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The Taliban are coming Calling: Deep States in Pakistan and India and the Role of Media

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM  
Sabre Rattling in Ladakh

## Salute to reservoir of military might

*The Tribune* (estd 1881) has been reporting on military matters for over 130 years, ever since the Second Boer War began in 1899. After Independence, *The Tribune* has continued to be the largest read newspaper in the northern region, the reservoir of India's military, which has produced generation after generation of heroes and the most distinguished and decorated officers and men in the country's armed forces.

I compliment Capt. Amarinder Singh, Chief Minister of Punjab, for taking the initiative of establishing the Military Literature Festival

(MLF), which *The Tribune* has been supporting since its inception in December 2017.

Today, in its fourth edition, the MLF has emerged as a celebrated platform, which attracts large numbers of serving and retired soldier-scholars, besides distinguished security analysts, historians, authors, writers and the media. *The Tribune* takes pride in disseminating the valuable reflections of the experienced participants.

I wish the MLF continuing high successes.

— NN Vohra, President, The Tribune Trust, and former Governor of Jammu & Kashmir

**MILITARY LITERATURE FESTIVAL**



## Farmers have the right to protest peacefully: SC

Decides to set up panel to end impasse | Asks Centre if it can keep contentious laws in abeyance

SATYA PRAKASH

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 17

The Supreme Court on Thursday refused to interfere with the ongoing farmers' agitation against the recent farm laws, saying it was their fundamental right. "We are of the view that at this stage the farmers' protest should be allowed to continue without impediment and without any breach of peace by either the protesters or the police," a Bench headed by Chief Justice of India SA Bobde said during a hearing on petitions seeking removal of protesting farmers from Delhi roads.

"We clarify that this court will not interfere with the protest in question. Indeed, the right to protest is part of a fundamental right and can as a matter of fact be exercised subject to

WON'T INTERFERE

We are of the view that at this stage the farmers' protest should be allowed to continue without impediment and without any breach of peace by either the protesters or the police.

Bench headed by CJI SA Bobde

President of the Bharatiya Kisan Union Naresh Tikait during a protest at Ghazipur-Delhi border on Thursday. MUKESH AGGARWAL



DELHI ASSEMBLY PASSES RESOLUTION AGAINST THE CENTRE'S THREE NEW AGRICULTURE LAWS

public order. There can certainly be no impediment in the exercise of such rights as long

as it is non-violent and does not result in damage to the life and properties of other citi-

zens..." the Bench, also comprising Justices AS Bopanna and VRamasubramanian, noted.

Harish Salve, who represented one of the petitioners, argued that no right was

absolute, "not even the right to free speech... One can't hold a city to ransom..." He wanted the court to direct the police to ensure that life in Delhi was not affected by the farmers' blockade. However, the Bench said it could not pass such an order without hearing the farm organisations. To end the stalemate between the farmers and the government, the Bench decided to constitute a committee of independent and impartial persons, including agriculture experts. However, it said, "This may not be possible without hearing all the necessary parties. Till the parties come before us, it would be advisable to obtain suggestions about the constitution of the said committee from all the parties."

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IN BRIEF

The Tribune, Thursday, December 21, 1899

## Repeal farm laws: Economists to Tomar

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 17

Several economists in a letter to Union Agriculture Minister NS Tomar have expressed serious concern over the recent farm Acts. They agreed with the need for improvement in the agri marketing system but claimed these Acts did not serve that purpose as the laws were based on wrong assumptions.

The economists gave five

Based on wrong assumptions, will serve no purpose, they say

reasons why the three Acts were fundamentally harmful for the small farmers. First, they said, overriding states' role in regulating agricultural markets was a flawed approach because the

local machinery was more accessible and accountable to the farmers. Second, the Acts created a practically unregulated market in the 'trade area' parallel with the APMC market yards. While there were mechanisms in regulated APMC markets to prevent market manipulation, there was none in the unregulated 'trade areas'.

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## 2nd MHA missive to Bengal Govt: Relieve three IPS officers forthwith

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 17

The Centre today again wrote to the West Bengal Government asking it to immediately relieve the three IPS officers, who have been shifted to New Delhi on central deputation.

In a letter to the West Bengal Chief Secretary, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)

has referred to the IPS cadre rules stating that the Centre's directives prevail over that of the state government in case of any dispute and also asked the officers concerned to report at the earliest.

PREPARATIONS ON FOR POLL IN 5 STATES

■ The Election Commission of India has begun preparations for the Assembly elections to be held in five states in April-May next year

■ An EC team has already visited West Bengal, while another

team is set to visit Tamil Nadu in the next few days  
■ Other states where the Assembly elections will be held are Assam, Kerala and Puducherry

The officers, who have been asked to report at their newly assigned offices by December 10, are Bholanath Pandey, SP (Diamond Harbour); Praveen Tripathi, DIG (Presidency Range); and Rajeev Mishra,

AGD (South Bengal). These officers have been called to serve on central deputation in view of the lapses that allegedly led to an attack on BJP president JP Nadda's convoy on December 10. — TNS

SC junks UP Govt's appeal against Kafeel's release

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 17

The Supreme Court today refused to interfere with the Allahabad High Court order quashing the detention of Dr Kafeel Khan under the National Security Act and ordering his release.

Describing the High Court's verdict as "a good judgment", the top court said, "We will not interfere in the judgment."

On behalf of the UP Government, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said the top court's observations exonerated Dr Kafeel Khan in criminal proceedings. — TNS

## India, Bangladesh ink 7 pacts, restore cross-border rail link

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 17

India and Bangladesh on Thursday sealed seven agreements to broaden cooperation, and restored a cross-border rail link snapped in the 1965 war with Pakistan.

The restoration of the Chilahati-Haldibari rail link, and signing of the pacts, providing for cooperation in areas of hydrocarbons, agriculture and textiles among others, came at a virtual summit between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Bangladeshi counterpart Sheikh Hasina.

Modi said the holding of the summit immediately after the celebration of Vijay Diwas (Victory Day) assumed "special significance" and noted that Bangladesh is a key pillar of India's Neighbourhood First policy.

"Today, when Bangladesh is celebrating 49 years of independence, I pay homage to the soldiers of both countries who laid down their lives," he said. The two leaders are slated to meet three months later

Chilahati-Haldibari rail route to bolster trade, was shut since 1965 war with Pakistan



Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina during the India-Bangladesh virtual bilateral summit on Thursday. PTI

NEXT MEETING AFTER THREE MONTHS

- PM Narendra Modi and his Bangladesh counterpart Sheikh Hasina are slated to meet three months later to celebrate the birth centenary of Bangladesh's tallest leader, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman
- The Railway Ministry said the reopening of Haldibari and Chilahati rail link would boost people-to-people ties

guration of the old rail route between Sealdah and Darjeeling used to be taken by the old Darjeeling Mail. However, passenger traffic will be restored after the necessary infrastructure is put in place.

to celebrate the birth centenary of Bangladesh's tallest leader, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. The two PMs jointly inaugurated a digital exhibition on Sheikh Mujibur and Mahatma Gandhi. The inau-

## Ayodhya mosque stone to be laid on R-Day

AYODHYA, DECEMBER 17

The blueprint of the mosque to replace the Babri Masjid will be unveiled this Saturday and its foundation laid on Republic Day on the five-acre land allotted for it here, members of the trust formed for its construction said.

"The trust chose January 26 for laying the foundation stone of the Ayodhya mosque as on this day our Constitution came into effect over seven decades ago. Our Constitution is based on pluralism, which is the leitmotif of our mosque project," said

Will have capacity to hold 2,000 namazis

Athar Hussain, secretary of the Indo-Islamic Cultural Foundation (IICF).

The blueprint of the mosque complex, which will include a multi-specialty hospital, a community kitchen and a library, will be unveiled by the IICF on December 19 as the plan for the project has been finalised by its chief architect, Professor SM Akhtar. — PTI

## Amritsar schools for special kids stare at closure

NEHA SAINI

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

AMRITSAR, DECEMBER 17

City schools imparting education to special kids are on the verge of closure due to drying up of funds amid Covid-induced uncertainties, putting the future of around 250 kids and 25 teachers in jeopardy. The online medium of schooling amid the pandemic is also proving to be an impediment.

There are three main schools devoted to the cause of children with special needs in Amritsar. Government-affiliated Pehal Resource Centre has 128 students. Dharminder Gill, centre coor-

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dinator, says, "We haven't received any funds from the government or private donors after the Covid lockdown was imposed. The collaborations with NGOs and other agencies are on hold. We are barely surviving." The other institutes, Ibadat and Agosh, running completely on dona-

tions, have also been facing a major financial crunch.

"With sharp decline in donations, we are struggling to make ends meet. Arranging salaries has become a herculean task," says Shilpi Ganguly, principal at Ibadat.

A majority of the children in these schools are those with intellectual disabilities, including cerebral palsy and autism, who need physical activity-based learning. Then there are visually impaired kids who cannot take online classes while those with hearing disabilities require sign language instructors.

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# Use of water cannons unfortunate, says Kalia

Appreciates farmers for keeping protest apolitical

Tribune News Service

JALANDHAR, DECEMBER 17  
BJP senior leader and former Cabinet Minister Manoranjan Kalia today said the use of water cannons on farmers by the ML Khattar government was an unfortunate step and should have been avoided.

Kalia appreciated the farmers for keeping their protest 'apolitical' and also for keeping religion at bay. While backing the new farm laws, Kalia exhorted farmers to accept the government's offer.

"I appreciate the farm organisations for keeping the protest apolitical and their willingness to engage in a dialogue. The Central Government has held six meetings with the farm groups during which seven amendments to laws have been offered in writing. It is also willing to give the assurance on MSP in writing," Kalia said.

On the use of water cannons on farmers and creation of obstacles on the way to Delhi, Kalia said: "I don't



**CENTRE FLEXIBLE, UNIONS MUST TALK**

**“**The government has agreed to most of their demands. They should also accept the government's offer now. Rejecting it without any reason is not right. **Manoranjan Kalia, BJP SENIOR LEADER**

approve of water cannons' use on farmers during winters. Elderly farmers have gotten sick, some have lost lives. It is unfortunate...."

On attempts to defame farmers' stir; the BJP leader said, "I laud farmers for keeping the protest apolitical and focused on core issues. Punjab has borne the brunt of terrorism."

Punjabis have rejected Khalistan and there is no issue now. But some people with bad intentions abroad keep trying to foment trouble. I believe the farmer organisations and the government are both very cautious about this." He expressed grief over the suicide of Sant Baba Ram Singh at the Singhu border. —OC

## Mansaprotesters force outlet to down shutters

BATHINDA, DECEMBER 17

Members of the Punjab Kisan Union and Inqalabi Naujawan Sabha today protested in front of a business group's outlet and allegedly forced it to down shutters in Mansa. They said they would continue to protest in front of the firms of corporate giants until the new farm laws were repealed.

"The union members have unanimously decided to lock the units of corporate giants in the district," Rajinder Rana, a union leader, said.

"Instead of repealing the new farm laws, the Centre is busy dragging the matter. It should have constituted committees before framing the agriculture Bills, now the decision would barely serve any purpose at this juncture. We urge the Supreme Court to intervene in the matter on priority," said Rana. —TNS

## 2 farmers killed, 7 injured in accident

OUR CORRESPONDENT



### PROTESTER FALLS INTO DITCH, DIES

Sangrur: A Jhaneri farmer died at the Kundli border on Wednesday night after he fell into a ditch. After the post-mortem, farmers took his body to his native village. "Bhim Singh (36) died on Wednesday night after falling into a ditch near the Kundli border," said Gurmeet Singh, a Bhartiya Kisan Union (Dakaula) leader from Jhaneri. In the past few days, many protesting farmers have lost their lives in accidents. TNS

**“**The mortal remains of Sukhdev Singh who died while returning from Singhu.

Sukhdev Singh were cremated at Dadiana village. On behalf of the district administration, tehsildar Avtar Singh attended the funeral. He

expressed deep concern over the tragic death.

Leaders of various farm unions demanded a government job for the family and

compensation from the CM's relief fund. They urged the tehsildar to forward their demand to the state government.

## As casualties mount, unions want compensation policy

### ₹10 LAKH, JOB TO KIN & DEBT WAIVER

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pensation and a government job to the family member.

Even most organisations of the Sanja Kisan Morcha also agree on the issue. "It has been our long time demand that there should be a proper policy for compensation. Besides Rs 10 lakh compensation and a government job, we demand complete debt waiver of the dead farmer," said Jagmohan Singh of BKU (Dakaula).

cha on December 8.

The farmer unions refused to cremate her body and demanded a compensation of Rs 10 lakh. The body was cremated on Thursday after the government gave a compensation of Rs 5 lakh and surely of providing rest during bhog. BKU (Ugrahan) leader Sukhdev Kokri said they wouldn't accept anything less than Rs 10 lakh as com-

Earlier on December 3, Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh announced a compensation of Rs 5 lakh for the family of protesters losing lives in the Delhi protest.

Congress MLA Amarinder Raja Warring had also urged CM Capt Amarinder Singh, to provide government jobs and Rs 10 lakh compensation to the family of deceased farmers.

## Future dark if farm laws not repealed, fear youth

### MY OUTLOOK CHANGED

**“**It is for the first time that I have joined any protest. But this stir has changed my outlook towards life. It has made me stronger and shook my conscience. Harjot Singh, SBS NAGAR YOUTH

**“**Youth at a protest site at the Delhi border. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Fatehgarh Sahib district, believed that the three laws would ruin his future. "Currently, we get MSP on two crops — paddy and wheat. After these laws, we won't even get it on these two. Without the MSP and mandi system, farmers will face worse times."

For 21-year-old Harjot Singh of Heon village in SBS Nagar, the protest has changed his outlook towards life. Farmer leaders believe youngsters have made a huge impact and led to success of the protest. They said the journey to Delhi was made easy by youngsters who broke all barricades on their way.

protesting for the first time in my life. I never thought I would ever protest, that too against the Central Government. Being the son of a

farmer, I am scared and see my future in the dark in the wake of these three laws."

While talking to *The Tribune*, many youngsters

stressed the fact that they were not "brought there" by anyone. Another youngster, Manpreet Singh, who hails from Latur village in

paid ₹2 per kg, Muktsar farmers donate cauliflower in protest

### TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MUKTSAR, DECEMBER 17

Farmers in Muktsar are these days donating cauliflower as fodder to cows as they are getting just ₹2 per kg in the market for their produce. Some farmers have donated cauliflower to a cow shelter on the Tibbi Sahib road here.

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## Serving humanity



Farmers being served kheer during their protest against the Central farm laws at the Singhu border. TRIBUNE PHOTO

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## BKU's call: 1 member per family, 1 trailer a village to reach Delhi

OUR CORRESPONDENT

LUDHIANA, DECEMBER 17

Considering the bone-chilling cold and to keep the farmers' struggle going, the Bharatiya Kisan Union (Lakhawala) today gave a call that one member per family and one trailer from each village in Punjab should reach Delhi.

Talking to *The Tribune* from the Singhu border on telephone, BKU general secretary Harinder Singh Lakhawala made it clear it was going to be a long-drawn agitation as the government's intentions were malefic and it had adopted delaying tactics in the

### BATTLE FOR SURVIVAL

**“**Farmers are fighting a battle for their survival... arrival of more people from Punjab would give a new lease of life to the movement. Harinder Singh Lakhawala, BKU LEADER

hope that the farmers' struggle would cool off, if it stretched too long.

"Farmers are fighting a battle for their survival, and in the freezing cold, trailers have become a necessity for the

farmers to take shelter inside to be able to continue the agitation," he said, adding the arrival of more and more people from Punjab and trailers would give a new lease of life to the movement.

Lakhawala also appealed to truck operators and fleet owners to send trucks to Delhi borders if these had become free from transportation of foodgrain. All those bringing trailers and trucks to Delhi border must come with full preparedness to beat the winter and bring sufficient quantity of mattresses, blankets, quilts, dry fuel wood and woollens, the BKU leader said.

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Also, two attempts of heroin smuggling from across the border were foiled during the same period.

BSF DIG Bhupinder Singh said the intruders were seen crawling near the border fence during the wee hours when the visibility was negligible due to foggy conditions. They were alerted but did not stop. So the troops fired in self-defence, killing the two.

