the court here.

Opposing the application, the prosecution said Saini needed to personally approach the court, not through his counsel, for that. Dismissing both applications of the former DGP, the court observed that in the entirety of the afore stated circumstances, the counsels for Saini failed to draw any corroboration to their contentions regarding supplying of copies of the report and file inspection in circumstances where Saini is yet to put in his appearance in court.

Saini was summoned to appear before the CJM court on February 18 and he had filed an application for exemption from personal appearance. The court dismissed that application also and issued summons against him for March 26. Saini's application for anticipatory bail in this case is pending in the court of District and Sessions Court for February 23 for reply and arguments. He had sought the court to adjourn the case beyond February 23.

Regarding the dismissal of Saini's application for exemption from personal appearance, the court observed that summons to Saini were not served as yet and these were affixed on the main gate of his house. So question of his exemption is not sustainable at this stage. — TNS

Court summonsex-DGP on March 26 in Kotkapura firing case



Sumedh Singh Saini

No more exemption, ensure e-payment to farmers: Centre

Clarifies no intention to do away with arthiyas or replace mandi system

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 19
Asserting that "no further relaxation on this account will be accorded", the Centre today asked Punjab and Haryana to ensure electronic-mode payment of MSP to farmers from the coming procurement season.

Both state governments have been routinely approaching the Centre for granting exemption or seeking time for implementation of direct online payment initiative, the Ministry of Food and Public distribution and Consumer Affairs today said.

"The government is regularly pursuing with state governments of Punjab and Haryana for ensuring direct online payment into farmers'



PURSUING MATTER WITH PUNJAB, HARYANA

● The Centre is regularly following up with the governments of Punjab and Haryana for ensuring direct payment to farmers' accounts. It has directed them to ensure online payment from the upcoming season. STATEMENT BY MINISTRY OF FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

accounts since 2015-16. The Centre has therefore directed them to ensure online payment to farmers through the

e-mode from the upcoming season and that no further relaxation on this account will be accorded," said a state-

ment by the ministry headed by Piyush Goyal, who has been leading talks with farmer unions on the three Central farm laws along with Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar and Union Minister Som Prakash.

The Centre also asked the state agencies to use the Expenditure Advance Transfer (EAT) module of the Public Financial Module System (PFMS) while making payment as mandated by the Finance Ministry.

Amid the ongoing agitation against the three laws, the ministry said the e-mode "far predares" the legislations and also that the "government has no intention to eliminate arthiyas and neither is e-mode replacement of the current mandi system in Punjab and Haryana".

Farmers united, govt will have to give in: Yadav

ABO哈尔/SRIGANGANAGAR, FEB 19

Jai Kisan Andolan convener Yogendra Yadav today said the 'kisan ekta' would not only force the central government to withdraw the three agricultural laws, but

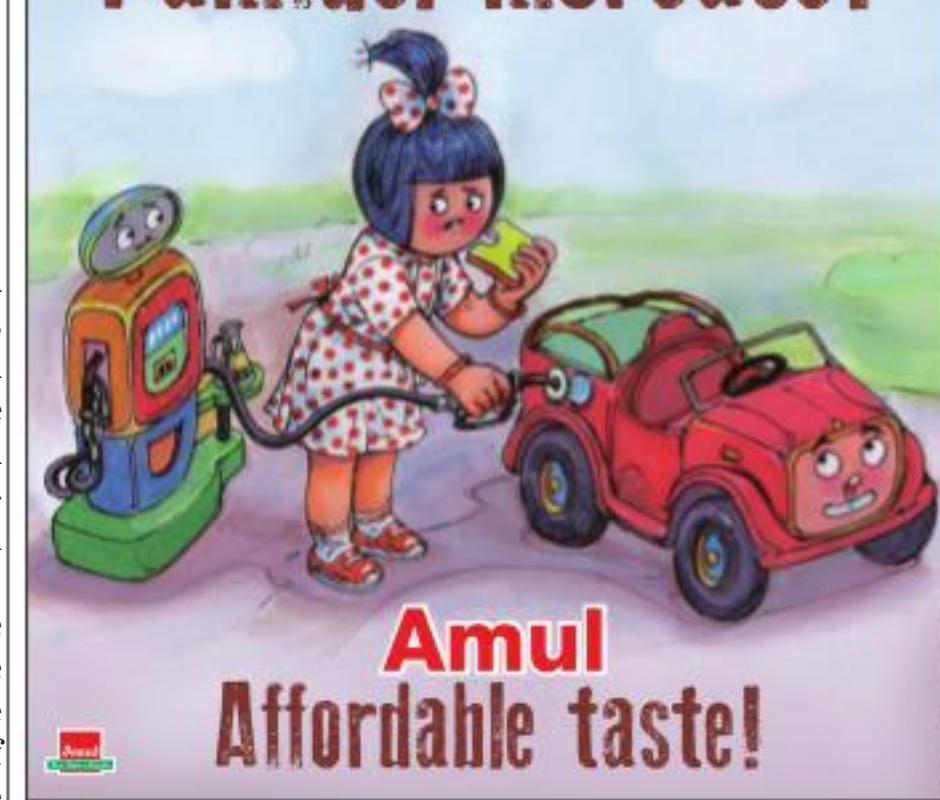
would also serve as a reminder to successive governments to dare not take such anti-farmer actions. He added the farm laws were dead on paper, and it was up to the govern-

ment how much time it wanted to take to issue the 'death certificate'.

Besides Yadav, Krantikari Kisan Union chief Dr Darshan Pal Singh, Bhartiya Kisan Union (Dakau)

president Jagmohan Singh Patiala and others addressed a 'kisan maha-panchayat' at Raisinagar in Sriganganagar and Makkasar in Hanumangarh. — OC

Painful increase!



Digital licence, RC valid for verification

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 19

Vehicle owners now have an option to carry digital copies of their driving licences (DLs) and vehicle registration certificates (RCs).

Transport Minister Razia Sultana said driving licences and vehicle registration certificates could now be produced through mobile apps mParivahan and DigiLocker during checking. This will spare vehicle owners the hassle of carrying these documents in original.

A letter has been issued by the State Transport Commissioner to all Secretaries of the Punjab State Regional Transport Authorities, SDMs and ADGP (Traffic) to sensitise traffic police officials in this regard, said the minister. Officials have been told that virtual driving licences and vehicle registration certificates on smartphones would be valid for any spot verification.

Sultana directed that the information in this regard be put on notice boards of transport offices in the state to make people aware about the new provision. This would also help curb corruption, she added. — TNS

771 community health officers get job letters

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 19
Health and Family Welfare Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu today handed over appointment letters to 771 community health officers (CHOs) for extending healthcare

services at Health and Wellness Centres (HCWs) under the Ghar Ghar Rozgar Yojna initiated by Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh.

The minister said the government had earlier operationalised 1,607 Tan-drust Punjab Sehat Kendras at village level. The number would now go up to 2,378. He said the state had already achieved the target as regards setting up new HCWs/sub-centres across the state.

Welcoming the newly joined staff in the Health Department, Sidhu urged them to perform their duties honestly. He said the CHOs had been providing comprehensive primary health services to the people of rural areas and they did a remarkable job during the lockdown.

Schools to open full time from February 22

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 19

Education Minister Vijay Inder Singla today announced that all schools would open full time from February 22.

Singla said from Monday onwards, the timings of pri-

mary schools would be from 9 am-3 pm, while those of the middle/high/senior secondary schools would be from 9 am-3:20 pm. Presently, the timings were from 10 am to 3 pm. — TNS

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New Initiative of
Punjab Government
Foreign Study
and
Placement Cell

Punjab Government under **Punjab Ghar Ghar Rozgar and Karobar Mission (PGRKAM)** has started a Foreign Study and Placement Cell (FS&PC) for **free counselling** of the youth interested in Foreign Study and Foreign Placement.

FS & PC is an unique initiative of Chief Minister Capt. Amarinder Singh for the benefit of candidates who wish to study and work abroad. The department will provide free of cost counselling service to the candidates whereas all the cost related to their fee, travel and stay etc will be borne by the candidates themselves.

The first round of counselling is going to be held from **1st-31st March, 2021**. The registration links for foreign counselling will be functional from **21st-25th February, 2021**.

The interested candidates can get themselves registered for Foreign Study Counselling and Foreign Placement Counselling on the below mentioned links.

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For further information, the candidates can contact their nearest District Bureau of Employment and Enterprises (DBEE) or can log on pbemployment.punjab.gov.in / www.pgrkam.com



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HC orders medical test of activist Kumar

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 19

The Punjab and Haryana High Court today ordered medical examination of Shiv Kumar, who was arrested in connection with the farmers' protest along with activist Nodeep Kaur, after his father alleged that the 24-year-old activist was beaten up in illegal detention and police custody.

Taking up the plea filed by his father Rajbir through senior advocate RS Cheema and Arshdeep Singh Cheema, Justice Gurvinder Singh Gill directed the Sonepat District Jail Superintendent to get the petitioner's son immediately examined from Government Medical College and Hospital, Sector 32, Chandigarh, by Saturday.

A Medical Superintendent has been asked to ensure his thorough examination and the State of Haryana and other respondents have also been directed to ensure that the petitioner was permitted to meet an advocate of his choice.

Seeking directions for transferring the investigation of three FIRs registered at Kundli police station in Sonepat district to an independent agency such as the

ENSURE THOROUGH CHECK-UP, DOC TOLD

- A Medical Superintendent has been asked to ensure his thorough examination
- Directs the state of Haryana and other respondents to ensure that the petitioner, Shiv Kumar's father Rajbir, is permitted to meet an advocate of his choice

CBI, the petitioner also sought an independent inquiry into illegal detention and torture.

He alleged that his son was detained for seven days before he was produced before a magistrate. The Bench, during the course of argument, was told that the petitioner's son was the president of Mazdoor Adhikar Sangathan. During the farmers' agitation in Kundli area, where a large number of farmers were staging a protest, the association and the petitioner were successful in amassing a number of labourers in their support.

Mobilisation of local labourers in support of the farmers annoyed the administration and a plan was devised to stifle the same. The case will come up for hearing on February 24. —TNS

No more mahapanchayats in Hry, Punjab, says Charuni

Tikait group says events huge crowd-puller, will continue with it

SUSHIL MANAV

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 19

With crowds thinning at the Singhu and Tikri borders, farmer leader Gurnam Singh Charuni today announced there would be no more mahapanchayats in Haryana and Punjab.

He said farmers from the two states would rather be asked to take turns and reach the borders to attend dharma.

"There is no use of holding mahapanchayats as the basic purpose of these events is to make farmers aware of the contentious farm laws. Farmers here already know enough about this issue. We will hold mahapanchayats in other states whenever warranted," Charuni said while talking to *The Tribune* today.

He said farmers from Haryana and Punjab would reach the Singhu and Tikri border only on a rotating basis as the harvesting of rabi crop was around the corner.

Asked whether mahapanchayats in the state would be



GHERAO COPS IF THEY COME TO ARREST YOU'

Ambala: Bharatiya Kisan Union (Charuni) chief Gurnam Singh Charuni on Friday asked the farmers to gherao Delhi Police personnel, if they come to arrest any person in villages and not to release them until

SKM TO CELEBRATE 'PAGDI SAMBAL' DAY ON FEB 23

Sonepat: The Samyukta Kisan Morcha on Friday announced to celebrate 'Pagdi Sambhal Day' on February 23. The day will be celebrated in memory of Ajit Singh, uncle of Shaheed Bhagat Singh and the founder of the 'Pagdi Sambhal' movement. TNS

stopped forthwith or those already announced would be held as per schedule,

Charuni said if an event had already been announced, the organisers could go ahead

with the plan. "But there would be no more such rallies," said the farmer leader.

Rattan Mann, state president of the BKU headed by the Tikait brothers, however, said farmers' bodies were getting huge response in mahapanchayats and there was no question of discontinuing these events.

"BKU leader Rakesh Tikait is to address a mahapanchayat at Kharkhoda in Sonepat on February 22. Another such event was announced today at Yamunanagar for February 28," said Mann. He said mahapanchayats had provided a new lease of life to the farmers' agitation and there was no question of discontinuing these events.

Farmers in the Jat heartland of Haryana had started holding mahapanchayats after Rakesh Tikait's emotional outburst at Ghazipur in the aftermath of the January 26 tractor parade. Meanwhile, some political observers are viewing Charuni's announcement as a counter move to stop Tikait's growing popularity among farmers in Haryana.

Send tractors: BKU to district presidents

GHAZIPUR, FEBRUARY 19

With the crowds starting to thin out at the Ghazipur border, the Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) has asked all its district presidents to ensure that the numbers swell. In a decision taken on Friday, the BKU has asked its leaders to send to the protest site at least 20 tractors

for a minimum of 10 days.

Further, it has asked village heads to form committees to tend to the farms of the protesters taking part in the stir.

National general secretary of the BKU Yudhvir Singh said the move was needed as cane harvesting was under way. —TNS

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Woman weightlifter found dead in Rohtak

SUNIT DHAWAN

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

ROHTAK, FEBRUARY 19

The body of a young woman weightlifter, who had been working as a physical training instructor (PTI) at a school in Bhopal, was found lying along a canal near Dhamar village in Rohtak district on Thursday.

Preliminary investigation indicates that the woman had come from Bhopal to Rohtak, where

Had accused a coach of sexual exploitation

she was murdered.

The woman was identified with the help of a parking-lot receipt of Bhopal railway station where she had parked her vehicle. Her parents have been informed and the post-mortem examination of the body has been conducted," said DSP Saj-

jan Singh. The woman used to practice weightlifting and had accused a weightlifting coach working at a sports complex in Rohtak of sexual exploitation a couple of years ago.

In a statement recorded with the police, Dhamar village sarpanch Wazir Singh said he got information that the body of a 20-22-year-old woman was lying along the JLN canal near the village.

"I went to the spot along

with some prominent residents and found that the woman's throat had been slit with some sharp-edged weapon. It seemed that somebody had murdered her and threw the body near the canal," said the sarpanch.

A case has been registered under Sections 302 (murder) and 201 (destruction of evidence) of the IPC at Rohtak (Sadar) police station on the basis of the complaint.

In a tweet, Anil Vij said,

Vij slams Congress over threats to Bollywood stars

AMBALA, FEBRUARY 19

A day after Congress leader Nana Patole allegedly threatened bollywood actors Amitabh Bachchan and Akshay Kumar, Home Minister Anil Vij targeted the Congress and said unable to play a meaningful role of the Opposition, the party was threatening the cine stars in order to take their help to oppose the government.

In a tweet, Anil Vij said,

to 10 while that of 'viva-voce' increased from 15 to 25.

It claimed that Hooda didn't approve the final criteria till the industrial plots were advertised and all applications were in the possession of Justice MS Sullar (retd), also known to Hooda.

The ED said the altered criteria helped the 14 allottees as they were "financially weak" and had "very less" or nil experience while increase in viva-voce marks helped to give "enough discretion" to interviewing members for giving favour. Most of the allottees still remained less worthy than the unsuccessful applicants, the ED added.

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Project Director, HPHDP

Thunderstorm, hail warning by Met office

SHIMLA, FEBRUARY 19
The local Met office today issued yellow warning of thunderstorm, lightning and hail-storm at isolated places in mid hills from February 21 to 23 and in lower hills on February 23 and predicted rains and snow at isolated places in the higher hills from February 21 to 25.

A fresh feeble western disturbance was likely to affect the Western Himalayan region from February 20 and another western disturbance was likely to affect the Western Himalayan region from February 22, the Met office said.

Meanwhile, the weather remained dry in the region and chilly winds swept Shimla and surrounding areas under partially overcast sky. There was no significant change in minimum temperature and Keylong and Kalpa in tribal Lahaul and Spiti and Kinnaur districts recorded a low of -6.6°C and -0.5°C while Manali shivered at 1.8°C, followed by Kufri 3.8°C. — TNS

State BJP executive adopts resolution backing farm laws

CM to begin Rath Yatra from April 15 | Says Jan Manch programme big hit

LALIT MOHAN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

DHARAMSALA, FEBRUARY 19
The state BJP executive today accepted a resolution supporting the farm laws passed by the Union Government.



Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur addresses the state BJP executive committee meeting in Dharamsala on Friday. PHOTO: KAMALJEET

been able to repeat government in Himachal. However, the party would create history by repeated the government in Himachal, he said.

Thakur said that due to Corona pandemic one year of his government had been wasted and he practically had just four years for development.

Still foundation stones had been laid and projects worth Rs 3,500 crore had been inaugurated in Himachal Pradesh, he said.

He said that he would launch the Swaran Jayanti Rath Yatra in the state on April 15 to mark 50 years of statehood of Himachal. This

would also help re-establish mass contact with people in the state. During this Rath Yatra he will travel extensively in all parts of the state.

Terming the Jan Manch programme a huge success, Thakur said that most grievances of people had been resolved on their doorsteps through the programme. The Congress was desperate due to the success of the Jan Manch programme.

He said that the BJP was winning elections not just due to developmental projects but due to its strong organization.

The Himachal model of the BJP was being praised in the entire country. Thakur congratulated party workers for success in recently panchayat and municipal council elections in the state.

Governor meets 'first voter' Shyam Negi, aged 104

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Governor Bandaru Dattatreya with Shyam Saran Negi, the first voter of Independent India, at the Kalpa Circuit House in Kinnaur.

is a motivation for others.

Negi said that he was a fan of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Central Government was performing well under his leadership. Later, the Governor performed puja at the ancient temple of Kalpa and took a round of apple orchards. He also interacted with local people and listened to their grievances.

Dattatreya, who is on a two-day visit to Kinnaur, matched steps with the folk troupe of Kinnaur. He said that his trip to Kinnaur was a unique experience and he felt that coming to Himachal was

worthwhile.

The Governor said that Kinnaur has its own distinct identity and the local culture was truly exquisite. The affinity seen among the people of the area could not be witnessed in any other part of the country.

He said the future generation should be made aware of its rich culture, so that they could take pride of their culture. He added that a society survives as long as it remains attached to its culture. The mountains, forests and rivers were the identity of the Devbhoomi.

Irked over shortage of faculty, students shut Sirmaur college

AMBika SHARMA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SOLAN, FEBRUARY 19

Peeved at the shortage of staff, students of Government Degree College, Haripurdhara, in Sirmaur district, today closed the college gate and demanded immediate posting of adequate staff.

Though the college has 228 students, the faculty in key subjects like English, Hindi and science stream is not available.

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- Though the college has 228 students the faculty in key subjects like English, Hindi and science stream is not available.
- The lone faculty member of commerce stream was first deputed to GD College Sangrah for four days and now transferred to Paonta Sahib.
- Faculty is available only for the streams of political science, history, sociology, music and physical education.

which was opened in 2011.

The college was given a new building in 2017 but little arrangement was made for staff thus making a mockery of the education system.

The college does not have a regular principal and the music faculty was officiating for the last several years. "With the college having resumed classes on February 8, students were hopeful of catching up with the lost time

but unavailability of staff was acting as a major handicap. To make matters worse, the music and commerce faculty members were deputed to the Sangrah college for a few days and this further dealt a severe blow to the studies", rued a student.

Prof Ravi, acting principal, while confirming the state of affairs said the students today resented the non-availability of adequate staff in the college and key subjects of English and Hindi were also without any faculty since the past several years.

It was lamentable that despite the state government having opened colleges in far-flung areas like Sangrah, Ronhat and Haripurdhara in Sirmaur district, the lack of staff has defeated the very purpose of facilitating the rural students. The state government had been running these colleges by merely deputing staff from one college to the other in a make-shift basis.

Chargesheet filed against 3 officials

SOLAN, FEBRUARY 19

The Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau yesterday filed a chargesheet before the Court of Special Judge, Nahan, against a former panchayat assistant, Junior Engineer (JE) and Block Development Officer (BDO) posted at Paonta Sahib for misappropriation of government funds.

ADGP, Vigilance and Anti-Corruption, Anurag Garg said that in a case

Misappropriation of government funds

registered at the bureau's Nahan office in 2012 it was alleged that the pradhan of Thontha Jakhal gram panchayat had conspired with the panchayat assistant, JE and the BDO at Paonta Sahib to misappropriate government money sanctioned for various development works. — TNS

Lahaul-Spiti is Covid-free

SHIMLA, FEBRUARY 19

With just two positive cases being reported today, the total number of active Covid cases in the state has dipped to 268. The persons who tested positive were from Mandi. There was no fatality in the state during the day.

As many as 3,247 samples were taken and tested for Covid. With this the total tally of cases in Himachal reached 58,314. Lahaul-Spiti has become Covid free with not even a single active case there. — TNS

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Walk-in-Interview for Resource Persons

PAIC is the State Nodal Agency to implement PMFME in Punjab. It is a centrally sponsored five-year scheme starting from 2020-21. PAIC is to engage one Resource Person in each 8-10 districts for providing hand holding support viz. preparation of detailed project report, obtaining bank loan, necessary registration etc. to micro enterprises under PMFME. The remuneration is linked to their performance i.e. Rs. 20,000/- per sanctioned bank loan. The terms of reference of the engagement and the prescribed application form are available at website www.punjabagro.gov.in

Interested candidates having Degree/Diploma in Food Technology/Engineering or B.Sc./M.Sc. in Agriculture/Horticulture with experience in food processing or any graduate with relevant experience may come for Walk-in-Interview alongwith filled-in application form & copies of testimonials on 26.02.2021 at 10:30 am at PAIC, Chandigarh.

General Manager (FP)

CANTONMENT BOARD, KHAS YOL DISTT. KANGRA (H.P.)

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No. KY/TX/TOLL TAX/6 Dated: 19.02.2021

E-Tender in 2 bids system i.e. Technical and Financial are hereby invited for the collection of Toll Tax situated near Ghiali bridge and Narwana bridge for a period up to 31.03.2022.

Submission of Technical & Financial bids at Central Public Procurement Portal (www.eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app). All the details of the tender is uploaded on CPPP Portal.

Sd/- Chief Executive Officer
Khas Yol Cantonment
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POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH

TENDER NOTICE NO. PROC. BR. (INDG.) (HPD)/2020/229-231

PHONE NO. 0172-2756468, 2756463

This Institute has to make Rate Contract and Annual Purchases as per the details shown in the table below.

