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The offices of The Tribune will remain closed on Tuesday on account of Republic Day. There will, therefore, be no edition on January 27.

IN BRIEF

Pilot dead as Dhruv copter crashes in J&K

CHANDIGARH: A pilot was killed and another injured after a Dhruv helicopter belonging to the Army Aviation Corps crashed near Lakhimpur in Kathua district of J&K on Monday. The two pilots were evacuated to a military hospital in a critical condition where one of them, a Lieutenant Colonel, was declared brought dead. —TNS

Naidu inaugurates hi-tech weapon unit

HYDERABAD: M Venkaiah Naidu, Vice-President, on Monday inaugurated the Integrated Weapons System Design Centre at DRDO's APJ Abdul Kalam Missile Complex here. He was briefed on the technological developments at the DRDO Laboratory and Research Centre Imarat (RCI). —TNS

SC refuses to transfer 'love jihad' law pleas

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Monday refused to entertain the Uttar Pradesh Government's petition seeking transfer of pleas challenging its ordinance on religious conversion from the Allahabad High Court to the top court. —BACK PAGE

HP STATEHOOD DAY



BJP PRESIDENT RECALLS THE TRIBUNE HEADLINE

‘PM ushers in Himachal as full state’ in The Tribune on January 25, 1971, remains etched in my memory till date. As an 11-year-old, I asked my maternal uncle the meaning of statehood and today I can say with pride we have come a long way. —JP Nadda, BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT

After tractor parade, march to Parliament on Feb 1: Unions

VIBHA SHARMA, GEETANJALI GAYATRI & AParna Banerji
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI/SONEPAT, JANUARY 25 Thousands of farmers on tractors are all set to enter the Capital on Republic Day, even as Sanyukt Kisan Morcha leader Darshan Pal on Monday announced a 'padayatra' to Parliament on February 1, the day the government tables the Union Budget in the House.

Heavy security has been deployed in view of the unprecedented tractor parade that will move into Delhi from three border points — Singhu, Tikri and Ghazipur (Uttar Pradesh). The farm unions have been protesting against the recent farm laws since two months.

“We will march to Parliament on foot from different locations on the Budget day. Tomorrow’s tractor rally will give the government an idea of our strength and they will know the agitation is not just limited to Haryana or Punjab,” a confident Darshan Pal told the media, adding that every protest would be peaceful.

With the Opposition gearing up to corner the Modi government on the farmers’ issues,



Farmers protesting at Singhu gear up for their R-Day tractor rally. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MUKESH AGGARWAL

12L TRACTORS FOR RALLY

The stage is set for the tractor rally with farmer leaders claiming around 1.25 lakh tractors will enter Delhi on Tuesday

3 FARMERS DIE AT TIKRI

Three farmers — two from Haryana and one from Punjab — died of cardiac arrest at Tikri

SECURITY UP IN PB, HRY

Additional forces deployed in Pb, Hry districts bordering Delhi. Bomb disposal squad on standby

the Budget session is expected to be a stormy one. Sources said the government was

6K COPS, 20 DRONES, SHARPSHOOTERS AT RAJPATH

■ Multi-layered security, intel inputs on possible bid by “extremists” to create trouble

■ 6,000 police personnel, 20 drones deployed at Rajpath and 3 tractor rally routes

■ Those trying to deviate from routes to be dealt with sternly; eye on rogue elements

■ Security beefed up across the national Capital; sharpshooters and snipers atop high-rise buildings, keeping

“apprehensive” of the agitation gaining more strength after the R-Day rally. Already, there have



watch on 8-km-long route

■ Thousands of security personnel deployed at Delhi borders

been protests in Maharashtra, CONTINUED ON PAGE 13

EDIT: TANKS AND TRACTORS

Padma Vibhushan for Japan’s ex-PM

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 25

Former Japanese PM Shinzo Abe, late singer SP Balasubramaniam and late Moga-born physicist Narinder Singh Kapany are among the seven Padma Vibhushan awardees announced by the government on the eve of the 72nd Republic Day.

The others include leading cardiologist and former Chancellor of Manipal University Belle Monappa Hegde, Islamic scholar Maulana Wahiduddin Khan, BB Lal, the acclaimed archaeologist who turned 100 last year; and Sudershan Sahoo, a renowned sculptor born in Puri.

While Kapany is known as father of fibre optics, Lal was the first to excavate at the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid site. Among 10 Padma Bhushan awardees, the most notable ones are late Congress leader and former Assam CM Tarun Gogoi and chief of the Ram Temple Construction Committee Nripendra Misra, who was formerly Principal Secretary to PM Narendra Modi.

Late Ram Vilas Paswan and Keshubhai Patel, former Lok

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PADMA VIBHUSHAN FOR 7

Shinzo Abe, former Japan PM NS Kapany, late Moga physicist

SP Balasubramaniam; M Hegde, ex-chancellor, Manipal University

Maulana Wahiduddin Khan, scholar

BB Lal, acclaimed archaeologist

S Sahoo, renowned sculptor

PADMA BHUSHAN FOR 10

Ram Vilas Paswan, Tarun Gogoi, late Cong leader

Nripendra Misra, chief of Ram Temple construction committee

Keshubhai Patel, late Gujarat CM

Sumitra Mahajan, former Speaker

Kalbe Sadiq, late spiritual leader

RD Shroff, United Phosphorus Ltd

Tarlochan Singh, ex-MP from Hry

KS Chithra, Carnatic singer

C Kambara, Kannada poet

PADMA SHRI FOR 102, FIVE FROM PUNJAB

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Mahavir Chakra for Colonel Babu

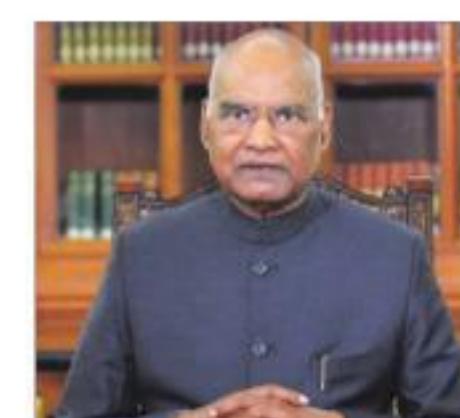
Col B Santosh Babu, who led his troops against the vicious China attack in Galwan in June last, has posthumously been awarded Mahavir Chakra. Five other Galwan heroes, Naib Subedar Nuduram Soren, Naik Deepak Singh, Havildar K Palani, Havildar Tejinder Singh and Sepoy Gurtej Singh, have been awarded Vir Chakra.—TNS

Top police medal for Pulwama hero

CRPF ASI Mohan Lal who lost his life in the Pulwama terror attack was awarded President’s Police Medal for Gallantry posthumously. The ASI chased and fired at an explosives-laden car that rammed into the bus carrying force personnel. PAGE 13

Committed to farmers’ welfare, says President

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE



SALUTES ARMED FORCES

“Our armed forces are adequately mobilised in a well-coordinated move to thwart any bid to undermine national security.”

Ram Nath Kovind, PRESIDENT

sions. However, it is beyond doubt that the government remains singularly devoted to farmers’ welfare,” the

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India, China to push for early pullback in Ladakh

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 25 Almost nine months into a military stand-off, India and China have agreed to push for an “early disengagement of the frontline troops” from the LAC in eastern Ladakh.

A joint statement on Monday said: “The two sides agreed that this round of meeting was positive, practical and constructive, which further enhanced mutual trust and understanding. The two sides agreed to push for an early disengagement of the frontline troops.”

The statement emerges after a marathon 16-hour meeting between senior military commanders of India and China which started around 10 am on January 24

FACE-OFF AT NAKU LA IN SIKKIM 5 DAYS AGO

■ Indian and Chinese troops clashed on January 20 near Naku La in Sikkim

■ The Army said there was a minor face-off and the issue was resolved by local commanders as per protocols

■ In April last year too, a clash had ensued in the area, leading to injuries on both sides

and ended at 2.30 am on Monday. The meeting was at the Chinese Garrison of Moldo, opposite the Chushul sector.

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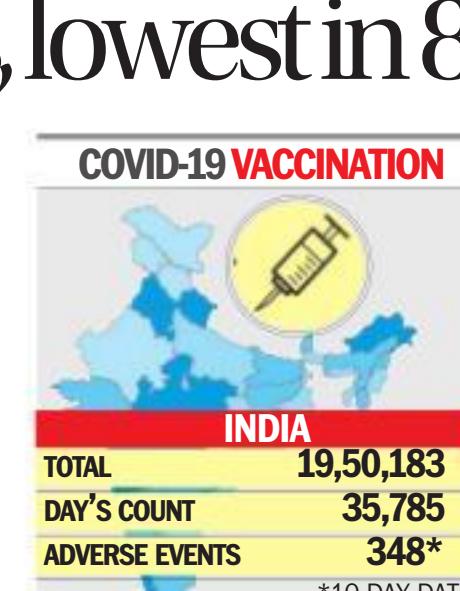
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131 deaths, lowest in 8 mths: Govt

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 25

India on Monday recorded 131 fatalities related to Covid-19, the lowest in over eight months, the Union Health Ministry said.

On May 17 last year, the country had recorded 120 deaths in a day. The number of cases rose to 1,06,67,736 with 13,203 more testing positive for the virus over the past 24 hours. There are 1,84,182 active cases, which is 1.73 per cent of the total infections and it remains



have been conducted so far with 5,70,246 samples being tested on Sunday. Meanwhile, a total of 19,50,183 health workers were vaccinated by the end of the 10th day of the national Covid jab drive with 348 adverse events following immunisation being reported. While 35,785 vaccination sessions have been held so far, 3,34,679 beneficiaries were vaccinated through 7,171 sessions on Monday, the ministry said. —TNS

Decide Rajoana plea in 2 weeks: SC to Centre

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 25

The Supreme Court on Monday gave the last chance to the Centre to take a call on the mercy plea filed by Balwant S Rajoana for commuting the death penalty awarded to him in ex-CM Beant Singh’s assassination case.

The SC, which had earlier asked the government to decide the petition before Republic Day,

NRIs plan two car rallies in Canada today

BATHINDA, JANUARY 25
Ahead of the farmers' tractor rally in Delhi on January 26, non-resident Indians (NRI) from Punjab have announced car rallies in Canada's Brampton and Calgary on Republic Day. In Brampton, the rally will be held from Soccer Centre to the Indian passport office, while a similar rally will be taken out from Calgary to Edmonton in support of the farmers.

Paramjeet Singh of Calgary said: "The Indian farming community will undertake a protest to show solidarity with Indian farmers in their struggle."

Want Ottawa to take up issue with India

gle against the draconian farm laws." Indian farmers had been protesting peacefully for the past several months by gathering in open spaces, facing the vagaries of winter weather, resulting in the loss of precious lives. However, the Indian Government was adamant on not repealing the laws, he said.

"We will also ask the provincial legislature to convey our sentiment to the Canadian government to take up the matter at their level with Indian counterparts." —TNS

Post on fuel station closure fake: ADGP

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 25
The Cyber Crime Cell of Punjab Police today started proceedings to take legal action against rumour mongers spreading fake news about closure of petrol stations across the state to thwart farmers' tractor rally.

Terming the post fake, Additional Director General of Police, Public Relations and New Age Media, Amardeep Singh Rai said the state government had never issued any notice to close petrol stations. He warned of stern action against those spreading false information.

The ADGP said notices were being sent to Facebook, Twitter and other social media platforms to remove the post, which was unauthorised. "The Cyber Crime Cell is tracing the rumour mongers who made this post viral on social media," said the ADGP. —TNS



Farmers arrive for the proposed Republic Day tractor rally at the Ghazipur border on Monday. The police have suggested three routes for the march. PTI

For R-Day, all roads lead to Delhi

Majority of men from villages camping in national capital

PARVESH SHARMA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SANGRUR, JANUARY 25

Cavalcades of tractors today clogged the roads leading to Delhi as thousands of farmers protesting against the farm laws headed towards the national capital for the proposed tractor parade on Republic Day.

Punjabi songs like "Waaris Nalue Da," "Fateh," "Pechai Gaya Centre Naal" and other inspirational numbers play on tractors as farmers patiently wait to move ahead.

"I have seen many agitations, but it's the first time that we are witnessing such a massive support. From our villages, majority of farmers are heading to New Delhi to participate in the tractor march," says Balwinder Singh, a farmer from Maura village.

Despite being aware of the free supply of all essential commodities at Delhi borders to protesters, farmers are still carrying their ration, wood, LPG cylinders and several other items as many plan to stay at borders after the tractor parade.

Earlier tractors and other vehicles going to the capital, had flags with "Kisan Ekta Jindabad", "No Farmer, No



Farmers protest at the Lehra Bega toll plaza in Bathinda. PAWAN SHARMA

'WILL STAY THERE AFTER THE PARADE'

After the R-Day parade, we all are prepared to protest at New Delhi for months. We do not have any other option as the central government is unwilling to repeal the black laws. **Balwant Singh, A FARMER**

Food", "End of MSP, will kill farming" written on them, now the Tricolor is also visible along with them.

"Thousands of tractors have already reached Delhi borders and many more are on the way. All are determined to protest peacefully on Republic Day," says Rajpal Singh, a BKU (Ugrahan) leader from Mangwal village.

In several villages, there are many families which have sent more than two members to participate in the parade. Gurpreet Singh, sarpanch of Kauhrian village, says: "Around 60 per cent men of our village have gone to New Delhi. There are many more villages in our area from where more than 40 to 50 percent residents have gone to Delhi."