According to officials, the armed infiltrators were shot dead around 2:30 am and as



BSF DIG Bhupinder Singh (R) checks the arms and ammunition recovered from the possession of the infiltrators. VISHAL KUMAR

soon as the foggy conditions improved, the troops recovered a huge cache of arms and ammunition from the posses-

sion of the killed intruders.

The officials said one AK 56 rifle, its two magazines with 61 live rounds, one

magnum rifle, its one magazine with 29 rounds, one pistol, its two magazines, two PVC pipes, and Rs 30 in Pakistan currency were recovered from their possession.

While thwarting the drug smuggling attempt a km away from Rajatal BoP, troops on duty noticed some suspected movement and sound of something being thrown on this side of the barbed fence. As the jawans challenged, the accused ran back but abandoned the consignment, later discovered to be heroin weighing around 3 kg.

Singh said yet another drug smuggling bid was foiled at BoP Ramkot area falling under 88 Battalion. Since January, eight Pakistan intruders have been killed and 491.7 kg heroin has been seized by the BSF.

## Fund misuse: MGNREGA team in Faridkot

**FARIDKOT, DECEMBER 17**  
A five-member MGNREGA team from New Delhi visited four villages of Faridkot to

probe allegations of irregularities and misuse of funds. The team visited villages to probe a complaint filed by then

Food Processing Industries Minister Harsimrat Badal in August who had written to the Union Minister of Agriculture

and Rural Development. Dr Syed Tariq Ahmad, a member of the team, refused to divulge details.—TNS

## Yet to pay full fine, mill gets expansion nod

**BEAS KILLER SPILL** Pollution Board issues notice, seeks objections

AMAN SOOD

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**PATIALA, DECEMBER 17**  
Despite objections by the Wildlife Department and pending fine yet to be collected, the Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB) today issued a notice, seeking objections to the "expansion of the molasses storage capacity by Chadha Sugar Mill".

A large number of fish were found dead in the Beas on May 17, 2018, following which the mill at Kiri Afghana in Gurdaspur was sealed and

fined Rs 5 crore of which only Rs 2.75 crore had been received. Instead of collecting the entire fine amount, the PPCB allowed installations, which are yet to be collected in cash.

"They (Chadha Sugar Mill) have already paid Rs 2.75 crore and the rest would also be paid... They applied for expansion and we have issued a public notice today. We are releasing funds for rejuvenation of the Beas as and when required," said PPCB Member Secretary

Karunesh Garg.

A source in the Wildlife Department said: "The fish seeds released into the river need three to four years to get accustomed to the environment. If such an expansion is granted and an accident happens again, it would be an environmental disaster."

The public notice issued today by the PPCB reads: "It is for information of all concerned that Chadha and Industries Pvt Ltd has proposed to make an expansion of its existing integrated complex... at Dhanlaxmi

Estate, Kiri Afghana, Batala tehsil, Gurdaspur district.

"Notice is, hereby, given to all concerned to file suggestions, views, comments and objections, if any, on the proposed project, to the Member Secretary, PPCB, Vatavaran Bhawan, Patiala, within 30 days of publication of this notice."

Environmentalist Balbir Singh Seechewal, also a PPCB member, said: "Till the rejuvenation work is completed and the entire penalty amount collected, such an expansion raises doubts at the intent of the PPCB."

## Celebrating Bravery Together



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I, Rekha Devi w/o no. 15492364K Rank Dr Sanjeev Kumar R/o VPO Sikri, Teh Nilokheri, Distt. Karnal (Haryana) have changed my name to Rekha Rani vide affidavit no. 10AA112229 dated 17/12/2020 for all purposes. (CL20074246)

I, Jagrit s/o Sh. Vijay Kumar Goyal permanent resident of H.No. 526, Sector-7, Urban Estate, Karnal-132001, Haryana (India) do hereby change my name from Jagrit to Jagrit Goyal with immediate effect. (CL20074384)

I, No. 13761964X Hav Susheel Sen Village Rohtia PO Drahal Teh. Jodhpur, Distt. Mandi HP, declare that my daughter name wrongly mention in my Army record as Samixa, correct name Samiksha. Vide affidavit 16AA 324504 dated 17.12.2020. (CL20074461)

I, Chandra Kanta spouse of No. JC- 104780-H, Rank: Sub Sukhraj Singh, VPO- Daulatpur Chokh, Tehsil Ghanari, Distt. Una (HP), have changed my name to Chander Kanta and my Dob be corrected as 15.04.1950 instead of 15.04.1952 vide affidavit Dt. 16.12.2020, before Executive Magistrate Amb (Una) HP. (CL20074397)

I, Gourav Verma, s/o Varinder Kumar, r/o House No. 9168, Street No. 32, Kot Mangal Singh, near Lal Atta Chakkhi, Ludhiana has changed my minor daughter's name from Bhivani Verma to Bhivana Verma. Concerned note. (CL20074142)

I, Anupam spouse of No. 13761964X Hav Sushil Sen Village Rohtia PO Drahal Teh. Jodhpur, Distt. Mandi HP, declare that the name of my father has wrongly been mentioned as Mahtab Rathee in my CBSE 10th and 12th Marksheets. It may please be corrected as Mehtab. (CL20074318)

I, Anita Bindra w/o Late Kulbhushan Bindra r/o 501, Sector 14, Sonipat declare that my son Dinesh Bindra and his wife Reena Bindra and their children Sayara Bindra or Dilisha Bindra are out of my control. So I disown them from all my moveable/ immovable property. Any body deals with them at own risk. (CL20074381)

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

I, Mukesh Kumar Kedia s/o Madan Lal r/o H.No. 224, Sadhbhawna Marg C-Block, Sirsa, have changed my name to Mukesh Kedia. (CL20074506)

I, Tamana d/o Anil Bhanot have changed my name from Tamana to Tamana Sharma r/o 26-A, Old Jawahar Nagar, Jalandhar for all future purposes. (CL20074509)

I, Ram Gopal s/o Bihari Lal, # 416, Panchwati Nagar, Bathinda, have changed my name to Ram Gopal Sharma. (CL20074511)

I, Amit Hooda s/o Late Ram Chander Hooda House No. 1201, Sector 3, HUDA, Rohtak, have changed my minor daughter's name from Ojasvita Kaur to Ojasvita Kaur. (CL20074529)

I, Anupam spouse of No. 13761964X Hav Sushil Sen Village Rohtia PO Drahal Teh. Jodhpur, Distt. Mandi HP, declare that the name of my father has wrongly been mentioned as Mahtab Rathee in my CBSE 10th and 12th Marksheets. It may please be corrected as Mehtab. (CL20074318)

I, Manjeet Singh Brar s/o Gajjan Singh r/o Vill. Gidri, PO Bilaspur, Distt. Ludhiana, Punjab 141421 declare that name of mine has been wrongly written in Army Service record as Ex. Hav 1483875W Manjeet Singh Jhajhi Pension Book No. & P.P.O. No. -S/058224/2008 (Army) and Discharge Book No. 01039442. The actual name of mine is Manjeet Singh Jhajhi respectively which may be amended accordingly. (CL20074497)

I, Jagran Singh Brar S/o Durshan Singh R/o #1444-A, Jogi Nagar Bathinda in his application dated 05-08-2020 has said that his son born on 16-10-1986 is un-married till date. The applicant has sought issuance of an Un-married certificate to him. Through this notice the general public is informed that if any one has any objection to the issuance of this certificate, then within 30 days of the publication of this notice he can file his objection in this office either personally or through a lawyer. After the expiry of this period no objection shall be entertained and as per the request of the applicant. Un-married certificate shall be issued to Jagran Singh S/o Durshan Singh R/o #1444-A, Jogi Nagar, Bathinda.

Marriage Officer-cum Addl. Deputy Commissioner (G), Bathinda. (CL20074392)

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# Cabinet relaxes age limit for contractual staff in recruitment

**TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE****CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 17**

The Punjab Council of Ministers today allowed relaxation in the upper age limit for contractual employees to apply for posts to be filled through direct recruitment. The relaxation under the Punjab Civil Services (General and Common Conditions of Service) Rules, 1994, will enable the contractual employees to overcome the excess age limit. The decision was taken at a virtual meeting of the Cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh.

In case of general category employees, the years of service will be added to the age limit of 37 years and a similar yardstick will be adopted in case of reserved category employees. The demand for age relaxation could not be accepted earlier due to financial implications.

In another move aimed at promoting efficiency and transparency in the functioning of the state medical, dental and nursing colleges in Amritsar and Patiala, the Cabinet approved amendment to Rule 29 and insertion of new

**PAY SCALES OF TAX COLLECTORS REVISED**

The Cabinet approved revision in pay scales of tax collectors working in Panchayat Samitis under the Rural Development and Panchayats Department from the existing pay scale of ₹5,910-20,200+2,400 (grade pay) to ₹10,300-34,800+3,600 (grade pay). The revised pay scales will result in additional expenditure of ₹9 lakh per annum to the state exchequer

**BIOGAS PLANT TO COME UP IN PATIALA**

Approval was given for setting up a compressed biogas plant by the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd at the now closed Cooperative Sugar Mills at Rakhra in Patiala. The plant, to be developed in collaboration with Sugarcane, will help reduce stubble burning through use of paddy straw for biogas generation

service rules of the faculty in these institutions.

Further, on the lines of neighbouring states, nod was given for charging process fee of Rs 5,000 for registration of a new model of a motor vehicle or its variants, or CNG or LPG kit approval or electric vehicles in the state. The fee will be charged from manufacturers of motor vehicles or their authorised dealers.

In another decision, in-principle approval was given for setting up a compressed biogas (CBG) plant by the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL) at the now closed

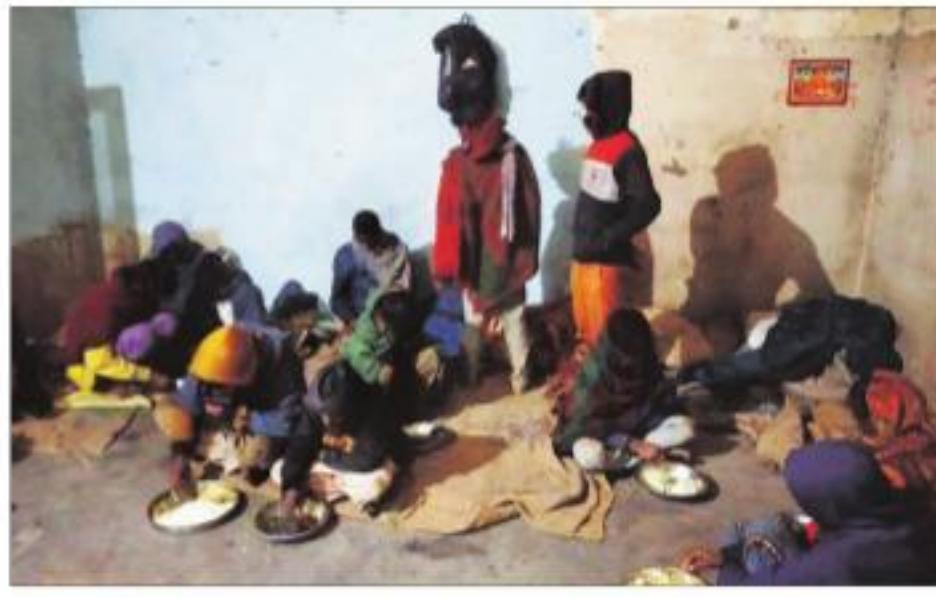
Cooperative Sugar Mills at Rakhra in Patiala. The plant will have a capacity of 30 tonne CBG production, with daily feedstock capacity of approximately 300 tonne of paddy straw, per day. It will also generate organic manure to the tune of nearly 75,000 tonnes per annum.

In a bid to further improve ease of doing business in the state and fulfil one of the conditions imposed by the Central Government for obtaining additional borrowing of 2 per cent of GSDP, the Cabinet approved amendment to Rule 29 and insertion of new

Regulation 78A to the Punjab Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Rules, 1973.

The Cabinet gave ex post facto approval to the appointment of noted industrialist Amrit Sagar Mittal as the vice-chairman of the Punjab State Planning Board in the rank and status of a Cabinet Minister, besides also approving the terms and conditions in this regard. His appointment has been fixed from his joining date i.e. July 30, 2019, to April 11, 2022

The Cabinet decided to revert to the PPSC, Patiala, for recruitment of 81 posts of junior engineer in the Engineering Wing of the Rural Development and Panchayats Department. The state government had earlier taken these posts out of the PPSC purview and engaged the Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology for the purpose of recruitment. The institute could not, however, hold the written test due to Covid. Subsequently, the Finance Department notified new pay scales on July 17, 2020, and the process of recruitment through it was put in abeyance.



The rescued child labourers in Jalandhar. TRIBUNE PHOTO

## 38 child labourers rescued in Jalandhar

**TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE****JALANDHAR, DECEMBER 17**

As many as 38 boys were rescued from a local potato farm in Jalandhar after a police team raided the area on receiving a tip-off from NGO Bachpan Bachao Andolan.

Trafficked from Bihar, they were employed as bonded labourers in potato fields and were sent to Children's Home in Rajpura on Wednesday evening.

Parves Sada, 30, a resident of Chautham in Khagaria district of Bihar, has been booked for trafficking the children to Jalandhar. An FIR under Section 370 (human trafficking) of the IPC and Sections 3 and 14 of the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986) has been lodged against him.

Though the complaint listed in the FIR names an influential potato farm owner of Jalandhar, the police haven't so far booked any owner of the farm.

The Sadar police station SHO said: "Bihar-based Praves Sada had been paying Rs 2,000 to the parents of the children and selling them off for Rs 3,000 here. Children aging between 12 and 15 years were found at a motor in the midst of fields at Phulariwal. We are still verifying who owns the farm. A request has been sent to the Revenue Department for the same. When we get to know the owner's identity, he will be booked."

## Barnala girl, father booked for ₹15L immigration fraud

**BARNALA, DECEMBER 17**

The Barnala police registered a fraud case against a girl studying in Canada and her father for duping Rs 15.20 lakh from a local resident on the pretext of taking him to Canada.

"My son Babbandeep was working in Dubai, but we called him back as Manpreet Kaur had assured us of taking him to Canada. Their marriage was solemnised in July 2019. We paid her a fee of Rs 16 lakh for Canada study while we also spent around Rs 5 lakh on their marriage," alleged Narpal Singh.

As per allegations, after reaching at Canada, Manpreet allegedly neither completed the required formalities to call Babbandeep there nor returned the money when the family asked for it.

"She had cleared IELTS and we thought our son will get settled there. Of the total Rs 16 lakh, we gave Rs 15.20 lakh through bank while the remaining Rs 80,000 was given in cash," he alleged.

The police have registered a case under Sections 420 and 120B of the IPC against Manpreet and her father Kewal Singh. —TNS

## Reopen Kartarpur corridor, demands SGPC president

**ROPAR, DECEMBER 17**

Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) president Bibi Jagir Kaur has demanded reopening of the Kartarpur corridor at the earliest. The Kartarpur corridor is a visa-free passage to Pakistan for visiting the Darbar Sahib gurdwara. The corridor has been shut since March due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The SGPC president was here to visit Shaheed Jor Mela at Gurdwara Bhatta Sahib. Interacting with mediapersons, she said now there was no logic in keeping the corridor shut just because of the pandemic as all other gurdwaras had already been opened.

Terming the suicide by Sant Baba Ram Singh at the Singhu border as a 'black day' in the history of the country, the SGPC chief said it was a blot on the image of the Union Government. —TNS

## Rana Sidhu murder case solved, gangster arrested

**MUKTSAR, DECEMBER 17**

The police today claimed to have solved the murder case of Ranjit Singh, alias Rana Sidhu, who was shot dead by four armed attackers at Aulakh village on the Muktsar-Malout highway on October 22.

Muktsar SSP D Sudarvizi said an accused, Pawan Nehra, had been arrested and two pistols recovered from him. "Mastermind Goldy Brar, who is presently in Canada, and two other accused, are yet to be arrested soon," he said. Sources said Nehra once carried a reward of Rs 1 lakh on his head. He is facing a number of criminal cases, including murders in Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan. Notably, Rana

had taken his pregnant wife to see a doctor at Aulakh village, where three persons chased him in a car and killed him. The attackers had fired nearly 15 rounds on Rana, who died while sitting on the driving seat of his car.

Rana was also facing nearly 12 criminal cases, including two liquor smuggling.