The manufacturer and their authorized dealers/ distributors can offer their minimum rates as per terms & conditions contained in the Tender Form:-

Tender Inquiry No.	Item Name	Earliest Money	Due Date and time
229	N95 Face Mask (Foldable) (Annual Purchase)	No Earnest Money required till 31.12.2021	12.03.2021 AT 12:30 PM
231	Powder Free Surgical Gloves (Rate Contract for two years)		
231	HME with Bacterial Filter (Paediatric) (Rate Contract for two years)		

The Tender Form and specification of the products are available on the website www.pgiimer.edu.in and www.eprocure.gov.in. The Tenders will be received manually on or before 03.03.2021 at 11:00 AM at the above address. Proforma of Bid Form (Bidding Form), C' Block, 2nd Floor, Central Staff Nat'l Hospital, PGIIMER, Chandigarh, Telephone Number 0172-2756468 & 2756463. These shall be opened on the same date at 03:00 PM in the presence of the authorized tenderer. Tenders not submitted on the prescribed form shall be summarily ignored. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders received without assigning any reason thereof.

(PROF. ASHOK KUMAR) OFFICER IN CHARGE (HPD)

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Corporate Identification No. (CIN): U40109PB2010SGC033813

Website: www.pspcl.in

(E-tendering mode)

(e-Tendering website: <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>)

1. Tendering Process

2. e-Tender Enquiry No.

3. Scope of work in brief

4. Last Date with time for downloading of tender documents from website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

5. Last Date with time for uploading (submission) of tender documents i.e. Part-I, II and Part-II

6. Date and Time of opening of Part-I & II Earnest Money, Tender Cost, Commercial & Technical conditions (Qualify Financial effects) of tenders:

7. Date and Time of opening of Part-II (Price bid)

(Part-III "Price bid" of only those bidders shall be opened whose Financial effects are found to be unambiguous & without any reservation)

8. Cost of tender documents

Rs. 1180/- (Non-Refundable and inclusive of GST) Online (via e-payment gateway of GePNIC)

Note:- (i) Please note that the tenders against this tender enquiry are being invited through e-tendering mode. In case of any clarification the prospective bidders may contact this office or <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> on 0120-4001 002, 0120-4200 462, 0120-4001 005, 0120-6277 787 in case of any difficulty regarding uploading of the tender well in time. Tender documents may be downloaded from website: <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.

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E-tenders are invited through two bid system Le Technical and Financial bids, from the authorized dealers for the sale of different varieties of Wheat seed (HD-2967, HD-3086, WH-1105, UN-PBW-550, PBW-725, UN-PBW-343, PBW-677 etc.) on "as it is where it is basis" lying at the different offices of the Corporation, viz. Kartarpur (District Jalandhar), Kotakpura (District Faridkot), Ladhawal (District Ludhiana), Abor (District Fazilka), Sohal (District Gurdaspur) and at different offices/sites of Agriculture department/Co-operative societies etc.

E-tender will be received and opened as under:-

- 1. Date of applying & submission of e-tender
- 2. Date of Opening of Technical Bid
- 3. Date of Opening of Financial Bid
- 4. Form fee
- 5. Earnest Money

22-02-2021 at 10.00 AM. to 09-03-2021 at 5.00 PM.
10-03-2021 at 11.00 AM
After Opening and evaluation of Technical bid
Rs. 1000/-
Rs. 2500/-

Tender Notice, terms and conditions and station wise detail of material lying at the various stations are available at website: <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>. EMD, tender form fee and processing fees have to be deposited through online mode only through same tender portal. Any further communication or corrigendum will be uploaded online only. For any query, e mail on punseed.chd@punjab.gov.in or contact on mob. 8544718919

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China's climbdown

India needs to sustain gains, remain watchful

It has taken China eight long months to admit that four of its soldiers were killed in the Galwan valley clash in eastern Ladakh. Shortly after the barbaric hand-to-hand combat in June 2020, India had reported 20 fatalities, including a commanding officer. China's prolonged, tactical silence triggered varying estimates of its own death toll: 45 according to Russia's official news agency TASS, and 35 as per an American intelligence report. That China's admission comes amid the disengagement in Pangong Tso is no coincidence. On February 10, Beijing had shown unusual alacrity in announcing to the world that mutual troop withdrawal had begun and the nine-month-long border standoff was as good as over. New Delhi had chosen to respond a day later, with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh confirming in Parliament that the pullback had commenced but hastening to add that India had not ceded any territory.

The Chinese army's claim that it lost only four soldiers may or may not be the whole truth, but the official acknowledgement suggests an inclination — again, unusual for the Dragon — to partly lift the veil of secrecy. So, is this a confidence-building measure aimed at mending ties with India? Considering China's military and economic expansionism, it could well be a ploy to counter criticism from the international community. The growing clout of the Quad coalition, comprising India, the US, Japan and Australia, is certainly not music to China's ears. Thursday's teleconference among the foreign ministers of the member nations was held barely a month after the Biden administration took charge. Quad's commitment to 'uphold a rules-based international order underpinned by respect for territorial integrity and sovereignty' is intended to make China see reason.

Even as the disengagement is reported to have been completed in Pangong Tso area, the 10th round of the Corps Commander-level talks is scheduled to be held today to take forward the pullback process in other areas of eastern Ladakh. India needs to keep asserting itself at the diplomatic and military levels to sustain the gains and be ready for any eventuality in case China's climbdown proves to be deceptive.

Facebook faceoff

Test of Australia's resolve on who pays for online news

THE world's eyes are fixed on Australia as the test case for a global thrust to force Internet giants to share some of their revenue with content providers sees a dramatic pushback. Google's pre-emptive deals with several media outlets gave the hope of relatively smooth sailing for the proposed Australian model, but co-protester Facebook's surprise move to block all news media content has turned the spotlight on the government. As the country woke up to empty news feeds, an indication of Prime Minister Morrison's resolve came from his scathing remarks — labelling the 'actions to unfriend Australia' as arrogant and disappointing — along with a terse reminder of what is at stake. Facebook's resistance, he has said, only confirms the concerns that an increasing number of countries are expressing about the behaviour of Big Tech companies, 'who think they are bigger than governments and that the rules should not apply to them'.

Internet platforms are used by publishers worldwide to reach out to audiences and increase their visibility. However, media organisations get only a small portion of the advertisement revenues generated from what they offer. Their survival and future at stake, the industry and regulators are closely watching how the faceoff plays out. The planned Australian legislation would require Facebook and Google to reach agreements with news outlets, or be subjected to forced arbitration to agree to a price.

Facebook, in its defence, attributes the blockade to the draft law being unclear on the definition of news content. Another argument tries to make a distinction between its and Google's relationship with content providers. On how publishers do not voluntarily provide content in the case of Google Search, but choose to post news on Facebook, and that is what explains the social media giant's reluctance to the new code. The online media revenue-sharing dispute is far from settled; as negotiations continue, it could be a long-drawn tussle.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

There is a reason why it is called a fossil fuel: it is an outdated method of getting power. — Alexandra Paul

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

LAHORE, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1921

ACTION AGAINST POLITICAL WORKERS.

IT is difficult to form a proper idea from the telegrams published in these columns, of the exact sequence of events leading to the arrest and imprisonment of Mr. Yakub Hassan and three others in the Madras Presidency, and to the issue of an order prohibiting Mr. Mazhar-ul-Haq and Babu Rajendra Prasad from entering the prescribed limits of the town of Arrah in Behar. It is not clear when the original order prohibiting public meetings was issued in the first case, and how the Magistrate of Calicut came to know that the four gentlemen had decided to disobey the order. We do not forget the statement in the second order that the four gentlemen had "convened a meeting to be held on the 16th instant." But the question is, when had they convened it, before or after receipt of the Magistrate's order? Again, it is stated that Mr. Yakub Hassan and others were arrested when the Khilafat demonstration was being arranged. Here, again, the question is, what was the nature of their demonstration? Did it fall within the category of the "meetings" prohibited by the Magistrate? Had steps been taken to ascertain that it did? It is necessary to know these details, because the disobedience of lawful orders at present forms no part of the non-co-operation movement, and it is difficult to believe that a public man of the standing of Mr. Yakub Hassan could be a party to a proceeding not authorised by the Congress and the League. The position is even more obscure in the case of the Behar order. Here all that we learn from the Associated Press telegram is that the order of prohibition against the two leaders stated that "it appeared to the District Magistrate from the report of the Superintendent of Police that the visit to address a non-co-operation meeting was likely to result in a large and noisy procession of boys and others accompanying them which, in passing near the Zilla school, where an examination was being held, was likely to cause annoyance to examinees."

Half the fuel story

Import dependence is one part; the main issue is the pricing mechanism



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SENIOR ECONOMIC ANALYST

PETROL has hit Rs 100, and PM Modi blames previous governments for it. His logic is that we pay so much for petrol, because we have to import most of its key ingredient, crude oil. So, when global oil prices go up, there's no option but to raise fuel prices in your local petrol station. If only India had produced its own crude, oil marketing companies in India could have set their own prices.

All this seems to be true, only if you know nothing about the oil business. But first let us tackle the issue of why we don't produce enough of our own crude oil. There are two reasons for that. One, we simply don't have enough proven reserves. And, two, we haven't spent enough on 'exploring' new oil fields.

As of 2019-20, India had crude oil reserves of about 62 crore tonnes. That year, we consumed about 25 crore tonnes. At that rate, all our reserves would have been used up in 2.5 years. At our current state of exploration of oil reserves, we can do nothing to dent our import dependence. At best, we can reduce it a bit.

That is exactly what the Modi government's stated objective is. The aim is to cut crude oil imports by 10 per cent by 2022. When Modi first became PM in 2014, India imported 83 per cent of the crude it consumed. By 2022, that ought to go down to about 73 per cent. That is going to be impossible because, instead of going down, India's crude oil import dependence has increased since 2014. In 2019-20, it stood at 88 per cent of our crude consumption.

This increase in imports doesn't necessarily mean domestic production hasn't improved. After all, fuel



THE CHALLENGE: To produce more crude, we must invest more in exploration and oil extraction. The opposite has happened as far as government oil companies go. PTI

Mainstream economists will point to the dangers of giving MSP to farmers, but will keep mum on the 'assured' trade parity prices given to oil refining companies.

consumption does go up with higher economic and income growth. So, if crude oil consumption increases at a faster pace than domestic production, the share of imports will also go up.

The truth, however, is that India's crude oil consumption growth has slowed down sharply in the Modi years. Between 2013-14 and 2019-20, consumption increased at about 2.2 per cent per year. The rate of growth in the previous six years, between 2007-8 and 2013-14, was 6.7 per cent.

What about domestic production? In 2013-14, Indian companies produced 37.8 million tonnes of crude oil and condensate. That dropped to 32.2 million tonnes in 2019-20, a sharp slide of 15 per cent. Instead of contributing more to India's crude oil consumption, domestic oil companies provided even less than what they used to, before the Modi government came to power.

However, even the best laid plans can go wrong, so it is possible that despite intense efforts crude production couldn't match expectations. In reality, the effort itself was missing. To produce more crude, you need to

invest more in exploration and oil extraction. The opposite happened as far as government oil companies go.

In 2013-14, the last year of UPA-2, ONGC spent Rs 11,687 crore on exploration. In 2018-19, it had dropped to just Rs 6,016 crore, down to almost half. ONGC's cash reserves stood at Rs 10,798 crore in March 2014. That has dropped to Rs 968 crore in March 2020. That's a decline of 91 per cent. Most of the money it had was used up to buy a majority stake in HPCL, so that the government could meet its disinvestment target. How can the company be expected to spend on exploration or other capital investments?

In fact, the petrol sector has always been used as a cash cow by the government to meet its revenue requirements. And this has only increased under Modi. In 2014-15, the Centre gave about Rs 60,000 crore in petroleum subsidies. However, in the same year, the petroleum sector as a whole gave the Centre Rs 1.72 lakh crore in taxes, duties and dividends. In 2019-20, petroleum subsidy dropped to Rs 38,500 crore. At the same time, the contribution of

the petroleum sector to the Centre rose to Rs 3.34 lakh crore.

So, while subsidies dropped by 36 per cent, the revenues from the petroleum sector almost doubled. Is this a conducive environment for increasing domestic production? All other industries which saw rapid growth – IT and telecom, for instance – were given tax holidays and preferential infrastructure support. In the case of crude oil production, the exact opposite has happened. And the situation has only become worse under the Modi government.

But import dependence is only half of the petrol pricing story. The truth is hidden in the pricing mechanism itself. We are told, petrol and diesel prices are now unregulated and decided by market forces. That is simply untrue. The pricing of petrol has nothing to do with either its cost of production or its demand in India. It is almost entirely determined by how much it would cost to import petrol into the country, even though the petrol is being produced in India.

The price of petrol in a gulf port is taken, to which are added the cost of loading the petrol, shipping it, insurance costs, port handling costs and customs duty, to arrive at an import parity price for petrol. This accounts for 80 per cent of what refineries get for the petrol they produce. The remaining 20 per cent is determined by what they would get if they exported the petrol. Together it is called a trade parity price.

This price has nothing to do with the actual cost of producing petrol or diesel in Indian refineries. It is true that a large part of the cost of producing petrol is the cost of imported crude. But, surely other overheads, including labour, is cheaper in India? In fact, Indian refineries have some of the highest refining margins, or profits on every barrel of crude that they process. Mainstream economists will point to the dangers of giving MSP to farmers, but will keep absolutely mum on the 'assured' trade parity prices given to oil refining companies. They will also focus on high government taxes, which is only part of the problem.

Straight from a wildlife book

GEORGE N NETTO

NOTHING can be more exhilarating to a nature lover than to chance upon wildlife. Living in the environs of Kerala's Munnar, I often have an unexpected tryst or two with nature during my daily solo constitutional through verdant tea fields bordered by forests.

Usually, two frisky wagtails join me

en route, hopping briskly ahead of me and taking off only when I get too close. They are not afraid of me but like to keep their distance. They seem to be the same birds, or rather pests, who take turns in persistently pecking away at their reflections in my bedroom windowpanes when I'm napping. Indeed, I often wish they'd

indulge in their narcissism elsewhere!

Now and then, I surprise a jungle rooster foraging on the path, resplendent in its gold-flecked plumage, its black tail trailing regally behind it. Familiarity, however, hasn't bred trust in it. Timid, it scampers under the protective canopy of the tea bushes, ungallantly abandoning its harem of three drab-looking hens. They, too, scurry away in no time, squawking agitatedly.

Sometimes, I unknowingly disturb a covey of mountain quail feeding, hidden, in the tall grass beside the path. Alarmed by my proximity, they suddenly burst out from their cover as if flushed out, screeching harshly. Then, their stubby wings whirring rapidly, they fly the very short distance they're

capable of before dropping to the ground to seek cover again.

The tea bush with its dense lateral spread provides an ideal cover for other wildlife as well – barking deer, dholes, porcupines, jackals, hares, and occasionally, the panther. I once espied a couple of dholes conspiratorially lying in wait in a tea field to ambush unwary prey. On seeing me, they loped away, their tawny coats glistening in the morning sun, their stumpy, black-tipped tails raised in alarm.

Last month, while plodding uphill, what seemed to be a large stone about 10 metres ahead, magically metamorphosed into a hare that bounded away. Its drab colour blended so well with the ground as to make it almost invisible — nature's camouflage that

enables it to escape predators.

Recently, as I sauntered down a path snaking through a tea field, a rustling sound alerted me and, lo and behold, a barking deer's fawn, hardly a month old, tottered out on spindly legs. It had apparently loitered away from its mother who, concealed in the tea field, must have been agonising over its fate as any mother would.

I stood stock-still as the kid regarded me with a mixture of curiosity and fear. Then, perhaps instinctively realising it was unsafe out in the open, it turned and wobbled back into the safety of the tea field where I could now hear its anxious mother stamping around impatiently. The incident warmed the cockles of my conservationist's heart and made my day.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lords of justice

Reference to 'Judges deliver justice, they don't embody it'; we must discuss what constitutes contempt and what is implied by the supremacy of institutions delivering justice. Changing times and dynamic society necessitate bringing about changes in our perception and outlook also. Judiciary must be tolerant to criticism, as much as it needs to be independent from the executive. Amour propre comes in the way of equity and justice. Courts and judges must rise above getting irked by fair jokes, cartoons or quips. A civilised society and its institutions welcome criticism as much as freedom of expression.

RAKESH SUDAN, KURUKSHETRA

Scrap seditious law

Invoking seditious law against a young climate activist just days after politician Shashi Tharoor and six noted journalists were booked, flags a fundamental infirmity in the seditious law. Police officials curiously reading Section 124A are quick to slap seditious law on those whose actions and words incite opposition to government. The guard rails imposed by the Supreme Court, requiring direct and sudden incitement to violence to qualify as seditious, have had no

effects. The zeal to invoke seditious law brooks no meaningful opposition. Flawed application of the seditious law, disregarding SC strictures, qualifies for invoking contempt of court, if not quashing this archaic provision. The SC must take note of the spike in seditious cases. No less egregious is a concurrent trend of wielding the anti-terror UAPA against political activists. The apex court must scrap the seditious law and consider bail in pending cases.

LAJWANT SINGH, BY MAIL

Captain, too, will be judged

Apropos of the interview of Punjab CM Capt Amarinder Singh, while on the one hand, he accepts that the farmers' issue had a big impact on the MC elections, yet at the same time, he is attempting to take all the credit for the resounding victory on his government's policies. At the time of the state elections, people will certainly judge his performance, and may not get swayed by national issues again and again.

PANKAJ, KALKA

Inevitable response

The Punjab MC election results were on expected lines. Even though Punjab has often kept the BJP and the Sangh in check, this particular result is important in the

current scenario. The newly enacted farm laws made the situation worse for the BJP and the action against farmers also reflected in this result.

DEEPAK, MALAPPURAM

Local issues dominate

Refer to 'Congress makes a clean sweep'; Congress victory was anticipated. The people of Punjab have given a mandate in support of the ongoing farmers' movement. They have rejected the AAP as well as the BJP. The Congress wave shows that people are also disenchanted with the BJP and the AAP. In civic elections, voters have given priority to local issues, developmental issues and the personal influence of candidates.

YUGAL KISHORE SHARMA, FARIDABAD

Check voter list

It is often alleged by the political parties and the voters on the day of elections that the names of the electors have been deleted by the electoral registration officer on the instructions of the party in power. The process of finalising the voter lists is time bound. When the drafts of the lists are published for soliciting the objections, nobody bothers to check his/her name. They cry only on the day of the election. It is the duty of every citizen to check

his/her name at the proper time instead of blaming the officers later.

SOHAN LAL BHUMBAK, CHANDIGARH

Disha accountable for act

This refers to 'Champions of a cause'; the writer tried to shield the act of Disha Ravi by saying that it was an 'unintended' association with Mo Dhaliwal. Is this assertion tenable? A leading environmentalist should have thought several times about the act she was going to execute. It is also unbelievable that she might not have any knowledge of his Khalistani activities. Now that it has been done, she should face the consequences. It is for the courts to see whether the charges slapped by government agencies on her are according to the law.

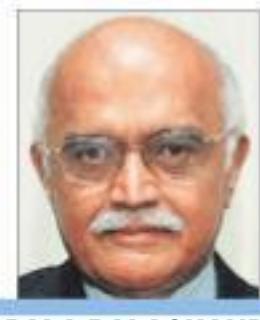
RL BANSAL, KURUKSHETRA

Do not lower guard

Again there is a rise in Covid cases. One needs to take proper care as far as distancing etiquettes are concerned. Hardly is there any place where people are seen wearing masks and adhering to other norms of social distancing. We need to understand that even after having the vaccine, we need to observe the Covid protocols to keep ourselves and others safe.

GARV BHUPESH, PANCHKULA

2018 'covert' op that is embarrassing India



VAPPALA BALACHANDRAN
EX-SPECIAL SECRETARY, CABINET SECRETARIAT

On April 27, 2018, a leading Indian business paper, quoting "highly placed government sources", said that a secret Coast Guard operation was authorised at the highest level to intercept an unarmed yacht carrying "runaway" Dubai royal princess Latifa Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum. This was after key national security officials felt it necessary to "secure India's counter-terrorism and strategic interests." However, new revelations in the form of secret videos released on February 16, 2021, would embarrass us further as this was apparently done without following the legal procedure.

If true, this was an unprecedented action as no such forcible "rendition", as the Americans call it, was allowed by India in its history. I know personally that Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi did not oblige even his personal friend, Afghan President Mohammad Najibullah, when he requested, through secret intelligence channels, the rendition of his key aide who had deceived him and escaped to the West through India with large sums of money. That was at a time when Najibullah was helping India through a number of sensitive operations to frustrate Pakistan's covert war against us.

America justifies such demands

based on Article IV, Section 2 of its Constitution which requires a state to hand over such fugitives if found within its jurisdiction. Also, America has been claiming "universal jurisdiction" since the 19th century against piracy on the high seas, quoting a judgment in *United States vs Smith* (1820). This has been criticised by human rights groups as it was originally meant against slaves.

"Extraordinary rendition" is adopted when such fugitives are nabbed with the help of local security services in a foreign country or merely kidnapped without following the legal extradition procedure. The first such case was in 1883 when the Pinkerton Detective Agency, their oldest private detective company, kidnapped one Frederick Kerr from Peru for a Chicago court.

In 1997, the CIA abducted Mir Aimal Kansi from a Pashtun tribal area with covert Pakistani police help for shooting and killing two CIA employees in 1993 outside their office in Langley. Kansi was executed in the US after a trial in 2002.

After 9/11, the US pressured foreign governments to agree to "extraordinary rendition" in which the fugitive was forcibly nabbed and sent to other countries for interrogation. Stephen Grey, author of *Ghost Plane: The True Story of the CIA's Rendition & Torture Programme*, says that Pakistan had handed over more than 500 persons to the CIA after 9/11.

In 2009, Sabrina De Souza, a CIA employee of Indian origin, was convicted along with 21 CIA officials in absentia by an Italian court for aiding the abduction of a 9/11 suspect of Egyptian origin, Abu Omar, from Milan, Italy, in 2003 and forcibly sending him to Egypt in a US Air Force



It is not anybody's case that Princess Latifa was wanted for any crime in her home country and that we had only cooperated for rendering her to justice in the UAE. Our 'unprecedented operation', as per the daily, had involved 'three Coast Guard ships, helicopters and a maritime surveillance aircraft' to locate 'a US-flagged yacht' carrying the Princess and her friends.

INTRIGUING: Latifa (left) had alleged that she was seeking to escape torture by her father, Dubai ruler Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum. AP

plane where he was tortured. The European Court of Human Rights had also imposed a fine of 70,000 euros on Italy to be paid to Abu Omar and 15,000 euros to his wife.