Ensure rally is peaceful, Capt appeals to farmers

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 25

Terming their Republic Day tractor rally a testimony to the celebration of the Indian Republic and its Constitutional ethos, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Monday appealed to the farmers to ensure that the event remained peaceful just as their anti-farm law protests have been so far. He urged the Centre once again to heed the troubled voice of the farming community.

"Peace has been the hallmark of your (farmers') democratic protests all these months, and should remain integral to your agitation in the days ahead, including the R-Day tractor rally into the national capital," he said in his message on Republic Day eve.

Lamenting that the federal structure was facing one of its biggest threats, the CM said the manner in which the three farm laws were pushed through, without debate or discussion, cannot, and should not be accepted in the world's largest democracy. The Centre had no power to legislate on a

WE STAND BY YOU

We stand by every farmer of the state. Besides compensation and job for one family member of each of the deceased farmers, we shall extend any other help their families may need. We shall also continue to reach out to the families of those still camping at the Delhi borders

**Capt Amarinder Singh,
CHIEF MINISTER**

state subject, which agriculture is, and the implementation of the farm laws violated every principle of our Constitution and the federal structure, he added. The CM said farmers' collective fight, in which his government was standing shoulder to shoulder with them, was aimed at protecting the federal core of the Constitution.

MORCHA'S PARADE GUIDELINES



DO'S

- Follow the pre-decided route, deviation to invite action
- Proceed in a line, no overtaking throughout the parade
- Maximum of five persons, including driver, can ride on a tractor
- Call helpline or approach volunteers if medical emergency
- Follow Facebook page of Kisan Ekta Morcha to verify any news



DON'TS

- Bring trailers; those with tableau exempted
- Keep weapons, play loud music
- Put up political parties' flags, banners with provocative slogans
- Sit on bonnet, bumper or roof of tractors, litter plastic waste
- Argue with police personnel and representatives of any news channel

INPUTS BY AJAY JOSHI



Cops, bureaucrats offer tacit support

Muktsar: Bureaucrats and police officers hailing from the farming families are supporting the tractor parade in Delhi. Some have changed their profile pictures on WhatsApp, while others have uploaded pictures of their children carrying placards supporting the farmers on other social media platforms. An SP rank police officer (posted in the Malwa region) said, "My daughter has to recite a poem on Republic Day. So, she decided to recite a poem on farmers because standing up for a cause is also patriotism." —TNS



Bathinda traders protest arthiyas' remarks

Bathinda: Tempers ran high at Goriana mandi in Bathinda on Monday when scores of traders from the Aggarwal community carried out a protest march after some arthiyas from the Jat community allegedly made some objectionable remarks about them. In a video clip that has been circulating on the social media, arthiyas can be seen asking the traders' community to come out of the comforts of their homes and support farmers in their agitation against the new farm laws. The Aggarwal community lodged a police complaint and demanded immediate action in the matter. —TNS

Tractor rally will be peaceful, says SAD

Chandigarh: SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal on Monday said he was confident that the tractor parade on Tuesday will be a peaceful event. "The participants in the farmers' struggle so far have demonstrated an unprecedented discipline. It is remarkable that hundreds of thousands of people have been protesting for over two months now in a peaceful manner, despite provocations and conspiracies against them," Sukhbir urged the Government of India to ensure that the police and other law-enforcing agencies deal with the march with utmost "sensitivity and patience." —TNS

Driven by cause, it's now or never for young farmers

AMAN SOOD
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PATIALA, JANUARY 25
Braving the chill and fog, thousands of farmers are on the road with only one destination in mind — Delhi — to participate in the January 26 tractor parade. Long tractor queues on the entire national highway run up to the national capital borders.

All through the route, people are seen showing flags, waving and even bursting crackers to boost the morale of the Delhi-bound farmers. Even at 11.30 pm, residents are seen standing alongside the Sonepat roads, some with candles while others waving at the passing farmers.

Enthusiasm of Mansimran Singh Riar, a youth from Naina village in Patiala who travelled



Young farmers on their way to the national capital for the tractor rally. TRIBUNE PHOTO

the entire Sunday night to reach the border, encapsulates what is the driving force behind the farmers' agitation. With a farmer union's flag fly-

ing high in front of his tractor, the music system on the vehicle plays songs from 'Bhag Milkha Bhag', a film on the life story of famous athlete Milkha

Singh. The song "Zinda hai toh..." perfectly describes the farmer's struggle against the three laws. "We are not on a picnic. We have left the com-

forts of our home and family members for a cause. The struggle is of principles. We will die or win this," says Riar, who has been to the Delhi borders almost four times in the past over a month.

At Ambala, the cavalcade of tractors led by Riar stopped over at a dhaba for dinner. The dhaba owner refused to charge anything. "My friends and I are serving our farmer friends. It is our humble contribution," says Depanshu Kambhoj who belongs to Sanaur.

Near Panipat, a former Chief Engineer, JS Dullat, along with his friends, is on his way with ration and other items loaded in their contingent of 20 tractors. "I retired as an engineer, but my veins have a farmer's blood. This is the second time I am going to Delhi," he says.

So far, 300 tractor-trailers, each carrying 10-15 farmers, have already left for the national capital to take part in the January 26 rally. —TNS

Cane growers join brethren in Delhi

GURDASPU, JANUARY 25

Sugarcane farmers are the latest to join the agitation against the three agricultural laws at the Delhi borders.

Though they do not take their produce to the APMC markets and are assured the State Advised Price (SAP), thousands of farmers from this sugarcane-rich district are making a beeline to Delhi in tractor-trailers to stand by their protesting brethren. They say "if the government doesn't support paddy and wheat-growing farmers today, sugarcane growers could be the next target tomorrow."

Farmer union flags put up at houses in Multan village in Bathinda.



Farm union flags come up on residences, shops

SUKHMEET BHASIN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

BATHINDA, JANUARY 25

Residents in cities and villages of the region have started putting up farm union flags outside their houses and shops as a mark of support for the farmers' agitation and the proposed tractor parade on Republic Day.

Rising above party lines, people have joined hands in support of farmers. Green and yellow flags of farm unions can be seen in almost every house. At Multan village in Bathinda, flags, stickers and banners in yellow, green, white and black colours are visible almost everywhere.

Harsewak Singh, former sarpanch of Multan village, said: "Villagers have risen above party lines in support of the farmers' agitation. This is the issue of our bread and butter, so the entire village is supporting them."

Jagbir Singh, BKU (Ekta Ugrahan) leader, said: "Earlier,

Marchers cheered on by young & old

VISHAV BHARTI
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHAMBHU, JANUARY 25
As rows of tractors, bikes and cars with red, saffron and green flags atop take a turn at the curve, the echo of 'Kisan ekta zindabadi' gets louder. Fists go up in the air and signs of victory are flashed.

This is National Highway 44 at Shambhu, where once existed a toll barrier.

Two months ago, concrete barriers set up by the police were pushed aside as the farmers marched towards Delhi.

Now celebrating the unique

festival of unity, all barriers have ceased to exist, between urban and rural, farmers and traders, Punjab and Haryana. Tamanna Tiwari, a young architect from Ambala, has driven down to Shambhu to cheer on the marching caravans. "I have never participated in a protest. I am here to show solidarity, as the laws need to go," she says, holding a green and red flag.

The movement has also found resonance with the old. Raj Kumar, a retired employee from Ambala's ITI, approaches passing vehicles to offer sweets. "I have spared a small amount from pension to be a part of this struggle."

The struggle has inspired many unemployed youth to go back to their roots. Sandeep Singh, a young man from Gurdaspur village, near Doraha, asked what has inspired him to head to Delhi, he says: "It is a fight for our existence."



Protesters on their way to Delhi for the Republic Day tractor rally.

WILL WAVE BLACK FLAGS, SAY JOBLESS TEACHERS

Sangrur: Unemployed members of five unions have announced showing black flags to chief guests in four districts during the Republic Day functions to protest the "failure" of the government in giving them jobs. "Our members will show black flags to chief guests during Republic Day functions in Sangrur, Barnala, Mansa and Bathinda. Thousands of posts of teacher are vacant, but the government is not recruiting youth for all posts," said Sukhwinder Dhillon, president, BED and TET Pass Union. —TNS

er, when we used to tell people to hold unions' flags, they would be hesitant, but times have changed now. The same people now want these flags. They like taking photos with the union leaders as if they are celebrities. This is the power of the agitation."

Capt: AAP behind attack on Bittu, Zira at Singhu

Says Oppn party trying to weaken farmers' agitation at BJP's behest

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE



Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh gives a gift to a girl to mark National Girl Child Day in Patiala on Monday. PHOTO: RAJESH SACHAR

PATIALA, JANUARY 25 Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Monday said the attack on a state Congress MP and MLA at the Singhu border was not the handiwork of peacefully protesting farmers but of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) workers, "whose only agenda was to weaken the farmers' fight by creating trouble at the behest of the BJP".

"AAP workers present near the 'Kisan Sansad' attacked and manhandled Punjab Congress MP Ravneet Singh Bittu and MLA Kulbir Singh Zira. No one but AAP is responsible for the attack," he said.

They (AAP) should understand that this country was thriving on 'lokshahi' (democracy) and not 'dhakkashahi' (push and shove)," said the Chief Minister, on the sidelines of various events here in Patiala. "Intelligence reports

indicate that AAP workers had intermingled with farmers and assaulted the Congress leaders. AAP's desperate attempts to undermine me and my government in Punjab are becoming more and more brazen by the day. After their efforts to spread false propaganda and

lies about the Congress government in Punjab failed to mislead the farmers, they resorted to violence against Bittu and Zira," the CM added.

Meanwhile, taking his government's flagship 'Ghar Ghar Rozgar' and 'Karobar Mission' forward, the Chief

NO HAND IN PROTEST: AAP

- Reacting to Cong MP Ravneet Singh Bittu's statement after farmers protested against him on Sunday, the AAP said the protest was carried out by 'aam admi', not AAP
- Party's state co-in-charge Raghav Chadha and youth wing co-president Anmol Gagan Mann said Bittu was targeted only because of his statements against farmers
- They said Bittu first made statements against farmers and later joined them, hoping they would get out of control. When the farmers opposed Bittu, he started blaming others, linking the protest to AAP

Minister today launched a mega self-employment loan mela from Patiala as a culmination to the special loan melas held across the state, wherein 1.70 lakh youth were assisted in getting self-employment loans from various banks.

Padma Shri for orthopaedist, bizwoman

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Five from state get the fourth-highest civilian award



Dr Ratan Lal Mittal



Rajni Bector

Patiala, is known for performing rare clubfoot surgeries free of cost. Dr Mittal has done cutting-edge research on severe, rigid and neglected clubfoot deformities—highly prevalent in lower and middle income countries, including India.

Dr Mittal, while talking to *The Tribune*, said: "This is the result of my 60 years of hard work. I feel satisfied now."

Octogenarian businesswoman Rajni Bector rose from her backyard business with a

paltry investment of Rs 300 to become an undisputed business tycoon. The IPO of her company —Mrs Bectors Food Specialties —made history by getting over-subscribed 198 times and listed at 74 per cent premium on the offer price. "I feel blessed and express my gratitude to the government for recognising my services," she said.

The other recipients of the award are Prakash Kaur (social work), Lajwanti (art) and Kartar Singh (art).

45 do-gooders to be feted

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 25 The state government today released a list of 45 personalities who performed their duties perfectly with passion in various fields.

An official spokesman said Pradeep Kumar, fire officer, Municipal Council, Dera Bassi, has been selected for bravery. Sonu Sood, Sonu Maheshwari, Chairman, Youth Welfare Society, Bathinda, Kuldeep Singh Mann, Secretary, Swami Gangaji Nand Bhuri Wale International Foundation, Dham Taldwandi Khurd, Jagraon, Anil Bharti, Ludhiana, Tarjit Singh, driver, Tehsil Office Amritsar-21 have been selected for social service.

He said for occupational expert, Sarabjit Singh, Dr Sarabjit Singh Randhawa, senior veterinary officer, Batala, Gurdaspur, Dr Ajit Dua, Dr Rupinder Bakhshi, Sarabjit Kaur Sohal, president, Punjab Sahitya Akademi, and Bansi Kaul have been selected.

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For excellent services during Covid, Dr KK Talwar, cardiologist, consultant, Health and Medical Education, Punjab, Dr Raj Bahadur, orthopaedic, Vice-Chancellor, Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot, Dr Rajesh Kumar, executive director, SHSRC, Dr GD Puri, dean and professor, Department of Anesthesia, PGI, Dr Pub Ray, professor, Department of Microbiology, PGI, Dr Biswa Mohan, professor, Department of Cardiology, DMC Ludhiana, Dr Clarence J Samuel, vice-principal, Community Department, CMC Ludhiana, Dr Neelam Marwaha, former head and

Bal Puraskar for Ldh girl

LUDHIANA, JANUARY 25 Namya Joshi, a Class 8 student of Sat Paul Mittal School, has done the region proud as she

has been conferred with the prestigious Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar, 2021, the highest civilian award for an individual below 18 years. "I have got the recognition in the field of innovation for my work on 'Minecraft', she says. 'Minecraft' is a skill-based learning programme, which gives teachers and students a platform for better understanding and makes learning interesting. A keynote speaker at 'KEOS 2019 – a global education conference' in Jyvaskyla, Finland, she has got many national and international achievements to her credit. —TNS

AIG Khakh among 8 to get CM medal

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 25 On the recommendations of the government, the Governor today announced award of CM's Rakshak Padak to ASI Subash Chander for displaying the highest level of courage by saving the life of a citizen.