Notably, some hours after Rana's murder, a post was made from the Facebook account of one Gurlal Brar, taking responsibility of this killing, tagging gangster Lawrence Bishnoi. Gurlal, a student leader, was killed in Chandigarh on October 10. —TNS



Lt Gen Alok Kler lays a wreath at the Asafwala War Memorial in Fazilka. TRIBUNE PHOTO

## Fazilka remembers its saviours

**OUR CORRESPONDENT****FAZILKA, DECEMBER 17**

Rich tributes were paid to the 218 bravehearts of the Indian Army, who sacrificed their lives defending Fazilka town in the 1971 Indo-Pak war, in a solemn



Followers pay tributes to Baba Ram Singh at Singhra village in Karnal on Thursday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: SAYEED AHMED

## Followers pay respects to Sikh preacher

PARVEEN ARORA

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**SINGHRA (KARNAL), DECEMBER 17** The mortal remains of Baba Ram Singh, who reportedly committed suicide on Wednesday, were kept at Nanaksar gurdwara in Singhra village. The last rites will be performed on the gurdwara premises on Friday.

Thousands from Haryana, Punjab and other states, including political leaders, paid their last respects to Baba Ram Singh and recalled his contribution to society.

They said people from all religions used to come to seek his blessings. "I and my family have been coming here for the past 20 years. We have seen people from all religions coming here to seek his blessings," said Gurlal Singh.

"He always showed the right path to people and his sacrifice would not go in vain," said Navdeep Kaur. Naresh Kumar, another follower, said Baba Ram Singh was a great preacher and used to travel within and outside the country to preach.

SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal, his wife Har-simrat Kaur Badal, Majithia MLA Bikram

### NO WEAPON FOUND FROM VEHICLE

Baba Satnam Singh, a close aide of the preacher, said no weapon was recovered from the vehicle in which Baba Ram Singh reportedly committed suicide. Asked about the postmortem report, Karnal SP Ganga Ram Punia said it would be handed over to the investigation officer.

Singh Majithia, Delhi Sikh Gurudwara Management Committee president Manjinder Singh Sirsa, Haryana Congress president Kumari Selja, Rajya Sabha member Deepender Hooda, Assandh MLA Shamsher Singh Gogi and several preachers paid homage to the departed soul.

"It is shameful that farmers are dying while the BJP government, instead of finding a solution, is constantly resorting to petty tricks to suppress the voice of farmers. He has attained martyrdom in support of farmers and his martyrdom will never be forgotten," Selja said.

## Surjewala: Solution lies in repealing three 'black' laws

GEETANJALI GAYATRI

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 17** Twenty-four farmer martyrs, a farm laws agitation that has stretched on for 21 days and counting, thousands of farmers living through freezing nights and cold days at the Delhi borders and an "arrogant" government that remains unfazed — AICC media in-charge and party general secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala minces no words when it comes to attacking the Modi government for failing the farmers.

Speaking to *The Tribune* today, Surjewala said that the solution lies in repealing the "three black laws" and starting afresh a conversation with the farmers, political parties and all stakeholders.

"Agriculture is being annihilated and the 25 lakh crore agricultural produce trade is being handed over to three-four capitalist friends of the Modi government through these laws," he said.

Maintaining that no stakeholder was consulted on the farm laws, Surjewala alleged that these were enacted in the boardrooms of the corporates, which were entering the agri trade market. "Adani is being given licences in Panipat for constructing silos for the FCI. These laws were framed for the select corporate friends of the Prime Minister and not on the demand of farmers. Not a single farmer union demanded the enactment of these laws, no political party or stakeholder was consulted and these were brought through an ordinance in the middle of the night at a Cabinet meeting. The laws were

### STAKEHOLDERS WERE NOT CONSULTED

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Randeep Singh Surjewala, MEDIA IN-CHARGE, AICC

pushed through in Parliament without a majority by suspending Congress leaders," he said.

Dismissing claims that this is essentially a Punjab-Haryana farmer centric agitation, Surjewala sought to know if the PM was not aware that farmers in Karnataka are protesting against the farm laws as also against the land reforms Act for close to two months, that farmers in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh are sitting on an agitation, those from Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh have joined in at the Tikri and Singhu borders, that the NH is blocked on Jaipur side by farmers from Rajasthan and Gujarat and those from UP are staging a protest at the Ghaziabad and Palwal borders.

"This protest being limited to Punjab and Haryana is a line the BJP government is deliberately dishing out," he said.

On whether the Congress is backing the protest in a bid to prop itself up, Surjewala said that this agitation was a BJP versus Congress issue or a BJP versus farmer contest.

## HC seeks report on sarpanch's kin performing her duties

Tribune News Service

**CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 17** Relatives of women sarpanches functioning on their behalf has been a matter of surmises since long.

But a petition for anticipatory bail filed by an accused in a cheating and theft case before the Punjab and Haryana High Court has brought the issue under judicial scanner.

Justice Arvind Singh Sangwan of the High Court has asked the Bhiwani Deputy Commissioner to furnish an action-taken report in the matter. "The Bhiwani DC

is directed to file an affidavit as to how complainant Ram Kishan is permitted to work as a sarpanch in place of his daughter-in-law and what action has been taken

against him in this regard by the authorities," Justice Sangwan asserted.

The matter was brought to the High Court's notice after one Dharmender filed a petition against the

State of Haryana seeking anticipatory bail in an FIR registered on July 25 under Sections 379, 407, 420 and 465 of the IPC at Jui Kalan police station in Bhiwani district.

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Chief Minister, Punjab

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**PRESS NOTE**

The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Nohradhar invites following offline tenders on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from eligible Contractors for the following work through offline process:-					
S. N	Description	E/Cost	E/ Money	Time From	Cost of
1	Stock Storage (SH:- Providing & Fixing fencing panel and cement concrete flooring for store room at Jal Shakti Sub-Division Rajgarh).	161223/-	3250	3 Months	250/-
2	Providing GWSS to balance households of various CV in G.P., NeriNawan Tehsil Pachhad Distt. Sirmour HP (SH:- C/O RCC storage tank 15000 litres capacity at Village Khairi and providing FHTC to balance households).	227753/-	4600	3 Months	250/-

The application for purchase of tender documents shall be entertained up to 4.00 PM dated 20/12/2020, non-refundable, in cash or by money order as per cost shown above. The Tenders shall be received in the office of the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Nohradhar up to 2.00 PM dated 21/12/2020 and shall be **opened** on the same day at 3.00 PM in the presence of intending contractors or their authorized representatives if any.

DPR/HP/5111 Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Nohradhar

**PCCF-CUM-CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (STATE CAMPA)**

**FOREST DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA**  
**C-18, VAN BHAWAN, SECTOR-6, PANCHKULA**  
Tel. 0172-2563977 E-mail: haryanacampa@gmail.com

**HARYANA FOREST DEPARTMENT  
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

It is informed that the State Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA), Haryana has been undertaking various activities related to Management and Conservation of Forests & Wildlife in the State.

A reputed Organization is proposed to be engaged for purpose of providing an independent system for Monitoring and Evaluation. The Monitoring and Evaluation of all the activities (100% of physical targets achieved) undertaken during the year 2019-20 is to be done in all 22 Districts of the State. Details about Scope of Work, Terms of Reference, physical targets achieved etc. can be downloaded from official website of Haryana Forest Department - [www.haryanaforest.gov.in](http://www.haryanaforest.gov.in).

Technical & Financial bids in separate envelopes are invited from reputed organizations. The technical bids will be evaluated by a committee constituted by PCCF (HOFF) based on technical qualifications of human resources of the Organization, previous experience of organization in M&E works of plantations of other Government Forest Departments/Agencies and other conditions as indicated in the Terms of Reference.

The interested organizations may send their Technical and Financial bids latest by 31.12.2020 to PCCF-cum-Chief Executive Officer (State CAMPA), Haryana, Panchkula, C-18, Van Bhawan, Sector-6, Panchkula.

Sd/- PCCF-cum-CEO (CAMPA),  
Haryana, Panchkula.

PRDH/1043/11/2021/10173/14

**GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE**

S.R. NO.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./AUTH.	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE/CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) in Rupees	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/E-MAIL
1	CHAUDHARY RANBIR SINGH UNIVERSITY, JIND	PURCHASE OF VARIOUS FURNITURE ITEMS REQUIRED IN CHAUDHARY RANBIR SINGH UNIVERSITY, JIND	14.12.2020 04.01.2021	EMD 10 LACS	

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NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/E-MAIL: 01681-241004; registrar@crsu.ac.in

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Corrigendum No.-03

E-TENDER NO. COFMOW/2020/WT-14 for "Design development, Fabrication, Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Smart Yard Equipment Consisting of Way Side Equipment and Maintenance Machinery & Plant for Rolling Stock at Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya (DDU) Station Yard at Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Division, East Central Railway." Corrigendum No. 03 IS UPLOADED ON WEBSITE: [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in), AND MAY BE DOWNLOADED TO QUOTE ACCORDINGLY. THIS TENDER SCHEDULED TO CLOSE ON 23.12.2020. Chief Mechanical Engineer/COFMOW

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**Notice Inviting Offers (Through E-Tendering)**

Tender Enquiry No.: 01/Dy. C.E./DS Circle, Hoshiarpur/2020-21

Description of Work Resolving the Fuse-Off-Call Complaints & LT/HT Line Breakdowns for restoration of Electrical Power Supply in the various Subdivisions under DS Circle, Hoshiarpur (North Zone)

Start Date for Downloading of Specification/Tender Documents 16.12.2020

Last Date and Time for Downloading of Specification/Tender Documents 07.01.2021, 15:00 Hrs

Last Date and Time for Uploading of Specification/Tender Documents (including Tender Fees and Earnest Money) 07.01.2021, 17:00 Hrs

Opening of Tender 11.01.2021, 10:30 Hrs

Estimated Tender Value Rs. 8.41 Crores

Tender Document Cost Rs. 2500+450 GST = 2950/- (Non-refundable)

Earnest Money Deposit 2.0% of the Bid Cost subject to maximum of Rs. 10 Lakhs

Note:- 1. Online tenders on work order/job order basis comprising only labour component are invited from the A-Class experienced Contractor/Firm. Detailed information regarding Tenders can be downloaded from the Website <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.

2. Tender specifications can only be downloaded from the website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>. All the prospective bidders are requested to get their digital signatures, register themselves on the website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> and get conversant with the process of online submission of tenders will in time so as to submit the tender by due dead lines.

C374/2020

DPR/Pb/19007

Sd/- Dy. C.E./Op. Circle, PSPCL, Hoshiarpur.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

PSPCL has released total of 3613 No. electricity connections to eligible households of various categories in the 19 No. districts of Punjab State as per Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bilgi Har Ghar Yojana (SAUBHAGYA) Scheme of Govt. of India. Village wise detail of which is available at link "SAUBHAGYA Scheme" provided on the homepage of PSPCL Website. Direct URL of this link is as under:

<https://www.pspcl.in/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Saubhagya.xlsx>.

Any Person/Resident having any query regarding the above work contact the office of undersigned at F-3, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL Patiala within 15 days of publication of this notice.

C376/2020  
DPR/Pb/19255  
Sd/- SE/Non-A PDRP(Constit.), PSPCL, Patiala.

**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB****DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION****PUNJAB RURAL WATER & SANITATION SECTOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT INVITING FOR BIDS (IFB)****THROUGH-E-PROCUREMENT SYSTEM**

No. 105/WNSD/MALERKOTLA/EE/2020-21

On behalf of Chairman GPWSC's of various villages Executive Engineer, W/S & Sanitation Division Malerkotla invite bids (to be submitted in the e-procurement portal) for following works:

Sr. No.	Name of Works	Approx. Value of work (In Lacs)	Bid Security (In Lacs)	1. Bid Submission End Date	2. Bid Opening Date
1	RURAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME FOR VILLAGE MOHAMMED NAGAR(BLAHN KHURRI) BLOCK, MALERKOTLA-I, DISTT. SANGRUR UNDER PRWSSIP 1A II (PROV & INSTALLING 20MM ID STRAIGHT TUBE WELL UP TO 110 MTR. DEPTH WITH REVERSE ROTARY RIG MACHINERY CONSTRUCTION OF OHSR, LAYING OF PIPE LINE ETC. & ALL OTHER WORKS CONTINGENT THERETO AS PER BID).	36.12	0.72	31.12.2020 at 17:00 Hours.	01.01.2021 at 12:00 Hours.
2	PROVIDING & INSTALLING CONTROL PANEL, REPAIR OF PUMP CHAMBER, OFFSR & WATER WORKS, P&D DISINFECTION UNIT, AUTOMATIC WATER CONTROLLER, NEW WATER CONNECTION, PAINTING OF SIGN BOARD, ETC. AT VILLAGE LASSOII, BLOCK, MALERKOTLA-I, DISTRICT SANGRUR UNDER HEAD PRWSSIP 2A(I)	15.32	0.31	31.12.2020 at 17:00 Hours.	01.01.2021 at 12:30 Hours.

Corrigendum/Amendment if any, will be given on the website

Website for e-tender <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

Sd/- On behalf of Chairman GP WSC's of above mentioned villages

Executive Engineer, W/S & Sanitation Division, Malerkotla.

Contact Detail:- 01675-254623 (ewws.mlk@gmail.com)

Sd/- (Er. Harchinder Singh)

Executive Engineer,

W/S & Sanitation Division, Malerkotla.

DPR/Pb/19087

**HSIIDC Public Notice****Final Notice for inviting claims from Investors of M/s. Innovative Infra Developers Pvt. Ltd.**

Land measuring 912 acre 0 kanal 7 marla was notified by the Department of Industries, State of Haryana u/s 4 on 27.08.2004. Subsequently land measuring 688 acres 3 kanal 12 marla was notified u/s 6 of the Land Acquisition Act, 1984 on 25.08.2006 but the award was not passed and the State Government decided to drop the acquisition.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide judgement dated 12.03.2018 passed in Civil appeal No. 8788 of 2015 declared that the award for the aforesaid acquisition shall be deemed to have been passed on 26.08.2007 in respect of lands (i) which were covered by the declaration under section 6 and (ii) land transferred by the land-holders during the period from 27.08.2004 till 29.01.2010.

As per the directions contained in para 39 (h) of the judgement dated 12.03.2018, all such 3rd parties from whom money has been collected by the builders/private entities will be either entitled to refund of the amount or will be allotted plots or apartments at agreed price or prevalent price, whichever is higher. Their entitlement will be subject to the verification of their claims by HSIIDC. Accordingly, public notice/s were issued by HSIIDC for inviting claims.

In the case of M/s. Innovative Infra Developers Pvt. Ltd., in response to the public notice/s., HSIIDC received 3rd party claims from 108 investors. However, the developer builder M/s. Innovative Infra Developers Pvt. Ltd. claims that they have sold the individual units to 265 individuals.

This final notice is hereby given to such 3rd parties to submit their claims (along with documentary proof within 15 days as per the format given on website of the corporation) in the office of GM (Finance)-cum-EM-1, HSIIDC field office near Tehsil office, Industrial Model Township, Manesar Distt. Gurugram (Telephone No. 0124-2290326) in person or by Regd. Post before the due date. Incomplete claims/applications without documentary proofs and those submitted after the due date shall not be entertained.

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The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Nagrota Bagwan invites offline tenders on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following work through offline tendering process:-

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**ACTIVE CASE FINDING****UNDER****TB HAAREGA, DESH JEETEGA****CAMPAIGN**

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Govt. of Punjab is conducting Active Case Finding Campaign in all the Districts of Punjab State. During this campaign, Health Workers will conduct House to House visit to create awareness about Tuberculosis and identify suspected patients of Tuberculosis.