Faced with these embarrassments, the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee held a hearing on July 26, 2007 to discuss "Extraordinary rendition, extra-territorial detention and treatment of detainees: Restoring our moral credibility and strengthening our democratic standing". Quoting the Italian case, the then Chairman Senator Joe Biden, now the US President, had said in his opening statement that the controversial rendition programme had created a "toll on our relationship with some of our

closest foreign policy partners" as it "operated outside the rule of law."

It is not anybody's case that Princess Sheikha Latifa was wanted for any crime in her home country and that we had only cooperated for rendering her to justice in the UAE. Our "unprecedented March 4 operation", according to the above daily, had involved "three Coast Guard ships, including the state-of-the-art offshore patrol vessels Samarth and Shoor, helicopters and a maritime surveillance aircraft" to locate the "United States-flagged yacht, Nostrum, some 50 km off the coast of Goa" carrying Princess Latifa and her friends.

The paper had also reported that

Latifa had said, at the time of apprehension, that she was seeking to escape torture inflicted on her and her elder sister Shamsa by their father, United Arab Emirates Prime Minister and Dubai ruler Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum. BBC's investigative current affairs 'Panorama Programme' said on February 17, 2021, that they were releasing videos that Latifa had secretly recorded during her captivity in Dubai.

These facts were also judicially noticed by the London High Court which issued a "fact-finding judgment" on December 11, 2019, describing how the victims were nabbed by the Indian Coast Guards

using smoke grenades or gas, together with gunshots after spotting them from air.

The judgment corroborated Latifa's allegation that armed Indian Coast Guard forces commanded her boat on March 4, 2018, from international waters 20 nautical miles off the coast of India. After boarding, they kept her face down on the floor with her hands bound. They threatened to kill Latifa, her friend Tiina Jauhainen and others. They physically assaulted another friend Herve Jaubert, Tiina Jauhainen and crew members and forcibly made them return to Dubai. At Dubai, they continued to mistreat them. Tiina Jauhainen was denied any legal aid and forced to sign a false statement. Latifa was held against her will, locked in a house and her movements tightly controlled.

Former Irish President Mary Robinson, who was the UN Human Rights Commissioner, said on February 16, 2021 that she felt "horribly tricked" over her involvement in this affair. She said she was invited to Dubai by a "friend" in December 2018 where she attended a lunch where Latifa was present. This friend was none other than Princess Haya, the Dubai ruler's wife, who is also suing him in the London court.

Robinson was later blamed by human rights groups when the Dubai administration released a photo of this lunch to prove that Latifa was safe and healthy. She was originally told of Latifa's "bipolar disorder", which she now feels she did not have. Robinson has now joined in calls for immediate international action in order to establish Princess Latifa's current whereabouts.

Build consensus on need for privatisation



SUSHMA RAMACHANDRAN
SENIOR FINANCIAL JOURNALIST

For the time being, privatisation, along with reducing government equity stakes in many companies, is going to be a major driver for resource mobilisation. The 2021-22 Budget proposals have set an ambitious target for disinvestment receipts with the aim of raising revenues to finance the huge increase in capital expenditure planned for the year.

It is in this backdrop of rising public sector losses that one must view the bold leap towards privatisation in the



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Budget proposals. It is a long awaited reform. The first steps towards privatisation were taken by the Atal Bihari Vajpayee-led government in 1999. At the time, many public sector undertakings were sold off and a review of their post-sale performance shows that all are doing far better than in their previous avatar as state-owned entities.

At the same time, one cannot forget the controversies that swirled around some of the sales. One was the criticism that the underlying assets of these enterprises were not fairly valued. The company itself may have been loss-making and therefore could be sold for a pittance, but the linked assets needed to have been given a higher value. This aspect has been the subject of much debate, but the learnings from these issues have evidently been imbibed this time round. In con-

trast to the earlier approach, the latest budget proposals present an entire pipeline of government-owned assets that can be monetised to raise resources. This includes more than just surplus land and also covers toll roads along with oil and gas pipelines.

The other element of the new public sector policy that is being awaited with bated breath literally is the proposal to privatisate two state-owned banks and one insurance company during the current fiscal. This seems to be part of a process to consolidate the banking industry. Mergers of some banks were already carried out last year with the aim to ensure that the sector will end up with a few large banks rather than multiple small ones. It appears policymakers are keen to slowly pull back from ownership of the banking industry. This is a major shift in approach and needs to

be implemented in a gradual manner, given the key role of the nationalised bank industry in the economy.

For the time being, however, privatisation along with reducing government equity stakes in many companies is going to be a major driver for resource mobilisation. The 2021-22 Budget proposals have set an ambitious target for disinvestment receipts with the aim of raising revenues to finance the huge increase in capital expenditure planned for the year. The target has been kept at Rs 1.75 lakh crore, which may seem high but is lower than the current year's target of Rs 2.10 lakh crore. The latter is far from being achieved as till now, the total revenue mobilisation under this head is Rs 12,400 crore. The year is expected to end with total receipts of Rs 32,000 crore due to disinvestment.

The big-ticket revenues in the next fiscal are expected to come from sale of the loss-making Air India and the profit-making Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL). The Air India sale was derailed last year as there were literally no bids for the airline. The company's huge debt overhang was taken out of the picture and other incentives were added, leading to a possibility that it could be acquired by the Tatas. Which would be in the fitness of things, given that the airline's founder was JRD Tata. As for BPCL, it has many suitors owing to its critical role in the country's oil refining and marketing sector.

Apart from these larger ventures, the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) as the Dis-

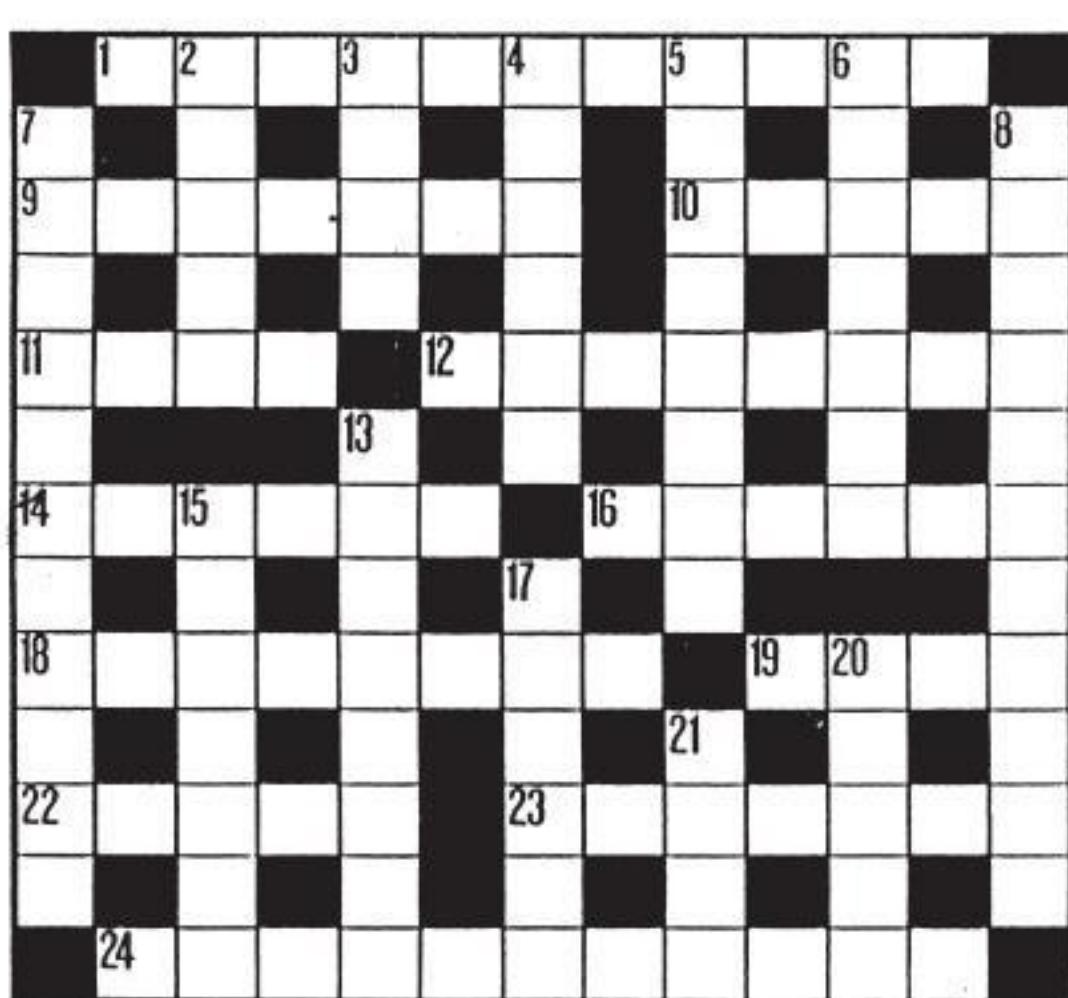
investment Ministry is now euphemistically called, has identified an entire pipeline of about two dozen public enterprises that could be privatised over the next one to two years.

For the long term, however, a more detailed policy on privatisation plans is available. It envisages that barring four strategic areas, divestment will gradually be carried out in all others. The selected areas are atomic energy, space and defence; transport and telecommunications; power, petroleum, coal and other minerals; and banking, insurance and financial services. Even in these sectors, a minimal number of public enterprises will be retained with government equity participation.

While privatisation has been widely considered an economic reform that needs to be carried out in the medium and long terms, the question has always been of political will. Even now, it would be prudent on the part of the political leadership to ensure that there is a wider consensus on the issue. Dialogue with stakeholders like unions would be required so that a much-needed reform is not stalled in the process of being implemented. The ruling party will also have to contend with the fact that the RSS-backed Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh is staunchly opposed to privatising public sector companies.

In this context, it is clearly advisable that critics of this important reform are taken on board and persuaded that this is a reform that is essential in order to truly modernise the Indian economy. Otherwise, it could end up being a failed attempt at economic reform.

QUICK CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Across: 1 Safety, 4 Spectrum, 9 Unreal, 10 Write off, 12 Duck, 13 Gloom, 14 Tell, 17 On the horizon, 20 Anna Karenina, 23 Tang, 24 Surly, 25 Tend, 28 Prelude, 29 Molten, 30 Pinpoint, 31 Stupid.

Down: 1 Squadron, 2 Ferocity, 3 Toad, 5 Periodically, 6 Cite, 7 Rooted, 8 Muffle, 11 All of a sudden, 15 Feint, 16 Covet, 18 Sidestep, 19 Hardened, 21 Step up, 22 Unseen, 26 Also, 27 Moat.

ACROSS

- 1 Remain informed about (4,5,2)
- 9 Unvarying (7)
- 10 To erect (3,2)
- 11 Swearword (4)
- 12 Mutual hostility (8)
- 14 Prize for victory (6)
- 16 Greek capital (6)
- 18 Distinction (8)
- 19 Wickedness (4)
- 22 Take up (5)
- 23 Rotate (7)
- 24 In the future (4,3,4)

DOWN

- 2 Expel from property (5)
- 3 Combine in common fund (4)
- 4 Observation (6)
- 5 Talent (8)
- 6 Describe without detail (7)
- 7 Disposed of (3,2,3,3)
- 8 Suited to personal interests (2,4,5)
- 13 Put into danger (8)
- 15 South American river (7)
- 17 Burn superficially (6)
- 20 Roman country residence (5)
- 21 In excess (4)

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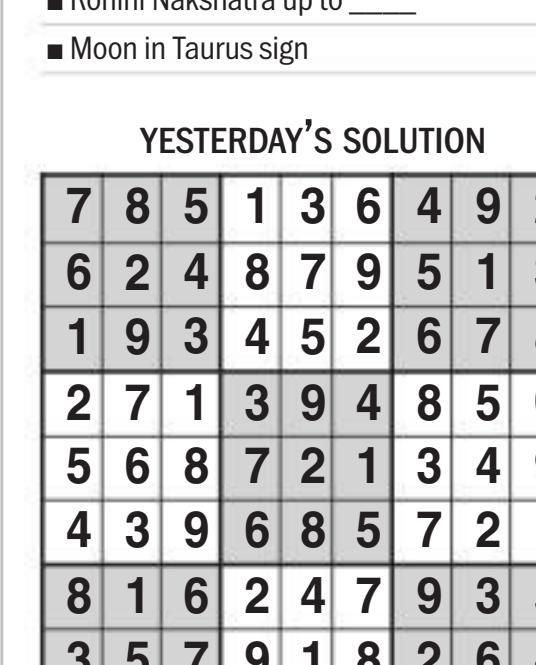
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CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 20, 2021, SATURDAY

■ Vikrami Samvat	2077
■ Shaka Samvat	1942
■ Phalgun Shaka	1
■ Phalgun Parvishtha	9
■ Hijri	1442
■ Shukla Paksha Tithi 8, up to 1.32 am	
■ Vaishnava Yoga up to 5.14 am	
■ Rohini Nakshatra up to —	
■ Moon in Taurus sign	

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



FORECAST

SUNSET: SATURDAY 18:15 HRS
SUNRISE: SUNDAY 06:57 HRS

CITY	MAX	MIN
Chandigarh	27	11
New Delhi	29	10
Amritsar	23	10
Bathinda	22	9
Jalandhar	23	10
Ludhiana	25	10
Bhiwani	27	12
Hisar	26	12
Sirsia	25	12
Dharamsala	19	8
Manali	17	02
Shimla	17	07
Srinagar	15	01
Jammu	23	11
Kargil	04	-03
Leh	02	-07
Dehradun	27	11
Mussoorie	15	05

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MATRIMONIALS

BRIDES WANTED

IAS / ALLIED SERVICES

Indian Forest Services, handsome, Aggarwal, B.Tech, M.Tech, IIT Delhi, 1990/ 5'-10" seeks beautiful girl, 98765-42301. (CL20098423)

MAHAJAN

Professional match, handsome Mahajan, 14.1.92, 11.35 a.m., Panchkula, B.Tech, MS, 5'-8", America H-1 Visa, \$ 110,000, No bars, mgre2729@gmail.com , 98559-92729. (CL20098177)

Match for Mahajan boy 02.04.1990, 8:30 am, 6', BE, MBA, working MNC, WhatsApp: 94173-49384. (CL20098336)

Match for handsome boy Mahajan, Post Graduate, Government Officer 5'-6", 14.5.87, 12.24 pm Amritsar, WhatsApp: 98156-23347, Tricity preferred. (CL20098808)

JAIN

Unmarried slim Jain teetotaller boy, MBA, 5'-11" 36, working in repeated Finance Company, Kurukshetra, Contact: # 98122-59922 (WhatsApp only, no calls). (CL20097638)

AGGARWAL

Suitable match for Aggarwal Kansal PR Canada vegetarian boy, own house Canada 18.10.1991, 5'-11", Mechanical Diploma in Canada, doing job. Parents retd. Govt. employee. Seeks B.Tech, M.Tech 98760-13764, 98760-63764. (CL20097526)

Suitable educated, beautiful match for Aggarwal handsome boy, 7 August 1991, 2.36 pm, Jalandhar, 5'-7", MBA, own settled business. Marriage bureau excuse. Contact: 9815185833.

Beautiful educated punjabi Aggarwal- Brahmin or Khatri match for 5'-9", smart 31 years non manglik, Mohali based Aggarwal bachelor. Transport business, own house/tippers/ cars. Monthly income Two Lakh plus, 99881-87788, 98818-87788. (CL20098502)

Handsome Garg boy, 12 July 1996, 12:36 a.m., Siala Khurd, 6'-2", own business well settled, 89687-29700, 94639-36680. (CL20099549)

Beautiful, educated girl for handsome Goyal boy, B.Tech, MBA, LLB/ 1990/ 5'-6" Immigration Services Chandigarh, income 15 Lakh. 98722-21480. (CL20097908)

Suitable match for Garg handsome boy, 19 Dec. 1989, 10.20 pm, Ferozepur, 5'-2", B.Tech, working in Genpat, Bangalore, package 15 lacs. B1 visa holder, working girl preferred. 95010-96111. (CL20097427)

Required professionally qualified beautiful match for Aggarwal handsome boy, May 1989/ 5'-8", Central Government Gazetted Officer boy, reputed family of tricity, working girl preferred. Upper caste welcome. 77173-33730. (CL20097472)

Match for Aggarwal boy 1987, 5'-9", MBA, regular Govt. employee, preferred. 83606-19473. (CL20097948)

PQM for Kansal, Anshik Manglik boy, 5'-7", 27-12-1986, 5:15 am, Bathinda. Working Private Job Sunan, 3.60 LPA, No Dowry, 98550-20265, 62843-56927. (CL20098214)

High income business (Bansal) family Ludhiana, 5'-10", 19.03.1990, 1:40 pm, POB Ludhiana, B.Tech, 82644-00545, caste no bar. (CL20092201)

Patiala based high status Garg boy, 1983 born, 5'-11", B.Tech, working in MNC Mumbai, 20 lacs. 80800-54627. (CL20095125)

Commerce background/ CA match for CA Garg boy, 13.08.1992, 10.00 am, Non- Manglik, 5'-7", convert educated. Own office at Panchkula, status family. 98160-66128. (CL20097448)

Match for Chandigarh Bansal boy 5'-9", Dob 18.9.1993, 2:03 am Bathinda businessman, sees vegetarian beautiful girl. Contact No. 76880-00079. (CL20097484)

Manglik Goyal boy 14.10.1989, 03.30 p.m., Kurukshetra, 6'-2", M.Tech, good package. 87087-89365. (CL20097499)

SM for Ludhiana based Garg teetotaller handsome, fair, M.Tech, 5'-9", 9.10.1991, 10:15 am, Barnala, owns & running Petrol Pump in Ludhiana city. Father owns & running two petro pumps in Barnala District. M: 94175-25125. (CL20097518)

Garg Boy 29/ 5'-7"/ B.Tech/ Govt. Job/ Package- 12 La/ Preferred Teacher. 88470-82565. (CL20097531)

SM4 Mittal boy 17.08.1990, 5'8", MBA, Govt contractor. Few days issuee divorcee, Ambala. 89506-21114. (CL20097603)

Suitable match for Garg boy born 19.1989, 7:47 pm Barnala Punjab height 5'-7", Senior Software Engineer MNC Bangalore, package 23.50 LPA, father Class 1 Officer retired Chandigarh. 098726-65106. (CL20097615)

Match for handsome Garg boy, 5'-9", 23.5.1992, 7:00 am, Ludhiana, B.Com, business family. Contact after matching kundli. Mobile/ WhatsApp: 94173-38641. (CL20097628)

Match for vegetarian Bansal boy 5'-10", 09.07.1987, 02:15 pm, Mansa, B.Tech, working, MNC. Own house Chandigarh, Mohali 98728-72703, 0172-2691899. (CL20097663)

Educated beautiful match for handsome Goyal boy, 1990, 5'-8", MBA, Govt. Bank job, Patiala, Father businessman, Caste no bar. 88729-21081. (CL20097826)

Suitable match for Chandigarh based single Garg boy Oct 1989, 5'-8", B.Tech, working in Genpat, Bangalore, package 15 lacs. B1 visa holder, working girl preferred. 94175-25125. (CL20097518)

Garg Boy 29/ 5'-7"/ B.Tech/ Govt. Job/ Package- 12 La/ Preferred Teacher. 88470-82565. (CL20097531)

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Professional qualified match for Garg B.Tech, Computer Science IIT, Delhi, MS from US, March 94, 5'-7/2", working Google. 94171-87174. (CL20098454)

Suitable match for Chandigarh based single unmarried handsome Anshik Manglik boy, 5'-8", January 1979, B.Sc. Medical vegetarian status family. Own business. Call & WhatsApp: 94635-90070. (CL20098499)

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Suitable match for Bansal boy 01.12.1983, Pvt. company job, salary 40,000/- Ambala City. 89014-82439. (CL20098461)

Match for 5'-10", Goyal issuee legal divorced boy Dob 06.02.1988 at 02.40 am, qualification MBA LLB Belongs to affluent family Kurukshetra Haryana. Contact: 98962-07721. (CL20098481)

Suitable match for Garg boy, 04.08.1990, 12.15 pm, Chandigarh, 5'-3", B.Com/ (H.MBA), Scale 2 Officer Govt. Bank. Educated and working girl (Govt./Pvt.) Preferred. Contact: 88720-13522. (CL20098483)

Bansal Manglik 11.4.91, 1:08 am, Moga, 5'-8", BBA, own good business, income 15 lac+ per annum. 98148-51235. (CL20098544)

Jindal boy 15.2.91, 4:31 pm, 5'-10", Moga, MBA, pure vegetarian, high status business family. 98146-34998. (CL20098548)

Singla boy, MCA, 6'-2", 11.7.92, 4:48 pm Ambala City, working MNC Mohali 94167-53455. (CL20098570)

SM4 Bansal boy, 5'-7/ 31.10.1993, 9:15 p.m., Ambala, working Merchant Navy. Only Punjab. Disha based family. # 96508-67228. (CL20097674)

Garg boy, MCA, 5'-8", 15 Oct. 88, 9:56 pm, Ludhiana, 98149-20244. Residence: Ahmedgarh. (CL20097750)

Wanted beautiful girl only Government employee for non manglik Goyal handsome boy, Punjab Govt. regular Teacher, 12:40 am, 21.12.89. 98727-87605. (CL20097752)

Patiala Bansal boy, 5'-7/ 28.08.1990, 12.40 am, Patiala, 5'-10", B.Com/ (H.MBA), Scale 2 Officer Govt. Bank. Educated and working girl (Govt./Pvt.) Preferred. Contact: 88720-13522. (CL20097830)

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Singla boy, MCA, 6'-2", 11.7.92, 4:48 pm Ambala City, working MNC Mohali 94167-53455. (CL20098570)

SM4 Aggarwal Singla boy, 28.08.1990, 12.40 am, Patiala, 5'-10", B.Com/ (H.MBA), Scale 2 Officer Govt. Bank. Educated and working girl (Govt./Pvt.) Preferred. Contact: 88720-13522. (CL20098570)

Patiala boy, 29, 5'-6", 12.15 pm, Chandigarh, Single kundli. Contact: 98155-59061. (CL20097830)

Garg well educated only boy 19.02.1985/ 2:30 am/ Nabha/ 5'-8", own business. No demand. 70159-04097, 98551-23452. (CL20097851)

Sincere girl for widower Singla boy with 7 months baby girl, 29, 5'-10", wholesaler cloth merchant. 99143-86833. (CL20097906)