The Governor also announced the names of eight officers, including AIG Counter Intelligence (Jalandhar zone) Harkamal Preet Singh Khakh, for CM Medal for Outstanding Devotion to Duty. The other officers are DSP City Bathinda Gurjot Singh; DSP (SSOC, Amritsar) Harwinderpal Singh; DSP (SSOC, SAS Nagar) Gurcharan Singh; DSP (STF, Border range, Amritsar) Arun Sharma; Inspector Binderset Singh, ASI (LR) Kashmir Singh, and ASI Pawan Kumar. The government also announced 'Praman Patra' for 13 police officials for outstanding duty during Covid. —TNS



DSP (Int) Bikramjit S Brar
Police Medal for Gallantry



ADGP (Prisons) Praveen Sinha
President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service



ASI Shinder Pal
Police Medal for Meritorious Service



ASI Anil Kumar
Police Medal for Meritorious Service

R-Day honours for 21 cops

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 25

The Union Ministry of Home Affairs on the eve of 72nd Republic Day announced the names of the Punjab Police officers/officials to be awarded with Police Medal for Gallantry (PMG), President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service (PPMDS) and Police Medal for Meritorious Service (PMMS).

Three officials from Organised Crime Control Unit (OCCU) — DSP Intelligence Bikramjit Singh Brar, ASI Sukhwinder Kumar and HC Parwinder Singh — have been awarded with PMG. ADGP (Prisons) Praveen Kumar Sin-

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A recipient of the Police Medal for Gallantry twice in the past, DSP (Intelligence) Bikramjit Singh Brar is up for the honour once again. Given Union Home Minister's Medal for Excellence in Investigation last year, he is the first officer from the state to get the honour and the only officer from the state to bag three Police Medals for Gallantry.

ha and IGP (Financial Investigation Unit) Ananya Gautam will be conferred with PPMDS. Commissioner of Police, Lud-



The soil of Jallianwala Bagh and martyrs' native places was mixed in the foundation of a memorial at Anand Amrit Park in Amritsar. VISHAL KUMAR

Stadium inaugurated in Mansa

BATHINDA, JANUARY 25

Cabinet minister Vijay Inder Singh today inaugurated a sports stadium in Datewas village and a nature park in Mansa.

Chief guest at a function by the Department of Employ-

ment Generation, Skill Development and Training, he honoured 50 ration depots, 35 self employed youth and five disabled persons who opted for self employment under the Ghar Ghar Rozgar Yojana. —TNS

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APPENDIX-IV A

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/Mortgagor and Secured Creditor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive (symbolic) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of IFCI Ltd. (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 03/02/2021, for recovery of Rs.151,66,89,899/- as on 14/01/2021, together with further interest at the contractual rates w.e.f. 15/01/2021 along with cost, charges, expenses & other debts, due to the IFCI Ltd. (Secured Creditor) from Kwally Ltd. (Borrower), JTPL Pvt. Ltd. (Mortgagor/Corporate Guarantor) and Shri Sanjay Dhingra (Guarantor). The lot wise and consolidated reserve price and the earnest money deposit (EMD) shall be as below:

Lot No.	Reserve Price	EMD
1	12,57,00,000/-	1,25,70,000/-
2	43,11,00,000/-	4,31,10,000/-
3	4,54,00,000/-	45,40,000/-
Consolidated price for all 3 lots		60,22,00,000/-
Description of the Immovable Property		

All that pieces and parcels of Lands, comprised in and forming part of property bearing Khasra nos. detailed as hereunder:

Lot No.	Area adjoining	Khasra No.	Situated in
1	16 Kanal 17 Maria	26/111, 26/121, 26/9/2, 26/10	Village Sante Majra, Tehsil Kharar, District Mohali (Punjab)
2	55 Kanal 2 Maria	27/6, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18/1, 18/2	Village Sante Majra, Tehsil Kharar, District Mohali (Punjab)
3	17 Kanal 5.7 Maria	10/16(6-16) 12896/13600 share, 10/24/1(0-4), 24/2 (1-19), 25(7-18), 11/21(0-1), 13/35(10-18) its 59/72 share	Village Khuni Majra, Tehsil Kharar, District Mohali (Punjab)

The property is situated within JTPL City, Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar/Mohali (a township approved by Greater Mohali Area Development Authority "GMADA" situated at Sector 115). (No known encumbrance(s) w. r. to the above mentioned immovable property except the charge of IFCI Ltd.)

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in IFCI Ltd.'s (Secured Creditor's) website i.e. www.ifcilt.com

Date: 25/01/2021

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Authorised Officer
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR "GLADA EASTEND CLUB" LUDHIANA

Greater Ludhiana Area Development Authority (GLADA) is establishing a state of the art, one of the most esteemed and prestigious clubs of North India in Sector 39-A, Samrala Road, Ludhiana opposite Vardhman Mill named "GLADA Eastend Club". The Club would offer an access to a range of social, wellbeing and leisure facilities such as fine dining, party halls, gymnasium, all weather swimming pool, indoor and outdoor sports facilities.

Applications are invited for membership of first batch of 700 members from general public and Government officers w.e.f 27th January, 2021. The eligibility criteria and other details are available on the website <https://glada.gov.in>

Interested applicants are required to purchase brochure (Cost Rs. 100/- non refundable) along with application form from Single Window at GLADA Office Complex, Near Rajguru Nagar, Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana and submit applications complete in all respects along with supporting documents and draft of enrolment fee at the single window on or before 5:00 PM on 28th February, 2021.

For any clarification or query contact Estate Officer-1, GLADA or on email id: gladaldh@yahoo.com or on 0161-5201920, 5201921 during office hours.

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GREATER LUDHIANA AREA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
GLADA Complex, Rajguru Nagar, Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana

Final chance to decide on Rajoana plea: SC to Centre

SATYA PRAKASH
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 25
The Supreme Court on Monday gave a last chance to the Centre to take a call on the mercy plea filed by Balwant Singh Rajoana for commuting the death penalty awarded to him in former Punjab Chief Minister Beant Singh's assassination case.

A Bench, headed by Chief Justice of India SA Bobde, which had earlier asked the government to decide the petition before Republic Day, gave two more weeks after Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said the government was examining the issue.

Mehta said it would not be prudent to decide the matter at this juncture as it could have some repercussions in the present situation. As Mehta sought three weeks, the CJI shot back, "Why three weeks? What is happening Mr Mehta... A

AAP releases list of 121 candidates

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 25
The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) today released another list of 121 candidates for the upcoming local bodies' elections in the state.

In a joint statement issued here today, AAP's state in charge and Delhi MLA Jarnail Singh, and state president and Mem-

ber of Parliament Bhagwant Mann said the fresh list was for 20 municipal bodies.

These included Rayya, Sultanpur Lodhi, Kotkapura, Moga, Patran, Malerkotla, Dera Bassi, Mandi Gobindgarh, Jaitu, Faridkot, Amargarh, Ahmedgarh, Zirakpur, Sri Hargobindpur, Guru Har Sahai, Zira, Maur, Muktsar, Bhikhawind and Jandiala Guru.

SAD names 9

NANGAL, JANUARY 25

The SAD on Monday released the names of nine candidates for the upcoming municipal council elections here. The local civic body has 19 wards.

Party spokesperson Daljeet Singh Cheema said Palwinder Singh, Sapna Rani, Daljit Kaur and Sanju would be the party candidates from ward nos. 2, 3, 5 and 6, respectively. The names of remaining candidates would be released soon, he added. —TNS

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orders otherwise.

Justice Kshetarpal further directed the respondent-MC to release the amount of sanctioned medical reimbursement to the petitioners. For the purpose, Justice Kshetarpal set a four-month deadline.

The matter was brought under the judicial scanner

Referring to two petitions filed by employees of the Abohar Municipal Corporation (MC) for reimbursement of the sanctioned amount, Justice Anil Kshetarpal asserted it reflected a very sorry state of affairs in the civic body.

Justice Kshetarpal further directed the MC commissioner to examine the aspect before taking appropriate steps, while making it clear that the court would be compelled to pass stringent

Directs Abohar MC to release sanctioned amount

after Suman Kumari and Bimla Kumari filed two petitions against the state of Punjab and other respondents. Appearing before the Bench through videoconferencing, their counsel submitted that the petitioners prayed for direction to the respondents to release the amount of medical reimbursement of the bills which had already been approved. The petitioners claimed that they were employees of the Abohar MC.

Issuing a notice of motion on the petitions to the state and another respondent, Justice Kshetarpal added the order had been passed without hearing the Abohar MC. As such, it would have the liberty to move an application for recall of the order.

Brar added directions were required to be issued to the

respondents not to reject the papers of the petitioners. Directions were further sought to the respondents to issue NOC to the petitioners to enable them to file their nomination papers in the forthcoming elections as they were fully eligible.

Brar added they fulfilled the conditions of registration provided under the provisions of the Punjab State Election Commission Act and were not disqualified from being chosen as municipal councillors.

Seeking directions for video-recording the nomination process, including scrutinizing the documents, Brar also prayed for directions to record the happenings outside the booth on the polling date.

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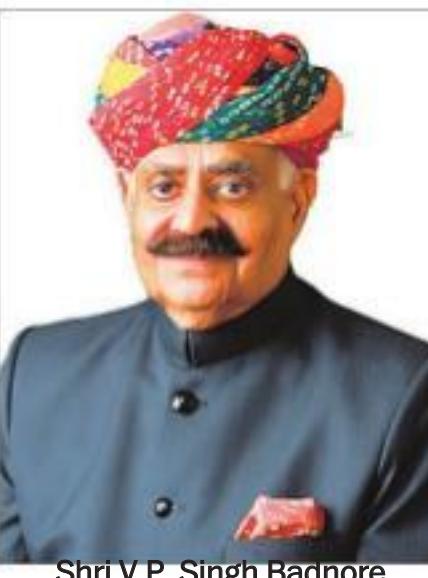


REPUBLIC DAY



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MESSAGE



Shri V.P. Singh Badnore
Governor of Punjab and
Administrator, UT Chandigarh

ON the auspicious occasion of our 72nd Republic Day, I extend my heartiest greetings and felicitations to all the Indians living in Punjab and abroad. I also send my greetings to the brave personnel of our armed forces who are guarding and defending the borders of our country thereby protecting the unity and territorial integrity of the Nation.

On this occasion my thoughts go back to millions of unsung heroes of the freedom struggle, who lived and died valiantly, for the freedom of our nation and also to the countless men and women who faced immense sufferings in the struggle for Independence of our country.

The world 'REPUBLIC' is not an ordinary word. It is a commitment to the effect that, in our State, supreme power is exercised by the people. This historic occasion is a day of rejoicing, as today we enjoy the status of being the world's largest democracy and one of the major players in the world.

A Special emphasis has been laid, at national and state levels, in recent years on rapid and more inclusive growth with the focus on bringing about social equality through the reduction of poverty and empowering our people by adopting multi-pronged strategies.

The unprecedented contribution of Punjab to the cause

of Freedom of our country is unmatched anywhere in the history of the world. The great martyrs Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Lala Lajpat Rai, Shaheed Udham Singh, Kartar Singh Sarabha, Dewan Singh Kalepani and many more who shed every drop of their blood and had languished in jails, have left a rich legacy for all of us which demands unbound love and respect of our motherland besides firm commitment to preserve India's glory and independence.

I was extremely happy to be a part of the prestigious Military Literature Festival, an annual feature organized jointly by the Government of Punjab, Chandigarh Administration and the Western Command Chandi Mandir. This time, the fourth edition, because of the pandemic, was inaugurated virtually by Hon'ble Defence Minister of India, Sh. Raj Nath Singh Ji and was widely attended all across the world.

Given the rich martial traditions of the region of Punjab, it comes as no surprise

that this region is a treasure cove of military events since times immemorial, thus simmering in unlimited tales of military invasions, campaigns and battles with the natural abundance of battlefield heroes, sacrifices and events that's steered the course of not only the region, but the country as a whole.

On this occasion, I would like to recall that the entire world remained in the grip of the Coronavirus for the past more than one year. There has been a lot of suffering because

of this Pandemic. But it is worth mentioning here that the timely initiatives taken by our Hon'ble Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi, the situation by and large remained under control. Now with the approval of India made vaccine, the Covid Free Bharat campaign has further been strengthened.

On this historic day, I congratulate the innovators scientists, Civil and Police Officers of Chandigarh and Punjab appearing in our daily War Room Reviews meetings on COVID, Ex-service-

men, Doctors, Para medics, NGOs, Voluntary Organisations and the Media involved in the war against Covid. I also appreciate the people of Punjab and Chandigarh for their unstinted support and cooperation to the Government during these trying times.

Let us renew our pledge, on this historic day, to the ideals of secularism, nationalism, patriotism and to work with dedication to make Punjab and the country strong and vibrant.

JAI HIND

MESSAGE



Captain Amarinder Singh
Chief Minister, Punjab

the problems faced by the farmers of a non-rice eating state like ours to make India a leading producer of rice. We have seen our farmers toil with their sweat and blood to make that happen. We have seen our country humiliated for food at the hands of the Americans under PL480. For a state with less than 2% of the national coverage in terms of area to contribute 40% of the foodgrain production has been no mean task. Our farmers made that happen.

The celebration of the Indian Republic would not be complete without acknowledgement of this contribution of Punjab and its farmers to India's progress.

