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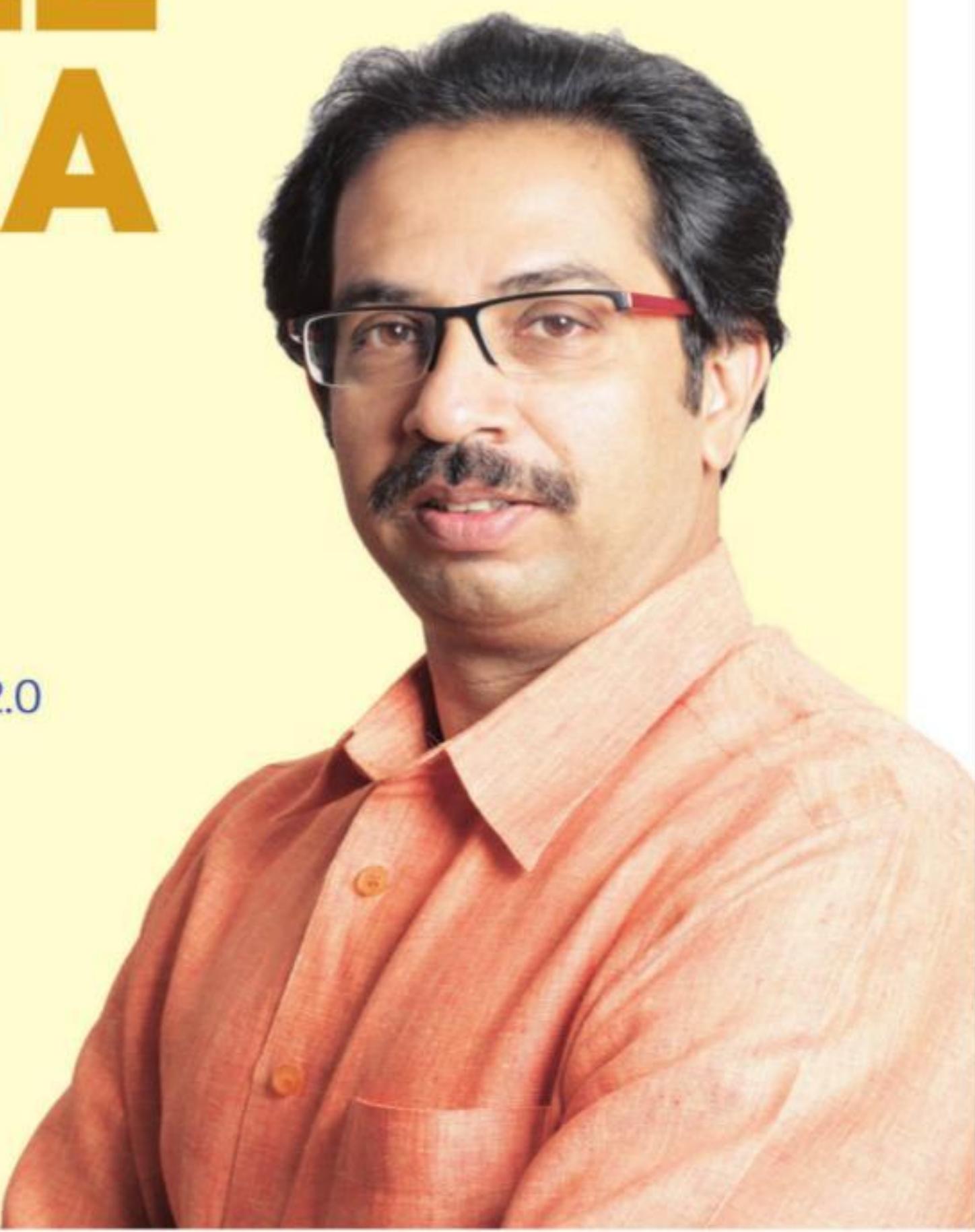
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Postclashes, Delhi cops let farmers in

Permit peaceful protest at Burari ground | Tomar issues fresh invite for talks

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27
After braving water cannons and clashing with security personnel, thousands of farmers entered the national Capital on Friday from Tikri border following permission by the Delhi Police to hold a peaceful protest at Nirankari Ground in Burari.

The farmers, who were part of the "Delhi Chalo" march against the Centre's recently enacted three farm laws, were escorted by police personnel as they started entering the city around 3 pm.

Delhi Police PRO Eish Singh said: "The farmers were allowed entry into Delhi following talks between the authorities and union leaders. We appeal the farmers to maintain peace."

Meanwhile, appealing to farmers to end their agitation, Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar on Friday said the government was ready to discuss all issues with them.

Earlier carrying flags and shouting slogans, thousands of farmers gathered at various entry points to the Capital in a determined bid to



Farmers stopped by the police at the Singhu border in Delhi on Friday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MANAS RANJAN BHUI

push their way through as part of their march.

Clashes broke out at multiple places and Delhi's borders resembled a virtual battle zone with restless crowds of farmers, mostly from Punjab and Haryana, milling around and a sea of police personnel keeping them at bay. Drones circled the air

and smoke from teargas shells could be seen from far.

Raising anti-government slogans and chanting "kisan ekta zindabad" and "Waheguruji di Khalsa, Waheguruji di Fateh", farmers in huge numbers sat at the borders, beating "daflis". The Delhi Police used tear gas at Singhu border to disperse protesting

farmers. The latter pelted the cops with stones and broke barricades. The police resorted to lathicharge for a brief time to control protesters who broke barricades. They also used multiple rounds of tear gas to disperse the protesters. Three petrol pumps were temporarily closed as a precautionary measure.

CAPT SLAMS KHATTAR GOVT FOR 'BRUTE' FORCE

Chandigarh: Punjab CM Capt Amarinder slammed Haryana's ML Khattar government for its continued use of brute force to stop farmers despite the Union Government's conciliatory move. "What's the need for such harsh measures? This barbarism needs to stop right now [mlkhattar ji...]. The farmers did not inflict damage on any public property over the past three months of their protest, and here is a state government that is brazenly and shamelessly digging up roads made of public money," he said, reiterating his appeal to the Centre to address the farmers' concerns. TNS

SUPPORT POURS IN

- Punjab Pradesh Beopar Mandal
- Anganwari Mulazim Union, Jld
- Punjab Civil Med Services Assn
- Pharmacy Officers' Assn, Bathinda
- Nursing Staff Assn, Bathinda
- Class IV Workers Union
- Ludhiana Goods Transport Assn
- AllIndia Motor Transport Congress



Farmers remove barricades placed by Haryana cops at the Dabwali border on Friday. PAWAN SHARMA

Dismantling barricades, more Punjab farmers enter Haryana

SANJEEV SINGH BARIANA
Tribune News Service

5-KM-LONG CONVOY

Chandigarh: A day after protesters broke barricades on the Punjab-Haryana border at Khanauri in Sangrur, the Haryana Police on Friday allowed passage to a 5-km-long cavalcade of trucks and tractor-trailers. BKU (Ekta-Ugrahan) general secretary SS Kokrikalan claimed that over 50,000 farmers were headed towards Delhi from Khanauri. TNS

youths, without waiting for instructions from their leaders, went ahead and pulled

down barricades at 10.30 am. Some protesters damaged police vehicles and turned off water cannons on the Bathinda-Delhi highway. The farmers entered Sirsa district, raising "BKU Ekta Ugrahan zindabad" and "Jo bole so nihal" slogans. A sizeable number of youngsters wore T-shirts with Shaheed Bhagat Singh's picture. The farmers headed to Delhi from Dabwali faced restrictions at the Panjwana bridge and at Agroha after they crossed Fatehabad.

But they succeeded in having their way.

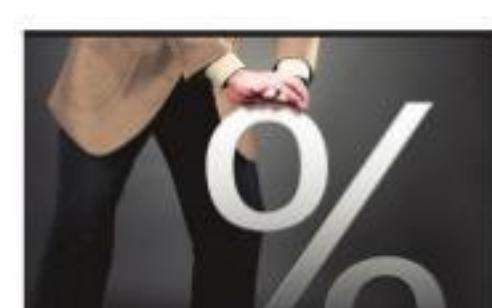
GDP contracts 7.5%, recovery in Q2 better than expected

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27
The economy contracted by 7.5 per cent in the second quarter (July-September) of 2020-21 as against a fall of 23.9 per cent during the stringent lockdown months of the first quarter (April to June), according to government data released on Thursday.