PQM for Singla boy, 27.8.91, 12:36 a.m. Nabha, 5'-6", B.Tech, Job in IT Co. Noida as Sr. Software Engineer with 11 Lac p.a. Contact 9463618998, 5708219132. (CL20097830)

Smart Garg boy 5'-7", 11.08.1990, 7:40 a.m. Hissar, Taxtion Lawyer Panchkula. Preferred working girl. 99886-71885. (CL20098619)

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CLASSIFIEDS

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SM4 Mahotra boy 16.9.1988, 5'-10", 10.30 pm, Ambala, MCA, working in MNC (Gurgaon). 85700-87184. (CL20098825)

Wanted beautiful, well educated girl from decent family for Ludhiana based Khatri reputed family, teetotaller, Non-smoker, handsome, convent educated manglik boy, 5'-7", B.E. Mechanical Engg. (Thapar Uni.), completed management Program from IIM Bengaluru. Own successful Globally Expanded Sports business. Dob 28.08.92, 11.50 pm, Ludhiana. Call/ WhatsApp: 98771-70910. B.E. Qualification: Engineering. Address: h s h e t a n d a d @ g m a i l . c o m (CL20098925)

Handsome Punjabi Khatri boy, family status, 19.07.1988, Chandigarh, 5'-11", Medicine. Retailers. 079900-0036, 97803-03502. (CL20098940)

Khatri boy, 5'-10", 12.01.1984, Una (HP) MCA, own IT business. Upper caste welcome. 90531-35818, 75309. (CL20098948)

Hindu Khatri Vaishno boy, 20.04.1989, 12.30 am, 5'-6", Sangrur, BCA, LLB, Tax professional Zirakpur. 78140-73811, 98161-83109. (CL20098944)

Professionally qualified match for Ph.D Asstt. Professor. 07.09.1987, 1:10 pm, 5'-7". Parents Banker. 98720-11351. (CL20098946)

Khatri boy, 5'-9", 31.07.1986, Nangal, BE, own IT Business. Upper caste welcome. 90531-35818, 75309-08444. (CL20098947)

Working girl for Khatri MCA boy, 5'-11", 07.12.1991, 03:54 am, Senior Software Engineer in MNC Mohali, settled at Panchkula. 9792-76642. (CL20098952)

Suitable match for Hindu Khatri boy 5'-6", 33 Years, CA, CS own Practise. Good income. Contact 95012-08105, 62804-75910, 98551-22861. (CL20098962)

Wanted extremely beautiful girl for an extraordinary handsome boy (personality like model) very fair, height 5'-11", Khatri, Radha Soami, Advocate, Dob 29.01.1985 at 08.30 a.m., income more than 3 lac per month. Phone No. 95307-69002, 82646-25253. (CL20099022)

Highly qualified/ employed preferably Govt. employee match for handsome Hindu Kapoor Khatri boy, 1992 born, 5'-7", B.Tech., Govt. Bank employee. Marriage bureau excused. Contact 94178-75974. (CL20099038)

Nand Chahil, Punjabi Khatri smart boy 31.01.1995, 3:32 am (Malerkota) 5'-5", B.Tech., wholesale medicine business. 94175-03681. (CL20099048)

Beautiful, educated preferably professionally qualified match for handsome, well educated Khatri non manglik boy 30, 5'-10" settled in flourishing business Ludhiana based family of qualified professionals. 98150-17111. (CL20099099)

SM4 handsome Khatri vegetarian boy 29.2.92, 10:20 am, Moga, 5'-7", B.Com, MBA, well-settled business. Preferred seeking educated working girl. (WhatsApp 96467-33706, 98556-33706. (CL20099122)

SM for Hindu Khatri M.Tech., 5'-8" boy, 18th Feb. 90, 04:28 pm, Ludhiana. Income about 6 Lac, own house. Father retired Govt. Officer. Contact: 98726-26401. (CL20099170)

Hindu Khatri Canada PR Manglik boy 17.12.1990, 11:21 am, Amritsar, 5'-8", own restaurant. Need beautiful, well educated girl. Contact after kundli match. WhatsApp: 0017808074319, 95921-37555, 98158-04008. (CL20099248)

Khatri boy 12.01.1988, 5:01 pm, Amritsar, 5"-8", B.Tech., MBA, Finance Manager Pvt. Bank, 13 Lac annually. Parents retired from Govt. job preferred working girl. 97797-38001, 99151-89670. (CL20099253)

Suitable match for Khatri boy 16.03.1990, Ludhiana, 5'-7". Graduate, well settled business. 83606-52034. (CL20099257)

Hindi Khatri Manglik/ non Manglik Engineer PR Canadian boy, 1992 (India) seeks engineer/ well educated girl. 88723-00498. (CL20099348)

PQM for smart Khatri boy, 20.08.1988, 11:10 am, Chandigarh, working private bank (Senior Credit Manager), 12 lac. Own house, vegetarian, non-drinker, non-smoker. 78145-64798. (CL20099290)

Slim Manglik boy Oct, 78, 5'-11" convenient educated MNC legally separated issueless. 98141-53743. (CL20099337)

Dentist match for Punjabi Khatri boy 5'-9", 1990, BDS, Advance course in Endo. Practicing with father-Orthodontist @ Delhi own house/ clinic. 99100-70803, 88002-20505. (CL20099420)

Match for Khatri (39) divorcee boy, Medical Shop, no dowry. Upper caste welcome. 98881-49975. (CL20099450)

Match for handsome Khatri MBA boy, 24.10.82, time 4:30 p.m. Chandigarh, 5'-8", well settled business. Kundli must match. Ph. 95017-77993. (CL20099501)

Never married, 41, 167 cm, Delhi Punjabi Khatri Hsme boy. B.Tech working private bank (Senior Credit Manager), 12 lac. Own house, vegetarian, non-drinker, non-smoker. 78145-64798. (CL20099290)

Manglik Hindu Khatri boy, 5.5"-8", 2 September, 1993, 8:15 p.m. Patiala), 5'-4", MBA, Private job in Bank. Contact 73559-27619. (CL20097732)

Match for Soor (Moman) Non- Manglik boy 25.11.91, 5'-7", B.Tech, Software Engineer, working MNC Gurgaon, 11 lakh PA, Father Bank retired, preference employed match. 88829-39944, ajayma14k@rediffmail.com (CL20099055)

Sainti Sikh boy April 1990/ 5'-11", convert, B.Tech., MNC, salary 7 figures, sister settled in Canada. Preference Canada PR girl/ work permit/ willing to migrate. Bureau excused. 88062-98068. (CL20097699)

Sainti Sikh boy, 1992, 5'-11", Professor (Govt. job Class-I) in Mohali. Required beautiful girl. Govt. employed preferred. Upper caste no bar. 97792-85475. (CL20098161)

PQM for Sainti Sikh non-turbanned boy, Aug. 1989 born, 5'-8", B.Tech IT, working MNC Gurgaon Home Town Una (HP), preference. B.Tech (IT/CSE). Tel: 75083-37679, 98161-20482. (CL20098337)

PQM for handsome Punjabi 5'-11", Jan. '82, MBA/ B.Tech. Econ Business, 15 lac PA, never married, no dowry, only son. WhatsApp 98153-39567. (CL20098574)

Suitable match for Saini Sikh boy, 29.2.92, 10:20 am, Moga, 5'-7", B.Com, MBA, well-settled business. Preferred seeking smart girl same profession. Caste no bar. Contact: 99881-58278. (CL20097933)

Only Himachali match for Rajput boy Software Engineer, 15.12.1981, 9:35 pm, Hamirpur. Workings MNC Bangalore. 70185-27244. (CL20097699)

SM4 Mair Rajput, 25, 5 feet-8 inch, teetotaller, Engineer in reputed American MNC at Bangalore, Ludhiana-family. Required beautiful well educated girl with family values. M-98766-7662. (CL20097700)

Thakur boy 5'-9", 12.05.1989, Ludhiana, Master in IT, working in Finland. 94645-26312. (CL20097698)

Pal Kashtri boy (30), 5'-10", Software Engineer, US company seeking smart girl, same profession. Caste no bar. Mobile/WhatsApp: 98855-24680, 96531-17000. (CL20098069)

Professional/ officer match for smart Sikh Rangarha turbanned boy, B.E., M.E. (Joining Ph.D), Civil Design Engineer, 1992, 5'-11", working (12 lacs), relocated to Pb/Chandigarh. Two elder sisters both Architects, married in reputed Jat/Ramgarhia Sikh family of Senior officers. Father Chief Engineer Pb, Irrigation Dept. (Retd.), Architect/Doctor/Engineer/PCS (J/E/A), Prof./CA smart girl from decent family most welcome. Upper caste no bar. Mobile/WhatsApp: 988812020, (CL20094689)

PQM 4 h'some SC boy 29, 5.8.5", MS (US) IT Engineer in New York seeks US working girl, caste/religion no bar. WhatsApp: 99536-12328, #vijaymohan07@hotmail.com (CL20098139)

Sainti Sikh boy April 1990/ 5'-11", convert, B.Tech., MNC, salary 7 figures, sister settled in Canada. Preference Canada PR girl/ work permit/ willing to migrate. Bureau excused. 88062-98068. (CL20098147)

Sainti Sikh boy, 1992, 5'-11", Professor (Govt. job Class-I) in Ludhiana. Required beautiful girl. Govt. employed preferred. Upper caste no bar. 97792-85475. (CL20098161)

PQM for Sainti Sikh non-turbanned boy, 29.2.92, 10:20 am, Moga, 5'-7", B.Com, MBA, well-settled business. Preferred seeking smart girl same profession. Caste no bar. 99881-58278. (CL20097933)

Only Himachali match for Rajput boy Software Engineer, 15.12.1981, 9:35 pm, Hamirpur. Workings MNC Bangalore. 70185-27244. (CL20097699)

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BRAHMIN

Suitable match for Brahmin boy, 1992/ Chandigarh born, 5'-'11", BE-IT from PEC, Chandigarh. Software professional, working in Gurgaon. 88723-94455. (CL20099191)

Suitable Professionally Qualified match for Vasishth Manglik boy, 29, 5'-6", Architect, vegetarian, working in Canada. 89686-99885. (CL20098078)

PQM for Chandigarh born teetotaller manglik Gaur Brahmin boy, July 85, 5'-6"- M.S. (CSE), Team Leader MNC Gurgaon, 16 LPA. Send biodata, photos: neelam2448@gmail.com (CL20097562)

Match for Saraswat Barhmin boy 21.07.1993, 5'-9", 12:55 am, Chandigarh. Diploma Computer Science, working USA Green Card. Parents Chandigarh based. 89680-88499. (CL20097816)

Seeking alliance for handsome Gaur Brahmin boy 34, 6'-0", B.Tech. Gaur Brahmin, working IT professional. Contact 98106-76190. (CL20092392)

Wanted non-Manglik beautiful match for very handsome and tall Hindu Saraswat Brahmin boy 25/6' (01.06.1996), B.Tech. from a well settled business family in Ludhiana. Caste no bar. Contact WhatsApp only.

98765-76576

Match for Brahmin boy 29, 5'-6", MS Biresource Engineering. Quality Assurance Engineer, Canada. Contact 94654-78238. (CL20094571)

Wanted suitable match for Brahmin Manglik boy, B.Tech, working with Porsche Center Gurgaon with 13 LPA, Dob: 15.11.1990, Time: 14:15 pm, Place: Hoshiarpur, originally from Himachal settled in Faridabad. 98711-96465. (CL20095591)

Suitable match for Punjabi Saraswat Brahmin boy, 31, 6', B.Tech, PGD Film direction, working well settled in Mumbai. Upper caste welcome. Contact: 7888571115. (CL20096046)

Suitable match for Brahmin boy, 27.8.92 (8:55 p.m. Malerkota born), 5'-9", B.Tech, doing multi businesses. Contact 9815243100, 7009069321. (CL20097377)

Suitable match required for Saraswat Brahmin Manglik boy, 5'-'4", 06.09.1992, 01.29 pm, UDC in PSPCL, Patiala. 91151-51000. (CL20097473)

Match for convent educated, Nov. 1988 born, 6:45 pm. Shimla, 5'-8", Prasher Gorra, own business. Parents retd. from Govt. job residing Shimla. Contact: 9418400963, 8351070963. (CL20097529)

Match for 10.12.1990, 9:30 am, 6'-1", Govt. employee, 99883-90170, 98881-65649. (CL20097554)

Educated match for Sharma boy age 22 year old, B.Sc. Computer Science, own business, decent family. Contact 88724-97001. (CL20097667)

Brahmin Non-manglik boy teetotaller handsome 02.03.1984, 5'11", Educated from Australia seeks an educated beautiful girl. Caste no bar. Simple marriage. 95181-43190. Ambala (CL20097610)

Beautiful employed match for Saraswat Brahmin boy, August 1999, 5'-10", B.Tech., Asstt. Manager (IT) Govt. Bank, Kundli must. Contact 70872-74599. (CL20097654)

Match for Brahmin boy 22.3.1989, 6:42 p.m., 5'-8", MCA, job Multinational company Mohali. 98156-90990. (CL20097695)

PQM for Saraswat Brahmin, Manglik, vegetarian, teetotaller boy, 6'-1", 06 Feb, 1991, 01:14 am, Hoshiarpur. B.Tech (ECE), Engineer in MNC, Gurgaon. Jalandhar based family. Kundli must. if matches, share biodata/ picture on whatsapp. 9872146543. Upper caste welcome. Marriage bureau excuse. (CL20097702)

Saraswat Brahmin boy, 5'-10", B.Tech. (ECE), 12.40.90, 7:33 pm, Chandigarh, working in MNC Mohali. 98156-90990. (CL20097678)

Suitable match for Saraswat Brahmin boy 22-09-1990, 11:55 am, Ambala Cant 5'-7". Graduate serving deputy manager Axis bank, Package 5.5 lac PA, Preferred teacher. 93158-66855 (CL20098747)

Saraswat Brahmin boy 5'-10", B.Ed, own business, vegetarian boy, 11.12.1995/ 6'-1", 12:20 am Chandigarh pursuing Building + Construction Degree, own export + own manufacturing unit girl over 5'-6", 20-23 year old high academic level interesting in future study, status family marriage bureau excuse. 98148-57733, 70871-63518. (CL20097860)

Upper caste beautiful & well educated girl required for Nov. 79, 5'-9", Saraswat Brahmin boy, 5'-6", August 89, Hoshiarpur. 94636-76400, 78889-03283. (CL20097839)

Match for vegetarian Saraswat Brahmin boy Australia citizen 11.12.1995/ 6'-1", 12:20 am Chandigarh pursuing Building + Construction Degree, own export + own manufacturing unit girl over 5'-6", 20-23 year old high academic level interesting in future study, status family marriage bureau excuse. 98148-57733, 70871-63518. (CL20097860)

Saraswat Brahmin boy 5'-8", 6.10.1991, working in corporate Noida, 25 LPA. 98889-60046. (CL20097869)

Suitable match for handsome smart Sharma boy 21.12.1979, 9:10AM, Amritsar, 5'-7", Software Engineer in MNC, Gurgaon. Jalandhar based family. Divorce issueless. demand for unmarried beautiful girl (30 year to 34 year) mo 99158-18853 (CL20097874)

Working match for vegetarian Saraswat Brahmin boy, 2nd February 1984/ 5'-6" 3:10 pm. Only son, B.A., MNC Mohali, 41,000/- PM + incentives. All upper caste welcome. Early marriage. 98724-4150, 0172-357137, shibusharma02@gmail.com (CL20097910)

Suitable match for Saraswat Brahmin boy 1991/6', Punjab Government regular job, pure vegetarian. 96460-10011, 96460-2707. (CL20097917)

Match for handsome Punjabi Brahmin November 82, 5'-8", Assistant Professor of English, only son with urban and agricultural assets. Educated and cultured family. Kundli must. WhatsApp: 95191-33733. (CL20098998)

Match for handsome Sharma boy, 5'-7", MBA, 17.9.94, 3.45 am, Jalandhar, Medical Representative in Pharma company. Father Govt. retired. 98157-64853. (CL20097904)

Saraswat Brahmin 17.09.92, 3:30 pm, 5'-9", BBA Ambala. Reputed business family. Upper caste welcome. 98962-0156. (CL20098015)

SM4 handsome Brahmin boy, 18.09.1992, 9:30 am, Jalandhar, 5'-11", own settled business in Jalandhar. Upper caste no bar. Marriage bureau excuse. Contact: 9878094278. (CL20098048)

Match for Brahmin boy, 5'-8"/ 14.8.1986, 8:55 pm born Ludhiana, BCA, MCA, working at Zirakpur. 94645-21870. (CL20098140)

Brahmin boy, 26.11.1987, 2:45 am, Amritsar, 5'-4", Australian PR. Preferred B.Sc. Nursing girl. 82643-30102. (CL20098146)

Suitable Medico, Non-Medico, match for Jalandhar based 85 born, 5'-11", MBBS, Brahmin boy. Medico preferred. 98778-87686. (CL20098163)

Gaur Brahmin boy 11-04-1988, 06:40 pm, Mumbai, born, 5'-6", B.Tech, MBA, working in MNC Mumbai, 12 LPA. District Kurukshetra based family. Working girl preferred. Contact: 96467-16004. (CL20098235)

Suitable working girl for A.Bch./ PGDM fair Punjabi Brahmin boy, 1991, 5'-8", parents Govt. retd. sister Doctor married. 93161-02471. (CL20099111)

Match for Saraswat Brahmin boy 5'-10", 1993, B.Tech. (ECE), working MNC SEO Executive, Digital Marketing in Chandigarh. Wanted good job girl. 94634-26823. (CL20099129)

Match for Brahmin boy 5'-11", 1.05.1991, own practice High Court Chandigarh, Advocate. Preferred working girl. 98555-04966. (CL20098301)

Brahmin boy BDS Doctor, own clinic, 1991, 5'-8", parents Govt. retd. sister Doctor married. 93161-02471. (CL20099111)

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Brahmin Manglik boy Canada PR, 29.10.1992, 12:04 am, 5'-8", B.Tech. Required educated, beautiful girl, 62843-58792. (CL20099005)

Qualified match for Brahmin boy 11.4.1989, 11:40 am, Jalandhar, 5'-2½", BAMS Doctor, Govt Job, 97804-69404. (CL20099015)

PQM for Brahmin boy 05.04.1985, 1:30 pm Chandigarh, height (5'-5"), B.Com., LL.B., Company Secretary, practicing in Taxation & Company Law. 88722-51855. (CL20099029)

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Smart turbaned, ND, 1988, 6'-4", Degree Hotel Management, own business, Event Management, Security equipment, well settled. Prefrered Event Management & Tricity, 98142-83100. (CL20097771)

Match for handsome Khatri Sikh boy, 39/5'-8", (Never married), B.Tech. Working in Recruitments. Earning 8 lakh/annum. Own Kohli (Mohali). Simple marriage, 99150-80992. (CL20098493)

Sikh Khatri boy 28 (Jaipur based), MBA, 6'-2", fair, smart, Interior business. Well educated & settled business family. Looking for qualified, fair, unmarried girl, 93514-75584. (CL20099340)

Educated match for Gursikh Khatri fair boy, 1994/ 6', M.Pharma, Job Pharma Co. Contact 9781179607. (CL20097375)

Suitable match for smart turban Sikh boy, 31, 5'-11", MBA, Beverage Co 50000 P.M. from well to do family, invitation rec'd for Canada PR and under process. Parents retd, senior officers. Elder brother married and Regional Head in MNC. Ours small family own house at Mohali. 98833-11567, ipsingh_1912@yahoo.co.in (CL20097564)

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Suitable B.Tech, working match for Sikh Khatri handsome boy B.Tech., 27.9.93, 1.40 a.m., 5'-4", MNC Chandigarh, 10 lac, caste no bar. Punjab preferred. 98726-44544, 98725-65044. (CL20097709)

Match for Gursikh Khatri boy (Amritdhari), 27 years, 5'-6", B.Tech., M.B.A., Govt. job. Contact 9814342454. (CL20097715)

Suitable match for Sikh Bedi Khatri boy 1991/5'-6", Amritsar, M.Tech., working multinational company, Pune, package 20 lac annually, 98556-15591, WhatsApp: 75081-80986. (CL20097717)

Professionally qualified match for handsome, cleashaven Sikh boy 1988/5'-10". Post Graduate own good business monthly income 7 figures. Father retired, sister married, well settled America, caste no bar. WhatsApp: 95011-37708. (CL20097720)

Suitable match for 6'/ 28.01.92 (11:50 a.m.) Sikh Khatri trimmed boy, YPS educated, Degree in Hotel Management, Chain of Restaurants. Tricity & Patiala (Scotlandland Group). Grandfather Class-I (Retd.). Contact 9814040335. (CL20097802)

Wanted a tall, slim, beautiful, educated/ professionally qualified, working/non-working Gursikh girl for a 92 born, 5'-10", slim, fair, smart, non-trimmer, non-drinker Engineer boy from a well settled Gursikh business family of Mohali. Having business in Chandigarh & HP.