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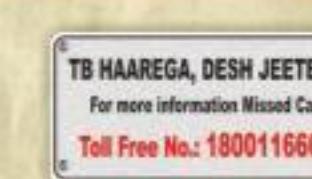
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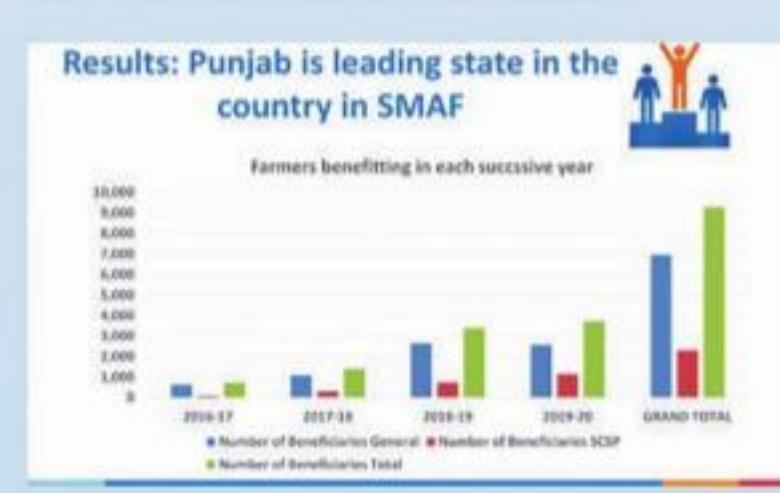
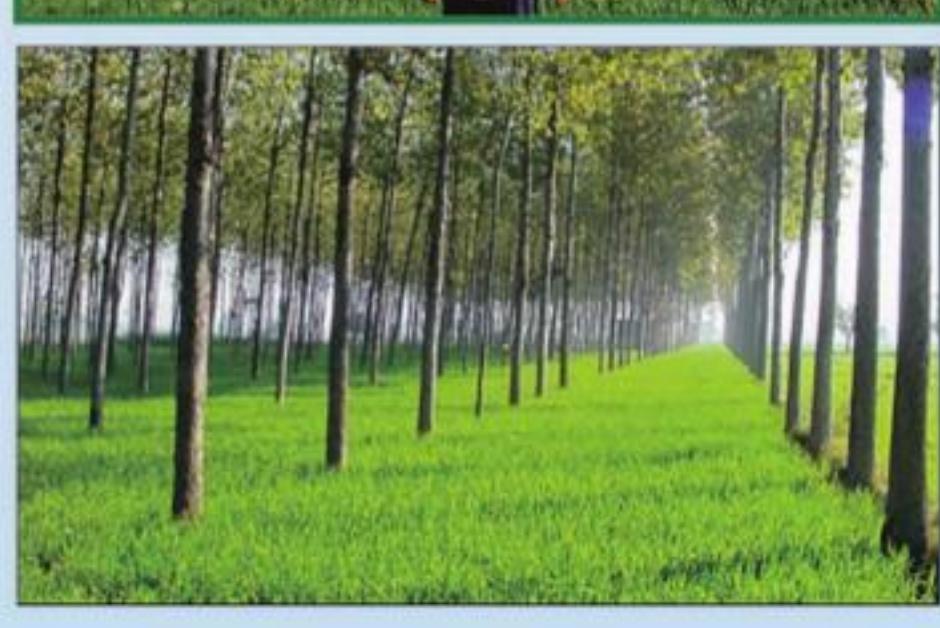
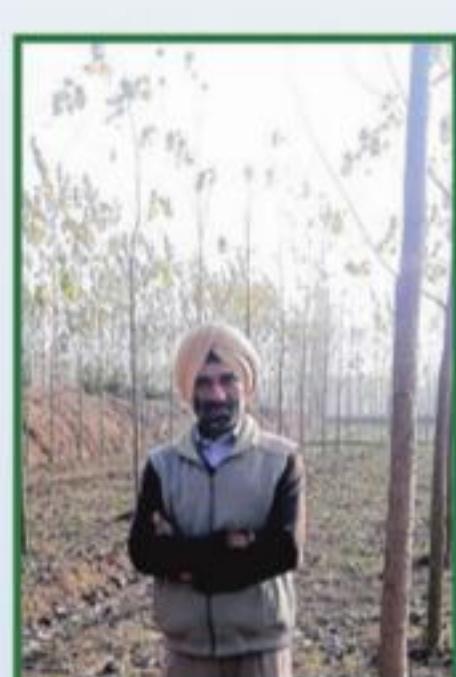


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CHIEF MINISTER OF PUNJAB

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# The Tribune

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## Pay heed to apex court

Put on hold farms laws, end impasse, just talk

THE Supreme Court's suggestion to put on hold the implementation of the contentious new farm laws to enable negotiations with the farmers needs serious consideration, despite the Centre's initial submission during the hearing that even this will fail to move the protesters towards any meaningful settlement. A day before, while noting that the talks with farmer groups did not appear to be yielding results, the court had spoken of forming a committee comprising representatives of the government, farmer organisations and other stakeholders to try and resolve the impasse. The farmers' right to non-violent protests has been acknowledged, but also the fundamental rights of others to move freely. The situation continues to be delicate, and the apex court's intervention offers a window of opportunity to end the three-week-long stalemate.

The protesting unions seem indifferent to the idea of constituting a panel to break the deadlock, arguing that the time for such an exercise was before enactment of the laws, and sticking to their line of not budging till the laws are repealed. There has been an apparent hardening of stand on the Centre's part, too, with senior leaders going for the jugular. Reservations and rancour on both sides notwithstanding, obduracy cannot be a goal in itself, nor the determined efforts to bring the other down. A call must go out across the spectrum — be it those holding the reins of power, the protesters and supporters, politicians of all hues and civil society at large — to tone down the rhetoric and invest in talks, no matter the time it takes. The Centre has to show the magnanimity to take the lead.

The sight of farmers spending nights out in the biting cold and the spate of deaths, including the suicide by a preacher, are extremely disturbing. Every day that the protest continues only adds to the distress. Any reform is a sign of executive will, but it cannot be shoved down the throats of the affected people or be seen in terms of victory or defeat.

## Welcome action

While ensuring discipline, clean up lower judiciary

THE Punjab and Haryana High Court has started proceedings against judicial officers, compulsorily retiring some of them. While it is the first time that the HC has taken action on such a large scale to send across the message of zero tolerance of indiscipline in the subordinate judiciary, it is important to ensure that all the errant officers are removed or suitably chastised while upholding the presumption of innocence until proven guilty. The judiciary is not just a torch-bearer of justice, but also the custodian of the Constitution, the last resort that people take to in the face of executive and legislative apathy. The judiciary has issues of its own, but it also has the responsibility to guard against overreach.

The pandemic exacerbated problems for the judiciary in the form of discontinuation of physical hearings in courts, prolonging litigation even further. While the use of video-conferencing did help to some extent, the reach of technology is equally important for seamless working. Along with the judges and the lawyers, there are other staff that help in court work, making monitoring a tough job. The Punjab and Haryana High Court had faced a complex situation earlier in the cash-at-doorstep case in which action was initiated. A former Chief Justice of the High Court, Tirath Singh Thakur, who went on to become the CJI, had lamented before the Prime Minister about the load of litigation and vacancies not being filled or getting stuck at the level of the government.

Of late, appointments have been made to High Courts, which can be termed as a right step. Along with this, there is a need to build on the relationship between the Bar and the Bench to enable a hassle-free atmosphere for functioning. Frivolous litigation also needs to be guarded against. The subordinate judiciary plays a crucial role in the dispensing of justice. The possibility of training and sensitising its members should be looked into to make it efficient and effective along with the welcome measures taken by the HC.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

It is the spirit and not the form of law that keeps justice alive. — Earl Warren

## ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

# The Tribune.

LAHORE, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1920

### Lala Lajpat Rai on Educational Boycott.

ACCORDING to an Aligarh telegram, which we published in these columns yesterday, Lala Lajpat Rai, who recently paid a surprise visit to the Muslim National University, said on being questioned regarding his views about non-co-operation in colleges that he would be very glad to see all the present colleges emptied. These words may really mean much or little, but they are, at any rate, liable to give rise to the impression that Lala Lajpat Rai no longer holds the same strong views on the subject of educational non-co-operation to which he gave such emphatic expression in his Presidential oration at the Calcutta Congress. He was, he then said, "whole-heartedly opposed to the withdrawal of boys from schools and colleges." He did not accept that proposition at all. Again:—"After a great deal of study, thought and experience, I have come to the conclusion that they could not construct a national system of education without a national government." Lastly:—"It would be absolutely suicidal at the present moment to withdraw their boys and girls from the schools and colleges in which they were." For a person who held and expressed this opinion so lately as in September to advocate in the middle of December the emptying of all the colleges would be to perpetrate a somersault of an altogether incredible kind. That is why we refuse to believe, until we have it on better and more indisputable authority, that the great Punjab leader could have uttered the unqualified words that are put by the correspondent into this mouth. Anyway, in view of the misunderstanding which the words attributed to Lala Lajpat Rai are bound to cause, we do hope that he will make a public pronouncement on the subject with the least possible delay.

# Politicisation of the police

Inability to deal with political pressure can spell doom for good governance



TRYSTS AND TURNS

JULIO RIBEIRO



WORRISOME: The police are trained to enforce law impartially but that rarely happens. PTI

The power of appointments rests with respective Home Ministries. Their misuse is now embedded in the system.

Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai, report to the ministers in charge of the Home Department of those states. In Delhi, the commissioner reports to the Lieutenant Governor, who in turn reports to the Union Home Minister.

The power of appointments and transfers rests with the respective Home Ministries. The misuse of these powers is the genesis of the politicisation of the police forces throughout the land. This politicisation is now embedded in the system.

The ambition of the senior IPS officers to occupy posts of importance is a major contributory factor to the politicisation. The appointment of subordinate police officers is in the hands of their seniors. When the seniors surrender their authority by complying with requests from politicians, corruption increases and the investigation of crime in sensitive cases are based not on facts and law but on the wishes and interests of the politician in power.

The police moved swiftly against the leftist students and rightly so. The president of the left students' union was seen on camera welcoming hooded men who entered the campus and beat up the rightists. The police then allowed the rightists to enter the campus by slipping through police cordons and allowed them to create mayhem without intervening to stop the hoodlums. It is not expected of the police to take sides, but take sides they did!

Any unbiased independent observer would conclude that the orders had come from the top echelons. In India, the police chiefs of different states and the police commissioners of

Proof of the politicisation of the Delhi Police was available when they refrained from prosecuting the BJP leaders who spewed venom on the anti-CAA protesters. Their threats came alive during the communal riots in northeast Delhi in February 2020, but the Delhi Police took no

# Make climate change central to farm reforms



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SCIENCE COMMENTATOR

PUNJAB, the 'poster boy' of the Green Revolution, has been the leading food producer of the country for a long time. Taking advantage of the favourable agro-climatic conditions, the state was selected for introducing intensified wheat and rice cropping systems. This boosted grain production and helped India quickly ramp up foodgrain output to achieve self-sufficiency in the late 1960s and the 1970s.

The period was marked by technology dissemination, large-scale chemicalisation and mechanisation of farm operations. Over the years, over-exploitation of groundwater resources posed a challenge.

In recent decades, the problem of stubble burning has added to concerns around air pollution locally and in the region. Though Punjab remains a leading producer of food in the country, ecological, health and social costs appear to be the rise.

Around the turn of the century, evidence started appearing about climate change and its impact on various sectors globally and in India. Politicians and governments were slow to recognise climate change.

It was only after 2008 when the country had to prepare a national climate action in pursuance of its obliga-

tions under the UN climate negotiations that climate change appeared on the policy radar. Subsequently, all states were asked to work out state climate action plans. Punjab came up with its State Action Plan for Climate Change (SAPCC) in 2014.

Though not much action has followed since then, trends and warnings issued in the plan remain valid and have great implications for the future of farming in Punjab.

The ongoing agitation of farmers is mainly focused on marketing of farm produce, minimum support price and impending entry of private companies in agricultural markets. It is necessary to bring climate change implications into the public discourse.

Scientific evidence shows that climate change is indeed occurring and the stage of living in denial mode is over. The temperature data collated by the India Meteorological Department points to a rise in the maximum and minimum temperatures in Punjab — an increase of 0.5 to 1°C and of 0.5 to 1.5°C, respectively, in 2010 over the baseline figure of 1971-2000. Projections show an increase of 1 degree to 1.8°C in the annual mean maximum temperature by 2021-50. It is projected to rise to 4°C by the end of the century.

In the same way, rainfall patterns have started changing in Punjab and will see further variations by the end of the century. An overall increase of 13.3 to 21.5 per cent has been projected in the annual precipitation by the mid-century with respect to baseline 1961-90. The increase is likely to be greater in the post-monsoon period, while there will be a decrease in the winter months. Within the state, there



NECESSARY: Bring into the public discourse the implications of climate change for agriculture. REUTERS

**At the centre of all strategies for food security and water availability should be farmers and their needs, along with maintaining the ecological balance. Punjab needs agricultural practices that are sustainable, competitive and remunerative. This can't be achieved through new laws or a diktat from Delhi. A solution beyond partisan politics and corporate interests is needed.**

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Water availability in the state's rivers which are fed by glacial melt will also be affected. Up to the mid-century, water availability is projected to increase due to increased glacial melt and precipitation, according to the studies quoted in the state plan.

After the 2050s, however, the flows will decrease as there will be reduced precipitation of snow and, consequently, lesser glacial melt flow. In the Sutlej basin, increased air temperature will result in the shifting of the snowmelt season, leading to a significant decrease of snowmelt runoff in June and July. Over 900 small and large glaciers feed into the Sutlej, and glacier decline has been reported in the lower catchments. Data from the Beas basin has shown an increasing trend in maximum and minimum temperatures with a corresponding decreasing trend in snow-

fall between 1976 and 2011.

All the observed and projected changes in temperature, rainfall and water availability have a direct bearing on the future of agriculture in the state. If one considers only the increase in the level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, it may appear to be beneficial for certain crops up to a point.

But the impact of increased carbon is negative when it is taken together with other factors, like temperature rise. Studies have shown that productivity of rice could decline by up to 9.6 per cent with a temperature rise between 0.5 to 2°C, while wheat yields could dip by 4.6 per cent to 32 per cent with a rise in temperature. In the Doaba region, which is known as the wheat bowl, yields are reported to be either stagnating or declining with the increase in winter temperatures. Changes will also be seen in milk, vegetable, poultry, fisheries, and horticul-

ture production with varying degrees. Though broad implications of climate change are clear for food security and water availability, not much is being done to address the same in terms of adaptation. Sector-specific strategies are needed for this: new climate-resilient varieties, crop diversification, better water management systems, market intelligence systems, local weather monitoring dissemination, climate insurance and so on.

At the centre of all such strategies should be farmers and their needs, along with the need to maintain the ecological balance. Punjab needs agricultural practices that are sustainable, competitive as well as remunerative to farmers. Certainly, this can't be achieved through a set of new laws or a diktat from Delhi.

A broad-based commission should be established to examine in a holistic manner all issues related to food security in the light of climate change and ecological imperatives. Punjab, with institutions like Punjab Agricultural University, IIT Ropar and the Indian School of Business, has the necessary knowledge infrastructure to initiate such an exercise. Farmers' problems need a long-term solution beyond partisan politics and corporate interests.

Such an exercise has been long overdue not only for Punjab but also for the whole country. The current agitation is an opportunity to take this up. It can be done either by repealing the laws as demanded by agitating farmers or by keeping in abeyance their implementation. If farm sector reform is the intention, as stated by the government, then it needs a fuller discussion, covering all issues, including climate adaptation.

## WiFi hotspot plan needs a smooth rollout



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SENIOR ECONOMIC ANALYST

How accessible the WiFi hotspots — to be called public data offices — will be can be gauged from the fact that the aim is to locate them in kirana and paan shops where shopkeepers will resell the data available to them through their router from the Internet. For this, they will need no specialised hardware. A user will be able to travel anywhere in the country and use a kirana hotspot without making any change in hardware or software.

THE government has decided to set up public WiFi hotspots across the country which will bring broadband Internet services within the reach of the common man, both financially and physically. This has the potential to bring about a major change in the lifestyle at the grassroots level by making WiFi available to ordinary citizens if, of course, the rollout takes place with reasonable speed in the foreseeable future.

The need for WiFi access has sharply risen in recent years with online verification needed to access various services. The ration shop owner has to access data online to verify ration cards offered and offtake records. Besides, with the Aadhaar card becoming near universal and biometric verification needed at every step, all need quick and reliable access to the Internet. Most recently, the pandemic has highlighted the need for WiFi services to be available to students learning out of home.

A few terms need explaining for the layman. Broadband is what brings large amounts of data to location at high speed to deliver Internet service. WiFi is what enables that data to be accessed wirelessly at location by different devices like more than one laptop. Hotspot is the small area, like within a home or a shop, where WiFi is available.