I can assure the Government of India that we, in Punjab, which has always been at the forefront of India's growth and development, will support any initiative or reform that is in the best interest of our farmers and our people, just as we supported the Centre wholeheartedly in its fight against Covid. The pandemic has tested the mettle of virtually every nation around the world. We, in India, have not been spared the tragedy of lost lives and spiralling cases. The fight to survive the pandemic has not been easy, and it is far from over. But I am happy to say that Punjab has been largely successful in controlling the spread of the pandemic - a result of the grit and commitment of the Punjabis who have led India's fight in every battle since the nation's struggle for independence, and even before.

At the peak of the pandemic in September 2020, while India's positivity rate stood at 8.1%, Punjab showed 7.7%. The trend of bettering the national average has sustained through the months, with our current positivity at 4% against India's 5.6%.

One reason for this is the speed and promptness with which we moved to clamp down on the virus. We were among the first states to impose a total curfew at the start of the spread of the pandemic. We also led in facilitating the transportation of migrants back to their homes, while ensuring that those choosing to stay behind did not suffer from lack of food and shelter. From special recruitments of medical and paramedic staff to regular monitoring, from awareness campaigns to strict penalties for non-compliance with Covid safety norms, from strategic initiatives like micro containment to Corona Fette Kits and high level of RTPCR testing - Punjab showed the way to the rest of the nation every step of the fight against Coronavirus. Today, I would like to thank each one of you for making it possible for us to successfully implement these initiatives in the interest of the state and its people. I would also like to join every citizen of Punjab in saluting all those healthcare and frontline workers who lost their lives in this battle against the pandemic, and to all those who are even now leading from the front to keep every Punjabi safe and secure.

A few months ago, I was repeatedly reminding the people of Punjab that Mask is the only protection against Covid. Today, I am happy and proud to state that India has, in fact, come a long way from that time and is now armed with two weapons against the Coronavirus - the Vaccine and the Mask. So let all of us, in Punjab, make the most of both these weapons and lead the nation in this new phase of our fight against Covid, just as we have done in the past. I am sure that if we do that, Fete will be ours!

Jai Hind

Today, as we usher in a new year of our Republic, the voice of the farmers must be heard. For decades now, the farmers of Punjab (and of course the rest of the country) have toiled hard to make India self-sufficient in food. It has been a long and difficult journey - from going around with the begging bowl to feed India to a situation where we are actually exporting foodgrain, notably rice. Few can imagine

Chandigarh Tourism on the move



Nitika Pawar, IAS
Special Secretary-cum-Director
Tourism, Chandigarh
Administration

It is the endeavour of Chandigarh Tourism to not only maintain the existing tourist spots but also to augment the tourism infrastructure with creation and development of new tourism projects so as to enable the visitors a cherished and memorable experience in Chandigarh.

nuances of Jeanneret's buildings and the challenges he faced to create these works of great functional and aesthetic merit.

E cycle Facility for the tourists: E-Cycles were placed at the Le Corbusier Centre and the Jeannerette Museum for visitors and tourists to ease their travel in the city while protecting the environment and promoting Health Tourism at a nominal charge of Rs. 50/- for 4 hours.

Creation of Tourism Infrastructure facilities: In order to augment the facilitation of Tourists, the Tourism Department is successfully operating well equipped Tourists Information centres-cum-souvenir shops at the Capitol Complex, Garden of Palms, Rock Garden, Sukhna Lake, Le-Corbusier Centre, and Plaza, Sector-17.

Sukhna Gallery: The Sukhna Gallery, an interpretation Centre dedicated to the Sukhna Lake has been established in this landmark structure of the lake. The structure was renovated and restored to its original glory and display panels depicting the history of the lake are also incorporated in the Gallery.

NIDHI AND SAATHI SCHEME OF Ministry of Tourism, Govt. Of India: Under NIDHI Scheme of Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India, the Tourism Department (STEPS) has registered 109 hotels/guest houses online under National Data-

base Scheme of the Ministry on the e-portal of the Ministry and Under SAATHI Scheme of MoT, GoI, total 97 nos. of certified hotels have downloaded the self certification.

Online Promotion: To keep the citizens engaged with the Museums of Chandigarh and the heritage of the city, online module of information with activities were made available during lockdown. The modules contain information about the exhibits in the Museum, rare facts about the City and interesting information about the tourist spots of the city.

360 degree Augmented Reality: Promoted the tourists places via 360 Degree Augmented Reality(AR) and launched 360 AR video of Gandhi Bhawan during celebrations of 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma on 2nd October and has also launched AR videos of Sukhna Lake, Le-Corbusier Centre, Jeannerette Museum. This future technology is promoted on social media.

Promotion of Cinematic Tourism: In order to encourage cinematic tourism in the city, Chandigarh Tourism has continued to operate Single Window System service through its Bollywood facilitation Cell since its inception in 2004.. Subsequently, the inflow of Bollywood, Hollywood and Regional movie and TV serial shootings has increased, thus giving a boost to Cinematic Tourism in Chandigarh.



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First and Always!

" Let us take a moment to remember and salute the heroes who made it possible, and to pledge ourselves to upholding the Constitutional principles on which is founded our cherished Republic "



Capt. Amarinder Singh
Chief Minister, Punjab

Department of Information
and Public Relations, Punjab

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Tanks and tractors

R-Day exposes the divisions that must be bridged

THIS is a special Republic Day, one that uniquely exemplifies the contradictions and the deep fault lines that run through our body politic. Waiting for the pomp and gaiety of the R-Day parade on Rajpath in New Delhi to get over would be tens of thousands of farmers at the borders of the national capital. While the State showcases tanks, missiles and fighter aircraft flying past, the farmers would be waiting to display their distress on tractors — the parade of the protesters. This ought not to have happened. The government, to begin with, should not have taken a maximalist position; and after the government blinked, agreeing to suspend the contentious farm laws for 18 months, the farmers should have relented, asking for a longer moratorium and, meanwhile, getting the state legislatures empowered to deal with the farm laws. After all, agriculture is a state subject. The battle of wits between farmer leaders and government representatives should not be allowed to get transformed into a clash of egos. This ought to be resolved at the earliest.

The contradictions do not end with the two parades. As we celebrate our vaxi-diplomacy offering Covid-19 vaccines to the world, the Republic has not yet inoculated its citizens against the greatest affliction of this nation — poverty — or has attempted to cure and rehabilitate the migrant masses, which walked hundreds of kilometres after having lost their jobs in the cities. Over one crore people still remain jobless in the manufacturing sector and nearly a crore more are yet to get re-employed in the services segment. Yet, the Sensex has conquered Mount 50K, while the economy is contracting at a rate of 7.5 per cent. The disconnect between marketcap and unemployment; tanks and tractors; Rajpath and the national highway could never have been greater than it is today.

On this auspicious day, we need to remind ourselves that agriculture employs about 36 per cent of the country's labour force and that figure rose to 40 per cent in 2020, while all other sectors declined. This sector and the farmers deserve greater respect.

Groping case

Don't let technicalities hamper course of justice

A 39-year-old man, who had been sentenced to three-year imprisonment by a sessions court for sexually assaulting a 12-year-old girl, will remain behind bars for a far shorter period, probably only a year. The Bombay High Court has acquitted him of charges under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act while upholding his conviction under the IPC's Section 354 (assault or criminal force to a woman with intent to outrage her modesty). The High Court has ruled that groping a minor's breast without 'skin to skin contact' cannot be termed as sexual assault as defined under the POCSO Act. This literal interpretation of the law is not in consonance with its spirit of deterrence. Whether the offender removed the victim's clothes or not before groping her is of no consequence in view of the enormity of the crime. It was a sexual assault without doubt, even if there was no 'direct physical contact'.

In another case from Maharashtra, a special POCSO court recently sentenced an autorickshaw driver to rigorous imprisonment for life for sexually assaulting a five-year-old girl. For the record, Maharashtra accounted for 8,503 of the total cases — the maximum among all states — registered in India under the Act during 2017-19, according to three-year data released by the National Crime Records Bureau. Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka and Gujarat are the other states with a high rate of registration of sexual offences targeting children, even as many such cases go unreported due to familial and societal pressures.

There is no denying that kids are vulnerable to sexual crime, particularly at the hands of people known or related to them. Such an experience can leave a child psychologically scarred for life. While there is a case for making provisions of the POCSO Act more stringent so as to leave no lacunae that offenders can exploit, the courts should show zero tolerance for the abominable acts and not let technicalities weaken judgments. A relatively mild punishment will only embolden the predators and discourage the little victims.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Democracy is not the law of the majority but the protection of the minority. — Albert Camus

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

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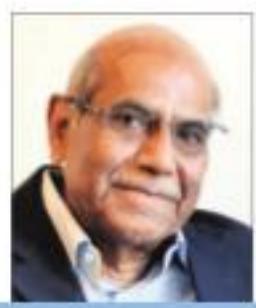
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Educational Non-Co-operation

FOR the last few days, the eyes of all patriotic and self-conscious Indians, whether non-co-operators or not, have been fixed upon Calcutta and Bengal. Until a short while ago, there was no province and no city in which non-co-operation in all its more important aspects, and especially educational non-co-operation, seemed less likely to be able to obtain a foothold. Indeed, it is common knowledge that when some time ago, there was a stir among students in certain cities in the United Provinces and the Punjab, it was the Bengal and especially the Calcutta students who were held up by the critics of non-co-operation as the exemplars for the disaffected students in those cities to follow. Within a few weeks, everything is changed. Calcutta has not only abandoned her former attitude, but has easily outdistanced all other cities and towns in Bengal. It was his consciousness of this fact that led the most brilliant of all modern Viceroys to perpetrate what turned out to be only the most brilliant of his blunders, the partition of Bengal, which was intended mainly to reduce the dominance of Calcutta. But the attempt failed as it was bound to fail, and the fact that the students' strike, which originated in Calcutta over a week ago, has already spread to more than a dozen other educational centres is only one of a hundred reminders that Calcutta's position remains unimpaired. What the result of the strike will be we do not know, because so far the one class, which more than any other has in its hands the key to the situation — parents and guardians of the boys — has made no indication of its sympathies. Soon like the students, their elders, too, will have to make up their mind. If they will support non-co-operating students and the leaders of the non-co-operation movement, then there will be nothing to prevent that movement from carrying everything before it, unless the Government will depart from its present policy and complicate matters by its intervention.

Polarisation of societies

The Right has succeeded in exploiting social, communal and sectarian fault lines



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THERE has been a sigh of relief manifest across the world as Joe Biden has succeeded to the US presidency, presaging a more predictable and more 'normal' conduct of domestic and external affairs under an experienced and professional administration. Biden has promised to heal a deeply divided country, to promote reconciliation and unity and to restore the democratic and liberal credentials of the US as the world's oldest democracy. This promises to be a long haul and unlikely to be achieved during one four-year administration. He would be deemed a success if he at least manages to, as he said, 'lower the temperature.'

The social and political polarisation on display in the US is increasingly manifest in other democracies, including our own. A key causal factor is the rising inequalities of wealth and income that undermine the most powerful appeal of democracy which is egalitarianism, the equality of opportunity it promises and the fairness with which the state will treat all its citizens. As economies develop, as technology advances, there will inevitably be winners and losers. A democratic state will have to continually ensure that it is able to redistribute rising incomes and wealth in a manner that helps those left behind to retain hope in a better future, if not for themselves, then at least for their children. It is not that globalisation in itself has spawned huge inequalities, nor that inequality is inherent in increasingly arcane and specialised technological advancement. The fault lies with public policy which has failed to distribute the benefits of globalisation more evenly. When the number of losers far outstrips the



UNREST: Globally, the failure lies with public policy which has not distributed the benefits of globalisation more evenly. REUTERS

A key factor is the rising inequality of income that undermines the most powerful appeal of democracy, which is egalitarianism.

winners, and this state of affairs persists and even worsens, democracy will be challenged. This is what we witness in the US and in democracies across the world, India included.

There is an intriguing question, however. It is the political Left (in which I broadly include the liberal constituency) which has historically mobilised support among those who are at the lower end of the economic and social scale. In the present case, the Right and nativist forces have captured the imagination of the exploited and deprived. The Left targets the rich and the corporate sector; the Right does not pay a price for associating with this privileged minority and profiting from its generous funding. What explains this oddity? That there is an alliance between the populist and the powerful elements within the corporate sector is more than apparent. But the liberal and the Left have been unable to leverage this to mobilise support among those who are, in fact, at the receiving end of this powerful nexus. The Right has been remarkably successful in co-opting the ranks of the dejected and deprived to buttress its own power. How is this possible?

The Right has been able to exploit the existing social, communal and sectarian fault lines to deflect attention from its complicity in the disempowerment and the imiserisation of the majority. In the US, it is by deliberately sharpening the racial divide, stoking the fear of immigrants and loss of cultural identity that a figure like Trump was able to continue rewarding the corporate class with large tax cuts at the cost of the very services that could ameliorate the worsening economic status of the less-educated white minority. Recently, historian Rana Dasgupta has drawn attention to a very cynical insight offered by Lyndon Johnson, a former President: 'If you can convince the lowest white man he's better than the best coloured man, he won't notice you're picking his pocket. Hell, give him somebody to look down upon and he'll empty his pockets for you.'