Contact: 98156-55229

CL20098058

Wanted suitable match for Khatri Gursikh boy 06/90, 5'-6", B.Tech-IT, working MNC Pkg. 30 Lac. Own house in South Delhi. Early marriage, caste no bar. 98111-43800. (CL20097879)

Seeking beautiful professionally qualified B.Tech/ M.Pharma/ MBA match for B.E, MBA boy from a highly educated Chandigarh family. December 1990 born, 6 ft, working with MNC in Singapore. WhatsApp: 98141-02209, hdmatri1512@gmail.com (CL20097913)

New Zealand permanent residence Sikh Khatri boy 5'-8", Jan. 1990, required girl from Australia/New Zealand only. 98769-00707. (CL20098432)

Match for Sikh Khatri boy, 1992/ 5'-7", Govt. job Bank Manager, posting at Bareilly, hometown Patiala. Mobile: 98142-47094. (CL20098713)

Ahlwalia Sikh boy 29 years 5'-8"2" handsome, own urban properties, MBA, LL.B. Well educated family, good income, upper middle class practicing Advocate. Advocate. Preferably working/ highly educated girl. 81468-40698. (CL20098794)

Well-educated, beautiful preferably employed status match for Khatri Sikh handsome turban 29 yr, 5'-10", SDO boy having rural and urban property, 98141-40515. (CL20098923)

Sikh Khatri boy Age: 30, height 5'-8", study+2, required IELTS 6 Band girl. 97801-97721. (CL20099056)

Beautiful, educated/ working/ non-working for Sikh boy B.Tech., MBA, 1.10.1990, 5'-10", Govt. Employee. WhatsApp: 97861-79416. (CL20099156)

Suitable match for Sikh Khatri boy 88 born, 6'-2", MBA, never married Canadian PR boy. Require well-educated Sikh Khatri 5'-5" + girl. 98724-00540, 78889-86880. baldewkaur@hotmail.com (CL20099231)

Suitable match for Gursikh Khatri boy, 5'-8", 29 years, teetotaller, B.Tech, working in a reputed MNC in Ludhiana, well educated family. Mobile: 80543-07474, 96534-30124. (CL20099244)

Seeking Khatri Sikh boy 1991, Ambala, 5'-10", well-settled business Medicos shop. Employed/ Pharmacist girl. 94661-50051. (CL20099365)

Sikh Khatri boy 1992, 5'-9", MCA, Government job, seeks educated/ service girl, marriage bureau excuse. Patiala. 98769-22581. (CL20099374)

Suitable match for Gur Sikh Khatri boy 29, 6'-1", Diploma in Electrical Engineering. Doing own business. 94173-39894. (CL20099464)

Handsome, intelligent Sikh boy 5'-11", 38, MBA- Finance, CFP, with Corporate Exposure, formerly Asst. Professor University, now running established decades old family business. Own bungalow. Valuable personal assets. Looking pretty, educated girl. 97195-82727. (CL20099554)

Suitable match for Yamunanager Sikh boy 32/ 5'-7" M.Tech. (CSC), working Sr. Software Engineer Pune. Good package. 97295-25602, 70564-71823. (CL20099412)

Suitable educated, homely match for Dhaman handsome boy, 01.04.1990, 11 am, Ahmedabad, 6'-1", Under-graduate, (Gitar Rehabs- Chana), own settled business. Upper caste no bar. Contact: 946326595, 701694692. (CL20099588)

Suitable match for Lubana Sikh boy, B.Tech. CSE, NIT Jalandhar, 6'-2", 1993, employed with MNC, package 25 lakh. Looking for a well educated girl. 9501593066, 0181-4611395. (CL20099359)

Canadian Lubana Sikh boy, 32/ 5'-11". Looking for educated slim tall beautiful girl. 8699467324. (CL20099549)

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Suitable B.Tech, working match for Sikh Khatri handsome boy B.Tech., 27.9.93, 1.40 a.m., 5'-4", MNC Chandigarh, 10 lac, caste no bar. Punjab preferred. 98726-44544, 98725-65044. (CL20097709)

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SITUATION VACANT

Required Chartered Accountant having experience. Contact Arvind Upkar & Co. Chartered Accountants, SCO 46, 1nd Floor, Sector 20-C, Chandigarh or mail resume upkarusa@gmail.com (CL2009

ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਉਪ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨਰ (ਆਬਕਾਰੀ), ਪਟਿਆਲਾ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ, ਪਟਿਆਲਾ
ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧ ਕਮਿਕਲ ਸੰਵਿਚਦ ਰੋਡ, ਪਟਿਆਲਾ
ਫੋਨ ਨੰ.: 76964-37875, 98544-60582
Email ID: dcex.pta@punjab.gov.in

ਟੈਂਕਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ

ਗੱਡੀਆਂ ਕਿਵੇਂ 'ਤੇ ਲੈਣ ਲਈ

ਨੋਟ 1551
ਇਹ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਦੇ ਟੈਂਕਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਦੀ ਲਈ ਹੋਵਾ ਸੇ। 14.07.2021 ਨੂੰ ਪਕਾਵਿਕ ਨੋਟ ਨੂੰ 11.02.2021 ਦੀ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਜ਼ੋਂ ਕਰਕੇ ਨੋਟ ਦੇ ਪਟਿਆਲਾ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਸੰਭਾਲ ਦੇਂਦੇ ਹਨ ਕਿਥੋਂ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਸੁਭ ਪਕਾਵਿਕ ਮੌਜੂਦਾ ਜ਼ਾਂਚੀਆਂ ਹਨ। ਟੈਂਕਰ ਲੋਗਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਹੋਣਗੀਆਂ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਹੀ ਹੋਣਗੀਆਂ।

Sr. No.	Name of Office	Vehicles required
1	AC (Excise) Patiala	1
2	AC (Excise) Ludhiana West	1
3	ETO (Excise) Patiala	1
4	ETO (Excise) Fatehgarh Sahib	1
5	ETO (Excise) Ludhiana West A & B	1
6	ETO (Excise) Ludhiana East A & B	1
7	Pool (Excise) Head Office	1
8	AC (Excise) Enforcement-2	1
9	ETO (Excise) Enforcement-1	1
10	ETO (Excise) Enforcement-2	2
	Total	11

ਟੈਂਕਰ ਲੋਗ ਸੰਭਾਲ ਦੇਂਦੇ ਹਨ ਆਖਰੀ ਮਿਤੀ : 25.02.2021 (ਦੁਪਿਕਰ 12 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ)
ਟੈਂਕਰ ਲੋਗ ਜਾਣ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ : 25.02.2021 (ਕਾਲਜ਼ ਦੁਪਿਕਰ 3 ਵਜੇ)
ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਜਾਂਚਾਰੀ ਪਾਪਕ ਕਰ ਲਈ ਉਪਰਕਾਰ ਨੋਟ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ।

(ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਸੰਭਾਲ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨਰ, ਉਪ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨਰ (ਆਬਕਾਰੀ), ਪਟਿਆਲਾ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ, ਪਟਿਆਲਾ)

DPR/Pb/1672



A WHALE OF A TIME: Kids play with a whale in East Java, Indonesia. Several whales stranded at the Bangkalan beach have died and a few have been rescued. REUTERS

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tender Enquiry No.	03/Dy.C.E./DS Circle, Kapurthala/2020-21
Short Description of Work	Work of attending to resolving the Fuse-Off-Call Complaints & LT/H Line Breakdowns for restoration of Electrical Power Supply under DS Circle PSPCL, Kapurthala
Eligibility Criteria	As specified in NIT para-1.4
Start Date for downloading of Specification/tender documents from (https://eproc.punjab.gov.in)	19.02.2021
Last Date for downloading of Specification/tender documents	05.03.2021, 15:30 Hrs.
Last Date for Uploading for tenders	05.03.2021, 15:30 Hrs.
Opening of Tender	08.03.2021, 11:00 Hrs.
Estimated Tender Value	Rs. 9.85 Crores
Tender Document Cost	Rs. 2500/- + 450/- GST = 2950/- (Non-refundable)
EMD	2.0 % of the Bid Cost subject to a maximum of Rs. 10 Lakhs
Payment Mode of Tender document fees/EMD	Deposit Online
Contact Phone No.	96461-16005
Contact Email ID	sedakpurthala@yahoo.in
Tender documents Attachment	As per Tender specifications
Tender Information in details	As per Tender specification

<https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> It is informed that in case tender process is not completed due to any reason no corrigendum will be published in newspapers. Details regarding corrigendum may be seen on official PSPCL website www.pspcl.in

C7/21 Sd/- Dy.C.E./DS Circle, PSPCL, Kapurthala.

DPR/Pb/1671 Email ID: sedakpurthala@yahoo.in**NORTHERN RAILWAY****TENDER NOTICE**

The Dy.Chief Engineer/Const II, Northern Railway, Chandigarh for and on behalf of the President of India invites e-tender under Single Packet System for the under noted work:

1. Name of work and location	Subsoil investigation and design of sub structures of Road over bridges and Road under bridges on Ambala-Ludhiana section and Rajpura-Patiala section under Dy. Chief Engineer Construction-II, Chandigarh
2. Completion period of the work	06 (Six) Months
3. Approx. Cost of work:	Rs. 95.80 lacs
4. Earnest Money amount (to be deposited Online)	Rs. 1,91,600/-
5. Date & Time for submission of E-tender and opening of tender	Tender may be uploaded upto 11.30 hrs. on 26.02.2021 date on IREPS web site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in . The bidders can participate in the e-tender, the tender will be opened at 11.30 hrs. on 19.03.2021
6. Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document:	The detailed e-tender notice is available on Northern Railway web site i.e. www.nr.indianrail.gov.in and tender documents is available on www.ireps.gov.in . Above tenders document will be available on IREPS web site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 05.03.2021 to 19.03.2021. All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document. The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office.

Tender Notice No 344-C/W/Const-II/CDG/8/2020-21 Dated: 18.02.2021 376/2021

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The following 04 handicapped persons (Provided by the Social Welfare Department, Chandigarh) who have been declared eligible for the allotment of built up booths on licence basis by the Screening Committee under the "Licensing of bare booth Sites/Built up Booths to the Persons with Disabilities Scheme, 2009" as well as public in general are hereby informed that the draw of lots for the allotment of Built-up booths in Sector 38 & 40, Chandigarh will be held on 25.02.2021 at 11.00 a.m. in the Committee Room, 1st Floor, Estate Office, Sector-17, U.T., Chandigarh.

Sr. No.	Name	Father's/Husband's Name	Address
1.	Sh. Jagan Nath Moriya	Sh. Badri Prasad Moriya	# 1386, Chaman Colony, Dhanas, Chandigarh.
2.	Sh. Sunny	Sh. Som Nath	# 3529, Sector 15-D, Chandigarh.
3.	Sh. Khush Mohamad	Sh. Ajij Mohamad	# 147, Block-C, Labour Colony, Phase-I, Industrial Area, Chandigarh.
4.	Sh. Balwinder Singh	Sh. Sucha Singh	# 26, VIII. Faidan, Chandigarh.

Refusal of an individual to participate in the draw of lots or to accept allotment through draw of lots would render him ineligible under rules for further allotment.

All concerned are requested to note and be present during the conduct of draw of lots on the above mentioned date, time and place.

Assistant Estate Officer,
Estate Office,
U.T., Chandigarh.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF UNION TERRITORY OF LADAKH**Tourism & Culture Department,****Civil Secretariat, UT-Ladakh**

Phone No. 01982-257561 (O), Fax No. 257435

E-mail: commrsecy-ladakh@gov.in**Expression of Interest (EoI)**

Due to poor response to the Expression of Interest (EoI) invited vide this office Notice No. Tourism/SDP-2020-21 dated 01.09.2020 and No. Tourism/SDP-2020-21/2 dated 01.12.2020 and also to provide wider publicity to the EoI, the department again invites Expression of Interest as under:

The Department of Tourism & Culture, Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh intends to execute the following projects in the UT of Ladakh, through Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSU)-:

Name of Scheme/Works

1. Trekking and adventure sports Institutes in Ladakh.

2. Facade makeover and underground cabling etc Kushok Bakula Airport to Leh market and Kargil old market.

3. Indus river front, Suru river front and Sangam river front.

4. Convention Centre at Kargil and Museum at Leh.

The CPSUs interested in undertaking the above mentioned projects may send their willingness on the letter head of their organization, duly signed by the competent authority, through e-mail at commrsecy-ladakh@gov.in or before 10 March, 2021, 17.00 hrs. The PSUs, in their EoI should also quote the fee/service charge in terms of percentage of the project cost.

In case of any clarification, please write us at: e-mail sepmgsyle@mail.com or Mobile No. (9419177684).

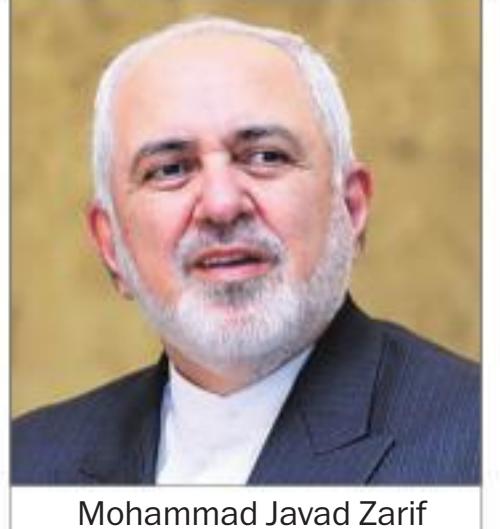
No.: Tourism/UTL/SDP-2020-21/3

Sd/- Superintending Engineer,

Tourism & Culture Department, UT-Ladakh.

Ready for talks with Iran to revive nuclear deal, says US

Trump regime withdrew from deal and reimposed sanctions in 2018



Iran to reverse action once sanctions lifted

- Dubai: Iran will reverse actions in its nuclear programme when US sanctions are lifted, its Foreign Minister said
- Mohammad Javad Zarif, in a tweet, firmly reiterated Tehran's position on Washington's offer to revive talks. REUTERS

& putting onus on Iran, E3/EU must abide by own commitments & demand an end to Trump's legacy of #EconomicTerrorism against Iran," Zarif said in a tweet. "Our remedial measures are a response to US/E3 violations. Remove the cause if you fear the effect," he continued.

Meanwhile, several top US Republican lawmakers have introduced more than 12 Bills in the Congress to counter the growing Chinese influence in the country and to protect America's critical infrastructure. The relations between the US and China are at an all-time low.

Separately, Senator Rick Scott reintroduced the Taiwan Invasion Prevention Act, sponsored by Congressman Guy Reschenthaler in the House of Representatives, to protect Taiwan from Communist China's growing aggression. China views Taiwan as a rebel province and says it must be reunified with the mainland, even by force.—Agencies

Prince Harry, Meghan won't return to royal duties
LONDON: Prince Harry and wife Meghan Markle, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, will not be returning as working members of Britain's royal family, Buckingham Palace announced on Friday. The palace said that the Duke and Duchess had informed the monarch of their decision as a one-year so-called cooling off period since their initial announcement to step back as frontline royals comes to an end next month. PTI

Pakistan to register Himalayan pink salt for GI tag

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has decided to register Himalayan pink salt to get Geographical Indications (GI) tag to prevent its unauthorised use by other countries. A GI tag is used on products that have a specific geographical origin and possess origin-based qualities and reputation in the region. The precious salt is extracted from the Salt Range in Punjab which extends along the south of the Potwar Plateau and the north of the Jhelum River. PTI

PARIS/WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 19
The United States (US) on Thursday said it was ready to talk to Iran about both nations returning to a 2015 agreement that aimed to prevent Tehran from acquiring nuclear weapons, seeking to revive a deal that Washington itself abandoned nearly three years ago.

The move reflects the change in the US administration, with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken stressing President Joe Biden's position that Washington would return to the accord formally known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) if Tehran came into full compliance with the deal.

Iran reacted coolly to the idea, put forward by Blinken during a video meeting with the foreign ministers of Britain, France and Germany, a group known as the E3, gathered in Paris.

Iran began breaching the deal in 2019, about a year after former US President

IT'S OFFICIAL: US BACK IN PARIS CLIMATE CLUB

The US officially rejoined the Paris climate agreement on Friday, reinvigorating the global fight against climate change as the Biden administration plans drastic emission cut over the next three decades. Scientists and foreign diplomats have welcomed the US return to the treaty, which became official 30 days after Biden ordered the move on his first day in office. REUTERS

Donald Trump withdrew and reimposed US economic sanctions, and has accelerated its breaches in recent months. A US official said Washington would respond positively to any European Union invitation to talks between Iran and the six major powers who negotiated the original agreement —

It is unclear whether any talks might occur, let alone when or where.

Responding to the four nations' statement, Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif said Washington should make the first move. "Instead of sophistry

Lanka to buy 10 mn vax doses from India

COLOMBO, FEBRUARY 19

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Russian revolution!

Medvedev sets up final date with Djokovic

MELBOURNE, FEBRUARY 19

Russia's Daniil Medvedev lived up to Novak Djokovic's praise as the 'man to beat' at the Australian Open when he charged into his first Melbourne Park final with an impressive 6-4 6-2 7-5 win over Stefanos Tsitsipas today.

The rangy Medvedev wrapped the Greek fifth seed in a blanket of pressure at a floodlit Rod Laver Arena, capturing his 20th successive victory and 12th straight over top-10 opponents to earn a shot at ending Djokovic's dynasty in Sunday's decider.

Fourth seed Medvedev served like a machine until broken in the third set, which revived the Greek fans in the terraces as Tsitsipas roared to a 5-4 lead. But the Russian silenced a hostile crowd with the decisive break in the 11th game, then smacked a forehand into the corner on his first match point to seal it.

"I'm happy to manage to keep my nerves because still I didn't make so many bad shots," Medvedev said on court of his anxious third set. "I just tried to hit aces and winners or put the ball in the court. That's the only way to do (it). That's how I stayed in the match." World No. 1 Djokovic, who beat Russian qualifier Aslan Karatsev to reach the final, will be a formidable opponent for Medvedev in his second Grand Slam showpiece match.

The Serbian is bidding for a record-extending ninth title and has never lost a final in Melbourne.

For Tsitsipas, the defeat was not as bitter as his 2019 semifinals demolition by Rafa Nadal. Yet, he paid the price for another slow start, with Medvedev doing what Nadal could not in his five-set quarterfinals loss to Tsitsipas this week - slamming the door on the Greek's revival.

Tsitsipas has now lost three



CHECKMATE! Daniil Medvedev after getting the better of Stefanos Tsitsipas in the semifinals. REUTERS



“Let me tell you that he's a player who has unlocked pretty much everything in the game. It's like he's reading the game really well.” — Stefanos Tsitsipas

Actually factually

- Medvedev reached his 2nd Grand Slam final.
- The Russian extended his winning streak to 20 matches – that includes a dozen victories against members of the top-10.
- Tsitsipas has now lost three Grand Slam semis, including a five-set loss to Djokovic at last year's French Open.
- Both already have a bit of an uncomfortable history, dating to their first meeting on tour at the 2018 Miami Open. Medvedev won that one – he started their rivalry with a 5-0 edge, although Tsitsipas claimed the most recent matchup before Friday's – and it ended with some verbal volleying.

Grand Slam semis, including a five-set loss to Djokovic at last year's French Open. After his taxing win over Nadal, the Greek said he felt beaten after two sets against Medvedev, and was not sure winning the third would have helped.

"Let me tell you that he's a player who has unlocked pretty much everything in the game," the 22-year-old

said of Medvedev. "It's like he's reading the game really well."

After a cagey start on a muggy evening at Rod Laver Arena, Medvedev barged through Tsitsipas's defences to break in the fifth game. Tsitsipas battled to stay in touch and saved three set points before the Russian thumped an ace down the 'T' to seal it. With arms sprawling, Medvedev soaked up all Tsitsipas could throw at him and, after a few rope-a-dope rallies, fired a sizzling forehand winner down the line to break the Greek to lead 2-1 in the second set. Tsitsipas retired to his chair fuming and slammed a bottle of water onto the court, triggering a squadron of towel-toting ballkids to mop up. — Reuters

Man United, Spurs have good time; Milan held

EUROPA LEAGUE

Benfica, although the match was played in Rome.

Fernandes has become the heartbeat of Manchester United and the Portuguese midfielder opened the scoring after 27 minutes with his 20th goal of the season. He curled in his second after 57 minutes before Marcus Rashford and Daniel James completed the rout. "We deserved to win but maybe not by four goals. On a night like this when we find spaces we can be a dangerous team," United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer said.

Tottenham won 4-1 away against Austrian side Wolfsberg in the Puskas Arena in Budapest while Swiss side Young Boys, Scotland's Rangers and Olympiakos all hit four.

Ajax secured a 2-1 win at Lille thanks to late goals by Dusan Tadic and Brian Brobbey after Timothy Weah had put the hosts in front. — Reuters

BRIEFLY

KOLKATA

I-League: Clinical NEROCA FC keep top-6 hopes alive

NEROCA FC gave themselves a chance to finish in the top-six by blanking Sudeva Delhi FC 2-0 in the I-League here today. Goals by Judah Garcia (45th) and super-sub Songpu Singits (72nd) ensured a victory for Gift Raikhan's side in a hard-fought game against the newcomers. AGENCIES

TODAY ON TV

TENNIS
AUSTRALIAN OPEN
SONY SIX 2PM (WOMEN'S FINAL)

ISL
JAMSHEDPUR FC VS MUMBAI CITY
STAR SPORTS 7:30PM

EPL
SOUTHAMPTON VS CHELSEA (6:00PM)
LIVERPOOL VS EVERTON (11:00PM)
STAR SPORTS SELECT HD

Manchester United and Tottenham Hotspur built hefty leads with emphatic away wins in their Europa League last-32 first-leg matches but AC Milan were held to a 2-2 draw at Red Star Belgrade as the competition resumed on Thursday.

On night of high-scoring matches, United crushed Real Sociedad 4-0 in a game played in Turin because of Covid-19 restrictions between the UK and Spain with Bruno Fernandes scoring a brace for his side. Tottenham won 4-1 away against Austrian side Wolfsberg in the Puskas Arena in Budapest while Swiss side Young Boys, Scotland's Rangers and Olympiakos all hit four.

Arsenal drew 1-1 in the "away" leg of their tie against

Mertens, Sabalenka clinch doubles title



AT IT, AGAIN: Elise Mertens and Aryna Sabalenka defeated Barbora Krejicova and Katerina Siniakova 6-2 6-3. REUTERS

Melbourne: Elise Mertens (L) and Aryna Sabalenka beat Czech pair Barbora Krejicova and Katerina Siniakova 6-2 6-3 to win the Australian Open women's doubles title today for their second Grand Slam trophy together. Seeded second at Melbourne Park, the pair won their maiden Major at the 2019 US Open and the victory at the Rod Laver Arena was their fifth title overall. However, they will not be teaming up at Grand Slam events for the rest of 2021 as Sabalenka wants to focus on singles. "I'm just trying to put my whole focus on singles," Sabalenka told reporters, adding that the pair will be playing WTA events in Dubai and Miami next. "I know that doubles, it's not that hard, you're not moving that much than on singles. It still takes a lot of energy. I just want to save it for singles," she added. REUTERS

Who will boss who?