Broadband usually comes via a cable, but smartphones using the latest 4G (fourth generation wireless) technology are able to deliver a lot of data and Internet access wirelessly.

How accessible the WiFi hotspots —



FILL THE GAP: The need for WiFi access by all people has sharply risen to access most services. TRIBUNE PHOTO

to be called public data offices (PDO) — will be can be gauged from the fact that the aim is to locate them in kirana and paan shops where shopkeepers will resell the data available to them through their router from the Internet. For this, they will need no specialised hardware.

A user will be able to travel anywhere in the country and use a kirana hotspot without making any change in hardware or software. The PDO will do to broadband access what in another era PCOs did to telephone services, bringing them within reach of everybody at a time when having a telephone connection was almost a privilege.

To speed up adoption, a small businessman seeking to locate a PDO in his shop will not even have to get a licence or pay

a fee. The scheme, to be called Prime Minister WiFi Access Network Interface or PM-WANI, will have four groups of players. At the grassroots level will be the PDOs, above which will be public data office aggregators (PDOAs) and integrating it all will be a central registry. Facilitating the whole process will be the applications developed by app providers.

These apps will enable the service, register users and help a potential user locate the nearest shop which has a PDO.

The PDOAs and app providers will have to get themselves registered with DoT through an online portal without paying any fees. Registration will be granted within seven days, failing which an applicant will get automatically registered.

The PDOs will establish, maintain

and operate the WiFi hotspots which will deliver broadband services for a small fee of a few rupees which can be bought in sachets. The PDOAs will be the aggregators for PDOs, delivering both authorisation and accounting services.

How far we have come can be gauged from where and when we began. The national optic fibre network (NOFN) project was launched a decade ago in 2011 and a PSU called Bharat Broadband Network the next year with the aim of connecting 2.5 lakh gram panchayats in two years' time with advice from Sam Pitroda and Nandan Nilekani. BSNL was asked to provide the map of its optic fibre network so that the project could build out the last mile up to the panchayat offices.

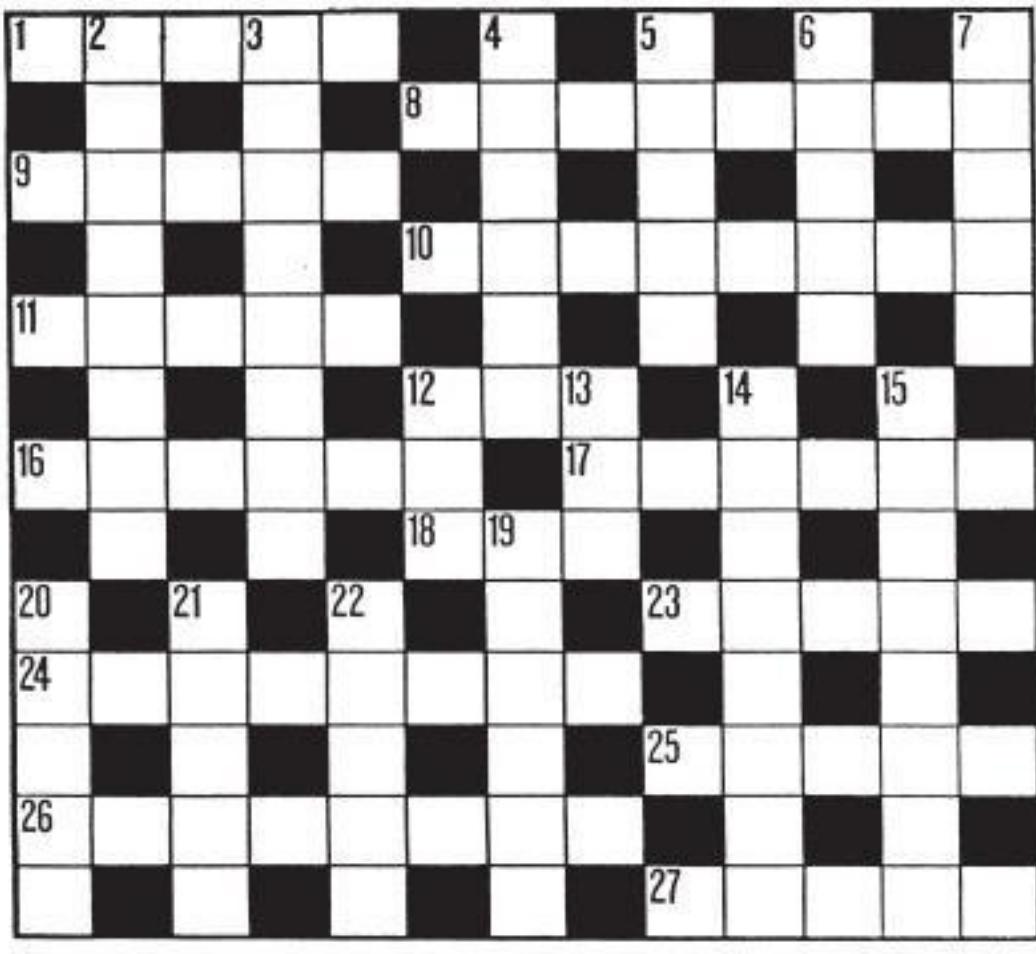
But it was found that what BSNL thought it had under the ground was different from what actually existed. Also e-governance data — covering health, land records, agricultural markets and education — which the panchayats would use did not exist digitally at all that much at that time. There was no simultaneous plan to develop the ecosystem needed for the panchayats to deliver public services in the appropriate local language.

Now, cut to the present. The Union Finance Minister in her February Budget speech allocated Rs 6,000 crore for the BharatNet project (NOFN had been renamed) to link one lakh gram panchayats through fibre. This was to enable anganwadis, health and wellness centres, government schools, PDS outlets, post offices and police stations to get digital connectivity. This is part of the Digital India initiative to empower citizens digitally and bridge the digital gap between urban and rural India. BharatNet will be handled by Bharat Broadband Network, set up in 2012.

How has bringing broadband connectivity to gram panchayats progressed? In 2011, it was decided to connect 2.5 lakh gram panchayats in two years. A decade later, 1.5 lakh gram panchayats have been connected. Why the delay? Some of the reasons cited are: work began late; initially used only optic fibre instead of multiple media; problems over right of way; and a whole range of issues related to funding.

So, promising hotspots in kirana stores is fine and needs to be welcomed, but it is advisable to keep your fingers crossed.

### QUICK CROSSWORD



#### ACROSS

- 1 Subdue completely (5)
- 8 Cooperate (4,4)
- 9 Mutual accord (5)
- 10 Get along well (3,2,3)
- 11 Unwisdom (5)
- 12 Precious stone (3)
- 16 Very small (6)
- 17 Proscribe (6)
- 18 Small flap (3)
- 23 A bite between meals (5)
- 24 Count for nothing (3,2,3)
- 25 Light narrow boat (5)
- 26 Not to mention (3,5)
- 27 God (5)

#### DOWN

- 2 Attempt to escape (3,3,2)
- 3 Pay bills (6,2)
- 4 Edible flatfish (6)
- 5 Middle East republic (5)
- 6 Serious (5)
- 7 Good-naturedly frank (5)
- 12 Understand (3)
- 13 Rabble (3)
- 14 A prehistoric period (5,3)
- 15 Be vigilant (5,3)
- 19 Regional pronunciation (6)
- 20 To climb (5)
- 21 Specify (5)
- 22 Full of good humour (5)

#### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

**Across:** 1 Repugnance, 6 Chip, 10 Floor, 11 Reinforce, 12 Comeback, 13 Style, 15 Run away, 17 Twaddle, 19 Species, 21 Oceanic, 22 Rivet, 24 Pedigree, 27 On the move, 28 Voice, 29 Sulk, 30 Pestilence.  
**Down:** 1 Rife, 2 Pronounce, 3 Gorge, 4 Already, 5 Cricket, 7 Hardy, 8 Precedence, 9 Offstage, 14 Grass roots, 16 Whistler, 18 Dandelion, 20 Suppose, 21 Oddment, 23 Vital, 25 Gavel, 26 Fete.

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DECEMBER 18, 2020, FRIDAY

■ Vikrami Samvat	2077
■ Shaka Samvat	1942
■ Margshirsh Shaka	27
■ Posh Parvishite	4
■ Hijri	1442
■ Shukla Paksha Tithi 4, up to 2.23 pm	
■ Vyaghaata Yoga up to 2.07 pm	
■ Shravan Nakshatra up to 7.04 pm	
■ Moon enters Aquarius sign 7:16 am	

#### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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SUNSET: FRIDAY 17:24 HRS  
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Amritsar	15	03
Bathinda	15	05
Jalandhar	15	05
Ludhiana	16	05
Bhiwani	19	05
Hisar	18	05
Sirsia	18	05
Dharamsala	10	02
Manali	11	-01
Shimla	12	03
Srinagar	10	-06
Jammu	18	03
Kargil	-09	-18
Leh	-13	-20
Dehradun	21	04
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## उद्यान विभाग, निदेशालय हि.प्र.

संख्या बी-17/2020 (आर डक्यू बी सी आई एस)-उद्यान-4 दिनांक 17.12.2020

### पुनर्गठित मौसम आधारित फसल बीमा योजना

भारत सरकार की यह महत्वाकांक्षी योजना हिमाचल प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा रवीं 2020-21 में लागू कर दी गई है जो मौसम की विपरीताएँ द्वारा उपज की समानता शर्त से कृषक को हुए अधिक नुकसान की खतरा करती है।

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मुख्य आवरण

अनिवार्य आवरण : अधिकृत फसलों के लिए विविध संख्याओं द्वारा मौसमी बीमा संचालन (SAO) उपर्युक्त किया गया सभी कृषकों को स्वाक्षरता रूप से करव किया जाएगा, जब तक कि किसानों द्वारा सर्वान्वयत बैंक शाखा को लिखित रूप से (कटांग की तरीख से कम के समान दिन पहले) ऑन-ऑफ करने की घोषणा नहीं की जाती है।

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## Teacher arrested for sexual abuse

Tribune News Service

HYDERABAD, DECEMBER 17

The Telangana Police have arrested a 40-year-old school headmaster in the Bhadrak Kothagudem district for allegedly sexually abusing five schoolgirls aged six to 10 years. The accused would invite children to the school on the pretext of teaching them.

He then forced them to watch pornographic content before sexually assaulting them. Earlier this month, one of the victims fell ill and was taken to hospital where she told her mother about the sexual assault.

## Repeal laws...

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Third, daily auctions at the APMC market yards set the benchmark prices. Without these, fragmented markets could pave the way for local monopolies, as in Bihar after the repeal of its APMC Act in 2006.

Fourth, the huge asymmetry between the small farmers and companies would lead to unwritten arrangements with no recourse for farmers. Fifth, the consolidation of agri value chains would lead to the "get-big-or-get-out" dynamic as in other countries, pushing out the small farmers, small traders and local agri-businesses. Therefore, amending a few clauses would not be enough to address farmers' concerns.

Among the signatories are Prof Rajinder Chaudhary and Prof Surinder Kumar (ex MDU, Rohtak), Prof RS Ghuman (Prof of Eminence, GNDU, Amritsar), Prof Kamal Nayan Kabra (ex Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi), Prof D Narasimha Reddy (ex Univ of Hyderabad), Prof KN Harilal, (Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram), Prof Arun Kumar (Institute of Social Sciences), Prof R Ramakumar (Tata Institute of Social Sciences) and Prof Vikas Rawal and Prof Himanshu (JNU). —TNS

## Farmers have...

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Bench gave liberty to the parties to move the vacation Bench, if necessary. It also posted petitions challenging the validity of the farm laws after the winter break. The top court sought to know from the Centre if it was ready to defer implementation of the farm laws.

"Can the Union say no executive action will be taken under the laws in order to facilitate negotiations", it asked Attorney General KK Venugopal, who said he would seek instructions even as Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta remarked: "It will be tough."

On behalf of the Punjab Government, senior advocate P Chidambaram said the farmers wanted to march to Delhi were stopped. "The farmers didn't block any road. The police did it... We want Parliament to convene and MPs to discuss the issue. The state has no objection to court's suggestion that a group of people can facilitate a dialogue between farmers and the Centre," he said. Venugopal expressed concern over violation of Covid-19 guidelines.

## Schools for...

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"The learning of students from poor families, without any means and devices, has been put on hold in the absence of an inclusive mechanism of digital learning and support system. A learning hiatus in such children can further impede their growth and even trigger behavioral changes," says Shilpi. The literacy rate among special kids in our country is already dismal, she adds.

The parents, meanwhile, are finding it tough to make their children learn through virtual medium. "Special kids cannot operate smartphones or laptops without assistance. Individual learning plans have to be made keeping in mind specific needs," says Prerna Khanna, whose son has cerebral palsy. "As a parent, one has to constantly sit through online class, document everything and try not to miss on any detail," she adds.



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Corporate Identification No. : U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website : [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in)

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Electricity Supply and Billing Complaint Resolution

For the convenience of consumers

#### Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

has set up round the clock electricity call centre and Nodal Complaint Centres across Punjab. To register your power supply or billing related complaint

#### DIAL or SMS on 1912

Consumers can also register supply complaints by giving a missed call on

#### Toll free number 1800-180-1512

OR

- SMS "no supply" to 1912 to automatically register supply complaints.
- Use PSPCL Mobile App to register, track status & provide feedback on complaint resolution and to track supply status in your area.
- If not satisfied with the resolution of your complaint send SMS with your comment to 1912
- Consumer can also contact PSPCL through the following social media channels

1. Social Media/ Paddy Control Room	:	96461-06835 / 96461-06836
2. Customer Care eMail	:	1912@pspcl.in
3. Facebook	:	fb.com/pspclpb
4. Twitter	:	twitter.com/PSPCLPb
5. Instagram	:	instagram.com/PSPCLPb
6. WhatsApp	:	96461-06835
7. PSPCL Customer Care Number	:	1912
8. Mobile App:	:	PSPCL Consumer Services Available on Google Android/ Apple App Store and Mobile Sewa App Store

## 20-day training must for pvt security guards

Tribune News Service



### ANTECEDENT VERIFICATION BY AGENCIES

- Security agencies will have to verify character and antecedents of private security guard and supervisor.
- The process can be done by accessing electronic databases of criminals through tracking networks.
- The number of private security guards in the country is estimated to be about 90 lakh.

across the country." Reddy was addressing an event organised by the Central Association of Private Security Industry (CAPSI).

The licensees of private security agencies will also have to immediately intimate the government about any criminal charge framed

against the persons forming the agency or against a private security guard or supervisor engaged or employed by the agency in the course of performance of duties as private security agency.

The agencies will have to verify character and antecedents of the private

### BIG ROLE IN VAX DISTRIBUTION

■ The private security industry will have a big role to play in the distribution of the vaccine. G Kishan Reddy, MoS (HOME)

The MHA said for the entry level of training for the private security guards, a minimum period of 100 hours of classroom instruction and 60 hours of field training, spread over at least 20 working days should be conducted.

In a press note issued by the CAPSI, the MoS (Home) is reported to have said, "Private security guards are everywhere—at hospitals, banks, markets, institutions—and they worked as frontline warriors in the time of pandemic. We consider the private security industry as an integral part of India's security paraphernalia and the MHA has been taking steps to promote and strengthen it," he said. The number of private security guards in the country is estimated to be about 90 lakh.