With the contraction in two successive quarters, India has entered a technical recession but the Union Finance Ministry feels the latest data, especially the high frequency indicators, suggest a recovery is underway.

The government, however, was not willing to commit that the fourth quarter could see positive growth after it was clear that the third quarter GDP growth will also be negative. "Recovery provides optimism but we urge caution about the pandemic. Winter months must warrant caution and safety protocols must be followed stringently



COVID CONTROL KEY FACTOR
Recovery ignites optimism, but a cautious optimism.

Sustainability of the recovery critically depends on keeping the pandemic in control.

Union Finance Ministry

GOVT SPENDING TO SPUR GROWTH, SAYS CII

We are certain this trend will continue. Private consumption is weak and increased govt spending will help the momentum for a more robust growth. Chandrjit Banerjee, DG, CII

India in technical recession, but govt 'cautiously optimistic'

ENCOURAGING SIGNS

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- The GDP contracted by record 23.9% in the first quarter (April to June) as lockdown hit economic activity

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EDIT: ECONOMIC RECOVERY

as a service to the nation," said the Ministry's Chief Economic Adviser Krishnamurthy Subramanian.

In a break from the past, the government used six new indicators in a total of 23 to project -7.5 per cent GDP

growth. These include data of rice and fish, purchase of private vehicles, passenger traffic at airports and Center's revenue spending. There was V-shaped recovery in use-based

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Hyd firm to produce Sputnik doses

Tribune News Service/PTI

NEW DELHI/HYDERABAD, NOV 27
The Russian Direct Investment Fund and Hyderabad-based pharma group Hetero have agreed to produce over 100 million doses per year of the world's first registered Covid-19 vaccine Sputnik V, Hetero said on Friday.

The parties intend to start the production of Sputnik V in the beginning of 2021 through Hetero's biologics arm Hetero Biopharma, it said in a press release.

The Gamaleya Center in Russia and the RDIF announced on November 24 positive results obtained during the second interim data

Pact with Russian Direct Investment Fund

COVID-19 CASES INDIA

COUNT 93,09,787
RECOVERED 87,18,517
FRESH FATALITIES 492
TOTAL DEATHS 1,35,715

WORLD
TOTAL 6,15,02,192
RECOVERED 4,25,52,558
DEATHS 14,41,204

10 STATES ACCOUNT FOR 84% FATALITIES

Of the total deaths, 83.80 pc are from 10 states: Maha, K'taka, TN, Delhi, Bengal, UP, Andhra, Punjab, Gujarat & MP



Jagir Kaur is SGPC chief for 4th time

AMRITSAR, NOVEMBER 27

Akali leader Bibi Jagir Kaur was elected president of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) for the fourth time at an annual general house meeting held here on Friday. She occupies president's chair vacated by Gobind Singh Longowal. She polled 122 votes out of the total 143 to beat rebel "Akali" leader Mithu Singh Kahneke. INSIDE

2 Army jawans killed in Pak shelling at LoC

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 27

Two Army jawans were killed on Friday as Pakistani troops opened heavy fire and shelled mortars along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district.

A defence spokesperson said, "The Pakistani army resorted to unprovoked firing on the Line of Control (LoC) in Sunderbani sector of district Rajouri today (Friday)." The Indian Army immediately responded to the unprovoked firing, he added.

Naik Prem Bahadur Khatri and Rifleman Sukhbir Singh sustained critical injuries in the firing and died later, he said. The nation would always remain indebted to

them for their supreme sacrifice and devotion to duty, the official added. On Thursday, Subedar Swatantra Singh was killed and a civilian critically injured in Pakistani shelling along the LoC in Kirni and Qasba sectors of Poonch district. — PTI

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« Farmers enter Dabwali town after removing the barricades at the Doormali barrier on Friday; and protesters remove mud and boulders at the Khanauri border in Sangrur. TRIBUNE PHOTO & PTI

Support grows, more march towards Delhi

Youth and women from across state join protest against three Central farm laws

Tribune Reporters

New Delhi without bothering for their study.

"Study can wait. If we fail to compel the Central Government to take back black laws, we will lose everything. My brother and I are prepared to go to jail in New Delhi. Our father is at home, looking after our land," says Ravinderpal Singh, a youngster from the Sehna area of Barnala.

Under the guidance of senior members of the union, youngsters are at the forefront in committees formed to collect ration and other essential items and cook and serve food. Carrying almost six-month ration on their trailers, farmers have left for Delhi. The entire system is well-coordinated to ensure protesters are provided food and other refreshments on time.

Another widow, Satwant Kaur, from Chhajli village says their union is the only ray of hope for them as successive governments had done little to help them till date.

In this protest, a generational shift is visible in the BKU (Ugrahan) — youngsters, many of them first-time protesters, and women are in large numbers. The anti-Centre resentment among the youth can be gauged from the fact that many have left for



SHAHEED BHAGAT SINGH INVOKED TO INSPIRE PROTESTERS

Bathinda: A large number of youths were seen wearing T-shirts with the photo of Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh on them at the farmers' protest on the Dabwali border on Friday. Similarly, women protesters were seen with yellow dupattas on their heads.

jathas leave on 70-80 tractors From Jalandhar, more jathas set out for Delhi. Farmers of the Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee, in 70-80 tractor-trailers, headed out from here to be the backup for their counterparts struggling while trying to cross the state borders. Lakhwinder Singh, a committee leader, said, "We all are from different villages near Subhanpur in Kapurthala. We will move as

jathas. The farmers who left earlier must be a bit exhausted. Now, we will give them time to rest and take charge from the front. We are moving with our beddings, woolen clothes, water and dry ration. Women too will follow us subsequently in separate jathas a day after."

Jagjit Singh from Samimpur village in Jalandhar said, "We will be leaving

tomorrow in 8-10 cars. We do not intend to go by tractors as it will take us longer to catch up with our teams and provide them the needed support."

Meanwhile, Nakodar Akali MLA and a farmer, Gurpartap Wadala, said, "We have arranged some Innovas and Tempo Travellers for joining the farmers. Phillaur MLA Baldev Khera, too, will join us."

YOUNGSTERS LEAD WAY

It's encouraging to see youngsters understanding the gravity of the situation and taking a lead in the protest. We are hopeful that these youngsters would make Punjab prosperous again.

Ajaib Singh, MEMBERS, BKU (UGRAHAN)

« Young protesters inspired by Shaheed Bhagat Singh's ideology.

The yellow colour also signifies the colour of turban of Shaheed Bhagat Singh. A group of youngsters with the T-shirts also shouted slogans "Inquilab Zindabad" at the protest site. Even many cars were also seen with a photo of Shaheed Bhagat Singh on it. TNS

Local protests continue

In Patiala, the "Delhi Chalo" agitation has got an overwhelming response from women, and youth as a large number of them have come out to participate in the protests across the state. Farmers have also left with ration supply of over a month and will be camping in Delhi.

Long traffic queues were witnessed on the National Highway connecting Rajpura

to Delhi with farmers camping on the roadsides by parking tractors. "We are not returning without getting justice," said Nabirkiran Singh from Rongla village.

Farmers left Patiala on Wednesday through various interstate borders to reach Delhi without being arrested. "We will reach straight at the venue of the dharna as we are sure that our community members will reach Delhi. Stopping farmers forcibly is something that will only add to problems. The government should rather allow us to reach Delhi and protest peacefully," said many elderly farmers.

Rallies against Haryana Govt

Jathas of farmers of the Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee (KMSC) went to Delhi from the holy city's golden gate and Tarn Taran's Harike Patti on Friday. They also organised rallies at Harike and their leaders condemned the Manohar Lal Khattar government for its oppressive action on farmers heading to Delhi. The leaders stressed that the farmers should remain calm before the repression. "We have made all possible arrangements of meal and shelter," said Satnam Singh Pannu, President, KMSC.