Brady is up against Osaka — 'new boss' of the game — in the much-awaited final

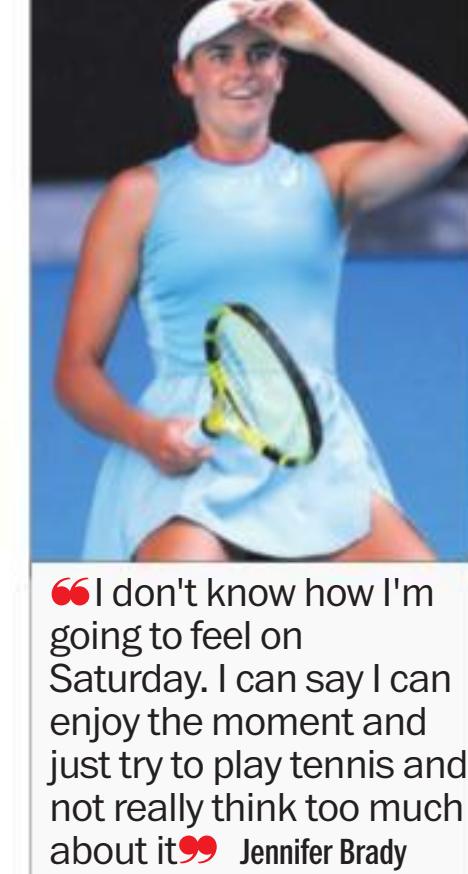
MELBOURNE, FEBRUARY 19

Jennifer Brady spent two weeks in hard quarantine gathering mental strength for her tilt at a maiden Grand Slam title and will hope there is plenty in reserve when she takes on Naomi Osaka in tomorrow's Australian Open final.

While some of those in hard quarantine complained about not being able to train before the Grand Slam, Brady likened it to a long decompression session that probably helped her bulldoze through the draw against better-prepared players.

Now the rising 25-year-old faces the ultimate test of her resilience against Osaka, who beat her in the US Open semifinals on the way to her third Grand Slam triumph.

"I don't know how I'm going to feel on Saturday. I can say I can enjoy the moment and just try to play tennis and not really think too much about it." — Jennifer Brady



points where I'm going to be thinking about, 'Wow, this could be my first Grand Slam title.' The odds are against it though, with third seed Osaka rated a virtually unbackable favourite by bookmakers to raise a second Daphne Akhurst Memorial Cup at Rod Laver Arena, two years after beating Petra Kvitova for the 2019 title. — Reuters

IPL millionaire Jamieson to give 'coffee treat' to friends!

AUCKLAND, FEBRUARY 19

Kyle Jamieson, the tall fast bowler from New Zealand, was picked up by Royal Challengers Bangalore for Rs 15 crore at yesterday's IPL auction -- and it left him wondering about how much the money would be in New Zealand.

Waking up at around midnight in New Zealand, Jamieson watched an intense three-way bid for him in the auction.

The 6'8" pacer eventually ended up with Royal Challengers Bangalore for Rs 15 crore, making him the highest-paid New Zealander and fourth-highest in the IPL's 14-year history.

"I woke up around midnight and decided to check the phone. Rather than trying to avoid the situation, (I thought) I'll sit back and

enjoy it. It was certainly a weird hour and a half waiting for my name to be called up," Jamieson told a news outlet.

"I had a message from Shane Bond (former New Zealand pacer and Mumbai Indians bowling coach) as it was going and he said, 'How good is this.'

"I didn't actually know what the amount of money, how that translated to New Zealand dollars. It was quite cool to share that moment with him and ride that two or three minutes with him," Jamieson added.

His retainer fee for the Black Caps, according to the report, is between \$100,000 to \$150,000, which makes RCB's winning bid amount 20 times more. It completed a rapid rise for Jamieson, who is known for extracting awkward bounce. — Agencies

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

For & on behalf of the President of India, Chief Workshop Manager, N.Rly. C&W workshop, Jagadhi Workshop/Yamuna Nagar invites open e-tender for the following work:

1 Name of work	POH/Repair of CASNUB Bogies for BOXN, BCN, BRN Series wagons as per RDSO maintenance manual for CASNUB bogie G-9 in WR Shop at Jagadhi Workshop, Northern Railway.
2 Location	Northern Railway, Carriage & Wagon Repair Shop, Jagadhi Workshop, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana-135002
3 Cost of Work/Tender Value	Rs. 4576094.68
4 Quantity	1440 CASNUB Bogies
5 Cost of Tender form	NIL as per GCC July-2020
6 Earnest money amount	Bid security declaration
7 Completion period of the work	12 months from the date of issuance of Letter of Acceptance
8 Date & Time for submission of tender form	12.03.2021 till 15:30 hrs.
9 Opening of tender	12.03.2021 till 15:35 hrs. Tender opening will be done any time after the tender closing time. The tenderers are not required to be present during the opening. Railway reserves the right to open the tender any time after closing of tender.
10 Website particulars	www.ireps.gov.in

Tender No. 6-S/59/Tender/2019-20/Pl.T. DT : 18.02.2021

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

The Dy Chief Engineer/Const./Doubling/Northern Railway, Jammu Tawi for and on behalf of the President of India invites open e-tender under Single Packet system for the following work:

1. Name of work and location	Balance work between Kathua - Madhopur Punjab section in connection with doubling of Jalandhar - Pathankot-Jammu Tawi.
2. Completion period of the work	6 (Six) months
3. Approx. Cost of work:	₹ 15348693.06
4. Earnest Money to be deposited	NIL
5. Date & Time for submission of E-tender and opening of tender	Tenders may be uploaded upto 11:30 hrs on date 15.03.2021 on IREPS web site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in . The bidders can participate in the e-tender, the tender will be opened at 11:30 hrs on 15.03.2021.
6. Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document:	The detailed e-tender notice is available on Northern Railway web site i.e. www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in and tender document is available on www.ireps.gov.in . Above tenders document will be available for submission of offer on IREPS web site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 01.03.2021 to 15.03.2021. All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document. The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office.

Tender Notice No. 6-W/DyCE/C/D/JAT/20-21 Dated 19.02.2021

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SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

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GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA

TENDER NOTICE

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New anti-tank missiles ready for induction

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 19
New anti-tank guided missiles (ATGM's) – one fired from ground and other fired from air – are now ready for induction.

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), announced on Friday "the missile systems are ready for induction". The move comes after user trials were conducted for the Helina (Army Version) and Dhruvastra (Air Force Version). The Helina was fired from a ground

Five missions carried out for evaluating weapon capabilities

station, while the advanced light helicopter (ALH) was used for the other one.

Five missions were carried out for evaluating the missile capabilities in minimum and maximum range. The missiles were fired at static and moving targets. Helina and Dhruvastra are third generation fire and forget anti-tank guided missiles. The system has all-weather day and night capability. —TNS

Pilot, Priyanka lead push for repeal of 'anti-people' agrilaws

Ex-deputy CM holds mahapanchayat at Jaipur, another in UP today

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 19
Amid signs of farmers' protests sagging across the borders in Delhi, the Congress is expanding its formal association with the stir, revisiting its past role of a marginal spectator.

Leading this push are former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi, AICC general secretary (Uttar Pradesh) Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and former Rajasthan deputy chief minister Sachin Pilot.

Priyanka, who recently addressed a farmer mahapanchayat in Uttar Pradesh, will attend a similar event in Mathura tomorrow.

Pilot today addressed a mammoth kisan mahapanchayat in Jaipur, the first since Rahul Gandhi visited the state to express solidarity with the agitating farmers.

At the mahapanchayat at Kotkhwada in Jaipur, Pilot demanded the withdrawal of



KISAN MORCHA SEEKS 'FAIR PROBE' INTO UNNAO CASE

The Samyukta Kisan Morcha on Friday demanded a "fair investigation" into the death of two minor girls in UP's Unnao and strict punishment for the culprits. Governance and administration in Uttar Pradesh is once again under suspicion. There is no safe space for women," it said in a statement.

agriculture reform laws, saying these were both "anti-farmer and anti-people."

The Jaipur mahapanchayat ended with the passage of a resolution seeking farm law

revocation, a legislation to mandate MSPs and a rollback of the fuel price hikes.

Commanders to assess Pangong pullback today

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COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW

- Both sides will carry out a comprehensive review of the disengagement process in Pangong lake areas.
- Pulling back of troops, weapons as well as dismantling of structures on Pangong Tso banks completed on Thursday.

*They will also discuss pullback from Hot Springs, Gogra and Depsang in eastern Ladakh.

10 am at Moldo on the Chinese side of the LAC at Spanggur Gap, which is at an altitude of over 14,000 feet. The commanders will review the disengagement to assess if it has been conducted as per the agreement.

The verification of troops disengaging from the LAC has been done using all permissible means like physical

visits, UAVs, cameras and video recordings.

The first phase of the disengagement process entailed both sides withdrawing from positions on the north bank and south bank of Pangong Tso. The next phases will focus on disengagement at Depsang, Gogra and Hot Springs, all located along the LAC.

PM: India, Oz must work on scaling up innovation

HACKATHON

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 19
A strong India-Australia partnership will play an important role in shaping the post-Covid world, especially by taking the lead in providing circular economy solutions.

"All participants of this circular economy hackathon are winners... We (India and Australia) must explore ways to scale up innovative ideas and must look at consumption patterns and reduce ecological impact," the Prime Minister said while addressing the virtual valedictory session of the "India-Australia Circular Economy Hackathon, 2021".

Explaining a circular economy, PM Modi said: "Its concepts of recycling, reusing, eliminating waste and improving resource efficiency should become part of our lifestyle."

There were over 1,000 registrations for the hackathon from the two countries on four challenge themes — food



ASKS VISVA BHARATI TO HELP FARMERS

- PM Narendra Modi praised the world view of poet-philosopher Rabindranath Tagore and asked Visva-Bharati students to help farmers and artisans of nearby villages find global markets.
- He said Guru Rabindranath Tagore had not envisioned the university as a typical educational institution but one that will help Indian culture realise its full potential globally.

waste, metal waste, packaging waste and plastic waste. As many as 72 teams participated in a three-day hackathon with Indian winners receiving cash awards. —TNS

Top court expunges remarks against 3 NCLAT members

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SC JUNKS PIL AGAINST MP 'LOVE JIHAD' LAW

New Delhi: The SC has refused to entertain a PIL challenging an MP ordinance regulating conversions due to inter-faith marriages. "Approach the MP High Court. We would like to have the views of the high court. We have sent similar matters back to the high court," a Bench led by CJI SA Bobde told petitioner Vishal Thakre, an advocate. TNS

remarks made in the five-member Bench, the three NCLAT members — Justice (Retd) JK Jain, Bavinder Singh and Vijay Pratap Singh — had moved the top court.

"We are with you," the top court told the petitioners while expunging the impugned remarks.

RBI to frame locker rules
Holding that banks cannot wash off their hands towards their customers for the operation of lockers, the SC on Friday directed the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to lay down regulations within six months mandating the steps to be taken by banks with respect to locker facility management.

Taking exception to these

No meeting of National Integration Council in 7 yrs

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 19
The National Integration Council, the apex body mandated to fight communalism, casteism, regionalism and parochialism, has not met in the last seven years ever since the BJP-led government came to power at the Centre.

The last meeting of the Council, chaired by the Prime Minister of the day, was held on September 23, 2013, under the previous Congress-led UPA government.

That was the 16th meeting of the council, which has in the past discussed Pakistan-sponsored terrorism in Kashmir, Punjab militancy, Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid issue, Dalit atrocities and the scourge of manual scavenging among other challenges.

The Union Home Ministry this week, in an RTI reply to Punjab-based activist Parvinder Singh Kitna said, "It is informed that no meeting of the National Integration Council has been held after 2013. The reconstitution of the NIC is under the consideration of the government."

Kitna told *The Tribune* today that he had in 2018 also posed the same query to the government under the Right to Information Act and received the same reply. —TNS

'DigiLocker' for 'Passport Seva'

NEW DELHI: Inaugurating the "DigiLocker" platform for the "Passport Seva Programme", Union minister V Muraleedharan said it would enable citizens to submit documents for passport in a paperless mode. TNS

Shah summoned in defamation case filed by Mamata's nephew

SHUBHADEEP CHOUDHURY
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 19
A Kolkata court on Friday issued summons to Union Home Minister Amit Shah to appear either personally or through a lawyer before it on February 22 in connection with a defamation case lodged against him by Trinamool Congress MP Abhishek Banerjee.

The special judge of MP/MLA court at Bidhannagar directed that Shah is "required to appear in person/by pleader" at 10 am.

The judge directed that Shah's attendance either personally or through a lawyer was necessary to reply to a charge of defamation under Section 500 of the IPC.

The summons have been served at the BJP state office at Kolkata's Murree Lane. Shah, who was in the city on Friday, is slated to leave Kolkata for Delhi later in the evening. Asked whether Shah would personally appear in the court on February 22, West Bengal BJP spokesman Shamik Bhattacharya replied,

"His lawyers will decide this issue. We fight both in the court and public arena. The TMC has lost in the public arena and that is why it is knocking at the door of the court.

In a press note, Abhishek Banerjee's lawyer Sanjay Basu said Shah had made certain



Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Kolkata on Friday. PTI

HOME MINISTER PAYS TRIBUTE TO MARTYRS

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday paid tributes to the Independence movement martyrs from West Bengal at the National Library in Kolkata.
- Taking part in "Shauryanjali Programme", Shah invoked the legacy of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and urged youths to read about Netaji's life. Without naming the Congress, Shah slammed the party and said it tried to undermine Netaji's role in the freedom struggle. TNS

125 COMPANIES OF CAPF FOR POLL-BOUND WB

- The Centre has decided to deploy 123 companies of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) in poll-bound West Bengal from February 25 to improve the law and order situation in the state, and also restore people's confidence in the electoral process in the run-up to the voting day.
- Sources in the government said the Ministry of Home Affairs had taken a decision in this regard and communicated to the state government to make all arrangements, including accommodation for the CAPF companies, in compliance with the Covid-19 guidelines.

defamatory statements against the TMC MP on August 11, 2018, at a BJP rally at Mayo Road in Kolkata. Shah, according

to Basu, mentioned various chit fund scams, including "nephew's corruption carried out by Mamataji".

EAM's Maldives, Mauritius visit to focus on strong ties

SANDEEP DIKSHIT
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 19

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will visit the Maldives this weekend as India continues its high-level engagements in order to keep it firmly in its orbit after a couple of years of estrangement. Tellingly, Jaishankar will then visit Mauritius, another island-country in the Indian Ocean, for which India had once nearly launched an Operation to keep it in its security orbit.

New Delhi had maintained the pace of meetings and engagements with Male, even during the pandemic. The earlier engagements include Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla's visit in November 2020, a virtual meeting between the two Foreign Ministers in August 2020 during which several key projects and initiatives were announced and a phone conversation



ASSISTANCE DURING PANDEMIC

5.5 TONNES

OF ESSENTIAL MEDICINES

6.2 TONNES

AIRLIFTED BY IAF FROM VARIOUS INDIAN CITIES

580 TONNES

OF FOOD AID BY NAVAL SHIPS

THE 1ST DESTINATION TO RECEIVE VAX

- India has reciprocated in full measure by rapid and comprehensive assistance during the pandemic, including making Maldives the first destination to receive Covid vaccines.
- India also undertook a series of economic and financial initiatives to revive Maldivian economy.

between PM Modi and President Solih in April 2020.

Solih, ever since he assumed office in November 2018, has

taken concerted initiatives to move his country away from the close alignment with China by his predecessor.

IN BRIEF

U'khand floods: One more body recovered

JOSHIMATH: With one more body recovered from the flood-ravaged area of Chamoli district, the toll in the calamity has gone up to 62. Meanwhile, search and rescue operations continued for the 13th day to locate 142 missing persons at NTPC's hydropower project site and Raini village area. TNS

Counselling for kids of slain BSF personnel

NEW DELHI: The BSF with the help of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights has launched a counselling platform to provide emotional and psychological help to the children of its personnel, who died in operations. The link will be available through toll-free number 1800-1-236-236. TNS

WB coal scam: CBI searches 13 places

NEW DELHI: Multiple CBI teams on Friday launched search operations at 13 locations in four districts of Bengal, including the premises of coal mafia Jaidev Mondal, in an ongoing probe into the coal scam case. TNS

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HARYANA STATE CHILD PROTECTION SOCIETY WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Bays No. 15-20, Pocket-II, Sector-4, Panchkula

Phone No. 0172-2580359

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Applications are invited to fill up posts of Chairperson, Child Welfare Committee & Member Child Welfare Committee (CWC) as per provisions under Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Model Rules, 2016 as per following qualification, terms and conditions:-

Sl. No.	Name of Post	District wise number of posts
1	Chairperson (Child Welfare Committee)	Hisar-1 Post
2	Member (Child Welfare Committee)	Ambala-1 Post

Qualification of Chairperson/Member of CWC Seven years of experience of working with children in the field of education, health, or welfare activities, or should be a practicing professional with a degree in child psychology or psychiatry or social work or sociology or human development or in the field of law or a retired Judicial Officer.

Age of CWC Chairperson and Member Above the age of 35 years on the date of advertisement

Tenure Three years.

Honorarium Chairperson and Member, Child Welfare Committee shall be paid as per sitting which shall include sitting allowance, travel allowance and any other allowance, as the State Government may prescribe.

Terms & Conditions:

- Applicant must have a domicile of Haryana.
- Applicant will maintain his/her headquarter as the presence is required even at odd hours or on short notice and the appointment will be cancelled if headquarter is not maintained.
- Applicant shall have to submit a self-declaration/affidavit on the following points with application form. All conditions from (i) to (vii) of the following point must be fulfilled.
 - He/she has not previous conviction record.
 - He/she has not been involved in any immoral act or in the Act of Child abuse or employment of child labour.
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GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH

DEPARTMENT OF MPP & POWER

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

No.: MPP-F(5)-8/2018-II

Dated, Shimla-02

19.01.2021

Whereas it appears to the appropriate Government that a total of 53-19-64 hectares (698-12-00 bigha) land is required in the Village/Mohal Jashi, Bharara, Khaira, Lunsu, Bathora, Pandoa, Grehana, Talah, Ogli, Kothi, Malgi, Tehsil Sunni, Village/Mohal Jhunjhun, Majhrog, Tehsil Kumarsain, District Shimla & Village/Mohal Jakleen, Bhaunra, Balog, Fafaan, Parlog, Baludhank and Kharyali Tehsil Karsog, District Mandi, Himachal Pradesh for public purpose, namely, construction of Sunni Dam Hydro Electric Project (382 MW). Social Impact Assessment study was carried out by Social Impact Assessment (SIA) Unit and a report submitted/Preliminary investigation was conducted by a team constituted by the District Collector, Shimla & Mandi District as laid down under rule 4. The summary of the Social Impact Assessment Report/preliminary investigation is as follows (a copy of summary of SIA report attached as Annexure-A).

A total of 45 families are likely to be displaced due to land acquisition. The reason necessitating such displacement is given below:

"Mainly due to submergence of land in dam".

The Additional District Magistrate (P), Shimla & Additional District Magistrate, Mandi are appointed as Administrators for concerned districts for the purpose of rehabilitation and resettlement of affected families. Therefore, it is notified that for the above said project in the Village/Mohal Jashi, Bharara, Khaira, Lunsu, Bathora, Pandoa, Grehana, Talah, Ogli, Kothi, Malgi, Tehsil Sunni, Village/Mohal Jhunjhun, Majhrog, Tehsil Kumarsain, District Shimla & Village/Mohal Jakleen, Bhaunra, Balog, Fafaan, Parlog, Baludhank and Kharyali, Tehsil Karsog, District Mandi, (HP) area measuring 698-12-00 bigha viz: 53-19-64 hectares of standard measurement, whose detail description is attached as Annexure-B, is under acquisition.

Trees		Structures	
Variety	Number	Type	Plinth Area
Forest Trees	8007	Kachha and Pacca	0-65-02 (hact.)
Fruit Trees	2914		
Total	10921		

This notification is made under the provisions of Section 11 (1) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (30 of 2013), to all whom it may concern.

A plan of the land may be inspected in the office of the Collector, Land Acquisition SDHEP at Bithal, Tehsil Kumarsain, District Shimla on any working day during the working hours.

The Government is pleased to authorize Officers of SJVN Ltd., Sunni Dam Hydro Electric Project and his staff/workers to enter upon and survey land, take levels of any land, dig or bore into the sub-soil and do all others acts requires for the proper execution of their work as provided and specified in Section 12 of the said Act.

Under Section 11 (4) of the Act, no person shall make any transaction or cause any transaction of land i.e. sale/purchase, etc., or create any encumbrances on such land from the date of publication of such notification without prior approval of the Collector, Land Acquisition, Bithal, Tehsil Kumarsain, Distt. Shimla.

Objections to the acquisition, if any, may be filed by the person interested within 60 (Sixty days) from the date of publication of this notification as provided under Section 15 of the Act before Collector, Land Acquisition, SDHEP at Bithal, Tehsil Kumarsain, Distt. Shimla.

By Order
Additional Chief Secretary (Power)
Government of Himachal Pradesh.

SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDY FOR THE PROPOSED LAND ACQUISITION FOR SUNNI DAM HYDRO ELECTRICAL PROJECT (382 MW)

1 Summary

1.1 Project and Public Purpose

Sunny Dam Hydro-Electrical Project also known as Luhri Stage-III is a 382 MW run of river type scheme and a part of multi-stage development of Luhri HEP. The project is to harness the hydel potential of Satluj River between Rampur and Kol Dam Hydro-electric projects.

The Project is proposed to generate 1,369 MU of electric energy in a 90% dependable year. Sunny Dam Hydro Electrical Project was proposed to harness the hydel potential of river Satluj. The project envisages construction of a concrete gravity dam of ±71m high above river bed level across river Satluj and underground power house on the right bank. Himachal Pradesh is blessed with vast hydroelectric power potential in its five major rivers. Government of Himachal Pradesh intends to acquire the land at Bathora, Grehna, Kothi, Ogli, Pandoa, Talah, Jhunjhan, Majrog, Bharara, Jaishi, Khera, Lunsu and Malgi villages of Shimla district and Balog, Beludhak, Bhaunra, Fafan, Jakleen, Kharyali and Parlog villages of Mandi district for construction of this project.

The strategy followed in Himachal Pradesh for exploitation of hydroelectric power is to produce as much energy as possible with minimum cost and with minimum environmental negative impacts. The speedy exploitation of hydroelectric power potential will definitely improve the economic health of the State because 12 percent free power plus 1.5% LADF (Local Area Development Fund) of the project cost, on all new installations will increase the resources of the state to a significant extent. Also, 1% free power out of revenue generated will be distributed among the residents of the affected 20 villages under LADA for the entire life span of the project plus 100 units free electricity power in terms of cash will be given to the project affected families for 10 years after electricity generation. There is also an entitlement to compensation in terms of cash at market rate on account of damage to standing crops at the time of taking possession. The need for the project also arises from the need, to fulfill a steady increase in peak electricity demand and the growing energy deficit in the Northern Region.

As per Section 2 sub-section 1(b) of the RTFCLARR Act, 2013 the Sunny Dam Hydro-Electrical Project (382 MW) is well justified under the definition of infrastructure projects (energy generation) for public purpose.