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Cooperative Housing Complex, Banur

Sr. No.	Property Detail	Cat	Size (super area)	Area in Sq. Mtrs (Super area)	Reserve Price	Participation Money
1	1901/1 <sup>st</sup> Floor	1st	1297 Sq. ft.	120.54	29.79 lacs	2.00 lacs
2	2321/6 <sup>th</sup> Floor	1st	1297 Sq. ft.	120.54	29.25 lacs	2.00 lacs
3	2404/1 <sup>st</sup> Floor	1st	1297 Sq. ft.	120.54	29.79 lacs	2.00 lacs
4	2111/3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor	1st	1297 Sq. ft.	120.54	29.61 lacs	2.00 lacs
5	1417/5 <sup>th</sup> Floor	1st	1297 Sq. ft.	120.54	29.34 lacs	2.00 lacs
6	2118/5 <sup>th</sup> Floor	1st	1297 Sq. ft.	120.54	29.34 lacs	2.00 lacs
7	123/6 <sup>th</sup> Floor	1st	1297 Sq. ft.	120.54	29.25 lacs	2.00 lacs
8	1101, 1102, 1103 1104 (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor)	1st	1297 Sq. ft.	120.54	29.79 lacs	2.00 lacs
9	1105, 1106 1107, 1108 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)	1st	1297 Sq. ft.	120.54	29.70 lacs	2.00 lacs
10	1109, 1110, 1111 1112 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor)	1st	1297 Sq. ft.	120.54	29.61 lacs	2.00 lacs
11	1113, 1114, 1115 1116 (4 <sup>th</sup> Floor)	1st	1297 Sq. ft.	120.54	29.43 lacs	2.00 lacs
12	1117, 1118 1119 (5 <sup>th</sup> Floor)	1st	1297 Sq. ft.	120.54	29.34 lacs	2.00 lacs
13	1121, 1122, 1123 (6 <sup>th</sup> Floor)	1st	1297 Sq. ft.	120.54	29.25 lacs	2.00 lacs
14	2501/1 <sup>st</sup> Floor	2nd	959 Sq. ft.	89.12	22.14 lacs	2.00 lacs
15	3324/6 <sup>th</sup> Floor	2nd	959 Sq. ft.	89.12	21.60 lacs	2.00 lacs
16	4016/3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor	3rd	403.47	37.50	8.60 lacs	1.00 lacs

### Cooperative Housing Complex at CIRCULAR ROAD KAPURTHALA

Sr. No.	Property Detail	Cat	Size (super area)	Area in Sq. Mtrs (Super area)	Reserve Price	Participation Money
1	101/1 <sup>st</sup> Floor	1	1847.28 sq. ft.	171.68	32.40 lacs	2.00 lacs
2	105/2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor	1	1847.28 sq. ft.	171.68	32.31 lacs	2.00 lacs
3	109/3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor	1	1847.28 sq. ft.	171.68	32.22 lacs	2.00 lacs
4	113/4 <sup>th</sup> Floor	1	1847.28 sq. ft.	171.68	32.04 lacs	2.00 lacs
5	114/4 <sup>th</sup> Floor	1	1847.28 sq. ft.	171.68	32.04 lacs	2.00 lacs
6	117/5 <sup>th</sup> Floor	1	1847.28 sq. ft.	171.68	31.95 lacs	2.00 lacs
7	118/5 <sup>th</sup> Floor	1	1847.28 sq. ft.	171.68	31.95 lacs	2.00 lacs
8	121/6 <sup>th</sup> Floor	1	1847.28 sq. ft.	171.68	31.86 lacs	2.00 lacs
9	122/6 <sup>th</sup> Floor	1	1847.28 sq. ft.	171.68	31.86 lacs	2.00 lacs

### Cooperative Housing Complex - At Sector-64, Phase-10 MOHALI

Sr. No.	Property Detail	Cat	Size (super area)	Area in Sq. Mtrs (Super area)	Reserve Price
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## 'She Haat' inaugurated in Pachhad

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

bly segment of Sirmaur district, virtually from Shimla today.

It comprises a rural 'haat', a shop, a restaurant, a guest room and a 'kaushal vikas kendra' which is being run by 25 self-help group women.

The Chief Minister said this venture was providing self employment to the women where they were selling traditional, natural and organic produce. They also serve pahari food, besides providing home stay facilities to visitors.

## Urban local bodies poll on Jan 10

Model code comes into force in 50 MCs, nagar panchayats from today

PRATIBHA CHAUHAN

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, DECEMBER 17

Even as the Covid threat looms large, the state Election Commission today notified the elections to 50 municipal councils and nagar panchayats, the polling for which would take place on January 10.

The elections to 50 of the 61 municipal bodies in the state, except the five municipal corporations of Shimla, Dharamsala, Mandi, Palampur and Solan and the six newly constituted municipal councils of Amb, Chirgaon, Kandaghat, Nerwa, Nirmand and Anni, would be held on January 10. Now, it remains to be seen how the government will ensure campaigning in adherence to social distancing norms and SOPs for political functions, with the limit of not more than 50 persons.

### Election schedule announced

- The nomination for the elections will be filed on December 24, 26 and 28, scrutiny will be done on December 29 and withdrawal of papers on December 31
- The list of contesting candidates showing the allotted symbol will be displayed on December 31
- The polling will take place on January 10 from 8 am to 4 pm. The process will be completed on January 12

The fear of spread of Covid during campaigning looms large as the elections, though not held on party symbols, are fought along party lines, both by the ruling BJP and the opposition Congress. With stakes high for both the political players to gain control over these urban local bodies, all senior leaders of both the parties will be taking part in the campaigning in a big way.

State Election Commissioner P Mitra today issued the notification for the elections to the six new Municipal Councils under Section 281 of the Himachal Pradesh Municipal Act, 1994 and Rule 35 of the Himachal Pradesh Municipal Election Rules, 2015. It is being expected that the elections for the panchayati raj bodies, which are due, could also be announced within this week.

The dates for the urban local body poll (ULB) have been announced after the state government expressed its readiness for the same. The Election Commission today issued the election schedule for

the Municipal Councils and Nagar Panchayats. The model code of conduct has come into force in all these 50 urban local bodies from today itself. The election process will be complete on January 12. As per the election schedule, the nomination for the polls will be filed on December 24, 26 and 28, scrutiny on December 29 and withdrawal on December 31.

The list of contesting candidates showing the allotted symbol to the candidates will be displayed on December 31. The list of polling stations will be pasted on or before December 24. The polling will take place on January 10 from 8 am to 4 pm. The counting of votes will be taken up on immediately after the polling on January 10 itself. The polling process will be completed on January 12.

**463 newcases,  
10 die of Covid**

SHIMLA, DECEMBER 17  
The state registered 463 Covid cases today. Besides, 10 persons succumbed to the virus in the last 24 hours.

Four persons died of Covid in Shimla, two in Kinnaur and one each in Chamba, Mandi, Hamirpur and Kangra. The highest number of 171 cases were recorded in Mandi, followed by 88 in Kangra, and 63 in Shimla. — TNS

DISTRICT-WISE COUNT		
DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Una	2,530	31
Solan	5,965	66
Kangra	7,006	169
Chamba	2,598	46
Hamirpur	2,559	40
Sirmaur	2,970	26
Mandi	8,848	107
Bilaspur	2,633	22
Shimla	9,431	232
Kullu	4,183	80
Kinnaur	1,224	16
Lahaul & Spiti	1,196	11
Total	51,143	846

**Himachal Pradesh State Forest Development Corporation Limited**  
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**DETAILED TENDER NOTICE (e-Tendering Mode Only)**

Online tenders (having two part Bids) are invited for the execution of following work, on the prescribed form (Tender Document). The dates of Sale, Receipt and Opening of Tender is as per detail given below. The detailed tender notice can also be downloaded from website <http://www.tenderwizard.com/HPSEB>. Any further Corrigendum/Addendum to this tender notice shall not be published in Newspapers, but shall only be uploaded at website <http://www.tenderwizard.com/HPSEB>. So, the Bidders are advised to keep visiting the 'tenderwizard' web-site for any such Corrigendum, if so. The sale of Tender shall start on 18.12.2020 onwards.

Tender No.	Name of work	Estimated Amount	Ernest Money Amount	Price of tender document including GST (Non-refundable) e-payment only	Initial date for Tender	Last date for Tender	Last date of tender	Last date for Receipt of tender	Due date for opening of tender (Technical Bid)	Tender Processing Fee Non-refundable e-payment only
HPSEBL/CEO/CZ/MM/NIT No.-06/2020-21	Construction of 33/11kV, 2x3.15MVA Sub-Station at Pattiander (Ansta) including Civil Work i.e. Control Room Building, Water Supply & Sanitary system, Rain Water Harvesting Tank, Septic Tank, E.I., Equipment Foundations, Baffle Wall, Cable Trunks & Fencing etc. under Electrical Sub Division, HPSEBL, Sujanpur in Electrical Division, HPSEBL, Hamirpur.	Rs. 3,34,16,723/-	Rs. 8,35,415/-	Rs. 5,900/-	18.12.2020 03:00 PM	07.01.2021 up to 03:00 PM	07.01.2021 up to 05:00 PM	08.01.2021 at 11:00 AM	Rs. 5,000/-GST (as applicable)	

The detailed tender specification can be viewed/downloaded free of cost from the web site <http://www.tenderwizard.com/HPSEB> and tender document can be had after making prescribed payment. For further details regarding e-tendering, contract on these telephone Nos. 82619-22200, 82610-33300, 96250-33300 and 0172-395735. The tender will be received and opened in the O/o Undersigned on the scheduled date & time given above.

—sd—  
Chief Engineer (Operation)  
Central Zone, HPSEBL, Mandi

## Encroachers may be barred from contesting panchayat poll

LALIT MOHAN

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

DHARAMSALA, DECEMBER 17

There are apprehensions that around 1.5 lakh people, who are settled on government land, may be disqualified from contesting the forthcoming panchayat elections. Most of them, who are likely to be disqualified, belong to the SC/ST communities and are either settled on village common land or forestland. However, they will still be eligible to cast their votes.

As per Section 122 (C) of the Panchayati Raj Act of Himachal, if a person or any of his family member has encroached upon land

belonging to the state government, municipality or a panchayat or a cooperative society, he shall be disqualified from contesting the panchayat elections.

Sources say that in 2002, the government framed a policy to regularise land in the names of people who were settled there for the past few decades. About 1.5 lakh people in the state applied for the regularisation of government land in their names. However, the Himachal High Court stayed the policy. Almost all these people could now be disqualified from contesting the panchayat elections.

The Forest Act came into force after 1980 and land was never transferred in the name of people who continued to encroach upon forestland. Such people are considered as having Nautor rights over the land they are settled on.

## Casteist slur: Support pours in for truck driver

LALIT MOHAN

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

DHARAMSALA, DECEMBER 17

Many Dalit organisations have come out in support of Sanjeet Kumar, a truck driver, who had lodged a complaint under the SC/ST Act against Independent MLA from Dehra Hoshia Singh.

Some workers of the Samata organisation working for the Dalits today met the DSP, Dehra, and threatened to launch an agitation if Sanjeet Kumar was victimised on political grounds.

On December 15 night, a case was registered under the Act and various other sections of the IPC after Sanjeet

of Paisa village under Dehra alleged in a police complaint that the MLA and his men had beaten him up and hurled casteist slurs against him in the middle of road near Sunhet village, about 5 km from Dehra.

The cross-case under Section 307 of the IPC was also registered against Sanjeet on the complaint of the MLA, who alleged that the driver tried to kill him by hitting his vehicle with his truck.

The people, who came in favour of the driver, questioned the case registered under Section 307 (attempt to murder) of the IPC against the driver.

# शिरवर की ओर हिमाचल



• बिना किसी आय सीमा के पेंशन पाने की आयु सीमा 70 वर्ष की,  
2.90 लाख से अधिक वृद्धजन लाभान्वित  
• 5,77,604 लाभान्वितों को मिल रही  
सामाजिक सुरक्षा पेंशन,  
642.50 करोड़ रुपये खर्च

हिमकेर  
योजना

• 128.95 करोड़ रुपये खर्च  
1.24 लाख से अधिक लोगों का किया उपचार  
योजना के तहत प्रदेश में 4.61 लाख  
परिवार पंजीकृत

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स्वावलंबन  
योजना

• 936 इकाइयां स्थापित  
47.78 करोड़ रुपये की सब्सिडी  
प्रदान

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• वर्ष 2022 तक किसानों की  
आय दोगुना करने व  
9.61 लाख परिवारों को  
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के तहत लाने का लक्ष्य

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• 10 हजार फुट की ऊँचाई पर बनी  
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राष्ट्र को समर्पित, वर्ष भर मिलेगी  
आवागमन की सुविधा

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• 120755 शिकायतों तथा  
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योजना

• 2.85 लाख महिलाओं को दिए  
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हिमाचल बना, देश का प्रथम राज्य

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# Ultra held in Anantnag

SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 17  
A militant was arrested in an injured condition during an encounter with security forces in Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday, the police said.

Security forces launched a search operation in the Baba Gund Khaleel area following information about the presence of militants there, a police official said. The search operation turned into an encounter after militants opened fire on the security forces. One militant was arrested by the security forces in an injured condition and rushed to the SMHS Hospital here, the



**CRPF JAWAN INJURED IN GRENADE ATTACK**

- A CRPF jawan was injured in a grenade attack by militants in Anantnag district on Thursday, the police said
- Investigation revealed that the militants hurled a grenade on the joint deployment of the police and CRPF personnel

official said. He said the arrested militant, who sustained a bullet injury in the abdomen and was identified as Zaheer Abbas Lone, a resident of Pulwama district. — PTI

## UNESCO award for Srinagar college

SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 17  
The Srinagar-based Amar Singh College's building, built nearly 80 years ago, is one of the seven conservation projects to be recognised with the 2020 UNESCO Asia-

Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation.

The award was announced on Wednesday by a jury, comprising nine international conservation experts, and it was con-

vened from November 20 to 22 to deliberate on the project entries. The deliberations were held online due to the Covid pandemic, INTACH's Jammu and Kashmir chapter said. — PTI

## The Tribune INTERVIEW: ANURAG THAKUR, DDC POLL IN-CHARGE

### 'Turnout high, Gupkar Gang plan foiled'



**“**Gupkar Gang's false propaganda has failed as people have come out and voted in large numbers. This shows elections have been fearless, free and fair, unlike in the past.

U NION Minister and BJP in-charge for J&K DDC poll Anurag Thakur has campaigned extensively in these polls. In an interview with Vibha Sharma of The Tribune, a confident Thakur says people of J&K have given a decisive mandate and the BJP will emerge as the "number one party". Excepts:

■ Your assessment of BJP's current situation in J&K?

People have defeated the 'Gupkar Gang' by participating in these elections and voting in large numbers. Elections have been free and fair with full participation of the people, reinforcing that the

ballot is mightier than the bullet. Our campaign has been only about development. We have seen how the 'Gupkar Gang' discouraged citizens from participating in the poll process.

■ Why has the BJP made these elections look like national poll?

We take all elections seriously.

We are 24X7 politicians working for the interests of the country and its people. We are not like others who relax and enjoy power. This is the difference between them and us.

■ What is your prediction for December 22?

The BJP is going to do well. We will be the number one party as people have blessed us. We will be forming the next DDC committees.



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ENERGY CONSERVATION  
AWARDS**

Capt. Amarinder Singh  
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Punjab  
& Minister of New & Renewable Energy  
Govt of Punjab

CATEGORY	AWARDS	
	1st Prize	2nd Prize
<b>Energy Intensive Industries</b> (Designated Consumers)	Rs. 50,000	Rs. 30,000
• Thermal Power Plant	Rs. 50,000	Rs. 30,000
• Textile	Rs. 50,000	Rs. 30,000
• Pulp & Paper	Rs. 50,000	Rs. 30,000
<b>Manufacturing Enterprises</b>	Rs. 50,000	Rs. 30,000
• Small Scale	Rs. 50,000	Rs. 30,000
• Medium Scale	Rs. 50,000	Rs. 30,000
<b>Commercial Buildings</b>	Rs. 50,000	Rs. 30,000
• Offices – Government & Private Buildings	Rs. 50,000	Rs. 30,000
• Educational Institutions–Govt. & Pvt. Buildings	Rs. 50,000	Rs. 30,000
• Hotel Buildings	Rs. 50,000	Rs. 30,000
• Hospital Buildings	Rs. 50,000	Rs. 30,000
• Malls & Shopping Complex Buildings	Rs. 50,000	Rs. 30,000

Participants can download the applications/questionnaires from website: [www.peda.gov.in](http://www.peda.gov.in). For more information kindly contact: 0172-2663328, 98156-04399 & 8146245315 or visit website.