Dasgupta points to an ugly truth: Sometimes people can be persuaded to 'prize the removal of others' rights above the preservation of their own.' And this is what is happening in the US. Can Biden change this? Why is the Left unable to build its

tionary literature as well as his college books, as she couldn't distinguish between the two. The raid was duly conducted and Pran Nath had a providential escape. While he finished his graduation, he was attracted towards the Gandhian way of protests, and served and lived at Sabarmati Ashram for two years, busy organising the camps of Satyagrahis. He fervently participated in the Quit India movement and suffered three-year imprisonment.

Under parental pressure, he finally married at the age of 37, considered quite late then. After Independence, he worked in Delhi at a private motor car agency, before finally getting a government job in the labour department. He breathed his last in 1981, as an unsung, anonymous hero!

An unsung hero of yore

RS DALAL

I MET Pran Nath Puri when I was in DAV College, Chandigarh, in the late sixties, through his son Parminder who was my class fellow, and later a good friend. As friends we would often visit each other's homes and that's how I met this devout, fearless freedom fighter. I found him to be a simple, khadi-wearing, self-effacing and unassuming person, not easily opening up about his daring deeds during the freedom struggle.

Pran Nath hailed from Kunjah village in Gujarat district of Pakistan. His father, Dr Hari Chand, was well known in the area. Being bright in studies, Pran Nath joined DAV College, Lahore, and was staying in the college hostel. The revolution

movement led by the iconic Bhagat Singh was at its peak, and he, too, like so many other young men, was swept off his feet. He became a regular subscriber to the published revolutionary literature. The hostel was often frequented by sympathisers of top firebrand leaders and his room was occasionally used for secret meetings.

One day, a contact of the famed revolutionary Sukhdev approached Pran Nath and borrowed his cycle, confiding that it was needed for a cause. Soon after, Saunders was shot dead and the cycle was used to escape by the revolutionaries. The active members and sympathisers went underground. The police tortured all and sundry, anyone even remotely suspected to be connected with the movement. The methods

used on the young boys were spine-chilling. The needle of suspicion pointed at Pran Nath, too.

It so happened that the police officer sent to search his house in the village had a relative living there. In the evening, he accidentally disclosed the purpose of his visit. The relations panicked, as any family found out to be acting against the interests of revolutionaries was socially ostracised, such being the patriotic fervour at that time. They, therefore, implored him to go back. The officer insisted on doing his duty but relented enough to let Pran Nath's family be forewarned, while he waited for the early morning light to break. Pran Nath's mother lit a small fire lest curious neighbours smell a rat and thus was busy the whole night burning revolution

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Concerns over tunnel

The detection of a tunnel in Hiranagar region of Jammu along the international border is a matter of grave concern. The digging of a 150-ft-long tunnel would mean excavation of thousands of cubic feet of earth, disposal of which would require a large number of dumpsters and tractor-trailers. How has such activity, so close to the border, gone unnoticed by the security forces? There is an urgent need to step up vigil and beef up the intelligence network to prevent any misadventure by the enemy.

LT COL HS DULLAT (RETD), PATTIALA

Would Netaji be proud?

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while participating in the 125th birth anniversary celebrations of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in Kolkata, would have wondered what Netaji would have thought of the new India, where lakhs of farmers have been protesting in the biting cold, and many have died, and the head of the government — leave aside accepting their demand — had no words to express sympathies with them. Is this the new India which Netaji and other freedom fighters had left for us while making the

supreme sacrifice, that our Prime Minister was talking about?

SK KHOSLA, CHANDIGARH

Market surge

Last week, the Sensex breached the 50,000 mark for the first time before slipping back a bit. Indian equity markets were not alone in being excited. Global stock markets surged with the inauguration of Biden as US President and promise of a \$1.9 trillion stimulus. India is no stranger to monetary stimulus. RBI's balance sheet expanded almost 15% over the last year, as it pumped in liquidity to stabilise the economy and bring down interest rates. These developments have led to a mismatch between the real economy, which is expected to shrink, and soaring share prices. The next FY will, by all forecasts, see a sharp rebound as the economy reverts to normalcy. India's economic woes didn't start with the pandemic. There was a slowdown for two preceding years, partly on account of financial sector troubles. The current buoyancy has policy makers worried as this phase tends to exacerbate risk-taking behaviour. Reforms receive broad support when people are persuaded about future benefits. This needs constant communication and a push from the top.

SANJAY CHOPRA, MOHALI

Degrees to SC students

Apropos of 'Colleges start releasing degrees to SC students after govt assurance'; the Punjab Government recently ordered educational institutions to release the degrees of SC students under the post-matric scholarship scheme, otherwise their affiliations will be halted. SC students will get their due, but we can't ignore the poor condition of educational institutions in Punjab, most of which are on the verge of closure. Whether it is the issuance of degrees to SC students or the tremendous increment in the amount of Shagun scheme, all these decisions are taken as the Assembly elections are approaching. The state, buried under debt, should also focus on its economic condition.

PULKIT JAIN, BANUR

Real estate stimulus

How the Budget pans out for the real estate sector, only time will tell, but strong fundamentals are vital for the revival of housing demand. The pace of revival can quicken, provided the government extends a helping hand and injects enough stimulus to boost the sector and the overall economy. However, one needs to be cautiously optimistic with the pandemic still a cause for concern. The real estate market is one of the pallbearers of the economy and is the second-highest employment

generator after agriculture. The sector accounts for 6.7 per cent of the economy and is set to account for nearly 13 per cent by 2025 if all reform measures announced are executed well. After temporary shocks in the light of structural reforms such as GST and RERA, the enhanced liquidity in the banking system and the restoration of buyer confidence were slowly trickling down in the real estate sector before Covid-19 hit the Indian shores.

SC DHALL, ZIRAKPUR

Back with Pakistan

Refer to 'Back in the game'; Biden is going to be different and not indifferent like Trump over many engaging issues. Rejoining the Paris climate accord and refunding WHO signifies the realigning of the US with the international forces and occupying leadership positions. Biden's scrapping of Keystone Pipeline XL accord is a signal for clean energy. Nuclear deal with Iran may be next, which can stop proliferation to a large extent. The only worrying aspect for India is early signs of Biden's administration getting cosy with Pakistan and resumption of aid. India will have to work hard to present its perspective and convince Biden about the real dangers of backing Pakistan which believes in running with the hare and hunting with the hounds.

ASHOK GOSWAMI, NEW YORK

Spirit of the Republic needs to be revived



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SOCIOLOGIST

THESE days, whenever I watch the Republic Day parade, I ask myself a pertinent question: Should we expect something more from our nation, beyond the spectacle that demonstrates the techno-military power of the state, or the sanitised/museumised version of India's cultural diversity? Or is it that we have almost forgotten to believe that the Republic can renew its life-energy only with its moral and ethical power? Think of it. We have a mighty Prime Minister, and the media industry is never tired of valorising his charisma — his ability to take hard decisions, and transform India into a 'Vishwa Guru'. And our military power, as it is said, is pretty strong; the occasional demonstrations of the 'surge strike' seek to convince us that our 'enemies' fear us. Yes, these days, patriotism is often equated with the symbolism of militarism. Yet, if we keep our eyes open, we begin to feel the hollowness of this power, and realise that the Republic is really wounded. It seems that the spirit of liberty, equality and fraternity is fast disappearing with heightened socio-economic inequality, widespread network of corruption and visible signs of rising authoritarianism. In other words, despite the aura of the techno-military power, ours is a morally and spiritually wounded nation.

It is possible to have moral/spiritual power when we feel that as human subjects, we matter; when there is a creative flow of energy and inspiration to be part of this collective because it is based on the ethics of care; and when our elected representatives make us believe that far from being our masters or agents of the rich and the privileged, they are trusted co-travellers. However, we are witnessing its exact opposite. Democracy — the cherished ideal of the Republic — seems to have lost its meaning for two reasons. First, for all practical purposes, it has been reduced into the ritualisation of periodic elections. However, democracy as a way of life — the ability to live with the plurality of worldviews, the spirit of politico-intellectual freedom to question the government, and the art of dialogue and negotiation — is seldom seen.

Instead, there is inherent scepticism towards any critical voice; it is seen as 'anti-national'. Second, in an age that has caused the standardisation of public imagination because of the huge propaganda machinery and the ever growing industry of fake news and information, it is not easy for an average voter to be guided by an informed opinion and clear thinking. All sorts of stimulant sensations in the name of caste, religion and nationalism are used to divert one's mind from what should really matter: honest and dedicated work for collective welfare. The result is that in the name of democracy, what has emerged is the discourse of majoritarian nationalism, rising authoritarianism and the cult of narcissism.

Furthermore, it is also important to look at the pathology of a culture when there is trust deficit everywhere, and all institutions seem to



have lost their legitimacy. For instance, the debates in the Lok Sabha become increasingly shallow and noisy; and, to take an illustration, the farm Bills with such huge significance can be passed through the voice vote.

In a way, we are all broken, crippled and cynical today. Corruption does not shock us anymore; we have accepted its normalcy and inevitability; it is everywhere — from the local panchayat to the government office; or from the corridors of power to the glamour industry. See its consequences. Nothing, it seems, can be trusted anymore except the power of money. It can fetch you the 'best' lawyer to fight your legal case even if

you are corrupt and brutal; or the most 'efficient' network of 'friends' that enhance your social capital. No wonder, these days, even spirituality is some sort of a market-driven discourse of instant emancipation from all sins. Is it therefore surprising that our celebrity babas are always surrounded by top industrialists, Bollywood stars and ministers? Yes, money transforms everything into its opposite — vice into virtue, dishonesty into efficiency, crude business into service, and cultural/psychic morbidity into social pragmatism. No wonder, amid the glitz of the market and neoliberal ethos of consumerism, we continue to experience heightened inequality, marginalisation and ghettoisation.

In fact, the tales of the dazzling wealth of the likes of Ambani/Adani, or the mythologies of Bollywood celebrities and cricket stars are not separated from what we see every day: poverty and malnutrition among the marginalised in rural India, street children in our metros begging and eventually taking to drugs, and the darkness that prevails in ghettoised localities. How can the Republic have its moral power with such gross inequality and injustice?

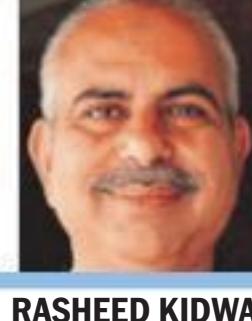
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MERE SPECTACLE: Should we expect something more from our nation beyond the showcasing of techno-military might and cultural diversity? PTI

annihilating caste? Where is the Gandhian dream of a society that values the religiosity of love, peace and cultural syncretism? Where is the sensitivity that once led Tagore to remind us of the danger of the psychology of violence the discourse of militant nationalism can lead to? Or, where is the revolutionary spirit of Bhagat Singh and MN Roy? Possibly, the road to emancipation lies in the art of creative rebelliousness. The spark of this rebelliousness can be seen in people's movements. In fact, in recent times, the farmers have aroused this hope. Hence, their tractor rally on January 26 might somehow devalue the official spectacle we are otherwise used to.

Congress grappling with organisational issues



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The subject of appointment of new floor leaders is urgent. Equally important is finding a successor to Ahmed Patel, who was acting as an interface between the party leaders and Gandhis. The role of a political secretary to Sonia Gandhi or a crisis manager is crucial in the context of growing disquiet within the party. There are complaints that visiting Congress leaders don't have a 'go-to' person in Delhi to hear them out or meet them.

THE Congress Working Committee (CWC) has raised more questions relating to the party organisation than it has answered. The move to defer the Congress organisational polls is something that cannot be brushed under the carpet.

Other than the organisational polls, which are under the glare of the Election Commission, there are many issues begging for a response and action. The post of the Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha is going to fall vacant on February 15. Ghulam Nabi Azad is unlikely to get re-elected. The question doing the rounds at 24, Akbar Road, and in party circles is whether Sonia Gandhi would make Mallikarjun Kharge the new Leader of the Opposition or consider Jairam Ramesh, who is the chief whip of the party in the Upper House, or would it accommodate the critic, Anand Sharma.

The countdown for the Bengal Assembly polls has begun. However, Bengal Congress unit chief, Adhir Ranjan Choudhury, is continuing in the post of the leader of the party in the Lok Sabha. The Budget session of Parliament is commencing later this week and is scheduled to end in early April. Theoretically, Choudhury can continue on both posts, but those familiar with Congress conventions and practices say he should be immediately relieved of his parliamentary responsibilities in keeping with the party's informal norm of 'one man, one post' and as a signal towards



SETTING HOUSE IN ORDER: Sonia Gandhi faces the tough task of galvanising the Congress party politically as well as electorally. PTI

according primacy to the Bengal Assembly polls. In the Lok Sabha, the Congress has veterans aplenty.

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meet them. This was a role Patel had played to near perfection.

Of late, senior Congress leader Ambika Soni has become proactive. Soni had served shortly as the political secretary to Sonia. Her influence was so enveloping that Congress leaders used to grudgingly describe her as 'Sonia' minus 'a.' Soni had many camp followers such as Kamal Nath, Salman Khurshid, Kumari Selja, Pawan Bansal etc., who are reportedly closing ranks to emerge as a powerful group. But party insiders say the prospects of Soni staging a comeback are little because Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi have their own

coterie and a worldview which is at variance with that of the senior party leaders.

At present, there is a lot of spotlight on Priyanka and her possible future role. There is a growing feeling in the party that Priyanka's occupation with Uttar Pradesh should end abruptly simply because it is not bringing any dividends. Moreover, she is increasingly required to fire-fight organisational sparks and do crisis management. Informed sources go to the extent of saying that she and her team have already started a process of disengagement, something that could not be independently verified.