1.2 Location

Proposed project is located on Satluj river basin in Himachal Pradesh with District Shimla falling on its left Bank and District Mandi on its right bank. The dam is located near Khaira Village (District Shimla) at Longitude 77°12'39" E and Latitude 31°14'53" N.

1.3 Size and attribute of land acquisition

The total land requirement for the Project is 442.2054 hectare. Out of total, 389.0090 hectare is Forest Land and 53.1964 hectare is Private Land. It covers a total of 20 villages falling in 9 Gram Panchayats under two districts namely Shimla and Mandi, three sub-divisions namely Kotgarh/Kumarsain, Karsog and Shimla and three tehsils namely Sunni, Kumarsain and Karsog. There are a total of 1257 families with a total population of 4,690 as per the primary survey conducted out of which 1847 are titleholders of the land getting acquired for the project.

Out of the total 1847 title holders of the land being acquired, 4 PAPs are getting landless. Most of the PAPs have additional land (other than the Khasra being acquired) either in the same Panchayat or in some other panchayat.. Also, out of 802 titleholders who are losing part land of their Khasra in acquisition, 98% of them reported that the remaining parcel of the land is still usable after acquisition. 48 of titleholders are losing their houses in acquisition and they have demanded for project assisted relocation preferably anywhere in the same gram panchayat.

1 (SJVN, Inception for Detailed Project Report of Sunny HEP (382 MW), 2018)

2 (Department of MPP and Power, 2019)

Table 1: Land Inventories

Name of Distt.	Name of Panchayat	Name of Village	Forest Land(ha)	Private Land(ha)	Total Land(ha)	Intended Use	No. of Title Holders
Shimla	Chabri	Lunsu	4.2235	1.1729	5.3964	Dumping	83
		Khera	9.0884	1.0148	10.1032	Road & Bridge	329
			10.0556	-	10.0556	Dam	-
			10.3264	-	10.3264	Quarry	-
	Ogli	Talah	23.5863	3.2225	26.8088	Reservoir	54
		Ogli	22.1604	4.7889	26.9493	Reservoir	112
		Kothi	6.3146	0.5522	6.8668	Reservoir	33
		Malgi	5.5998	8.565	14.1648	Reservoir	217

Name of Distt.	Name of Panchayat	Name of Village	Forest Land(ha)	Private Land(ha)	Total Land(ha)	Intended Use	No. of Title Holders
Shimla	Bag	Bathora	7.2771	3.8662	11.1433	Reservoir	156
		Pandhoa	15.0423	0.4448	15.4871	Reservoir	20
		Grehna	6.5505	0.6941	7.2446	Reservoir	3
	Mogra	Jhunjhan	13.3032	0.8678	14.171	Reservoir	64
		Majrog	11.847	0.2365	12.0835	Reservoir	17
	Banahar	Bhutt	2.7544	-	2.7544	Reservoir	-
		Talah	9.4813	-	9.4813	Reservoir	-
		Total in Shimla Distt.	194.0118	44.2541	237.5859		1623

However, they were also apprehensive about the negative impacts that may rise from the project if not properly mitigated. There were concerns regarding the rise in disputes among stakeholders for receiving the compensation and that the vulnerable groups may be left out or be cheated. Another possible impact is that on receiving the compensation amount, there would be a change in the financial condition of the PAFs which in turn would alter their purchasing capacity and would also increase the risk of fund mismanagement as many of the landowners are not properly educated, especially regarding financial management. The project area may also experience rise in cases of frauds and cheats once the compensation amount is distributed. There are also chances of changes in cultural practices and traditions because of changes in the spending pattern. Due to the acquisition, there would also be loss of private assets like houses, cowsheds, Gharats, toilet and kitchen structures and public infrastructure like ropeways, bridges, cremation grounds, roads, existing irrigation facilities including IPH Infrastructure and also loss of common property resources like drinking water sources, forests, grazing grounds, roads etc.

A total of 36 residential structures, 27 independent toilet/bathroom structures, 6 independent kitchen structures, 24 cowsheds and 11 private Gharats are coming under the acquisition as private structures. Among other assets attached to the land under acquisition, a total of 14,824 fruit bearing trees, 26,691 non-fruit bearing trees. Similarly, public assets are also being lost under the proposed acquisition which include 28 cremation grounds, 2 schools in village Parlog of Mandi district and Pandoa in Shimla District, 4 IPH/LWSS Schemes including infrastructure, 6 bridges/culverts, 9 ropeways, roads and 1 bavdi in Khaira village.

Apart from the above structures being acquired, there are 8 Residential Structures, 5 Independent toilet Structures, 2 Independent Kitchen Structures, 7 Cowsheds, 1 Store and 3 Gharats that although are not falling under acquisition but are falling on the fringe of the proposed acquisition and are therefore likely to be impacted after creation of the reservoir.

The details of the loss to infrastructure and assets has been discussed in chapter 4. The PAPs as well as the villagers were concerned about how alternates to public infrastructure and common property resources would be provided to them by the acquiring body such that it would not hamper their daily routine. The villagers have dependency on the adjoining grazing land and forest for cattle fodder and firewood.

During the construction phase of the project, the stakeholders had a positive outlook towards the project as it would generate good direct and indirect employment and business opportunities for them. Due to in migration they would witness increased consumption of goods which would benefit the local economy. However, they also showed concerns regarding the in migration of labour for the project as it would raise the pressure on existing infrastructure like health facilities, educational facilities, roads etc. There may be chances of rise in conflicts among the locals and the in-migrants and the stakeholders also opined that there are chances in rise in crime rates and anti-social activities in the area because of migration. The area may also witness cultural mixing. Further, there would also be problem of traffic, air and noise pollution because of the heavy transport vehicles, material transport and construction. The area may also witness rise in health problems due to increased pollution levels.

During the post construction phase, the stakeholders opined that the area may witness reduced pollution and better living environment. Due to funds like LADA the area would also witness further development. A cultural stability may also be witnessed during this stage. However, they also highlighted some negative impacts which may arise during this phase such as, due to drop in construction activities there would be less employment and business opportunities for locals and may also lead to unemployment to the temporary work force involved in the project.

The area may witness sudden fall in local economy and low consumption of goods and services due to out migration of the temporary workers involved in construction stage. Consequently, people may face difficulty in maintaining the living standards set forth due to the increased income level during construction phase.

1.6 Assessment of social costs and benefits

The estimated compensation for the proposed acquisition of 5,31,974 sq. m land works out to **Rs. 76,38,44,426/-**. For 14,824 fruit bearing trees and 26,691 non-fruit bearing trees under impact of acquisition, a total compensation of Rs 1,54,193,000 is estimated. Rehabilitation and resettlement cost of Rs. 3,61,95,000/- is estimated for the families living in 36 residential structures going under acquisition. Thus, after including 10% miscellaneous cost, the total cost for land acquisition including R&R is estimated as Rs. 114,77,13,333/-.

On analysis, the social costs and benefits of the project at large clearly outweigh the social costs of the project affected families. The compensations provisions to be paid under the RTFCLARR Act, 2013 keep in mind that the losses and inconvenience caused to the PAPs and PAFs getting affected by the project are generously compensated. The Act not only compensates for the land that is being acquired but also for the Structures and assets attached to it. Further the Act compensates for the standing crops and trees (both fruit and non-fruit bearing). In-case of displacement, the act provides additional compensation as subsistence and transportation allowance for relocation. For loss of livelihood, the act provides to compensate the PAP for re-establishing his livelihood either by providing him alternate employment source or one-time assistance.

During the study it was observed that the project has a general acceptance in the area. In-fact most of the Primary and secondary stakeholders are looking forward for the project to be implemented as it would bring an overall development in the area. Even from the survey 91% of the primary stakeholders are willing to give their consent for the acquisition provided their issues are resolved. The issues have been discussed under social impacts and mitigation measures. During FGDs the panchayats were also in favour of the project as they were optimistic about the development of their gram panchayats through funds like LADF and CSR.

The people in the affected area are hopeful about the increase in employment opportunities, land price, and increased scope for small and medium business ventures. They are also expecting better road network and drainage facilities, higher frequency and better-quality transportation services, improved infrastructural facilities and the area will become a landmark in the HEP Map of Himachal Pradesh.

On the Macro level, the project complements the strategy followed by the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh for exploitation of hydroelectric power to produce as much energy as possible with minimum cost and with minimum environment negative impacts. The speedy exploitation of hydro-electric power potential will definitely improve the economic health of the State because 12 percent free power plus 1.5% LADF (Local Area Development Fund) of the project cost, on all new installations will increase the resources of the state to a significant extent. The need for the project also arises from the need, to fulfill a steady increase in peak electricity demand and the growing energy deficit in the Northern Region. Also, 1% free power out of revenue generated will be distributed among the residents of the affected 20 villages under LADA for the entire life span of the project plus 100 units free electricity power in terms of cash will be given to the project affected families for 10 years after electricity generation.

It can therefore be concluded that the project benefits will be extended to the people of the affected area, district and state. If the proposed Mitigation Plan is followed, it will help mitigate the social impacts by minimizing the negative impacts and amplify the positive impacts, thereby overshadowing the adverse social costs.

3. (Department of MPP and Power, 2019)

2 Aim and Objectives

2.1 Aim

The aim of the study is to conduct a social impact assessment study in accordance to Himachal Pradesh Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition Rehabilitation and Resettlement (Social Impact Assessment and Consent) Rules, 2015.

2.2 Objective

The following are the objectives

3 Analysis of costs and benefits and recommendations on acquisition

Expected power generation of Sunni HEP would be 1361.77 GWH per year. The total project cost is estimated to be 2,911.85 crores. The Annual energy of the project calculated as 1299 GWh. The breakdown of the cost estimates is given below:

Table 2: Sunni Dam Project Cost

Total Hard Cost at March'17:	INR 2414.20 Crores
Interest during Construction:	INR 487.46 Crores
Financial Charges	INR 10.19 Crores
Total Basic Cost including IDC and FC:	INR 2911.85 Crores
The tariffs for the project are as below:	
1st year Tariff	INR 5.40/kWh
Levelized Tariff	INR 5.07/kWh

*Source: Inception report for Sunni HEP DPR

The expected revenue from the project in its first year of commencement would be 648 crores in the first year and 604 crores in subsequent years. The project is estimated to generate a total of permanent/regular employment of 310 persons and a temporary employment of 56,57,500 person-days during its pre-construction phase, construction phase and after the commencement of the project. This employment would be generated for skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled labourers. As per the HP govt. rules, 70% of the employment should be reserved for the residents of Himachal Pradesh. In this case, PAFs would be given priorities for the employment generated at the project level.

As per Section 2 sub-section 1(b) of the RTFCLARR Act, 2013 the Sunni Dam Hydro-Electrical Project (382 MW) is well justified under the definition of infrastructure projects (energy generation) for public purpose.

3.1 Nature and Intensity of Social Impacts

An impact, if permanent in nature, will have same intensity during post construction phase as during pre-construction/construction stage on the other hand temporary impacts will show a continuous decrease in intensity during following stages of project cycle. Any impact lasting even after the construction phase is considered as long-term impact and if it lasts only till the construction phase is going on, it is considered as short-term impact.

The table given below shows the nature and intensity of various identified impacts during different stages of project cycle:

Table 3: Nature and Intensity of Impacts

Impact Area	Sr. No.	Impact Identified	Stage of Project Cycle	Nature of Impact	Intensity of Impact
Social	1.	Disputes among stakeholders for receiving compensation	Pre-Construction	Temporary	Short term
	2.	Social divide created between people who are getting benefitted from the project and people who remain unaffected.		Temporary	Short term
	3.	Impact on existing cultural practices and traditions of the local habitants due to the in-migration.	Construction Phase	Temporary	Long term
Land/Structure	4.	Loss of agricultural land	Construction Phase	Permanent	Long term
	5.	Landlessness among PAPs		Permanent	Short term
	6.	Loss of shelter for PAPs		Permanent	Short term
	7.	Loss of public infrastructure like ropeways, bridges, ghatas, roads, water pipelines, pumphouses, schools, etc.		Temporary	Short term
	8.	Loss of common property		Temporary	Short term
Livelihood/Income	9.	Loss of agricultural income	Pre-Construction Phase	Permanent	Long term
	10.	Loss of livelihood option for people indirectly dependent on land being acquired. For eg: agricultural labourers, vendors, etc.		Temporary	Short term
	11.	Increased consumption of goods due to migration benefiting the local economy.	Construction Phase	Temporary	Short term
	12.	Job opportunity for local villagers and PAPs in construction work.	Construction Phase	Temporary	Short term
Physical Resources	13.	Increase in land prices	Construction and Post Construction Phase	Permanent	Long term
	14.	Sudden change in financial condition of the PAFs due to the compensation awarded, their purchasing capacity will change and would also increase the risk of fund mis-management.		Pre construction	Temporary
Biodiversity/Environment	15.	Loss of private assets like trees, water tanks, toilets and kitchens.	Construction Phase	Temporary	Short term
	16.	Increased pressure on existing infrastructure such as PHC, educational institutes, roads, etc.	Construction Phase	Temporary	Short term
Health	17.	Loss of forest land serving as primary source for fodder and firewood collection for people living in affected villages and neighboring areas.	Construction Phase and Post Construction	Permanent	Long term
	18.	Increased humidity due to construction of reservoir.	Construction Phase and Post Construction	Permanent	Long term
	19.	Increased level of air, water and noise pollution due to construction activity and quarrying.	Construction Phase	Temporary	Short term
Quality of life	20.	Risk of water borne diseases due to increased pollution level.	Construction Phase	Temporary	Short term
	21.	Risk of Accidents during/ after execution of project	Construction Phase	Temporary	Short term
	22.	Risk of Health Hazards (increase in incidents of HIV/AIDS and Trafficking etc.)	Construction Phase	Temporary	Short term
	23.	Rise in traffic esp. heavy vehicular traffic	Construction Phase	Temporary	Short term
	24.	Possible disputes among local villagers and migrants.	Construction Phase	Temporary	Short term
	25.	Compromised connectivity among various villages.	Construction Phase	Temporary	Short term
	26.	Degradation of irrigation facility.	Construction Phase	Temporary	Short term
	27.	Degradation in availability of drinking water due to loss of natural spring and pumphouses.	Construction Phase	Temporary	Short term
	28.	Loss in sense of social security due to in-migration.	Construction Phase	Temporary	Short term
	29.	Overall development of village.	Post construction	Permanent	Long term

*Source: Team SIA

As shown in the table above, most of the impacts are temporary and short term which if properly mitigated can be minimized.

3.2 Recommendation

From the above analysis it is clear that the project benefits will be extended not only to the people of the affected area but also to the entire district and state. Infact the entire northern region stands to be benefited from this upcoming project. Implementation of the Sunni HEP project will bear both positive and negative impact on the project. However, If the proposed Mitigation Plan is followed, it will help mitigate the social impacts by minimizing the negative impacts and amplify the positive impacts, thereby overshadowing the adverse social costs. Therefore keeping in mind the macro picture of this project which will benefit and contribute towards the development of the State and consequently the country as a whole, the study recommends that the proposed land acquisition for the Sunni Dam hydro-electrical project (382 MW) should be carried out, provided that all measures suggested mitigate the various identified impacts are followed judicially.

4 Social Impact Management Plan

4.1 Approach to mitigation

This Social Impact Management Plan (SIMP) has been prepared in accordance to the RTFCLARR Act, 2013 and the HP RTFCLARR Rules, 2015 with the aim to mitigate negative social impacts and enhance the positive impacts of Sunni HEP (382 MW). It consists of a set of mitigation, monitoring and institutional measures that needs to be taken during the design, construction and operational phases of the project to eliminate adverse social impacts or to reduce them to acceptable levels. The SIMP may be implemented during the various stages of the project viz. pre-construction stage, construction stage and operational stage. A description of the various management measures suggested during different stages of the project is provided in following section.

4.2 Measures to Avoid, Mitigate and Compensate Impacts

4.2.1 Social measures

- If there is any dispute between the stakeholders, then this dispute should be resolved first and made sure that the compensation is given to the legal owner.
- There is a demand by the local people of Karyali Gram Panchayat that since the Reservoir is being constructed at Karyali Gram Panchayat, the villagers demand the project name to be changed from Sunni HEP to name of panchayats/villages where the dam is actually being built.
- Provide funds for Construction/upgradation of temples of local deities in the villages
- Construction of Community halls in all villages and Panchayats of the project area
- Construction, repair and upgradation of building/structures used as Mahila Mandal, Yuval Mandal and Gram Panchayat Offices.
- Efforts should be made for the upliftment of women and marginal sections by enhancing their traditional skills and developing new skills.
- Project affected persons and families have requested for upgradation and increase of circle rates before calculation of compensation from the market value.

- Jobs to PAPs and PAFs should be provided as per the provisions of the RTFCLARR Act, 2013
- After commissioning of the project PAFs may be provided with Special Subsidised Tariff rates or provide few free units per month or both.
- Streetlighting:** Almost all panchayats and villages have requested to be provided with streetlights.
- Promotion of sports** - In order to promote physical fitness and sports, youths engaged in sports should be encouraged. The requiring body can organize Sports Competition in the affected panchayats and provide sports kits to the local Sports/Youth Clubs. Promising athletes can further be endorsed and provided employment opportunity in the project.
- Sports complex can also be developed by converging with the district administration and concern departments, which may promote bright athletes and create employment for the locals.

4.2.2 Infrastructure measures

- All weather Roads** - As per the SIA team's observation and demand of the villagers, all village roads and link roads may be upgraded to all weather pucca roads throughout the gram Panchayats of the project area to ensure better connectivity that has a direct impact on the development of this region. Some of them in particular are suggested below-
 - Metalled/Pucca Road from Khera to Ogli, (Chebri Panchayat)
 - Metalled road from Khera to Sheel, (Chebri Panchayat)
 - Metalled/Pucca Road from Panchayat Bhawan to Serkadi (Chebri Panchayat)
 - Metalled/Pucca Road from Khera to Ropa, (Chebri Panchayat)
 - Metalled/Pucca Road from Khera to Cremation Ground, (Chebri Panchayat)
 - Construction of 6 km Metalled Road from Jhunjhun to Lambidhar (Mogra Panchayat)
 - Construction of 8 km Metalled Road from Jhunjhun to Mogra (Mogra Panchayat)
 - Construction of 5 km Metalled Road from Parakhra to Kundadhar (Mogra Panchayat)
 - Construction of Link Road from main Road to Kothi, Malgi, Dharu and Tulah(Ogli Panchayat)
- Bridges** - As per the discussion with residents of the project affected area, there will be loss of bridges, river crossing ropeways in the different locations due to proposed project. The affected families shared that these bridges and ropeways have a great social value and villagers are well connected to their relatives living on the other side of the river, they can access roads and transportation services with ease and could gather easily to observe cultural programs.

Apart from this the villagers also use these connections for collection of cattle fodders, firewood and other wild forest produce.

The following bridges are suggested-

- Construction of Bridge/river crossing from Jhunjhun to Suket (Mandi) (Mogra Panchayat)
- Bridge connectivity to Bindla Panchayat.
- Since at Ogli Panchayat the existing ropeway used by villagers for river crossing is coming under acquisition, a bridge can be constructed as an alternate.

Hence, all alternative and suitable arrangements may be made for the affected panchayats/villages to restore the social connection and accessibility. Also ferrying and boat activities may be permitted to increase connectivity between both banks.

- Construct proper drainage facilities to all Panchayats of the project area
- Provide Irrigation facilities such as lift irrigation in all villages and Panchayats of the project area

- Karyali Gram Panchayat has requested to construct the project colonies at villages Jaishi and Barara.
- Drinking Water Supply** - From the discussion with the villagers and observation during FGDs, it was found that the villagers are using Bavdis and natural spring/aquifer water as drinking water or have made some arrangements to pump water from the river or nearby rivulet.

Many of these natural water resources would be submerged/finished as per the proposed project Hence, before commencing the project activities, the villagers must be provided with alternate source/system for drinking water supply.

Similarly, there is a government water pumping station close to the river bank in Ogli Panchayat, which will also be submerged. It therefore becomes imperative that all necessary arrangements are made prior to the construction phase of the project to ensure regular supply of safe drinking water in all the affected villages.

All Panchayats of the project area have unanimously demanded to provide clean Drinking water Facility in all villages of the project area.

- Health Facilities** - As per the discussion with the villagers of the affected area, there are few government health facilities/centres established of different levels but the services offered are inadequate and the distances are huge.

In Mogra Panchayat, project affected villages Majrog and Jhunjhun are backward villages lying at a distance of 50km from the main Panchayat. The villagers here have demanded to provide them an upgraded health clinic, an ambulance road to connect both villages to Sunni and a dedicated toll-free ambulance service. Similarly, all Panchayats have complaints regarding inadequate health facilities and have requested to upgrade health facilities in all villages of the project area. Hence, the existing government facilities may be upgraded in order to provide adequate medical and health facility. The requiring body may open a Level 3 health facility at a convenient location which is well connected to the affected villages and is equipped to cater the needs of the affected area. A Mobile Medical Van can also be started in the area scheduled to visit on fixed days with essential test equipment and referral system. Apart from that, an ambulance service with toll free number (like 108 service of NHM) can be started.

- School and Scholarships - To impart quality education for the children in the affected area, schools can also be started where the children of affected families may get the first priority during admission. These Children may also be considered for fee concession. The requiring body may also provide scholarships to bright and meritorious students.
- Requiring body may also help these students in opting for higher education/professional trades such as Engineering, Medical, Law and CA/CS etc. for which they can share a percentage of fees/accommodation cost of the student and later may absorb them in the organization as per their skill sets. This could prove to be a long-term investment for the requiring body as well as a great help to the affected families who are making efforts for their children's higher education.

Also, Since the Requiring body is PSU, it may officially have an MOU with the education department of the State to adopt/partly sponsor/upgrade the existing infrastructure of government schools and may even consider to operate these schools in the project affected villages.

- Technical Institution** - Technical institutions can be established in the area or collaborated with existing technical institution, to offer courses like Food Preservation and Processing, Civil Construction, Vehicle Repair and related to Electrical fields. An independent survey can be conducted to understand the future needs of the area, available resources and interest of the project affected families before finalizing the trades offered by the technical institution.

- Cremation grounds** - Cremation grounds are mostly located on river banks in hilly terrains. Even in the project affected area most of the Panchayats are losing their cremation grounds due to the project. Hence, electronic/alternative crematories may be built in consultation with the residents of affected Panchayats.