**Last date for submission of application along with filled in questionnaires**  
**25th January, 2021**

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**HIMACHAL PRADESH  
FOREST DEPARTMENT  
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS**
No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Sealed item rates tender is hereby invited by Divisional Forest Officer Shimla (Rural) on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following works through offline tendering process:

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Cost of Tender Allowed (in Rs.)	Time Allowed
1.	Construction of Boundary Pillars in NDFP - Mandiyal in Bhajji Range	163630	5000	300	1 Month
2.	Construction of Boundary Pillars in NDFP - Chanardi in Bhajji Range	98200	3000	300	1 Month
3.	Construction of Boundary Pillars in NDFP - Chanawag in Bhajji Range	94600	2900	300	1 Month
4.	Construction of Boundary Pillars in NDFP - Mandri in Bhajji Range	54500	1700	300	1 Month
5.	Supply of Vermi Compost- 400 Quintals Approx.	2,40,000	7200	300	1 month
6.	Supply of Black recycled P/Bags-5.50 Quintals Approx.	99,000	3000	300	1 month

The tenders should reach in the office of the Divisional Forest Officer Shimla (Rural) on before 22.12.2020 up to 11.00 AM. The tenders will be opened on the same day at 12.00 P.M. in the presence of intending contractors firms or their authorized representatives, who may wish to be present at the time of opening the tenders. The application (s) for issue of tender(s) form (s) shall be received on or before 21.12.2020 up to 3.00 P.M. and form/ forms shall be issued on 21.12.2020 from 10.00 A.M. to 4.00 P.M. against each payment (Non refundable). The rate in tender form (s) will be filled in words and figures, otherwise, the tender will be rejected. The Divisional Forest Officer Shimla (Rural) reserves right to reject the tender(s) without assigning any reason. The opening of tender will be kept opened for 120 days.

**Terms and Condition:**

1. The application (s) for issue of tender(s) shall be received on or before 21.12.2020 up to 3.00 P.M. and form (s) shall be issued on 21.12.2020 from 10.00 A.M. to 4.00 P.M. against cash payment (Non refundable)
2. The earnest money in the shape of FDR/ National Saving Certificate duly pledged in favour of Divisional Forest Officer (Rural) Certificate for exemption of earnest money.
3. Conditional tender or tender (s) received without earnest money will be immediately rejected. Also tender sent by Fax/e-mail shall not be entertained/ considered and will summarily be rejected.
4. The contractor must give the copy of document/ renewal and photocopy of registration of appropriate class, individual PAN No./GST. No. TIN. No. with the application at the time of applying the tender(s) documents or must be attached with his tender form.
5. The form(s) will be issued to only those contractors who are found eligible/ suitable and competent.
6. The Security, Income tax, G.S.T., education cess and labour cess etc. shall be deducted according to instructions of the Govt. time to time.
7. If holiday falls on the date of opening the tender(s), the same will be opened on next working day at 11.30A.M.

Divisional Forest Officer,  
Shimla Forest Division, Shimla.

DPR/HP/5112

**PUNJAB PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
BARADARI GARDEN, PATIALA — 147001**

Advt. No. 15

Website: <http://ppsc.gov.in>

1. The Punjab Public Service Commission invites Online Application Forms from eligible candidates for recruitment to the 78 posts of Naib Tehsildar in the Department of Revenue & Rehabilitation, Government of Punjab.

Note: This Advertisement is being published as per requisition received from the Department of Revenue & Rehabilitation, Government of Punjab according to the Punjab (Group-B) Service Rules-2019 vide letter No. 10(13)29/10. RE. 1(2) now. R. E. 3 (1)/8819 dated 09.07.2020 & letter No. 10 (13)29/10. RE. 1 (2) now. R.E. 3 (1)/11737 dated 17.9.2020 & Letter No. 10 (13)29/10. RE. 1 (2) now. R.E. 3 (1)/15445 dated 07.12.2020.

## 2.0 RESERVATION OF THE POSTS:-

Category Code	Name of Category	Total No. of Posts	Posts reserved for women out of Total Posts
71	General	27	08
72/73	ESM/LDESM Punjab	07	03
74	Freedom Fighter, Punjab	01	01
75	Sports Person, Punjab	01	01
76	Persons with Disability, Punjab	01	01
	Blind & Low Vision	=01	04
	Deaf & Hard of Hearing	=01	-
	Locomotive Disability	=01	-
	Intellectual Disability	=01	-
77	Scheduled Castes Other, Punjab	08	03
78/79	Scheduled Castes ESM/LDESM, Punjab	01	00
81	Balmiki/Mazbhi Sikhs, Punjab	07	03
82/83	Balmiki/Mazbhi Sikh ESM/LDESM, Punjab	02	00
84	Balmiki/Mazbhi Sikh Sports Persons Punjab	01	00
85	Backward Classes, Punjab	09	03
86/87	Backward Classes ESM/LDESM, Punjab	02	00
92	Economically Weaker Sections, Punjab	08	01
	<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>24</b>

Note: 1 The number of posts may be increased or decreased by the Govt. at any time before the selection process is complete without giving any prior notice to the candidates.

Note: 2 The Punjab Civil Services (Reservation for women) Rules 2020 issued by the Department of Social Security that provides for 33% reservation for women is attached as Annexure with General Information for candidates.

## 3.0 PAY SCALE: Rs. 35400/- Initial Pay

NOTE: The minimum pay admissible for the ibid posts shall be as per the notification of Finance department dated 19/10/2020 (APPENDIX-I) and as per Notification No. 7/2024/2014-FFP/1/66, Dated 15/01/2015 Govt. of Punjab, Department of Finance (Finance Personnel-I Branch) Chandigarh, and Notification No. 1/2016-4P.P.1/834680/1 dated 07/09/2016 Govt. of Punjab, Department of Personnel PP-I Branch Chandigarh, fixed emolument equal to Minimum Pay without any allowance will be paid during the probation period of 3 years.

## 4.0 ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS :

4.1 (i) Should be Graduate from a recognised university or institution

4.2 (ii) Punjabi of Matric or its equivalent Standard.

Important Note: The candidates MUST possess the requisite qualification before or by 08.01.2021

## 5.0 AGE

(i) Candidates should not be below 18 years and above 37 years of age as on 01.01.2021. (See detail in General Information for candidates for each post)

## 6.0 COMPETITIVE WRITTEN EXAMINATION

The Commission shall hold Competitive Examinations for recruitment to these posts tentatively in February, 2021 details of which can be seen in the General Information for the candidates available on the website <http://ppsc.gov.in>

7.0 The candidates must refer to 'General Information for the candidates' available on PPSC website particularly Para-12 before filling up the application form. The candidate can only apply by filling online application from a link of which is available on the website of Punjab Public Service Commission <http://ppsc.gov.in>. The candidates are NOT REQUIRED to send the Hard Copy of the Online Application Form to the office of Punjab Public Service Commission.

(a) However, candidates applying under the Sports Category need to submit a hard copy of 'Online Application Form' along with Sports Gradation Certificate and other certificates related to sports to establish his eligibility under the sports category at the reception counter of PPSC by hand by 15.01.2021. For any assistance Persons with Disabilities must submit the hardcopies of Online Application Form along with Disability Certificate and request for scribe, if any and other eligibility documents at the reception counter of PPSC by hand by 15.01.2021. For any assistance Persons with Disabilities may contact Superintendent Examination: 0175-5014832.

Last date for filing Online Application Form: 08.01.2021

Last date for depositing Online Application Fee: 15.01.2021

Sd/- (Navneet Kaur Sekhon) PCS, Secretary (Examinations),

Dated: 17.12.2020

e-paper.tribuneindia.com/Punjab Public Service Commission.

**PUNJAB WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD**

Govt. of Punjab

**NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS**

E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 9 OF 2020-21/PWSSD, ABH DATE: 16/12/2020

<https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

On behalf of the Chief Executive Officer, Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Chandigarh, Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Division, Abohar invites bids from the eligible bidder for the works detailed below:

Sr. No. Description of work

- Hiring a Car for Division Office, Pb: W/S & Sewerage Division; Abohar, for the year 2020-21 period 01.01.2021 to 31.12.2021 (12 Months).

Important dates are as under:-

- Period of availability of tender online shall be : 18.12.2020 at 10:00 a.m.

- Last date and time for online submission of bid shall be : 07.01.2021 at 03:00 p.m.

- Closing date & time for tender : 07.01.2021 at 03:00 p.m.

- Date and time of opening of Technical bid : 08.01.2021 at 11:00 a.m.

For detailed terms and conditions/information refer to website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

Note:- Any corrigendum(s) to the tender/RFP Notice shall be published on the above website only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Pb. W/S &amp; Sew. Divn., Abohar.

DPR/Pb/119081

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**
Website: <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in/>

E-Tendering Notice No. 8/Abohar Canal Division /2020-21

Dated 17/12/2020

E-Tenders on Contract/Agreement basis for the works of Relining of Sirdhan Feeder are hereby invited on behalf of the Governor of Punjab through our website : <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from eligible bidders.

## Bidding Process

Availability of Tender on-line for Bidding	Last Date & Time for online submission of Bids	Date & Time of opening of tender	
From	To	Techno-commercial Bid	Price Bid
19 Dec. (11:00 Hr.)	08 Jan. (14:00 Hr.)	08 Jan. (14:00 Hr.)	11 Jan. 2021 (11:00 Hr.) In the office of Abohar Canal Division, Abohar
			2021 (11:00 Hr.)

1. For any clarification regarding e-tendering process please contact E-tendering helpline 0172-393466, 2791226, 01634-220417, 9779322888
2. All other details/instructions can be seen in the bidding document uploaded on <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in/>
3. Corrigendum, if any will be given on above website and will not be advertised in newspapers. All prospective bidders are requested to frequently visit the above website.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Abohar Canal Division, C.C. Abohar

DPR/Pb/119262

**PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED**

Reg. Head Office The Mall, Patiala — 147001

(OFFICE OF: DY. CHIEF ENGINEER/OPERATION CIRCLE, PSPCL, NAWANSHAHR)

TENDER INQUIRY NO. 01/DY. C.E. DS Circle, NAWANSHAHR/2020-21

## 1. Due Dates &amp; Time:

1 Scope of work	Work of attending to resolving the Fuse-Off/Cell Complaints & LT/HT line Breakdowns for restoration of Electrical Power Supply, and Maintenance of LD/HT System.
2 Start Date for downloading of Specification/Tender documents from PSPCL website ( <a href="https://eprocurementpc.nic.in/">https://eprocurementpc.nic.in/</a> )	16.12.2020
3 Last Date for downloading of Specification/Tender documents from PSPCL website ( <a href="https://eprocurementpc.nic.in/">https://eprocurementpc.nic.in/</a> )	16.12.2020, 17.00 Hrs.
4 Last Date & Time for uploading of Tender on PSPCL website ( <a href="https://eprocurementpc.nic.in/">https://eprocurementpc.nic.in/</a> )	07.01.2021, 16.00 Hrs.
5 Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 10.00 Lac
6 Opening of tender Cost & EMD	11.01.2021, 11.30 Hrs.
7 Tender Document Cost	Rs. 2500 + 450 GST = 2950/- (Non-Refundable)
8 Estimated Tender Value	Rs. 6.72 Crores

## 2. Telephones/Contacts

1 DS Circle, NAWANSHAHR 01823-222038

2 Email Address dscircld

# India run into trouble

Kohli's fall for 74 puts Australia on top, India 233/6

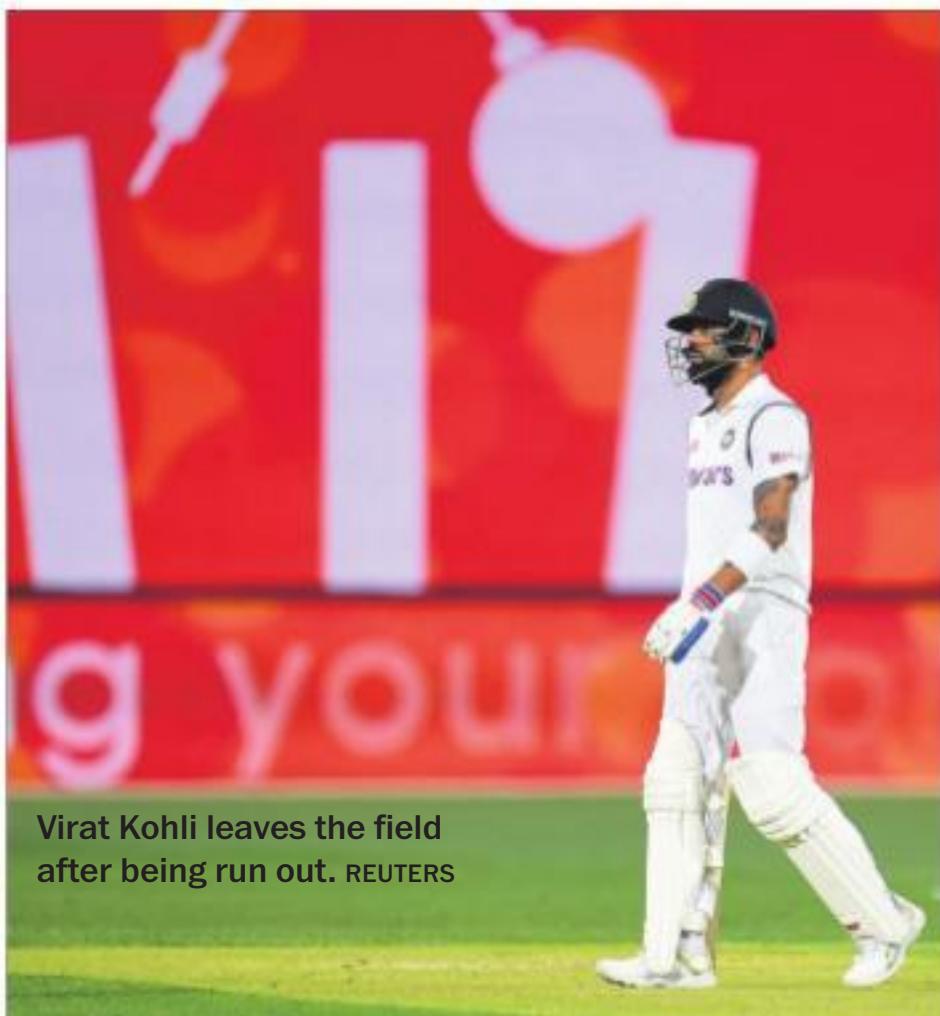
ADELAIDE, DECEMBER 17

Virat Kohli's enduring love affair with Adelaide Oval suffered an unfortunate breach at the hands of his vice-captain Ajinkya Rahane, denting India's hope of a big first innings total on the first day of the series-opening Day/Night Test against Australia. India finished the day at 233/6 after Kohli's dismissal for 74 following a misjudgement by Rahane led to a collapse as India lost three wickets for 18 runs.

Kohli, who looked in complete command, was run out when Rahane called for a single and backed out at the last moment, leaving the captain stranded. It happened just before the second new ball was taken, and from a comfortable 188/3, India slumped to 206/6 as Rahane and Hanuma Vihari (16) found the pace and swing under the lights too much to handle. Ravichandran Ashwin (15) and Wriddhiman Saha (9) saw off the final few overs and also got some useful runs.

## Top knock

In conditions that can't be called batting-friendly, Kohli



Virat Kohli leaves the field after being run out. REUTERS

blended the right amount of caution and aggression in his 180-ball innings, showing why he is considered heads and shoulders above his peers. If Cheteshwar Pujara (43 off 160 balls) let the bowlers dictate terms with an ultra-defensive approach, his skipper gave the opposition the respect it deserved but also played his strokes to drive home a point.

Kohli's 88-run partnership with Rahane (42 off 91 balls) during the final session nearly put India on an even keel but the scales tilted in Aus-

tralia's favour at Kohli's dismissal. Kohli's knock would rank among his best as he took control of the situation after a bad start, coming in at 32/2. He dealt well with the short ball, and his pull shots were excellent—he hit three kinds of them off the pacers, two off Starc and one off Josh Hazlewood, rolling his wrists to keep the ball down. There were other attractive shots in his innings, including his classical cover-drives.

## Slow crawl

Earlier, Pujara's ultra-defen-

sive approach became his own undoing as India literally crawled during the first two sessions. Pujara was intent on defence, and his 68-run stand for the third wicket with Kohli couldn't release the pressure on the team.

Pujara took 148 balls to strike his first four, hitting it in the day's 48th over after coming to bat in the first over. It was a battle of attrition between Pujara and star spinner Nathan Lyon in the post-dinner session, making for a fascinating hour's viewing. But Pujara lost out when he edged an off-break to his pad, and the ball popped up for Marnus Labuschagne at leg-gully to complete the catch.