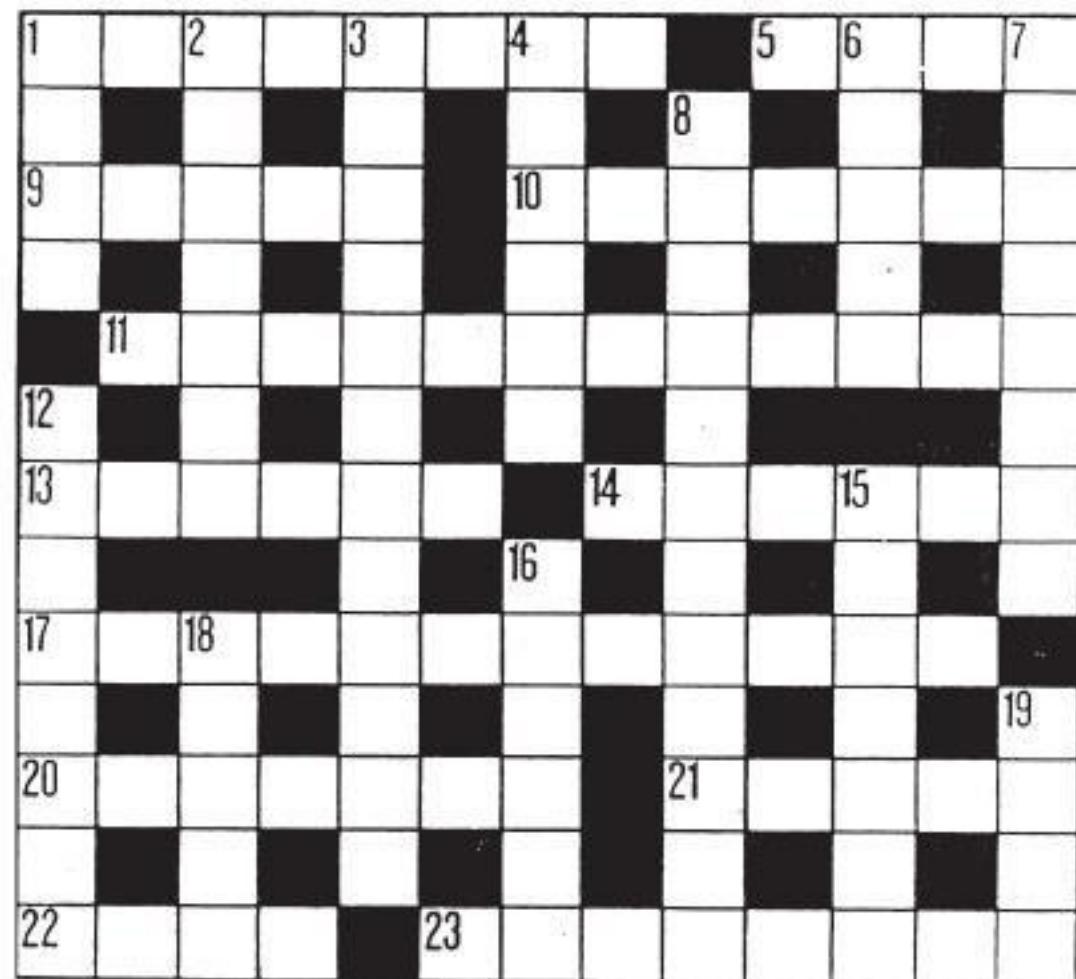
Assuming that there is an element of truth in it, is Priyanka contemplating a bigger role in the Congress organisation? Congress leaders expounding this school of thought insist that she would not be upstaging Rahul in any manner.

Rather, the duo — Rahul-Priyanka — would act as a pair. Contemporary Congress history is full of instances of Gandhi-Nehru family members acting in pairs. Indira Gandhi had served as a close aide and adviser to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. Sanjay's influence on Indira is well documented while she and Rajiv too had worked amicably till October 1984. Rahul's entry in politics in March 2004 did not upset the power equations for a decade when Sonia was both the Congress president and UPA chairperson.

Does the UPA exist? Linked to many questions relating to the Congress organisation is the issue of the leadership of the UPA. The United Progressive Alliance had come into existence when a Congress-led alliance was forged in 2004. This rainbow coalition continued till Dr Manmohan Singh got voted out in May 2014. The enormity of the defeat was such that the UPA, as it had existed during 2004-2014, was not revived. Nor did it hold periodic deliberations. The non-NDA parties, however, did come together often in the Assembly polls of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Tamil Nadu, Bengal etc. Historically, the Congress has had alliance partners in Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Jammu & Kashmir.

On May 20, 2019, three days before the 2019 Lok Sabha poll verdict, DMK leader MK Stalin had denied media reports that Sonia Gandhi had convened a meeting of the UPA on May 23, the day votes in the Lok Sabha elections were to be counted. "Who said there is an Opposition parties' meeting on the 23rd? The meeting will be useful only for election results," Stalin had told reporters, reinforcing the thought that the UPA's rationale and mandate have been to form a government rather than to act as an umbrella of Opposition parties. Clearly, veteran Sharad Pawar and his supporters have a different view and understanding on this issue.

QUICK CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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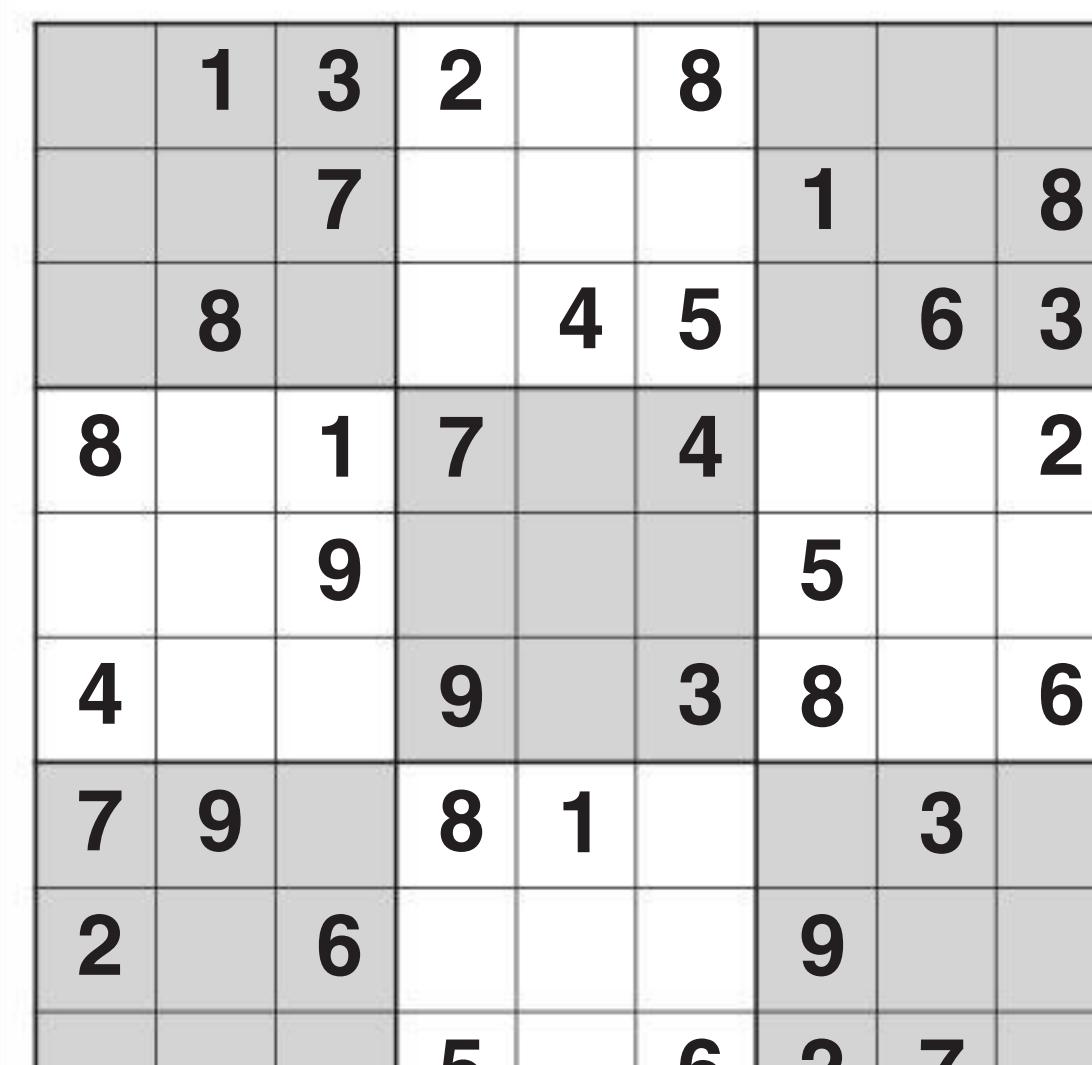
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- 9 Speak (5)
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- 11 Live within one's income (4,4,4)
- 13 Fascination (6)
- 14 Set alight (6)
- 17 Have a prospect of success (5,1,6)
- 20 Equilibrium (7)
- 21 Loud sound (5)
- 22 Central European river (4)
- 23 A tie in a race (4,4)

DOWN

- 1 Innermost being (4)
- 2 An unsuspected danger (7)
- 3 Shrewd bargaining (5-7)
- 4 Purify (6)
- 6 Inexact (5)
- 7 Infatuated (8)
- 8 Perverse (5-7)
- 12 Just adequate (8)
- 15 Slope (7)
- 16 Become monarch (6)
- 18 To any desired extent (2,3)
- 19 Notable achievement (4)

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■ Aardra Nakshatra up to 3.12 am	
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PART II - Section 3 - Sub-section (III)

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 15th January, 2021

S.O. 215(E).—In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening/four lane or pavered/four laning etc.,), maintenance, management and operation of Delhi - Ludhiana - Amritsar - Katra National Highway NH-NE5 in the stretch of land from Km. 173 to Km.194 (Bhawanigarh) in the district of SANGRUR in the state of PUNJAB, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section(1) of section 3C of the said Act.

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, Sub Divisional Magistrate, Bhawanigarh in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling Delhi - Ludhiana - Amritsar - Katra National Highway NH-NE5 in the stretch of land from Km. 173 to Km.194 (Bhawanigarh) in the district of SANGRUR in the state of PUNJAB.

State: PUNJAB District: SANGRUR

S. No.	Survey/Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area (in Hectare)
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Taluk: Bhawanigarh

Village: Basilarakh

1	1517	Private	Agriculture	0.0042000(Hectare)	0.0042000
2	2088/69/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0464000(Hectare)	0.0464000
3	2137/2089/69/2	Private	Agriculture	0.0042000(Hectare)	0.0042000
4	2167/176	Private	Agriculture	0.0126000(Hectare)	0.0126000
5	2262/416	Private	Agriculture	0.0506000(Hectare)	0.0506000

6	565	Private	Agriculture	0.0337000(Hectare)	0.0337000
7	854	Private	Agriculture	0.1812000(Hectare)	0.1812000
8	855	Private	Agriculture	0.1686000(Hectare)	0.1686000

Village: Harikishanpura

1	1260	Private	Agriculture	0.3414000(Hectare)	0.3414000
2	1374	Private	Agriculture	0.1433000(Hectare)	0.1433000
3	1387	Private	Agriculture	0.0084000(Hectare)	0.0084000
4	1388	Private	Agriculture	0.1517000(Hectare)	0.1517000
5	1389	Private	Agriculture	0.5256000(Hectare)	0.5256000

6	1390	Private	Agriculture	0.4426000(Hectare)	0.4426000
7	1391	Private	Agriculture	0.1475000(Hectare)	0.1475000
8	1399	Private	Agriculture	0.0042000(Hectare)	0.0042000
9	1400	Private	Agriculture	0.4215000(Hectare)	0.4215000
10	1403	Private	Agriculture	0.5269000(Hectare)	0.5269000

11	1414	Private	Agriculture	0.1180000(Hectare)	0.1180000
12	1415	Private	Agriculture	0.4004000(Hectare)	0.4004000
13	1416	Private	Agriculture	0.0042000(Hectare)	0.0042000
14	1466	Private	Agriculture	0.1180000(Hectare)	0.1180000
15	1467	Private	Agriculture	0.5269000(Hectare)	0.5269000

16	1468	Private	Agriculture	0.1644000(Hectare)	0.1644000
17	1476	Private	Agriculture	0.0042000(Hectare)	0.0042000
18	1546/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0970000(Hectare)	0.0970000
19	1546/2	Private	Agriculture	0.1265000(Hectare)	0.1265000
20	1685/1655/471	Private	Agriculture	0.0042000(Hectare)	0.0042000

21	1688/472	Private	Agriculture	0.0084000(Hectare)	0.0084000
22	1690/483	Private	Agriculture	0.0084000(Hectare)	0.0084000
23	1836/1398	Private	Agriculture	0.0126000(Hectare)	0.0126000
24	1837/1398	Private	Agriculture	0.1391000(Hectare)	0.1391000
25	1838/1401	Private	Agriculture	0.0211000(Hectare)	0.0211000

26	1839/1401	Private	Agriculture	0.5058000(Hectare)	0.5058000
27	1840/1402	Private	Agriculture	0.0211000(Hectare)	0.0211000
28	1841/1402	Private	Agriculture	0.5058000(Hectare)	0.5058000
29	1844-45/1405	Private	Agriculture	0.4046000(Hectare)	0.4046000
30	1846/1405	Private	Agriculture	0.0042000(Hectare)	0.0042000

31	2285/1842/1404	Private	Agriculture	0.0422000(Hectare)	0.0422000
32	2286/1842/1404	Private	Agriculture	0.0632000(Hectare)	0.0632000
33	2287/1843/1404	Private	Agriculture	0.1686000(Hectare)	0.1686000
34	2288/1843/1404	Private	Agriculture	0.2529000(Hectare)	0.2529000
35	2289/1407	Private	Agriculture	0.0548000(Hectare)	0.0548000

36	2290/1407	Private	Agriculture	0.0885000(Hectare)	0.0885000
37	387	Private	Agriculture	0.0126000(Hectare)	0.0126000
38	424	Private	Agriculture	0.0084000(Hectare)	0.0084000

Village: Jhaneri

1	1078	Private	Agriculture	0.4004000(Hectare)	0.4004000

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Haryana Medical Services Corporation Limited

(A Government of Haryana Undertaking)

Bays No. 59-62, Sector 2, Panchkula.