4.2.3 Rehabilitation and Resettlement Measures

- Appropriate compensation to be provided to PAFs whose houses are being acquired and additional compensation in form of subsistence and transportation allowance for the inconvenience caused due to relocation under relevant sections of the act.
- Promotion of Horticulture and Herbal Plants:** The agro-climatic conditions of Project area are quite suitable for tropical and sub-tropical fruits. The places at higher altitudes produce apple, cherry, plums, apricot and lower areas produce mangoes, litchis, guava and citrus fruits. Citrus fruits like Kagzi Lemons, Kinnow and Orange can be propagated in the area. Herbal Plants may also be promoted in the area with support from the concerned department.

- Promotion of Tourism:** If adequate attention is paid by the administration, this area can be developed as a tourist destination as well as hub for water related activities /sports. River side camps and rafting can be promoted in the PPP mode which might generate regular income for the affected families. Also Ferrying and boat activities may be permitted to increase connectivity between both banks.

- Promotion of Fisheries:** The project will provide congenial conditions for development of fisheries. Training can be imparted in Pisciculture to the interested persons in the affected area. Interested people and fishermen (from the affected families) can be supported by granting fishing license from the concerned department.

- Animal Husbandry:** Livestock is also owned by the population in the affected areas. Animal husbandry, which is helpful to small and marginal farmers for increasing their income, can be commercialized. A milk cooperative can be promoted in the area which will benefit not only the project affected families but also the entire area.

- Forming and Strengthening Self-Help Groups (SHGs):** The requiring body may provide opportunities for women to come together and form SHGs and strengthen the existing ones with proper training and to earn their livelihoods through credit offered under various schemes. Handicraft, diary, shawl making, stitching and embroidery etc. can also be introduced.

- Institutional linkages and skill upgradation for income restoration:** Requiring body can play a proactive role to mobilize affected family members to get some vocational/ skills training opportunities and also support in establishing forward and backward linkages for raw materials, inputs, besides marketing and credit facilities. District administration and other stakeholders in institutional financing and marketing may prepare micro-plans for undertaking such activities. In case of creation of alternative livelihoods schemes, needs of the target population will be studied and prioritized in a participatory manner. Various poverty alleviation and income generation schemes sponsored by the state govt. and GOI shall be converged for offering income restoration options to the affected population.

- Project-based Employment:** Preference to Project-related employment opportunities such as work under the project construction, maintenance, supply and transportation contracts can be given to the affected families.

- The compensation for the damage of the crops and horticulture activities including fruit bearing and non-fruit bearing trees during the project should be appropriately compensated.

- The requiring body may also run skill development programs for upgradation of skills of individuals for them to be able to receive better employment opportunity in the project.

- During the operational and other stages of this project the preference should be given to award petty contracts in construction, supply and transportation to PAPs and PAFs and also to Locals of the Affected Gram Panchayats.

4.3.1 Outlay for SIMP Implementation

The entitlement framework and the process of rehabilitation and resettlement have been furnished below in the backdrops of the legal provisions applicable for the project affected families.

An Entitlement Matrix has been developed in compliance with Laws, Rules and Policies framed by the Government of India and Government of Himachal Pradesh. The entitlement matrix summarizes the types of losses and corresponding nature and scope of entitlements.

Table 4-2: Entitlement Matrix

Sr. No.	Impact Category	Unit of entitlement	Details of entitlement	Remarks
1	Private Land	Land Owner(s)/ titleholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Cash compensation for the land at market value, which will be determined as per provisions of RFCTLARR Act, 2013 (b) Amount equivalent to current stamp duty on compensation amount for replacement of lost assets. Training Assistance (c) Loss of perennial and non-perennial crops and trees will be compensated in accordance with the provisions of Horticulture and Agriculture Department as applicable. (d) A Grant of Rs. 25,000 for replacement of cattle shed or petty shops. 	
2	Loss of structure (Residential or Commercial or Res-cum-Commercial)	Land Owner/ Titleholder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Cash compensation determined on the basis of current rates as per admissible norms (b) Shifting allowance of Rs 50000 as per provisions of RFCTLARR Act, 2013 for the displaced families (c) Provision of free house as per RFCTLARR Act 2013, for completely displaced residential/commercial or Equivalent cost of the house may be offered in lieu of the constructed house. (d) Subsistence allowance of Rs. 36,000 for the displaced families (RFCTLARR Act 2013). (e) Resettlement allowance of Rs 50,000 for the displaced families (RFCTLARR Act 2013) 	
3	Tenants and Leaseholders	Tenants and lease holders	Registered lessees will be entitled to an apportionment of the compensation payable to structure owner as per applicable local laws.	

Loss of Residential and Commercial Structures - Non-Titleholders

4	Encroachers	Affected Person (Individual/Family)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Encroachers shall be given advance notice of 2 months in which to remove assets/crops. (b) Right to salvage materials from affected structure 	
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Loss of livelihood – Title and Non-Titleholders

5	Loss of livelihood - Title holders, Agriculture labour and commercial squatters	Individual/Family	One-time grant of Rs. 25,000 (value prescribed under RFCTLARR Act 2013)	For commercial squatters, the eligibility will become from the date of Census Survey
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6	Foreseeable and unforeseen impacts likely during the construction stage	Owner, affected person	Payment of damages if any to Structures. Temporary access would be provided, wherever necessary	Such as temporary impacts on structures, temporary disruption to access or passage
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7	Temporary loss of income of mobile kiosks, if any	Kiosk owner	Two months advance notice to vacate the area	
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8	SC, ST		Assistance to include in government welfare schemes if not included, if eligible as per Government criteria; and Additional benefits to SC and ST as per the provisions of RFCTLARR Act 2013 Second Schedule	
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9	Unforeseen impacts		Any unforeseen impacts shall be documented and mitigated in accordance with the principles and objectives of the Act.	
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*Source: Team SIA
Details of Cost of Resettlement and Rehabilitation has been worked out and given in tables in following section.

The entitlement framework and the process of rehabilitation and resettlement have been furnished earlier in the backdrops of the legal provisions applicable for the project affected families. Details of Cost of Resettlement and Rehabilitation has been worked out and given in tables 8.3 to 8.6

Table 4-3: Details of Estimated Compensation on land

District	Panchayat	Sr. No.	Villages	Total Private Land (sq. m)	Cultivated Land (sq. m)	Non-Cultivated Land (sq. m)	Value of Cultivated Land (Rs.)	Value of Non-Cultivated Land (79) (Rs.)	Total Value of Private Land in Rs. (10-11)	Total Compensation of Land in Rs., Including 100% Solation
Chetri	Karyali	1. Lunsu	11729	0	11729	-	6,615,156	6,615,156	13,230,312	
Ogli	9. Bathora	38662	62128	37561	42,060,656	21,184,404	63,245,060	126,490,120		
Shimla	Bag	2. Khera	37634	24486	13148	16,577,022	7,415,472	23,992,494	47,984,988	
Binda	10. Pandhao	61109	47128	13981	31,905,656	7,885,284	39,790,940	79,581,880		
11. Grehna	11. Malgi	32225	4964	27261	3,524,440	16,138,512	19,662,952	39,325,904		
12. Jhunjhan	12. Majrog	47889	27058	20831	27,355,638	17,539,702	44,895,340	89,790,680		
13. Majrog	13. Bhoura	29055	21295	7760	16,311,970	4,950,880	21,262,850	42,525,700		
14. Bhoura	14. Balog	17213	15983	1230	12,242,978	784,740	13,027,718	26,055,436		
15. Balog	15. Jakleen	4981	3381	1600	1,896,741	748,800	2,645,541	5,291,082		
16. Jakleen	17. Fafan	6308	5428	880	2,339,468	316,800	2,656,268	5,312,536		
17. Fafan	18. Parlog	11722	10025	1697	4,320,775	610,920	4,931,695	9,863,390		
18. Parlog	19. Beludhank	19823	18190	1633	5,311,480	396,819	5,708,299	11,416,598		
19. Beludhank	20. Kharyali	321	0	321	-	74,472	74,472	148,944		
Total		531,964	336,800	195,164	253,101,186	128,821,027	381,922,213	763,844,426		

*Source: Team SIA

Note: Since compensation factor for Himachal Pradesh has not yet been finalized therefore for the purpose of the above calculation it has been kept as 1.

The above-mentioned cost of land is a projected compensation that the requiring body may have to make provisions of. This is subject to change as per the competent authority of the State Government but cannot be lesser than the estimate given.

The above estimate and the rate of the trees (fruit-bearing and non-fruit trees) are subject to change as per the enumeration, verification and valuation of the trees by the competent authority.

Further, under sub-section 2 of section 26 of the Act, the market value calculated shall be multiplied by a factor Mentioned in the First Schedule. Since this factor has not yet been notified by the GoHP, the same has not been taken in calculation of compensation.

Table 4-4: Compensation for Rehabilitation and Resettlement

Families displaced due to loss of housing unit	Details of Cost	Amount
A house will be provided under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY). Each family will only get one house. If not opted for house, equivalent cost of the house would be 1.30 lakhs in hilly states 45 x 130,000	Under PMAY 2016 notification of HP Government, the allowance the each house would be 1.30 lakhs in hilly states 45 x 130,000	58,50,000
One-time payment of 5 lakhs per PAF or, under annuity policy, 2000/- per month per family for 20 years	45 x 500000	2,25,00,000
Subsistent grant of 3000/- for each family for one year**	45 x 36000	16,20,000
One-time shifting cost of 50000/- per family	45 x 50000	22,50,000
One-time "Resettlement Allowance" of 50000/- per family	45 x 50000	22,50,000
One-time grant financial assistance of minimum 25000/- to construct cattle-sheds or petty shops	24 x 25000	6,00,000
Total Estimation		3,61,95,000

** in case of SC/ST, additional one time grant of 50,000/- should be given to each family for resettlement.

*Source: Team SIA

The above estimation cost is calculated under provisions made under Act 2013.

Table 4-5: Details of Total Costs for Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement

S. No.	Details of Cost	Amount (Rs.)
1	Compensation for land**	76,38,44,426
2	12% interest on the compensation (land)	9,16,61,331
3	Compensation for trees	15,41,93,000
4	Rehabilitation and Resettlement costs***	3,61,95,000
5	Total Cost	104,33,75,757
6	Miscellaneous (10% of the total cost)	10,43,37,576
7	Grand Total (5+6)	114,77,13,333

** The compensation for land acquisition doesn't include compensation for standing crops, which will be calculated by the competent authority

*** The compensation does not include compensation of gharats, which will be calculated by the competent authority.

*Source: Team SIA

Information collected during the survey is based on the interviews of the respondents and the information provided by them is considered true but it is not the authentic version of ownership entitlement. The total land area belonging to the private estimates to 53.1964 Ha for which, on the basis of the computation of compensation formula, the tentative land compensation (excluding compensation for standing crops) works out to Rs.76,38,44,426/- (Rupees Seventy-Six Crores Thirty-eight Lakhs Forty-Four Thousand four hundred and twenty-six only). At 12 percent rate of interest on the compensation of land, an amount of 91,661,331/- has been estimated for payment as per Section 30 (3) of Act 2013.

The compensation for trees is estimated as 15,41,93,000 /-. However, the number of the trees will be enumerated and the actual value will be assessed by the competent authorities. This estimation of compensation for land acquisition doesn't include compensation for standing crops. The cash compensation against crops will be provided at market cost of mature crops based on the average production.

The entitlements for R&R expenses are totaling to Rs. 3,61,95,000 /-. The total cost for land acquisition including R&R is estimated around Rs. 114,77,13,333/. However, the final compensation amount for the land acquisition and structures will be determined by the Competent Authority as per the Act 2013. Further, the cost of the Mitigation Plan has not been included in the said computation.

4.4 Measures stated Requiring Body

No Measures have been shared by the Requiring Body. However, it was stated that separate R&R plan for this project shall be prepared in consultation with the Government in accordance to relevant laws and policies.

4.5 Institutional Arrangement for implementation of Rehabilitation and Resettlement Plan

As per the act 2013, where land proposed to be acquired is equal to or more than 100 acres, the government shall constitute a "Rehabilitation and Resettlement Committee" under the chairmanship of the Collector. This committee would aim to review the progress of implementation of Rehabilitation and Resettlement Schemes, or plan and to carry out the post-implementation Social Audit in consultation with the Gram Sabha.

4.	6 मिन	15 मिन	20 21	मुशतर्का बखल अव्वल गैर मुमकीन धौड़ धासनी	00.10.50 00.10.12 00.00.38 00.06.46	कुल भाग (64) वेद प्रकाश, दिनेश कुमार विजय कुमार पुत्र व श्रीमती चम्पा श्रीमती पारवती श्रीमती रम्मा पुत्रियां श्रीमती भिखु देवी विधवा बिरबल पुत्र विशनदास भाग बराबर 12 भाग श्रीमती भूमि देवी, श्रीमती नरवदा देवी पुत्री विशन दास पुत्र लच्छपी नन्द भाग बराबर 24 भाग विनोद कुमार, पवन कुमार पुत्र व श्रीमती अनीता पुत्री व श्रीमती नरवदा देवी पत्नी गोवर्धन दास भाग बराबर 12 भाग पुत्र लच्छपी नन्द पुत्र बलिया (24) भाग अमर चन्द, ठाकुर सैन, रूप चन्द, चिरन्जी लाल पुत्र व श्रीमती द्वोपती देवी, श्रीमती कला वती, श्रीमती बीना भाग बराबर (7) भाग पुत्रियां व श्रीमती खीमी देवी, श्रीमती सुरजू भाग बराबर (1) भाग विधवाएं देवीराम पुत्र लच्छमी नन्द स्थानीय वासी अमर चन्द, ठाकुर सैन, रूप चन्द, चिरन्जी लाल पुत्र व श्रीमती द्वोपती, श्रीमती कलावती श्रीमती बीना भाग बराबर 15 भाग पुत्रियां व श्रीमती सुरजू 1 भाग विधवा देवी राम पुत्र लच्छमी नन्द स्थानीय वासी।	
				किता 2	00.16.96		
5.	11 मिन	23 मिन	10 9/1	मुशतर्का बंजर कटीम बखल अव्वल	00.01.97 00.07.45	कुल भाग (6) बीरबल, राम पुत्र व श्रीमती हिमी, श्रीमती बती पुत्रियां गुमान सिंह पुत्र गोपालू भाग बराबर 4 भाग श्रीमती आशा देवी, श्रीमती जियावती, श्रीमती मीरा देवी, श्रीमती बबली देवी, श्रीमती चान्द रानी पुत्रियां व श्रीमती चन्द्रमणी विधवा खुबा राम पुत्र गुमान सिंह भाग बराबर 1 भाग तारा चन्द, श्याम लाल पुत्र व श्रीमती सावित्री, श्रीमती कृष्णा देवी पुत्रियां व श्रीमती जमनी देवी विधवा खेम दास पुत्र गुमान सिंह भाग बराबर 1 भाग स्थानीय वासी।	
				किता 2	00.09.42		
				कुल किता 16	00.86.78		
महाल मजरोग, तहसील कुमारसैन, जिला शिमला, हि.प्र.।							
1.	7 मिन	18 मिन	2 317/5 9 60 319/6 7/1	मुशतर्का बंजर कटीम बंजर कटीम क्यार दोयम गै.मु. धौड़ क्यार दोयम	00.01.88 00.00.92 00.19.04 00.17.00 00.02.04 00.01.15	कुल भाग (100) भूप राम, देव राज पुत्र परशोत्तम राम भाग भाग दीपक पुत्र व श्रीमती अनीता, श्रीमती अनीता, श्रीमती श्रीमती अनीता, श्रीमती श्रीमती अनीता अशा देवी, श्रीमती जियावती, श्रीमती मीरा देवी, श्रीमती बबली देवी, श्रीमती चान्द रानी पुत्रियां व श्रीमती चन्द्रमणी विधवा खुबा राम पुत्र गुमान सिंह भाग बराबर 1 भाग तारा चन्द, श्याम लाल पुत्र व श्रीमती सावित्री, श्रीमती कृष्णा देवी पुत्रियां व श्रीमती जमनी देवी विधवा खेम दास पुत्र गुमान सिंह भाग बराबर 1 भाग स्थानीय वासी।	
				किता-04	00.22.99		
2.	10 मिन	23 मिन	63	मुशतर्का गैर मुमकीन घराट गैर जारी	00.00.66	अमर चन्द, ठाकुर सैन, रूप चन्द, चरजी लाल पुत्र व श्रीमती द्वोपती, श्रीमती कला देवी, कुमारी बीना पुत्रियां देवी राम पुत्र लच्छमी नन्द भाग बराबर ।	
				कुल किता- 05	00.23.65		
				कुल रकबा जिला शिमला	44.25.41		
मंडी जिला							
महाल जकलीन, तहसील करसोग, जिला मंडी, हि.प्र.।							
क्र. सं.	खेवट/ खतोनी नं.	सर्वेक्षण स्वामित्व संख्या	भूमि की क्रिस्म प्रकार	अर्जन का क्षेत्र (बीघा में)	हितबद्ध व्यक्ति का नाम और पता	सीमाएं	
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	
1.	5 मिन	6 91/1	45 9/1	मुशतर्का धानी दोयम धानी दोयम	00.07.18 00.04.16	हिमाराम, दरसू राम, डावर, वृजलाल, कर्मचन्द पुत्र कर्मदास पुत्र मगनिया भाग बराबर स्थानीय वासी।	8.
				किता-2	00.12.14		
2.	7 मिन	8 93 94 95 96 97	मुशतर्का बरानी दोयम बंजर कावले काश धानी दोयम गैर मुम छान गैर. मुम बीड़ बंजर कावले काश बरानी दोयम बरानी दोयम	02.08.03 01.00.00 01.08.03 02.08.18 02.02.00 00.03.00 00.03.18 00.04.10 00.06.13 00.02.04	कुल भाग (10368) हेतराम, जगरनाथ, केशवराम, लच्छमण पुत्र मनीराम पुत्र तुलसिया भाग बराबर (5940) भाग व श्रीमती कलू देवी पुत्री मनी राम पुत्र तुलसी राम 972 भाग हेतराम पुत्र मनीराम पुत्र ठाकरू (3456) स्थानीय वासी।		
				किता-5	05.10.08		
				कुल किता-7	06.03.02		
महाल भौंग, तहसील करसोग, जिला मंडी, हि.प्र.							
1.	4 मिन	8 316 324 325 208	मुशतर्का धानी अव्वल धानी अव्वल बंजर कावले काश धानी अव्वल	00.13.12 01.09.05 00.01.05 00.17.12 00.02.02	भूमि प्रकाश पुत्र मोती राम पुत्र वगता राम स्थानीय वासी		
				किता-5	03.03.16		
2.	4 मिन	8 301	मुशतर्का धानी अव्वल	00.19.18	कुल भाग (18) केशव राम 2 भाग प्रेम लाल, हेम दास पुत्र व श्रीमती चम्पा देवी विधवा विपतू राम पुत्र हिरदू भाग बराबर 9 भाग दुष्यन्त कुमार पुत्र व श्रीमती अंजना कुमारी ललिता पुत्रियां केशव राम पुत्र विपतू राम भाग बराबर 1 भाग नरन्द कुमार पुत्र व उषा पुत्री चरन दास पुत्र विपतू राम भाग बराबर 3 भाग मोहित रैना पुत्र व एकता रैना पुत्री उमेश कुमार पुत्र विपतू राम भाग बराबर 3 भाग स्थानीय वासी।		
3.	4 मिन	8 186	मुशतर्का धानी अव्वल	01.10.06	कुल भाग (30) केशव राम (3) भाग चरन दास, उमेश कुमार, हेम दास पुत्र विपतू राम पुत्र हिरदू भाग बराबर 12 भाग, दुष्यन्त कुमार पुत्र व श्रीमती अंजना, कुमारी ललिता पुत्रियां केशव राम पुत्र विपतू राम भाग बराबर 1 भाग रहल रैना पुत्र व सुनित रैना, सेनिया रैना पुत्रियां प्रेम लाल पुत्र विपतू राम भाग बराबर 4 भाग कुशल चन्द पुत्र हेम दास पुत्र विपतू राम 5 भाग ललित कुमार, विकास पुत्र व कुमारी पूनम, कुमारी निशा, हेम लता पुत्रियां व श्रीमती मीना विधवा लाल चन्द पुत्र तोता राम भाग बराबर 5 भाग स्थानीय वासी।		
4.	5 मिन	9 202 207 209 211 284 293 299 313 185 191 203 288 300 303 305 311 320 328/1	मुशतर्का धानी अव्वल धानी अव्वल बणी	00.12.10 00.04.09 00.01.02 00.10.03 00.02.14 00.10.03 00.03.08 00.02.12 00.12.14 00.05.19 00.05.06 00.11.08 00.05.14 00.03.09 00.04.09 00.15.12 00.04.12 00.03.18 08.17.04	कुल भाग (8) मोहन लाल, देवी प्रकाश पुत्र व श्रीमती चम्पा देवी पुत्री जीत राम पुत्र श्रीमती चानणु भाग बराबर (1) भाग जितेन्द्र सिंह पुत्र व श्रीमती निमला देवी, श्रीमती रुक्मणी देवी विधवा कृपा राम पुत्र श्रीमती चानणु भाग बराबर (1) भाग नीम चन्द पुत्र श्रीमती चानणु पुत्री गणेश् (1) भाग शेखर कुमार पुत्र व श्रीमती सोमा वती, श्रीमती रीमा देवी, श्रीमती निशा देवी पुत्रियां व श्रीमती माला देवी विधवा मीन चन्द पुत्र श्रीमती चानणु भाग बराबर (1) भाग धनी राम पुत्र करम दास पुत्र दरु (2) भाग दुष्यन्त कुमार, ईश्वर दास पुत्र बुधी राम पुत्र व उषा पुत्र वसन्ता भाग बराबर (1) भाग जमना दत पुत्र वसन्ता पुत्र दरु (1) भाग स्थानीय वासी।		
				किता-19	14.17.06		
5.	6 मिन	10 314 205 206 321 285 289 210 317 312 297 187	मुशतर्का धानी अव्वल धानी अव्वल धानी अव्वल धानी अव्वल धानी अव्वल धानी अव्वल धानी अव्वल धानी अव्वल धानी अव्वल	00.11.08 00.07.04 00.07.11 00.05.08 00.06.14 00.09.16 00.05.14 00.08.04 00.04.08 00.04.08 00.15.17 00.16.13	कुल भाग (8333) तिलक		