Capt slams Hry for using 'brute force'

Tribune News Service

WHAT'S THE NEED?

What's the need for such harsh measures? This barbarism needs to stop right now @mlkhattar ji. Capt Amarinder Singh, CHIEF MINISTER

up the national highway. "The farmers did not inflict even an iota of damage to any public property over the past three months of their protest, and here is a state government that is brazenly and shamelessly digging up roads made of public money," he quipped.

Captain Amarinder also reiterated his appeal to the Central Government to initiate immediate talks to address farmers' concerns on the farm laws and resolve the simmering issue. Having taken the first step towards finding a peaceful and amicable solution to the problem, the Centre should now move quickly towards holding further talks with the kisan unions to thrash out the problem triggered by the agricultural legislations which have threatened the lives and livelihoods of the farmers.

vailed the grounds at Burari jail. Questioning Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar asking farmers to postpone their agitation till December 3, Jakhar asked: "What was stopping it from starting the dialogue straight away?"

It is going to be a long-drawn battle against the Central farm laws, he said, adding, "It would not be over by December 3 as I do not expect much from the meeting. Seeing the enormity of the protest, the Prime Minister should immediately suspend the laws."

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Pneet Kaur, PATAIALA MP

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PPCC chief Sunil Jakhar said the Delhi Police had con-

Majha farmers join stir



Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee members set out for Delhi Chalo from Amritsar. VISHAL KUMAR

AAP MLAs detained outside PM's house

BATHINDA, NOVEMBER 27

AAP's Punjab legislators and workers protested outside PM Narendra Modi's residence in Delhi on Friday. In a video clip, police personnel can purportedly be seen dragging AAP members into vehicles while they raised slogans against the Centre.

Talking to *The Tribune* over phone, AAP MLA from Talwandi Sabo, Prof Baljinder Kaur said, "We were protesting peacefully in front of the

Ready to give our lives for farmers: Cheema

PM's residence but the police dragged us around before putting us into their vehicles. This won't dissuade us from supporting farmers."

"We are ready to give our lives for our farmers, you cannot suppress our voices," tweeted Leader of Opposition Harpal Cheema. — TNS

Don't fall into Centre's trap: Cong

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 27

Punjab Congress leaders today expressed apprehensions that the Centre was trying to weaken farmers' agitation by restricting them to Nirankari Ground in Burari, instead of allowing them to protest on roads leading to the national capital.

Ludhiana MP Ravneet Singh Bittu said since the farmers had surrounded Delhi from all sides, the BJP was trying to take them off roads so that their agitation was weakened.

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Rlys yet to restore train services fully

LUDHIANA, NOVEMBER 27

The Railways have not been able to restore the train services fully, even though the farmers have suspended the 'rail roko' agitation, which threw the rail traffic in the region off track for over two months.

Some Covid special and festival trains have commenced operations, but seven Amritsar-bound trains were still being short-terminated before the scheduled destination while some other trains were being diverted via alternate routes.

Railway officials said Korba-Amritsar-Korba Chhattisgarh Express and Amritsar-OC

Health Dept staff announce support to stir

BATHINDA, NOVEMBER 27

Extending their support to farmers' stir, Health Department employees, including doctors, staff nurses, lab technicians, pharmacists and Class IV employees, staged a protest against the Union Government at the Civil Hospital in Bathinda on Friday. They also collected donations from staff members which contributed for the farmers' stir.

Dr Gurmail, president, PCMS Association, said, "We stand firmly with the farmers in their stir against the farm laws. If these anti-farmer laws are not revoked, we will intensify our stir in the coming days." — TNS

Farmers staying back tend fields of protesters

SAMEER SINGH
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

BATHINDA, NOVEMBER 27

Even as farmers in large numbers have left for Delhi to protest the contentious farm laws, many are holding the fort back home, irrigating fields, spreading fertilisers and guarding freshly sown fields not only theirs but others as well in the Malwa region.

In Bathinda and Mansa districts, special announcements were made from village gurdwaras that while farmers on the frontline battled it out against the farm laws, those staying back would ensure fields weren't neglected.

Gurmeet Singh, a farmer



from Mehma Serja village, said: "It is our responsibility to look after fields of our farmer-brothers while they participate in the nationwide protest against the farm laws."

We will ensure that their fields are taken care of."

Interestingly, while neighbours and those in close circles of farmers have volunteered for the job, it's the

CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF BROTHERHOOD

The unity and brotherhood exhibited by farmers staying back in villages has infused a new confidence among protesters. Marching towards Delhi, they are no longer worried about their fields.

Jagshir Singh Jhumba, BKU (EKTA UGRAHAN)

village in Mansa, have been exhorting his friends and acquaintances to shun any personal differences and stand united in this phase of adversity. He is urging residents of around half a dozen villages from his block to take care of the fields of farmers who have gone to Delhi.

Jagshir Singh Jhumba, general secretary, BKU (Ekta Ugrahan), who has gone to Delhi to take part in protest, said over the phone: "The unity and brotherhood exhibited by farmers staying back in villages has infused a new confidence among protesters. Marching towards Delhi, they are no longer worried about their fields."

State sees 25K more farm fires this year

₹1,500 crore machinery, ad campaigns fail to control stubble-burning incidents

AMAN SOOD

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PATIALA, NOVEMBER 27

Despite spending over ₹1,500 crore on subsidised machinery and advertisement campaigns to curb the rising trend of air pollution, Punjab farmers defied all bans and continued to burn stubble. This post-harvest stubble-burning season, which ended on Thursday, Punjab recorded over 76,000 farm fires this season. This is roughly 25,000 cases more than the last year.

The state government has imposed an environmental penalty of ₹3.14 crore on defaulting farmers for burning stubble, but merely ₹6.5 lakh has been recovered. This season, farmers burnt their paddy stubble with impunity in their fields



More than 76,000 farm fires were reported in the state this season, which ended on Thursday.

openly and many a times causing smog-like conditions alongside the state and national highways without any fear of authorities.

Officials claimed that Punjab had almost 75,000

machines worth over ₹1,200 crore to manage the crop residue yet it witnessed over 76,000 incidents, highest in the past three years and more than the combined cases of Haryana and Uttar Pradesh.

Banking on 75,000 machines, the Agriculture Department had expected to manage stubble on 20 lakh hectares and around 40 per cent less cases of farm fires. Punjab is also providing 50 to

80 per cent subsidy to farmers and cooperative societies to buy modern farm equipment and has spent lakhs of rupees on awareness campaigns against stubble burning.

Senior officials said what was worrying that despite the fact that the area under paddy had decreased by 2.5 lakh hectares due to crop diversification, the farm fires had increased.

A senior PPCB official said as compared to 51,703 farm fires in 2018 and 52,790 in 2019, this season the farmers in Punjab recorded a whopping 76,590 such incidents. "This season has taught us a number of things and there is a need to introspect as despite efforts, there is an increase in the incidents. Either our policies are wrong or farmers are adamant."

Delimitation process over, local body polls by Feb 13

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CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 27

After completing the delimitation exercise, the Local Government on Friday notified the conduct of elections to nine municipal corporations, 109 municipal councils and nagar panchayats by February 13. Information in this regard has been sent to the State Election Commission for necessary action.

Besides, by-elections to one ward of the Amritsar Municipal Corporation and three wards of the Mahilpur and Mullanpur Dakha Municipal Councils have also been notified.

A senior government functionary said the matter to decide the dates of the elections would come up for

BYELECTION IN FOUR WARDS

By-elections to one ward of the Amritsar Municipal Corporation and three wards of the Mahilpur and Mullanpur Dakha Municipal Councils have also been notified

discussion in the coming Cabinet meeting and it would be intimated to the Election Commission.

The Capt Amarinder Singh led-Congress government has contemplated to hold the elections by January-mid next year, as urban areas are crucial in wake of the BJP announcing to flex its muscle in the coming Assembly polls.

The Municipal Corpora-

tions that are going to the polls are Abohar, Batala, Kapurthala, SAS Nagar, Hoshiarpur, Pathankot, Phagwara, Moga and Bathinda.

In the last Cabinet meeting held on November 18, the CM had decided to call a special meeting to discuss the conduct of impending local body elections.