Phone: 01722567945

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (NIT)

Tender Enquiry No.: 147/Tend/GPB/2020-21/3/4-A

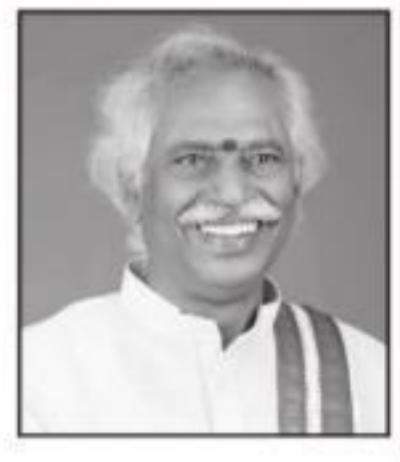
Online Tender for the Rate Contract for the supply of Medicine to Various Hospitals of Government of Haryana for a Period of Two Years for 'Group B' Medicine and documents can be downloaded from 22.01.2021 onwards on e-procurement portal www.etenders.hry.nic.in.

For Managing Director,
HMSCL, Panchkula.

PRDH/2022/11/26/2021/1533/31/4

(बंडासू दत्तात्रेय)
राज्यपाल
हिमाचल प्रदेश**Missing paraglider's cap recovered**

PALAMPUR: A rescue team recovered the cap of missing paraglider Rohit Badhoria from the Dhauladharas, about 10 km from Baijnath, on Saturday. However, the team failed to trace him or his parachute. He was last seen on January 8.

**गणतंत्र दिवस पर
महामहिम राज्यपाल का सन्देश**

गणतंत्र दिवस के पावन अवसर पर मैं समस्त प्रदेशवासियों को हार्दिक बधाई देता हूँ और उनके मंगलमय जीवन की कामना करता हूँ।

26 जनवरी, भारत के इतिहास में एक स्वर्णिम दिन है। सन् 1950 में, इसी दिन भारत के संविधान को अपनाया गया। यह दिन है संविधान निर्माताओं के प्रति अपनी श्रद्धा व्यक्त करने का, जिन्होंने जात-पात, वर्ण-भेद जैसी संकीर्णताओं को दर-किनार कर देशवासियों को उत्थान के समान अवसर प्रदान किए। अनेकता में एकता ही हमारे राष्ट्र की विशेषता है और भारत का संविधान इसकी शक्ति है। गणतंत्र दिवस भारत की इसी एकता और शक्ति का प्रतीक है। संविधान जहां हमें कई अधिकार देता है वहां कर्तव्य का बोध भी करवाता है। यह कर्तव्य ही हमें देश के प्रति दायित्व व जिम्मेदारी का स्मरण करवाते हैं।

इस अवसर पर मैं भारत माता के उन बीर सपूत्रों एवं स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों को भी नमन करता हूँ जिन्होंने देश को स्वाधीन बनाने में महत्वपूर्ण योगदान दिया। साथ ही देश के लिए असंख्य कुर्बानियां देने वाले शहीदों को भी श्रद्धांजलि अर्पित करता हूँ, जिन्होंने देश के गौरव की रक्षा के लिए अपना सर्वस्व न्योद्धावर कर दिया। भारत माता के इन बीर सपूत्रों ने एक सुदृढ़ राष्ट्र की परिकल्पना के साथ जीवन का बलिदान दिया है। इन बीर सेनानियों की आत्मिक शांति के लिए हमें शपथ लेनी चाहिए कि स्वच्छ समाज का निर्माण हो, जहां सामाजिक बुराइयों के लिए कोई स्थान न हो। सकारात्मक व उत्तम भावना के साथ सामाजिक समरसता का बातावरण बने। किसान-मजदूर-गरीब का समान विकास हो। युवा शक्ति को रचनात्मक दिशा मिले और वे कौशल से परिपूर्ण होकर आत्मनिर्भर भारत के लिए अपना बहुमूल्य योगदान दें। सामुहिक प्रयासों से ही इन लक्ष्यों को हासिल किया जा सकता है।

प्रदेशवासियों ने संविधान के शाश्वत मूल्यों-स्वतंत्रता, समानता और भाईचारे की भावना में अपनी आस्था हमेशा बनाए रखी है। राष्ट्रीय एकता, सामाजिक सौहार्द और आपसी सन्दर्भ की उच्च परम्पराओं को मजबूती प्रदान करने में हिमाचलवासियों की भूमिका सराहनीय रही है, जिसके लिए सभी प्रदेशवासी बधाई के पात्र हैं।

प्रदेशवासी स्वभाव से शान्तिप्रिय और मेहनतकश हैं, जो राष्ट्र निर्माण में पूर्ण समर्पण के साथ तप्त हैं। यहां के बीर सपूत्र देश की एकता व अखण्डता को बनाए रखने में सदैव अग्रणी रहे हैं, जो गर्व की बात है।

मुझे इस बात की प्रसन्नता है कि हमारे प्रदेश ने देश के एक श्रेष्ठ राज्य के रूप में अपनी पहचान बनाई है। यह पहचान हमेशा कायम रहे, इस के लिए हम सब को एक जुट होकर मेहनत और सेवाभाव से कार्य करना होगा।

गणतंत्र दिवस के पावन अवसर पर हार्दिक शुभकामनाएं।

जय हिन्द! जय हिमाचल!

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(बंडासू दत्तात्रेय)

**GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA****TENDER NOTICE**

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1	PANCHAYATS KARNAL	SUPPLY OF RAW AND BUILDING MATERIAL IN VARIOUS VILLAGES OF BLOCK GHARAUNDA	22.01.2021 03.02.2021	—	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416290875 prexeeng.krl@hry.nic.in	
2	PANCHAYATS KARNAL	SUPPLY OF RAW AND BUILDING MATERIAL IN VARIOUS VILLAGES OF BLOCK NISSING	22.01.2021 03.02.2021	—	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416290875 prexeeng.krl@hry.nic.in	
3	PANCHAYATS KARNAL	SUPPLY OF RAW AND BUILDING MATERIAL IN VARIOUS VILLAGES OF BLOCK MUNAK	22.01.2021 03.02.2021	—	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416290875 prexeeng.krl@hry.nic.in	
4	PWD (B&R), SONEPAT	CONSTRUCTION OF REVENUE RESIDENTIAL QUARTERS FOR SDM & TEHSILDAR IN MINI SECTT. AT KHARKHODA IN SONEPAT DISTT. (HONBLE C.M. ANNOUNCEMENT CODE 15158 DATED 16.10.2016 + 2 OTHER WORK	CLOSING DATE 11.02.2021	2406.55 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0130-2244690 pwd-eepd1-sonepat@hry.nic.in	
5	PWD (B&R), JIND	SPECIAL REPAIR OF JIND-SAFIDON ROAD TO MALAR IN JIND DISTT. (ROAD ID 6702)	CLOSING DATE 11.02.2021	44.60 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01681-249416 pwdeepdjind@gmail.com	
6	PANCHAYAT RAJ, HISAR	PROVIDING AND INSTALLATION OF STP BASED ON JOHKASOU/ ADVANCED MBBR TECHNOLOGY AT DIFFERENT VILLAGES OF HISAR DISTRICT I.E. INCLUDING DESIGNING, COMMISSIONING, 1 YEAR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE (EXTENDED MAINTENANCE FOR 4 YEARS.)	23.01.2021 08.02.2021	5.15 CRORE	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9467251500 prexeeng.hsr@hry.nic.in	
7	PWD (B&R), HANSI	PERIODICAL RENEWAL BY PROVIDING HEAVY PATCHWORK ON KOTPUTLI (IN THE STATE OF RAJASTHAN) NARNAUL-MAHENDERGARH-CHARKHIDI DADRI-BHIWANI-HANSI-BARWALA-TOHANA (IN THE STATE OF HARYANA) (NH-148-B) KM 163.468 TO 196.520 & 197.270 TO 204.920 (RE-INVITED)	22.01.2021 12.02.2021	121.67 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416136946 pwd-eepd-hansi@hry.nic.in	
8	PHE SIWANI	GUDHA- PROVIDING FUNCTIONAL HOUSE HOLD TAP CONNECTION (FHTC) AND LAYING OF DI PIPE LINE UNDER JMM CATEGORY-II (JMM) IN VILLAGE GUDHA, "LAYING OF DI PIPE LINE AND MAKING FHTC CONNECTIONS IN VILLAGE GUDHA AND ALL OTHER WORKS CONTINGENT THERETO." * 1 OTHER WORK	CLOSING DATE 28.01.2021	5.30 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01255-277066 eesiwani@phedsiwani.gov.in	
9	IRRIGATION HISAR	REMODELLING OF NEW SIWANI FEEDER FROM RD 0 TO 76170.	27.01.2021 10.02.2021	2548 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01662-237166 xenconst7hsr@gmail.com	
10	IRRIGATION AMBALA	CONSTRUCTING 1 NO. STONE STUD FOR THE PROTECTION OF ABADI OF VILLAGE RAMGARH MAJRA FLOOD WATER OF RIVER TANGRI + 23 OTHERS	29.01.2021 05.02.2021	611.04 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0171-2981541 xenwsdivnamb588@yahoo.co.in	
11	PANCHAYAT RAJ, ROHTAK	CONSTRUCTION OF 16 NOS. VILLAGE ANGANWARI AT DISTRICT ROHTAK	23.01.2021 04.02.2021	143.84 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9467751510 prexeeng.roh@hry.nic.in	
12	PWD (B&R), FARIDABAD	CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ROAD FROM SHAHJHANPUR KHADAR TO LATIFPUR KM. 0.00 TO 2.445 IN FARIDABAD DISTRICT CCM 21007 REINVITED	22.01.2021 11.02.2021	111.27 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0129-2288187 pwd-eepd1-faridabad@hry.nic.in	
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14	PANCHAYATS KARNAL	SUPPLY OF RAW AND BUILDING MATERIAL IN VARIOUS VILLAGES OF BLOCK KUNJPURA	22.01.2021 03.02.2021	—	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416290875 prexeeng.krl@hry.nic.in	
15	PANCHAYATS KARNAL	SUPPLY OF RAW AND BUILDING MATERIAL IN VARIOUS VILLAGES OF BLOCK NILOKHERI	22.01.2021 03.02.2021	—	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416290875 prexeeng.krl@hry.nic.in	
16	PWD (B&R), JIND	SPECIAL REPAIR OF JULANA-BADCAPPER ROAD FROM RD 0.000 TO 1.110 IN JIND DISTT. (ROAD ID 6559) + 1 OTHER WORK	CLOSING DATE 17.02.2021	446.34 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01681-249416 pwd-eepd-jind@hry.nic.in	
17	PANCHAYAT RAJ, JIND	CONSTRUCTION OF ANGANWARI CENTRES IN DISTRICT JIND	25.01.2021 10.02.2021	90.2 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01681-245124 prexeeng.jnd@hry.nic.in	
18	PWD (B&R), NARNAUL	CONSTRUCTION OF BOUNDARY WALL OF CIVIL AIR STRIP BACHHOD (NARNAUL) IN MOHINDERGARH DISTRICT + 1 OTHER WORK	25.01.2021 15.02.2021	306.13 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01282251267 pwd-eepd-narnaul@hry.nic.in	

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Remembers The Tribune headline on HP gaining statehood on January 25, 1971

STATEHOOD DAY

PRATIBHA CHAUHAN

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, JANUARY 25

BJP national president Jagat Prakash Nadda said Himachal had emerged as a leading state which was competing with big states in the field of development due to the tireless efforts of successive governments since the state came into being in 1971.

Speaking at the golden jubilee Statehood Day function here today, Nadda said Himachal had surged ahead to emerge as one of the most developed states in the country, be it in the field of health, education or infrastructure development. He said every Himachali must rise above political considerations to ensure that the state achieved greater heights and becomes number one state in every field.

"We need to identify our potential, especially in the field of tourism, power, horticulture and agriculture and utilise it fully to our advantage," he remarked. He credited successive regimes with ensuring all round development of Himachal, beginning with Dr YS Parmar, Thakur Ram Lal, Virbhadr Singh, Shanta Kumar and PK Dhumal. He added that it was former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee who provided special economic package to the state and laid the foundation stone of the Rohtang tunnel. He added that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had made unprecedented development due to dedicated leadership, strong will power and hard work of the people. By giving priority to education, health, roads, electricity, water, social security and tribal welfare, the state had achieved socio-economic goals, making it a model state, he added.