## Bad start

In the morning, Prithvi Shaw's poor technique was again exposed by Starc while Mayank Agarwal (17) got a beauty from Pat Cummins. Shaw fell off the match's second ball when he went for an expansive drive off Starc, playing away from his body, and dragged the ball into stumps. Agarwal, who lived dangerously, was removed by Cummins with a fast ball that moved off the track and found the gap between bat and pad. —TNS, agencies

## SCOREBOARD

### INDIA 1st innings

	Total: (6 wickets, 89 overs)	233
	FOW: 1-0, 2-32, 3-100, 4-188, 5-196, 6-206	
Bowling	O M R W	
P Shaw b Starc	0	
M Agarwal b Cummins	17	
C Pujara c Labuschagne b Lyon	43	
V Kohli run out	74	
A Rahane lbw b Starc	42	
H Vihari lbw b Hazlewood	16	
W Saha not out	9	
R Ashwin not out	15	
Extras: (B 2, LB 7, NB 7, W 1)	17	

## Crawl at Adelaide

41 runs scored by India in

148 balls taken by

21 maiden overs bowled by

Australia, out of 89 overs

they bowled in the day

72.14 is Virat Kohli's

battling average

with knocks of 116, 22, 115,

141, 3, 34, 74

19.60 is Prithvi Shaw's

battling average

outside India, in 5 innings.

His average in India, in 3 innings, is 118.50

## Kohli wicket massive

It was massive. A wicket like that, run out, especially of Virat is massive. It was good to be back on board after the Ashes. He was batting pretty well, so happy with that.

## Battle with Kohli and Pujara

It was good fun, good conversations there but battle there is against the best players of the world. On a Day 1 wicket, it was a great challenge. They (Kohli and Pujara) are different in style and approach, batting against spin bowling. Nathan Lyon

## CORRIGENDUM

The last date for submission of applications by eligible Chartered Accountant firms (Partnership/proprietorship) has been published in the Ajit Punjabi, Punjabi Tribune and The Tribune (english) dated 13-11-2020 has been extended upto 28-12-2020. All other terms & Conditions are same. For further details See Our Website [www.sgpc.net](http://www.sgpc.net).

Note :- Those who have already applied need not to apply again.

Chief Secretary,  
Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee, Sri Amritsar.

## GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

### National Health Mission

Department of Health and Family Welfare, Punjab  
Prayas Building, 5th Floor,  
Sector-38-B, Chandigarh, Tel. No. 0172-2688438

### NOTICE INVITING SHORT TERM E-TENDERS FOR SUPPLY OF

Temperature Controlled Humidifier Dedicated for use during HFNOxygen Mode in Ventilators  
Ref. No. Tender/Proc-Cov/2020/NHM-12

The National Health Mission-Punjab, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Punjab hereby invites online bids through [www.eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in) for the supply of Temperature Controlled Humidifier Dedicated for use during HFNOxygen Mode in Ventilators available in the State of Punjab. Detailed requirements and terms and conditions are available on website: [www.eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in).

MISSION DIRECTOR

## BRIEFLY

### BELGRADE

Anshu Malik grabs silver at Wrestling World Cup

Young Anshu Malik was the lone Indian woman wrestler to win a medal at the individual World Cup, grabbing a silver in the 57kg category. In the men's section, Narsingh Pancham Yadav and Ravi Dahiya suffered opening-round losses.

### KARACHI

Pakistan's Amir retires from international cricket

Pakistan fast bowler Mohammad Amir announced his retirement from international cricket at the age of 28 today, claiming he could no longer play in an atmosphere where he did not feel welcome in the national team. AGENCIES

the World Cup in Cologne, Germany.

## TODAY ON TV

FIRST TEST  
INDIA VS AUSTRALIA  
SONY SIX 9:30AM

## E-AUCTION NOTICE

It is hereby notified for the information of General Public that 20 Nos. of various kinds of green standing/fallen/dry trees located at Inside Premises of Primary Wing of Air Force School at Race Course area at Air Force Station Ambala will be disposed off by Defence Estates Officer, Ambala Circle, Ambala Cantt, through E-auction. Interested persons/ Firm will have to visit the website (**CENTRAL PUBLIC AUCTION PORTAL OF GOVT OF INDIA**) [www.eauction.gov.in](http://www.eauction.gov.in) to participation in E-auction. The critical dates and the relevant information/ documents can be downloaded from [www.eauction.gov.in](http://www.eauction.gov.in)

Dated : 17th Dec 2020

Place : Ambala Cantt

(MVN Reddy)  
Defence Estates Officer

Ambala Circle, Ambala Cantt.

## NORTHERN RAILWAY

### OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

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

1 Name of work	Dismantling, cleaning, repairing and refinement of all design bio digester tanks with P-trap to S-trap modification for all type of coaches during POH at Jagadri Workshop Northern Railway
2 Location	Northern Railway, Carriage & Wagon Repair Shop, Jagadri Workshop, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana-135002
3 Tender Value	Rs. 4940199/-
4 Quantity	1480 Tanks
5 Cost of Tender form	Nil
6 Earnest money amount	Rs. 98800/-
7 Completion period of the work	5 months from the date of issuance of Letter of Acceptance
8 Date & Time for submission of tender form	Date 18.01.2021 till 15:30 HRS.
9 Opening of tender	Date 18.01.2021 at 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	<a href="http://www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a>
No: 6-S/15/Tender/2020-21 Dt: 17.12.2020	2815/2020

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE



Heartiest Greetings on the occasion of 4th Military Literature Festival 2020

## UNIQUE ACHIEVEMENTS BY PUNJAB FARMERS IN AGRICULTURE

The State produces about 19% of India's Wheat, 11% of Rice, 5% of Cotton, 10% of Milk, 20% of Honey and 48% of Mushroom grown in the country.

State has Highest irrigated area i.e. 99.9% and Highest cropping intensity i.e. 190%

Highest productivity of 827kg/hac. of Cotton during 2019-20

Provided 73800 Agriculture Machinery to Custom Hiring Centres and Individual Farmers.

Record Wheat Production i.e. 182.62 lakh metric tonnes during 2018-19

Under Farm Debit Waiver Scheme 2017, Rs.4610 Crore has been released to more than 5.63 Lakh farmers.

State bagged four Krishi Karman Awards of Rs.2 Crore (year 2017-18), Rs.2 Crore (year 2015-16), Rs.5 Crore (year 2013-14) and Rs.2 Crore (year 2010-11)

Fertility Maps of all the villages of Punjab have been prepared and installed in all villages.

Two Seed Testing Laboratories at Ludhiana and Faridkot have been strengthened and equipped with D.N.A. Finger Printing Testing Facilities.



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FARMER WELFARE, PUNJAB

**Gold smuggling probe improper:  
Kerala CM to PM**

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, DEC 17 Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Thursday complained to Prime Minister Narendra Modi about the manner in which national probe agencies were handling the gold smuggling case, claiming it was not in tune with generally accepted norms and sought his urgent intervention.

Vijayan, earlier this month, had slammed the course of the probe and had said he would write to Modi expressing the state government's displeasure.

In his letter to the PM, which came a day after the ruling Left Democratic Front bucked the anti-incumbency trend to retain the edge in the civic polls that it had in 2015, he sought Modi's intervention to rein in the agencies, which, he said, were going in the wrong direction and have caused lot of heartburn to committed state officials who feel they were being hunted.—IANS

**CROSSING LIMITS**

“We oppose the way the probe is going forward, as agencies are violating all accepted norms.”

Pinarayi Vijayan,  
KERALA CM

# 42nd communication satellite CMS-01 placed in orbit by ISRO

SRIHARIKOTA (AP), DECEMBER 17 India successfully launched its latest communication satellite CMS-01 on board its polar rocket from the spaceport here on Thursday, the second and last launch this year amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

ISRO's trusted polar satellite launch vehicle — PSLV-C50 — injected the satellite into the predefined orbit around 20 minutes after the lift-off from the second launch pad at the spaceport of Sriharikota.

CMS-01 is the 42nd communication satellite of the space agency and it is envisaged for providing services in Extended-C Band of the frequency spectrum covering India, Andaman and Nicobar and Lakshadweep islands. The satellite is functioning “very well”, ISRO Chairman K Sivan said.

The solar panels of the satellite, a crucial operation, have been deployed, he said, addressing scientists from the Mission Control Centre.

“I am extremely happy to declare that PSLV-C50 successfully injected CMS-01 communication satellite precisely into the predefined sub-Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO). In



another four days from now, the satellite will be placed into the specified slot into the GTO,” he said.

Sivan said the satellite was going to function as a replace-

ment for communication satellite GSAT-12, which was launched 11 years ago. CMS-01 will have a lifespan of over seven years, according to ISRO. Congratulating the space agency's launch and satellite vehicle teams, the chairman said, “I am sure that this satellite will be doing all the functions as planned successfully.”

Outlining ISRO's future missions — Chandrayaan-3, flagship mission Aditya L-1 and Gaganyaan — he said they were planning to have missions at the earliest.

These included the much awaited GSLV (Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle) and SSLV (Small Satellite Launch Vehicle) missions.

“Series of missions are on hand and as usual, ISRO will rise to the occasion...” he said. PSLV-C50 is the 22nd flight of PSLV in XL configuration (equipped with six strap-on motors), and it was the 77th launch vehicle mission from Sriharikota, about 120 km from Chennai. It follows the successful launch of PSLV-C49 (EOS-01) earth observation satellite and nine customer spacecraft on November 7 which was ISRO's first mission of the year amid Covid. —PTI

# Govt slams Cong MPs for walkout, Capt defends Rahul

ADITI TANDON  
TTRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 17

A war of words broke out today on Congress MPs' walkout from a meeting of the parliamentary standing committee on defence yesterday, with the government condemning the move and Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh backing the parliamentarians.

Information Minister Prakash Javadekar earlier today hit out at Rahul saying committees are not sites of protest.

“Rahul Gandhi has attended only two of the 14 meetings of the parliamentary standing committee on defence in the last year and a half. He is himself absent and then blames the government and procedures and walks out of the meeting in protest. Standing committee isn't a protest site,” said Javadekar.

Rahul and others had left a meeting where a presentation was made on the rank structure, uniforms, badges and honours of the Armed Forces — an agenda finalised in the last committee meeting to help panel members appreciate rank structures and equivalence.

## LETTER TO SPEAKER

Rahul Gandhi, in a letter to the Speaker, said, “Every member has the right to point out digressions from the agenda and the purpose of the standing committee. The panel can disagree but the fact that the chairman does not permit a member to speak is a sad comment on how the government handles military affairs. I urge you to intervene and ensure discussions held in the defence committee are in consonance with the role and objective of the institution and that the right of elected MPs to speak freely is protected.”

Amarinder Singh defended Rahul saying “I feel ashamed that committees have reached this level. I am shocked that the committee was discussing the type of polish to be used for buttons on the armed forces uniform instead of finding ways to counter the joint China-Pakistan threat. Rahul Gandhi rightly walked out of this mockery.”

# Chennaitechie jailed in IS conspiracy case

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 17

A BTech graduate from Chennai has been convicted by a special NIA court for pledging his allegiance to the Islamic State terror group in a bid to fight in Syria, officials said today. The NIA Special Court at Patiala House pronounced the verdict against Mohammad Naser on Wednesday.

The case, registered by the NIA in December 2015 under the IPC and Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act pertains to the criminal conspiracy hatched by the IS to establish its base in India by recruiting Muslim youths for the outfit, a banned terrorist organisation, through different social media platforms.

“As a result, Indian youths expressed their solidarity, allegiance and support to the ISIS in different forms and left India or their place of residence for abroad and joined ISIS under the influence of persistent indoctrination by their handlers,” the NIA said in an official statement. After the completion of investigation, the NIA filed chargesheets against 16 accused, including Naser, on June. In this case, 15 accused were earlier sentenced to up to 10 years of rigorous imprisonment by the NIA special court on October 16. —TNS

# ‘Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan’ to reverberate at 4th Military Lit Fest

TTRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 17

The fourth edition of the Military Literature Festival (MLF) will kick off tomorrow, with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh delivering the inaugural address virtually. Other prominent speakers during the inaugural address include Governor of Punjab VP Singh Badnore, former Governor of Jammu and Kashmir NN Vohra, Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh and Western Command General General Arun Prakash.

Due to restrictions imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic, the festival is being conducted virtually this time. Lt Gen Shergill said panel discussions and other events were being broadcast live through popular social media platforms for a global audience. Some events held as a prelude to the festival have already recorded 16 lakh views on social media.

There would be 12 panel

tical figures in society. Earlier during the day, Subedar Maj Yogendra Yadav of the Grenadiers, who was decorated with highest gallantry award Param Vir Chakra for his action during the capture of Tiger Hill in the 1999 Kargil War, discussed the battle in an online sammel and also spoke about his life and experiences in the Army.

Former service chiefs among speakers

## Rajnath's inaugural address today

### DELIBERATIONS ON...

- Emerging Indo-Pacific naval alliance
- Self-reliance towards defence preparedness and military leadership
- Newly inducted Rafale fighter aircraft
- Siachen operations and legacy of the Gurkha soldiers

### EX-SERVICE CHIEFS AMONG SPEAKERS



discussions by experts during the three-day event focused on contemporary strategic and geopolitical topics. The opening day would see discussions on

sabre-rattling in Ladakh, Chinese air power capabilities and the deep states in India and Pakistan.

A separate session, ‘Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan’, is being

organised to discuss issues related to the soldier and the farmer that will include prominent political leaders from the region.

Emerging Indo-Pacific naval alliance, self-reliance towards defence preparedness and military leadership are other topics to be taken up during the panel discussions in addition to deliberations on books and highlights on the newly inducted Rafale fighter aircraft, Siachen operations and the legacy of the Gurkha soldiers. The Western Command Headquarters will present a curtain raiser on the 1971 India-Pakistan war.

Former service chiefs Gen VP Malik, Air Chief Marshal BS Dhanoa, Admiral Arun Prakash, Admiral Sunil Lanba and Air Chief Marshal NAK Browne; and Members

of Parliament Shashi Tharoor, Manish Tewari, Rakesh Sinha, Mahua Moitra and Rajeev Chandrasekhar would be among the speakers at the event.

Ram Madhav, Lt Gen DS Hooda, Lt Gen SS Mehta, Vivek Katju, Kanwal Sibal, Shyam Saran, Dr C Rajamohan, Gul Panag, Mona Ambegaonkar, David Scott, Dr Christine Fair and Andrew Erikson will also take part in the discussions.

The literature festival is an annual event conducted by the Punjab Government and the Western Command to honour and commemorate the legendary bravery and sacrifices of Indian soldiers and also to bring on to a common platform experts to deliberate on contemporary military, security and geopolitical issues.



A worker dressed as Santa Claus sanitises an area in Mumbai. PTI

Covid cases near 10 mn

TTRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

per cent and the fatality rate to 1.45 per cent.

The toll has climbed to 1,44,451 after 355 deaths in a day. The active cases are below 4 lakh for the 11th day and stand at 3,22,366, making up 3.24 per cent of the total cases in the country.

# Order on contempt plea against Kamra today

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 17

The Supreme Court will on Friday pronounce its order on petitions seeking initiation of criminal contempt proceedings against standup comedian Kunal Kamra and comic artist Rachita Taneja for allegedly scandalising the judiciary.

After initial hearing on the petitions, a Bench headed by Justice Ashok Bhushan said it would pass appropriate orders on December 18.

It heard advocate Nishant R Katneshwarkar, who appeared for one of the petitioners and claimed that Kamra had posted several tweets scandalous to the judiciary. Attorney General KK Venugopal has already his consent to initiate criminal contempt of court proceedings against both Kamra and Taneja for insinuating the Supreme Court after it gave bail to Republic TV Editor-in-Chief Arnab Goswami in an abetment to suicide case.

Terming Kamra's tweets “highly objectionable”, Venugopal had said in his opinion it “constitutes criminal contempt of court”. The tweets are not only in bad taste but clearly cross the line between humour

and contempt of court, the Attorney General had noted.

In one of his tweets, Kamra showed the Supreme Court in saffron colour with a BJP flag in place of the Tricolour. He tweeted that honour had left the building (Supreme Court) long back and it was “the most supreme joke of the country”. He also made nasty comments about a sitting Supreme Court judge.

Taneja had circulated a caricature that allegedly depicted a quid pro quo relationship between the judiciary and the government with regard to the Ayodhya verdict. —TNS

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