Earlier, a Cabinet sub-committee of ministers comprising Brahmin Mohindra, Manpreet Badal, Balbir Singh Sidhu, Bharat Bhushan Ashu, Vijay Inder Singh and Sunder Sham Arora, who held a meeting with the CM, had unanimously agreed to recommend the State Election Commission to hold the elections tentatively on October 11. However, it could not be held due to Covid.

Court refuses to quash FIR against former MLA, kin

SAURABH MALIK

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 27

Eight years after a relative of an ex-MLA was booked for forged MLA sticker, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has refused to quash the FIR against the former legislator and her kin. The Bench ruled that her statements on scanning MLA stickers and using them on other vehicles, prima facie, indicated "some misuse".



Parmod Arora and the ex-legislator had moved the court for quashing FIR registered on July 18, 2012, at airport police station in Amritsar for cheating, forgery and other offences under the IPC.

Appearing before Justice Sanjay Kumar's Bench, their counsel contended Amritsar Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) had refused to accept the cancellation report filed by the police, requiring the petitioners to face trial.

Justice Kumar observed the then MLA's daughter was married to Arora's son. The FIR said a vehicle driven by Arora with MLA sticker affixed on the windshield was stopped at a barrier on the airport road by Inspector Kuldeep Singh, who took possession of the scanned sticker after asking him to remove it.

He observed apparently the police filed a cancellation after inquiry, but the CJM sent the case back for further investigation.

However, another cancellation report was submitted.

Present before the trial court, inspector Kuldeep Singh stated he did not agree with the cancellation report. In a separate statement, the inspector said he had done his duty honestly and had caught the petitioner driving the vehicle while carrying the sticker's scanned copy.

The CJM also took note of the fact that the then MLA had made a statement during the inquiry that two car stickers were issued to her as she was a member of the Legislative Assembly. She kept the scanned copies with her and put them on other cars also. She had put the sticker's scanned copy on Arora's car.

With the Covid scenario escalating in the district, the Government School Teachers' Union has demanded that the three-hour limit for teachers to be present at the school be strictly implemented as many principals were calling teachers at their

whims and making them stay long hours and attend meetings even when attendance at school was low.

Despite two teachers and one worker having tested positive, the Lambra school resumed work after staying closed for three days.

Many schools are making teachers stay for long hours, which poses risk to them. Schools don't have funds for masks and sanitisers. Teachers shouldn't be forced to stay at schools. — Karnail Phillaur, GOVERNMENT SCHOOL TEACHERS' UNION

812 FRESH CASES, 28 FATALITIES IN A DAY

■ The state reported 812 cases and 28 deaths in the past 24 hours. As per a government bulletin released on Friday, the total cases have reached 1,50,086 and deaths 4,737
■ At present, 149 patients are on oxygen support and 19 on ventilator. Jalandhar recorded a maximum of 159 cases, while Amritsar reported seven deaths

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Despite two teachers and one worker having tested positive, the Lambra school resumed work after staying closed for three days.

Sources in the village said, "Villagers have started referring to the school as 'Covid spreader'. Teachers are constantly testing positive. What about teachers?"

Harinder Pal, DEO (Secondary), said, "All schools are calling teachers as per the protocol. It is the principal's prerogative to call teachers and it's also necessary in view of the ongoing PTMs. All government offices are open. We are also conducting free testing of our teachers. Eleven teachers have tested positive, but all protocols and precautions are being taken. Some teachers also picked up Covid at home."

₹50L for martyred sepoy's kin

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 27

Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Friday announced an ex gratia of ₹50 lakh, along with a government job to a family member of Sepoy Sukhbir Singh of 18 JAK Rifles who was martyred in the unprovoked firing by Pakistan army along the LoC in the Sunderbani

sector of J&K on Friday.

Paying homage to the martyr and extending his sympathy to the bereaved family, the CM said 22-year-old Sepoy Sukhbir Singh was brave and highly motivated soldier. "The nation will always remain indebted to him for his supreme sacrifice and devotion to duty." — TNS

4 Punjabis in British Columbia Cabinet

Two of them made Ministers, two others Parliamentary Secretary

SUKHEET BHASIN

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BATHINDA, NOVEMBER 27

Re-elected British Columbia Premier John Horgan on Thursday included four Punjabi Indo-Canadian MLAs out of total nine, who won the Assembly polls in Canada.

Two MLAs Harry Bains and Ravi Kahlon have been made Ministers while Rachna Singh and Nikki Sharma have been made Parliamentary Secretary.

Harry Bains has been re-appointed as the Minister of Labour in British Columbia. He has been the NDP MLA for Surrey-Newton since 2005. Bains tweeted: "I am so humbled and honoured to have the privilege to serve as your Minister for Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation. I'm honoured and look forward to working with our amazing team. Thank you to my family and friends. thinking of my dad today."

Another Punjabi who will feature in the government will be Rachna Singh, who has been named the Parliamentary Secretary for Commu-

nity Recovery and Innovation. Kahlon in his first term as an MLA served as the Parliamentary Secretary for Sports and Multiculturalism and then for Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.

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Meanwhile, Indian-origin NDP MLA Nikki Sharma has been named the Cabinet minister when the first Horgan government was formed, has been dropped.

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Talking to *The Tribune* over phone, Rachna said: "I am so honoured to be appointed as the Parliamentary Secretary for Anti-racism Initiatives, something which has always been close to my heart. Looking forward to work with Attorney General David Eby on this important profile."

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Police, farmers face off in Jhajjar, Sonepat

Raising 'Kisan Ekta Zindabad' slogan, protesters enter Delhi | Some camp at border waiting for others

**RAVINDER SAINI &
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JHAJJAR, NOVEMBER 27

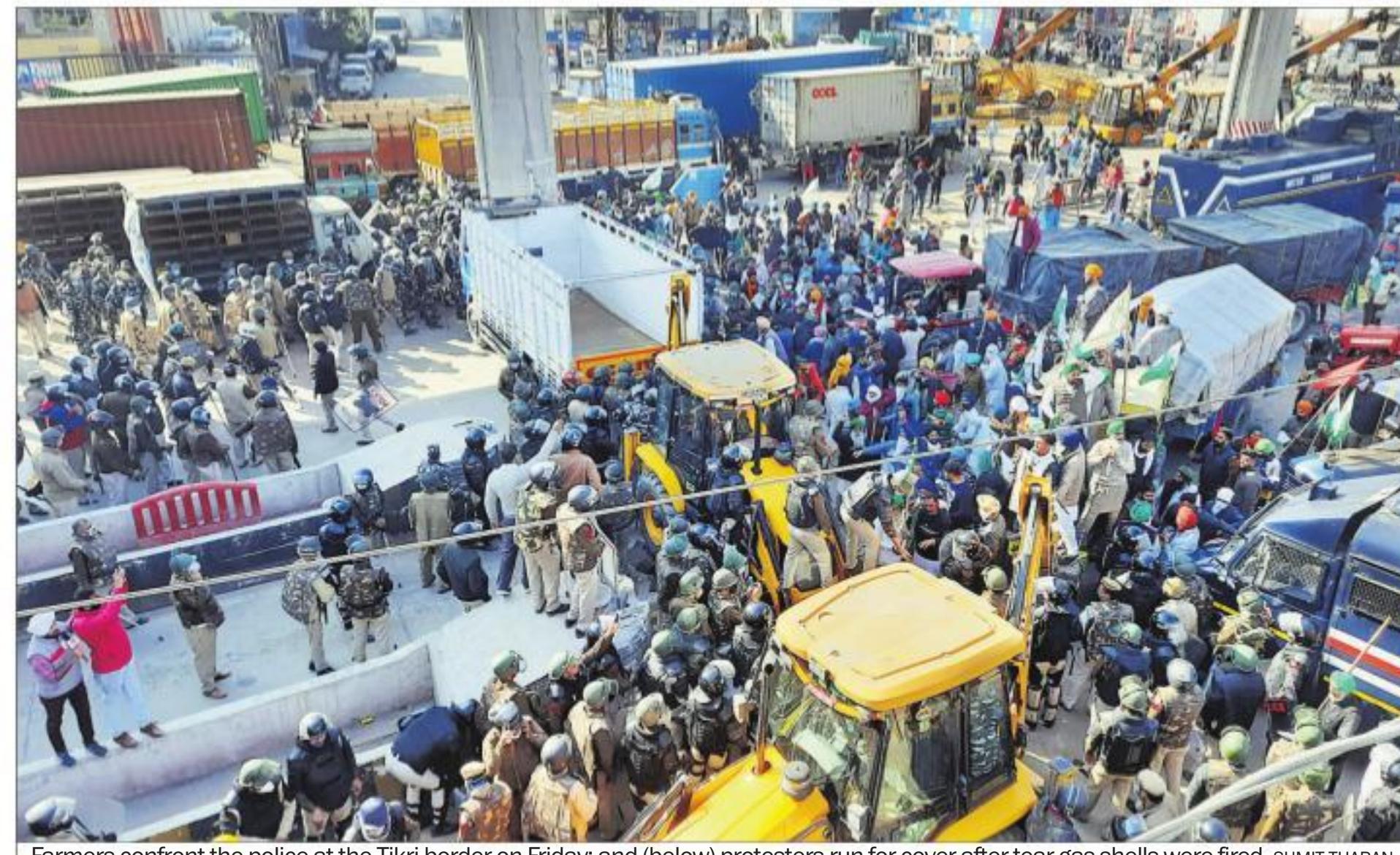
After a face-off with the Jhajjar and Delhi Police for several hours, thousands of farmers from Punjab entered the national capital on Friday evening. They staged a dharna for more than four hours at the Tikri border in Delhi before moving ahead.