Chief Minister Jai Ram



BJP national president JP N

**Padma Vibhushan
for Japan ex-PM,
Moga physicist**

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Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan, late spiritual leader Kalbe Sadig, Rajnikant Devdas Shroff and former MP Tarlochan Singh from Haryana are among Padma Bhushan awardees along with KS Chithra, the Carnatic singer from Kerala, and Chandrashekhar Kambara, a prominent Kannada poet and founder vice chancellor of Kannada University in Hampi. Among the 102 Padma Shri awardees are Punjab's Rajni Bector for trade and industry, Ratan Lal Mittal for medicine, Haryana's Jai Bhagwan Goyal for literature and education, and J&K's Ghulam Rasool Khan for art.

Punjab's Kartar Singh and Haryana's Virender Singh are also among the Padma Shri awardees in the categories of art and sports, respectively.

CRPF ASI killed in Pulwama attack gets top police medal

Mohan Lal tried to stop suicide bomber carrying 200 kg explosives

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NEW DELHI, JANUARY 25

An Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) who lost his life in the Pulwama terror attack in 2019 was awarded the President's Police Medal for Gallantry posthumously on the eve of Republic Day on Monday.

ASI Mohan Lal "chased and fired" at an explosives-laden car that rammed into a bus carrying force personnel in Pulwama on February 14, 2019, killing him and 39 others on board.

Only two police personnel have been decorated with the highest police medal for gallantry this time — CRPF's Lal and late Jharkhand Police ASI Banua Oraon.

Fifty-year-old Lal was



40 CRPF PERSONNEL DIED IN THE FEBRUARY 2019 ATTACK. FILE
WAS ON ROAD OPENING DUTY

Fifty-year-old Mohan Lal was the picket commander of the CRPF road opening party deployed near the BSNL Tower at Lethpora in Pulwama on the Jammu-Srinagar highway when the dastardly terror attack was carried out by Jaish-e-Mohammad terrorists.

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attack was carried out by Jaish-e-Mohammad terrorists. Driven by suicide bomber Adil Ahmed Dar, the car was carrying over 200 kgs of explosives. A CRPF officer said, "Lal,

after letting a few vehicles of the cavalcade pass, noticed a car running alongside the convoy. He signalled the driver to stop and chased the car but could not match the speed. He fired at the car before it rammed into a CRPF bus and led to a massive blast."

Deputy Commandant Rajesh Kumar Luthra, Indo-Tibetan Border Police, has been awarded for displaying courage and presence of mind to defuse a face-off with Chinese troops in Ladakh in July 2019.

Another officer of the border guarding force, Assistant Commandant Anurag Kumar Singh, has been awarded a gallantry medal for the second time for a counter-terrorist operation in Jammu and Kashmir in 2017.

In north, J&K on top with 71 police medals

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NEW DELHI, JANUARY 25

The government today announced 946 medals for police personnel, to be awarded to them on Republic Day. Two of them—one each from the Jharkhand Police and the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)—will get the President's Police Medal for Gallantry posthumously.

The Police Medal for Gallantry will be awarded to 205 personnel, President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service to 89 and Police Medal for Meritorious Service to 650 others.

Among majority of the 207 gallantry awardees, 137 will be honoured for their gallant action in Jammu and Kashmir, 24 in Left Wing Extremism-affected areas and one in the North-East.

Among the states and Union Territories (UTs), the northern region bagged 128



946 medals have been announced for cops

medals in different categories with Jammu and Kashmir topping the list with 71 medals, followed by Punjab (21), Delhi (17) Haryana (14) and Himachal Pradesh (five). Among the personnel from the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) receiving the awards, 132 are from the CRPF, 71 from BSF, 26 from CISF and 17 from the ITBP.

Among the investigative agencies, 31 personnel have been awarded with the medals, while the NIA received six and the Intelligence Bureau (IB) got 34.

J&K to SC: No action for challenging HC ruling on Roshni Act

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 25
The J&K administration on Monday told the Supreme Court no coercive action would be taken against those who moved the top court against the J&K High Court verdict scrapping the Roshni Act.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, representing the J&K administration, told a Bench headed by Justice NV Ramana that the review petition against the October 9 HC verdict would be taken up on Thursday. The Bench granted liberty to petitioners to mention the matter after the HC decides the issue. Mehta had assured last month that no coercive action would be taken against those who have moved the top court as they were not "land grabbers or unauthorised people".

The top court had asked the J&K HC to decide the pleas seeking review of the verdict scrapping the Roshni Act, which had conferred proprietary rights on the occupants of the state land. —TNS

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After tractor parade...

President said amid a raging agitation by farmers.

The President in his address praised farmers for making India self-reliant in foodgrain and dairy and for sustaining the agricultural production despite Covid-19. "A grateful nation is fully committed to the welfare of our farmers," he said.

Saluting soldiers for securing national boundaries and scientists for "decoding the Covid-19 virus and developing vaccines" in record time, the President said, "A grateful nation greets our farmers, soldiers and scientists."

The President urged every Indian to take the vaccines when their turn comes.

India, China to push for...

The two sides agreed to continue their effective efforts in ensuring the restraint of front-line troops, stabilise and control the situation along the LAC in the Western Sector of the China-India border and jointly maintain peace and tranquility, the statement said.

The talks, the first since November 6, were candid and in-depth exchange of views on disengagement along the LAC. The two sides also agreed to follow consensus of their state leaders, maintain good momentum of dialogue and negotiation, and hold the 10th round of Corps Commander-level meeting at an early date.

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BRIEFLY

NEW DELHI
India U-16 team beats UAE 1-0 in friendly

Second-half substitute Suhail Ahmed Bhat struck the target in the 79th minute from Taison Singh's cross as India's U-16 football team earned a 1-0 victory over their counterparts from UAE in Dubai. This was Bhat's first international goal.

NEW YORK
Olympics shot put champion Crouser sets world record

Olympics shot put champion Ryan Crouser of the United States set a world indoor record of 22.82 metres at the American Track League series opener in Fayetteville on Sunday. Crouser, who won the gold medal at the 2016 Olympics, on his opening attempt bettered the 32-year-old mark of 22.66m set by American Randy Barnes in 1989.

KOLKATA
Churchill beat Sudeva to extend lead in I-League

Churchill Brothers blanked Sudeva Delhi FC 2-0 to consolidate their position at the top of the I-League standings. Churchill are four points clear of second-placed TRAU FC.

MILAN
McKennie helps Juve beat Bologna 2-0 to close gap

Weston McKennie scored to help Juventus beat Bologna 2-0 in Serie A and bounce back from their demoralising loss to Inter Milan. Juventus moved within seven points of Italian league leaders AC Milan. Inter are second. Nine-time defending champions Juventus have a match in hand.

GELSENKIRCHEN
Bayern beat Schalke 4-0 to extend Bundesliga lead

Bayern Munich extended their German league lead to seven points as Robert Lewandowski scored for the eighth Bundesliga game in a row to earn a 4-0 win over last-placed Schalke. Meanwhile, in the French league, second-placed Lille secured a 1-0 win at Rennes and stay level on points with leaders Paris Saint-Germain. AGENCIES

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IN BRIEF



India successfully test-fires Akash missile

BALASORE: India on Monday successfully test-fired the new-generation Akash missile from an integrated test range off the Odisha coast, an official statement said. The surface-to-air missile was launched from Chandipur ITR in the afternoon, it said. The Akash-NG (new-generation) missile will be used by the Indian Air Force to intercept high-maneuvring low radar cross-section aerial threats, it said. PTI

HC extends protection from arrest to Kangana

MUMBAI: The Bombay High Court on Monday extended till February 15 the interim protection from arrest granted to actor Kangana Ranaut and her sister Rangoli Chandel in connection with an FIR registered against them by the Mumbai Police on sedition and other charges following their tweets. PTI

Superstitious parents kill daughters in AP

HYDERABAD: In a bizarre incident, a highly educated couple, allegedly killed their two daughters in their 20s in Chittoor district of Andhra Pradesh, hoping that they would come back to life within hours due to spiritual power as the Kaliyuga ends, turning into the Satyuga, the police said on Monday. The man himself was said to have called one of his colleagues over the phone soon after the incident on Sunday night and disclosed about the killings. TNS

PM leaked Balakot info to Arnab, alleges Rahul

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NEW DELHI, JANUARY 25 Days after the Congress demanded a joint parliamentary panel probe into national security implications of the leaked Arnab Goswami chats, party leader Rahul Gandhi today alleged the Balakot strike information went to the Republic TV editor through Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"PM Narendra Modi is the person through whom prior information on the 2019 IAF strikes in Balakot was made available to Goswami," alleged Rahul during a roadshow in Tamil Nadu's Karur.

The BJP hit back with the party's IT cell head, Amit Malviya, attacking Rahul for his comments in Tamil Nadu that Indian workers could replace the Army on the borders with China.

Rahul Gandhi, commenting on the LAC standoff in Tamil Nadu, said, "If you use India's labours, India's farmers, India's workers, you will not need the Indian Army, Navy and Air force to be standing



Rahul Gandhi being greeted by supporters at Karur, Tamil Nadu. PTI

ONLY 5 PERSONS KNEW ABOUT STRIKE

Only five persons in the world knew about Balakot – the PM, Defence Minister, National Security Adviser, IAF Chief and the Home Minister. Now, I want to understand why an inquiry hasn't started? Rahul Gandhi

over there. China will not have the guts to come inside."

Malviya retorted to the above comments saying, "Muhammad Imran, who was translating Rahul Gandhi's speech, fainted and had to be taken to a hospital. Honestly, who would be able to stay the course after hearing such ridiculous ideas." On Arnab chat leaks, Rahul

asked today as to why the PM was not ordering a probe.

"The only reason the PM is not ordering a probe is because he is the person through whom that message has gone to this journalist. Today, the Chinese army is sitting inside the Indian territory. The PM does not have the courage to say the word China," he said.



Govt offers vax shots to diplomats

SANDEEP DIKSHIT

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 25 The Foreign Office has sent a letter to diplomatic missions, asking for the names of diplomats and family members who would like to be "volunteers" in India's ongoing inoculation drive.

It remains to be seen whether India will offer the "made-in-India" Bharat Biotech's Covaxin or the British Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine being made by the Serum Institute of India. Sources felt the diplomats would opt on the basis of the vaccine approved in their home countries.

"The Government of India, as a gesture of goodwill and solidarity, is considering offering vaccination to eligible foreign diplomats and their family members accredited to all Diplomatic Missions, UN and its specialised agencies and other international organisations, based in India," said the letter.

K'taka boy bags award for innovation in farm sector

BAL PURASKAR FOR 32

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 25

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today struck impromptu conversations with 32 winners of the National Children's Awards 2021 and asked them to strive on, rather than rest on, past laurels.

In an hour-long virtual engagement with the children awarded for bravery, art and innovation, the PM urged them to take three pledges – humility in success, consistency in action and working with national good in mind.

Insisting on modernisation

KEEP STRIVING: MODI TO KIDS

Award is a milestone. Do not get consumed by praise. If you do, success will become an impediment in your march. Never rest on past laurels. Narendra Modi, PM



of agriculture, the PM hailed Karnataka's Rakesh Krishna for a farm sector innovation that has helped reduce farming time and enhance profitability.

Modi began by engaging Maharashtra's Kamya Kartikeya, an avid mountaineer, currently practising in Jammu and Kashmir for her June challenge to scale Mt Denali, the highest mountain in North America.

A curious PM also asked Rakesh Krishna if any industry had offered to scale up his farm innovation prototype. "I am working to better it," Krishna said. Among other awardees the PM engaged were Jharkhand's archer Savita Kumari; Manipur's artist Navish Kishan; UP's Mohd Shadab and Gujarat's swimmer Mantra Hakhani.

SC refuses to transfer 'love jihad' law pleas

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NOTICE TO CENTRE ON 22ND LAW COMMISSION

- The Supreme Court on Monday issued a notice to the government on a PIL seeking constitution of the Law Commission and making it a statutory body.
- The panel, which advises the government on legal issues, has not been constituted since August 31, 2018, when Justice BS Chauhan's term as Chairman of the 21st Law Commission ended.

having a decision of the High Court. "People are making light of High Courts these days. High Courts are constitutional courts," it noted. As the Bench wasn't included to entertain the transfer petition, senior advocate PS Narasimha, representing the UP Government,

chose to withdraw it and accordingly the petition was "dismissed as withdrawn".

The Uttar Pradesh Government had moved the Supreme Court last week seeking transfer of petitions challenging its ordinance aimed at checking unlawful religious conversion for inter-faith marriages.

The state government had invoked Article 139A of the Constitution, which empowers the Supreme Court to transfer to itself cases "involving the same or substantially the same questions of law" pending before the top court and one or more HCs.

Consequent upon his transfer, Justice Kumar assumed charge as a judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court in October 2019.

Right to vote must be respected, says Prez

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 25

President Ram Nath Kovind on Monday said the right to vote must be respected, noting that people around the world had struggled a lot to earn this right.

Addressing a function organised by the Election Commission of India to mark the 11th National Voters' Day Celebrations, Kovind said even in America, which was known to be one of the leading democracies in the world, people had to undertake decades of struggle to get the voting right and in United Kingdom, women got it after a long fight.

"The condition was similar in

India before Independence. But after India earned its freedom, anyone of 21 years of age or above was allowed to vote which was later reduced to 18," he said. "The right to vote is not a simple right. People around the world have struggled a lot for this," Kovind said. —TNS

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- Narendra Modi



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