The first face-off took place at the Rohad toll plaza on the Rohtak-Delhi highway on Friday morning when farmers started breaking the barricades earlier in the morning. The police used tear gas shells and water cannons to disperse the farmers, but they did not relent and marched ahead pushing away the heavy posse of force.

"About 3,000 farmers riding on hundreds of tractor-trolleys reached the toll plaza around 4 am. We requested them to return, but they did not budge and moved ahead after breaking the barricades," Jhajjar SP Rajesh Duggal said, adding the police handled the situation peacefully.

The farmers again challenged the local police in Sector 9, where tractors and other vehicles were placed on both sides of the road by the police to stop them. The plan, however, didn't work out.

The farmers made way by removing a boulder and reached the Tikri border in Delhi. They blocked a one-km stretch between the Sector 9 turn and the Tikri border by parking their tractor-trailers on the road. They also blocked the other side of the road so that vehicles coming from the Delhi side could not pass.



Farmers confront the police at the Tikri border on Friday; and (below) protesters run for cover after tear gas shells were fired. SUMIT THARAN

FLASHPOINTS

- Rohad toll plaza on the Rohtak-Delhi highway
- HUDA Sector 9 in Jhajjar city
- Karhans village in Panipat district
- Haldana border on Panipat-Sonepat border
- Near Rajiv Gandhi education city, Rai
- Haryana-Delhi Singhu border
- Haryana-Delhi Tikri border



The Delhi police, too, lobbed tear gas shells and used water cannons on protesting farmers when the latter forcibly tried to enter the National Capital by removing the barricades.

The protesters staged a dharna for more than four

hours at the border after deciding to wait for farmers from Hisar. During the dharna, the protesting farmers not only raised slogans against the Modi government, but also appealed to maintain peace.

It was around 3.15 pm

that the Delhi police, which had set up a three-tier security cordon, allowed farmers to enter the national capital. A wave of happiness erupted among them. They entered Delhi raising the slogan "Kisan Ekta Zindabad".

Sonepat: The local police's desperate efforts such as heavy barricading and digging up of roads failed to stop farmers from entering Delhi on Friday. The farmers from Punjab and Haryana reached the Singhu border on the NH-



Motorists stuck on the Delhi-Gurugram expressway on Friday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: S CHANDAN

SIDELIGHTS

Leaders released

Hisar: Most of the farmer leaders who were arrested from various places across the state three days ago were released from jails on Friday evening. The leaders were leading Haryana farmers in the stir to protest against three farm Acts. Nearly 25 farmers from Hisar district have been released by the police. Similarly, farmer activists from Bhiwani, too, have been released.

BKU chief booked

Karnal: The police have registered two FIRs—one against BKU president Gurnam Singh Charuni and others and the second against unidentified farmers—allegedly for violating Section 144 of the CrPC and Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act. SP Ganga Ram Punia said the cases were registered on the basis of the videography of protest.

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In all, 125 barricades had been put around the borders, with Sirhaul being the worst hit. The suspension of

metro services and public transport services to Delhi added to the woes.

"The traffic congestion eased towards the evening. For the past two days, we are trying to maintain peace and keep the city unaffected by the protest. We had and are still appealing to the people not to head to Delhi till it is urgent," said CP KK Rao.

Traffic jam at G'gram-Delhi border

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

GURUGRAM, NOVEMBER 27 Massive traffic chaos gripped the expressway here on the second consecutive day owing to heavy barricading of the Delhi-Guru gram Sirhaul border.

A two-hour jam threw traffic out of gear as the vehicles that stood lined up at the border were allowed entry

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LUDHIANA SMART CITY LIMITED

Tender Notice Number 1556/LSCL Dated 26-11-2020
Chief Executive Officer, Ludhiana Smart City Limited, Ludhiana invites online Bids on Two Stage System for 03 nos. works.
Closing date & time : 15.12.2020 up to 1700 Hrs. (for 03 nos. works)

For details log on to : <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>
NOTE: Detail of works, other terms & conditions, tender documents and any corrigendum(s) to the Tender Notice shall be published on the above website only.

Sd/- Chief Executive Officer, Ludhiana Smart City Limited

NOTICE

Corrigendum/Addendum No. 5

Name of work:- Project Management Consultancy Services for Planning, Design and Development of New Campus of Shri Krishna AYUSH University (PHASE-I Works) at Village Fattupur, Thanesar, Kurukshetra, Haryana – 136118

Due to travel restrictions in North India presently the last date for submission of online bid and hard copy of the RFP documents is extended to 04 December 2020 up to 3 PM.

All other terms & conditions remain unchanged.

Sd/- Registrar

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION PUNJAB

TENDER NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS
No. 13316-13376

Dated: 26.11.2020

THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DEPARTMENT PUNJAB INVITES ONLINE BID FOR THE FOLLOWING WORKS:-

Construction of Pump Chamber with W.C., construction of OHSR of capacity 50000 ltr. with Still level not less than 17.00 mtr. and 20.00 Mtr. height up to Fsl, providing and laying P.V.C. rising main, providing and fixing Submersible Pumping Set, providing and installing electrically actuated diaphragm operated Disinfection Unit, Development of Water Works, Distribution System, and House Service Connections complete in all respects for Rural Drinking Water Supply Scheme Village: Behbal Manj (1 No.) Block Hajipur bifurcated from existing W/S Scheme Dugh Awana (3 Nos.) Block Mukerian District: Hoshiarpur (Under NABARD-XXII). PKG-II, Bid Cost Rs. 38.14 lac.

Procurement No. DWSS-W-DIV19-6090-2

Closing Date and Time: As per website

For details log on to: <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

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Sd/- Executive Engineer,
W/S & Sanitation Division, Talwara,

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DEPARTMENT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tender Notice No. 9922

Date: 27.11.2020

Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Division No. 3, S.A.S. Nagar, invite bid from eligible bidders for the items as per given below:-

Sr. No.	Procurement Number	Name of Item	Time & date of Opening of Technical Bids
1	PRWSS-W-DIV28-889-1	SUPPLYING OF 208 LAPTOPS FOR OFFICERS (UPTO RANK OF SDE'S) OF DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION, PUNJAB (UNDER PRWSS-4A (64%) AND JJM-SHARE (36%))	04.01.2021 11.00 A.M.

For detailed terms and conditions of the Notice Inviting Bid, refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in/w.e.f. 01.12.2020>.

Important dates are given below:-

- Date of Commencement of Sale of Bidding Document : 01.12.2020 Time 12.00 hrs
- Last Date for Sale of Bidding Document : 03.01.2021 Time 14.00 hrs
- Last Date & Time for Submission of Bids : 03.01.2021 Time 17.00 hrs

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

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
W/S and Sanitation Div. No. 3,
S.A.S. Nagar. Tel No. 0172-2273834



Farmers protest at the Shambhu border on Friday. PRADEEP MAINI

2 hours of agitation at Shambhu border; cops, protesters hurt

NITIN JAIN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

AMBALA, NOVEMBER 27

Punjabi farmers again broke the police naka at Shambhu to enter Haryana on Friday. Braving water cannons and tear gas shells, thousands passed through Ambala to proceed to the national capital on the second day of their 'Delhi Chalo' march.

Some protesters pelted police personnel with stones and a couple of them brandished swords. Some cops and farmers were injured in the melee and taken to hospital. After failing to stop the protesters, the police removed barricades at Shambhu and Saddopur in the evening to allow free movement of traffic.

Thousands of farmers from Punjab reached the Shambhu border around 11 am. The police, supported by a company of the Rapid Action Force, put up a naka with chained iron barricades, heavy concrete boulders and earth-laden trailers and dumper placers.

Undeterred, farmers took a U-turn from the Patiala-Ambala highway, giving the impression that they were moving back. No sooner did the cops on duty heave a sigh of relief and move back from their positions, the protesters approached from the wrong side on the highway and entered Haryana.

BORDERS OPENED

After farmers were allowed entry into Delhi, all inter-state borders in Ambala were opened and free movement of traffic restored. Our aim was not to hurt farmers. We tried to hold them back for as long as we could. Ashok Kumar Sharma, AMBALA DC

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The police, who had failed to prevent farmers' entry on Thursday, seemed better prepared on Friday. Even as the protesters removed and threw some iron barricades into the Ghaggar, they were not able to break through.

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Adamant peasants had a face-off with the police for over two hours, during

HIMACHAL PRADESH HORTICULTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

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HPHDP/PCU-148/Recruitment/Vol-IV/2020 Dated:

INVITATION FOR APPLICATIONS ALONG WITH RESUMES

Services of Individuals as mentioned in the Table below are required on co-terminus basis under the World Bank assisted for HP-Horticulture Development Project (HPHDP) being implemented by the HP-Horticulture Development Society, Shimla.

Sr. No. Name of the Specialist/Resource Number

1 Expert for establishment of Centre of Excellence under HPHDP 1

The period of engagement shall be initially for 2 years and can be extended depending upon the performance of the individual. Application format and Terms of Reference can be downloaded from the website of the Project www.hds.hp.gov.in.

Eligible Candidates below age of 65 years (as on dated 01.09.2020) who wish to apply shall fill online application on the prescribed format along with self-attested testimonial copies of certificates on the above mentioned website on or before 16.12.2020 up to 05:00 p.m. Applications received offline shall not be entertained.

Project Director, HPHDP.

Government of Punjab TENDER NOTICE REFERENCE NO. 17

The Department of Public Works (Building & Roads) invites online bids for following:-

Sr. No.	Item	Quantity
1	Construction of H.L. Bridge 2 span 7m each eff. Over Udhawali Distributor x-ing Dalam Nangal Adda to Dallewack via Akarpura in District Gurdaspur under NABARD-XXV Scheme.	1

App. Cost:- Rs. 5786670/-

Earnest Money:- Rs. 115733/-

Time Limit:- Four Months

Tender Fee Rs. 5000/-

Closing date & Time:- 11.12.2020 up to 5.00 P.M.

For details log on to:- <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

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Economic recovery

It's critical to sustain demand, prevent disruptions

INDIAN economy, which had sunk to a record low during the lockdown months and contracted by 7.5 per cent in the July-September quarter, is on the road to recovery — stronger than expected, according to RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das. After a GDP contraction of 23.9 per cent during April-June, the ongoing quarter has witnessed green shoots: in October, a key manufacturing index rose to 58.9, the highest since mid-2008; the GST collections crossed the Rs 1 lakh crore mark for the first time in the current financial year; the country's power consumption grew by over 13 per cent compared to the corresponding month last year. However, the revival of industrial and commercial activities is attributable less to a series of *Atmanirbhar Bharat* stimulus packages announced by the Centre than to other factors — easing of restrictions, pandemic fatigue, the festive season.

It's the resilience of consumers and investors that has spurred demand of late. Those who were saving and scrimping after the outbreak of Covid-19 are now spending to meet their pent-up needs and wants. But the increased consumption may reach saturation soon. Das has sounded a note of caution about 'the sustainability of demand after the festivals and a possible reassessment of market expectations surrounding the vaccine.'

Exports remain a major cause for concern. India has not been able to capitalise on the US-China trade war to cement its place in the global supply chain. The decision to stay out of the China-backed Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) has deprived India of access to a huge market with reduced tariffs, which could have been beneficial in the post-Covid scenario. The RCEP, the world's biggest trade agreement, accounts for 40 per cent of the global GDP and 50 per cent of the world's population. With the US and Europe continuing to grapple with the pandemic, India's export options have shrunk considerably. On the domestic front, the government needs to act fast to resolve the banking crisis. The unrest and uncertainty in the agriculture sector — the mainstay of the country's rural economy — over the contentious farm laws, also warrant immediate attention. The disruptions, if not prevented, may derail the engine of growth.

Battling corruption

Red tape continues to be a stumbling block

THE report by Transparency International that India has the highest bribery rate in Asia and the most number of people who use personal connections to access public services deserves attention even as it may not come as a surprise. The corruption watchdog also says that complicated bureaucratic processes and unclear regulatory frameworks force citizens to access basic services through networks of familiarity and petty corruption. The difficulty of getting work done in the corridors of power has always been acknowledged, stuck as it gets in red tape and procedural wrangles. Terms like *sifarish* and *paiyavai* have become part of common parlance and an acknowledgement of the problems that people have to face.

Successive governments have battled corruption charges, right from the Mundhra scandal during the time of Jawaharlal Nehru. Rajiv Gandhi, who as the PM, had to deal with the Bofors scam, remarked that of every rupee spent on welfare schemes, only 15 paise reach the common man, an observation that the Supreme Court reiterated in its Aadhaar decision.

The UPA government also faced a string of corruption charges which helped the Anna Hazare movement in creating an atmosphere against it along with the BJP's claims of providing a corruption-free government. But the BJP-led NDA government's move like demonetisation to counter corruption and unearth black money only resulted in hardships for the common man, and the Covid-19 pandemic has added to the economic downturn. The Aadhaar, Jan Dhan and mobile payment schemes launched by the government to reduce intermediaries have not been without problems like identifying the right beneficiary. In fact, our government and our society are still grappling with procedural bottlenecks that breed middlemen. During the Anna Hazare movement, it was demanded that the government check corruption, rein in bureaucracy and support farmers. Next year will mark the 10th anniversary of the movement. Arvind Kejriwal, Hazare's one-time lieutenant and now the Delhi CM, has seen his ministers battle charges of corruption, while the Modi government was also at the receiving end over the Rafale deal. It's time to take stock.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The world needs banking but it does not need banks.

— Bill Gates

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

LAHORE, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1920

The Nagpur Congress and Non-Co-operation.

EVER since the passing of the non-co-operation resolution at the Special Congress in Calcutta, speculation has been rife in many quarters as to what the ordinary session of the Congress at Nagpur will do in the same matter. It is a matter of common knowledge that prominent nationalist leaders in several Provinces publicly declared on the morrow of the passing of the resolution that they would leave no stone unturned to get the decision of Calcutta rescinded at Nagpur. Some of them made this declaration in the very act of expressing their readiness to obey the Congress resolution as long as it remained operative. Yet the two months that have passed since the Special Congress was held have not witnessed any remarkable activity on the part of this section of Congressmen towards the fulfillment of their promise. With the exception of Babu Bepin Chandra Pal and one or two others intimately associated with him, the Bengal leaders have done literally nothing, and Bepin Chandra and his associate have themselves, judging from the reports of their activities, worked more along common and generally accepted lines than for the specific purpose of securing the annulment of that part of the non-co-operation resolution which they stoutly but unsuccessfully resisted at Calcutta. In Madras and Maharashtra, two of the strongest centres of opposition to the non-co-operation programme, no work, of which the public is aware, has been done. Mr. Baptist, who condemned the programme with a vehemence not surpassed even by the Anglo-Indian Press, has since concerned himself only with the formation of labour unions, an important problem, but which has little to do with that programme. The *Hindu* of Madras, the organ of Mr. Kasturi Ranga Iyengar, had warned Mr. Gandhi on the eve of the Calcutta Congress against taking any step that might leave him "to drive his lonely furrow," but since its defeat at Calcutta, it has done little to educate public opinion.

Batting for big businesses

Defying experts, the RBI is all for promotion of banks by corporates



AUNINDYO CHAKRAVARTY

SENIOR ECONOMIC ANALYST



IRONIC: The entire bad loan crisis has been created by loans to big corporates.

Experts fear if a corporate begins losing money in its core business, the stress could spill over into its banks.

If people said it like it is, then the RBI's latest report on bank ownership would have been called 'how I took your money and gave it to big corporates.' Instead, it is being heralded as a 'watershed' and a 'breakthrough' in banking reforms. Because, in India the best way to make any new economic policy palatable to the public is to call it a 'reform'.

The report, which is a set of recommendations by an internal team of the RBI, has many technical details about bank ownership, but three crucial proposals stand out. The first is that big business should be allowed to own banks. The second says big corporates who own non-banking financial institutions, that lend but cannot take deposits, should be allowed to convert them into full-fledged deposit-taking banks. The third related is that the limit on shareholding by a bank-promoter should be raised from the current 15 per cent to 26 per cent.

To understand the full import of these 'reforms', we need to first look at what banking means in modern economies. Banks are intermediaries through which capital flows in an economy. The money that you and I save, would lie unutilised in our homes if there were no banks to take deposits and pay us interest on it. Banks channel our private 'unproductive' savings to those who produce things and provide services.

Our savings become the base on which banks generate credit and lend to 'producers'. This money is used to buy machines, raw materials and pay for the labour power of workers. Once our money enters the production process run by someone else, it generates profits for them. A part of it comes back to us as interest.

So, the banking process is the life-blood of modern economies, converting inert masses of money into active productive capital. Understandably, whoever controls this capital flow is in an advantageous position. They can mobilise money for their projects and have an advantage over competitors, who might be strapped for cash.

Before Indira Gandhi nationalised Indian banks in 1969, many large banks were controlled by big corporates who used that to lend money to their own businesses or to affiliates. The economic commentator Vivek Kaul has given us some numbers on this. Quoting a report published in 1967, Kaul shows that about a quarter of all loans at that time were directly or indirectly linked to bank directors.

Bank nationalisation changed that to a certain extent. The government, representing the public, now decided how credit would flow. For the first time, farmers began to get loans, and savings was directed towards developing the 'priority' sectors. Big industrial houses had to live with a financial field that was becoming less skewed towards their interests.

Things changed again from the mid-1980s, when the Rajiv Gandhi government began to incentivise private entrepreneurship. Before that, the government believed it had to control crucial sectors directly through public sector companies. The government infused capital into them, and ensured they got credit. PSE debt was also effectively underwritten by the state, which made it much more secure.

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had taken these loans lost very little. They had 'gold-plated' or overstated how much the project would cost. A project that needed Rs 1,000 crore was shown to require Rs 1,250 crore. If the promoter could get 80 per cent of that projected cost as a loan, they would get the entire Rs 1,000 crore as credit. They wouldn't have to put up even a penny in equity. So, if it failed, they had absolutely no skin in the game.

India's entire bad loan crisis has been created by such loans to big corporates. Whether it is IL&FS, Yes Bank, PMC Bank or Lakshmi Vilas Bank, each of these have fallen into deep trouble, because they had given big loans to connected corporate houses. Much of this happened right when the RBI was supposedly taking strict steps to curb bad loans. If despite such vigilance, the central bank failed to detect what was going on in these banks, how does it expect to regulate what big corporates will do if they are allowed to open their own banks?

What is interesting is that all experts the RBI's committee consulted, except one were of the opinion that large corporate/industrial houses should not be allowed to promote a bank. The experts believed that Indian companies have poor corporate governance norms, and it would be easy for them to circumvent regulations that stop them from lending money to their own businesses. They also felt that if a corporate began losing money in its core business, the stress could spill over into its banks.

India's entire bad loan crisis has been created by such loans to big corporates. At best, this reveals a mindset that believes that big enterprises are the best suited to deliver high growth. It shows that India's central bank has no problem with concentration of financial and economic power in the hands of a few big players. There is one more reason to believe that this report is pro-big business, and that is the recommendation to raise the cap on how much equity a promoter can hold. This not only opens the door for big corporates to control capital flows, but to concentrate that power directly in their hands.

Crossing Zojila experience of a lifetime

LT GEN HARWANT SINGH (RETD)

AS Union minister Nitin Gadkari launched work on the tunnel across the Zojila, my own crossing of this pass at the height of winter came to mind. Consequent to the Chinese invasion of Ladakh in 1962, troops in this sector were substantially increased and the need to lay out transit camps, recovery and military police posts as well as movement control set-up along this route arose.

I was then with 31 Communication Zone sub-area in Srinagar and was tasked to site the units/detachments along this route. I set out on this task in March 1963. At Ghund, we had to shed our transport because road beyond was under snow cover. Chocky Menon (14

Horse), son of VP Menon, who had much to do with the amalgamation of Indian states, insisted on accompanying me. Menon had earlier left the Army and joined Air India and during the war decided to rejoin the Army, and had himself posted to us in the rank of Captain. Our party consisted of me, Menon, a *sahayak*, a nursing assistant and three Ladakhi porters.

After siting the transit camp at Sonamarg, we moved to the Forest Rest House at Baltal. Nehru had spent his honeymoon here and had made some observations in the visitor's book. Because of cloudy weather, we were stuck at Baltal for three days, as the porters wanted to cross Zojila only on a clear night. Zojila — meaning 'treacherous' —

is a pass that is hit by avalanches from either side, with snow piling up to 100 ft at its base.

Menon insisted on carrying a carbine and dozen magazines, because he was convinced that Pakistan would have come to know of his move on this route and as such would lay an ambush! On the fourth night, we set out to cross the pass. Menon was having problem climbing and it took him nearly six hrs to get to the pass. While the porters, the *sahayak* and the nursing assistant carried on, I had to stay back to be with Menon. The sun was up and Menon would, now and then, stop to take pictures. We narrowly missed an avalanche. Since it was getting late and the chances of avalanches were increasing, I carried his stuff and told him to slow-

ly keep moving while I moved ahead with a view to sending back two porters with tea, etc., to help Menon.

I started moving fast and soon got dehydrated. I knew that in such a condition, sitting down could make me fall asleep and that could be disastrous. So I moved on. As Ghumri, our night halt, came in view, I put down the load. The porters were reluctant to go back, so I had to give them Rs 10 each for the task.

We spent the night at a telephone operator's small hut. Our party, three Ladakhis who were coming from Leh, the operator and four dogs crammed into the hut for the night.

Crossing Zojila during winter is an experience of a lifetime. With this tunnel, perhaps no one will get a chance to live through this experience.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Judicial reforms

Refer to 'AG bats for judicial reforms, four courts of appeal to cut pendency'; unfortunately, lakhs of cases, both genuine and frivolous, have been pending since ages in various courts to the detriment of aggrieved litigants. Sometimes, the best advantage of one person can be the worst disadvantage to another. The undue burden on our courts is mainly due to the lackadaisical attitude of the executive having scant regard for the rule of law. The jurisdiction under Article 226 of the Constitution being special and extraordinary, should not be exercised casually. Remedy under Article 226 shall not be available except where violation of some statutory duty on the part of statutory authority is alleged. The court cannot allow it to be used for deciding disputes for which remedies under general law, civil or criminal, are available. The authority of court exists for advancement of justice and not for abuse of the process of law. The legislative and the executive cannot abdicate its duty and responsibility to act in accordance with law. To perpetuate an error is no virtue, but to rectify it is the compulsion of judicial conscience.

Demanding their due

Refer to 'Farmers' stir lays bare unjust economic policy'; it lays bare not only the economic aspect of the stir, but also offers the most viable way out of this quagmire. Everyone will have to realise the gravity of the issue. Farmers are no more gullible rustics seeking doles for their toils. They only want that they be assured of a viable return for their inputs. No commissions, committees or consulting groups are required to understand this basic economic factor. The Amul dairy cooperative structure is the guiding light. Indigenous issues are best resolved with indigenous means.

DV SHARMA, MUKERIAN

Draconian farm laws

Agriculture still remains the primary source of income to many across the nation. What is more surprising is that none of the farmer unions are on board with the decision to bring these laws, but still the government passed them with brute majority. When the nation is battling its toughest battle against the pandemic, why did the Modi government choose this inappropriate time for the ordinances, pushing the nation into protests and deadlocks?

ANIL BHATIA, HISAR

There is a huge chasm between what the farmers are demanding and what the government is offering. Though the government is making tall claims, why is the central component of MSP not assured in black and white? The previous governments strengthened agriculture by building irrigation canals, dams, modern techniques and equipment, subsidies on seeds and assuring MSP to farmers, effective PDS, etc. We have become exporter from importer over these years. The other troubling part of the laws is that in a situation of conflict, the farmer cannot go to the court, rather he will have to go to the SDM and the APMC board. Even the state government cannot intervene in the matter. This will give an upper hand to crony capitalists.

AKSHAY SINGH DADHWAL, KANGRA

Reversal of fortune

Apropos of 'The dangerous yes men', the article reminds me of a real case of a leading public sector bank that had remained the highest loss-making bank for three years. Perturbed by the development, the CMD engaged a consulting agency to go into details. Before the sub-

mission of the full report, he asked for a gist of their recommendations and underlined one reading 'senior executives of your bank have no concern for the institution'. It proved a turning point. The CMD concentrated mainly on the functioning of AGMs. This worked like a miracle and the bank remained the highest profit-making bank over the next three years.

UPENDRA SHARMA, BY MAIL

Honouring sports legends

Argentina has really honoured the legacy of Diego Maradona by keeping his casket draped in its national flag and declaring a three-day national mourning. In comparison, in our country, in spite of so many representations, three-time Olympic gold medalist hockey wizard Balbir Singh Sr was not considered fit for the Bharat Ratna. His record for the most number of goals in an Olympic final remains unbroken. Our only hockey team which went on to win the 1975 World Cup was also coached by him. There is a need to honour and preserve the legacy of sporting greats to motivate the future generations to achieve laurels for the country.

LT COL HARBINDER SINGH (RETD), PATIALA

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Sharpen tech focus to boost defence prowess



LT GEN DS HOODA (RETD)

FORMER NORTHERN ARMY COMMANDER

defeat the insurgencies in Iraq and Afghanistan. There is a similar discussion in India on how far technology can overcome the challenges posed by the terrain along the Himalayan watershed or in areas like Siachen.

There is no doubt that the quality of human resource, levels of training, motivation, and human ingenuity will be major war-winning factors. But we must also recognise that today, technology is having a more transformative impact on the world than ever before. Klaus Schwab, founder of the World Economic Forum, in his book *The Fourth Industrial Revolution*, writes that the most critical challenge today is to understand the "speed and breadth" of the technology revolution. Many of the emerging technology breakthroughs are in their infancy but are "already reaching an inflection point in their development as they build on and amplify each other in a fusion of technologies across the physical, digital and biological worlds."

We are yet to grasp all the implications of this new revolution fully, but it is clear that emerging technologies, while empowering individuals and societies, are also disrupting traditional models of business, governance, and even social interaction.

The 'empowerment-disruption' effect is equally real for warfare. There is a blurring of lines between war and peace as hybrid conflicts take centre-stage. The distinction between civil and military technologies is disappearing with the diffusion of technologies, resulting in non-state actors increasingly getting access to lethal weapon systems. Saudi Arabia is among the top five countries globally in military expenditure, yet it has been regularly attacked by drones and missiles fired by Yemeni Houthi rebels.

MATRIMONIALS**BRIDES WANTED****BRAHMIN**

Army Officer 20 June 1994, Post Graduate, 5'-8". Girl with professional qualifications preferred. 99153-83918, 94651-13160. (CL20066131)

Professionally qualified match for vegetarian Brahmin boy 06/05/1989 11:25 p.m., Chandigarh, 5'-7", Education 7 LPA. Caste no bar, 70871-6946, 94171-50361. (CL20066178)

Employed, non-manglik preferably Software Engineer/ MBA match from Malwa for Saraswat Brahmin teetotaller boy, 27.5'-7", working ITC, 12 Lacs. 9915077210. (CL20066183)

Punjabi Saraswat Brahmin vegetarian family from Ludhiana looking for PQ beautiful working girl 5'-5" and above) for Aanshik Manglik boy, 5'-11", 23.11.1992 at 10.20 p.m. (Amritsar), B.Tech, working top MNC Gurgaon, 15 LPA, elder son/DIL Australian PR, 99713-07923, 84270-16147. (CL20066200)

Govt job / Professionally match for handsome Brahmin boy 5.8.1990, 9.25 AM, Amritsar, 5'-10", sales manager. (CL20066202)

Brahmin boy 18.07.90, 5'-8", job IT Park, Chandigarh, Khatri welcome. 88470-34439. (CL20066206)

Saraswat Brahmin boy, 12-Sept-92, 07:25 pm, Moga, 5'-8", B.Tech, Serving IT company Newzealand (Student Visa). Preferred Newzealand Girl, Parents Govt employee (Amritsar) Contact 94170-71242. (CL20066247)

Suitable match for smart Brahmin boy, 07.01.1988, 5'-11", Class-I Center Govt. Officer. Educated, slim, beautiful girl from well cultured family preferred. 97295-40900, 89010-08909. (CL20066288)

Manglik Dec. 1989, 5'-8", B.Tech, working Bengaluru, package 24 L. 79861-28053. (CL20066331)

Match for tall (6'2"), 22.12.1980, handsome unmarried Saraswat Brahmin boy. B.Com, Gurgaon based, working in Pvt. Co. Requires good looking, well qualified and professional girl. Caste no bar. Father. 98962-35135. (CL20066353)

SM for Punjabi Saraswat Brahmin boy 4.1.90 at 5:30 pm London H 6 ft. very fair, smart, gentle with family values. Father Banker. Back home Malwa, settled in UK since 1976. +44754944710. (CL20066357)

Gour Brahmin, 1975, 5'-6", unmarried PhD, Govt. Haryana service Hisar seeks unmarried Brahmin girl. 99917-61133. (CL20066557)

Wanted suitable match for Brahmin MBBS, doing MD (1st year), 28.11.1991, 5'-10". Girl Brahmin should be MBBS or employed in Himachal. 96463-22198, 93180-02582. (CL20066380)

Well-educated match for Saraswat Brahmin Vaishno boy Sep. 1988, 5'-6", Central Govt. job. 78144-84335. (CL20066466)

SM for Saraswat Brahmin PR (Canada) boy 17.05.1989, 6:10 am, Nangal, 5'-9", MBA, 86994-44964. (CL20066568)

Decent match for handsome Saraswat Brahmin boy, 5'-8", October 1989 born BA LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M. Established practice, own Law firm in Shimla. Own house. Reputed family. Wanted Himachali, professionally qualified, preferably working match. Kundli must. M: 96544-80752, m o d i g r a t e s @ g m a i l . c o m (CL20065749)

Beautiful and educated match for handsome Brahmin boy, 5'-9", Deputy Manager, SBI. Contact: 99881-86344. (CL20065788)

SM for a teetotaller Punjabi Brahmin boy, 17.01.1988, Yamunanagar, 5:20 p.m., 5'-10", B.Tech, MBA, working in MNC Gurgaon, package 25 lakh. Upper caste no bar. Contact No. 95013-10465. Email: joshih042@gmail.com (CL20065890)

B.Pharma , MBA 23.8.7, 5:20AM, 5'-11", Pkg 11Lakh, well settled other Business also girl slim, beautiful educated preferred. 96464-24925. (CL20065913)

Match for handsome Sharma boy, 5'-7", 31 Aug. 1989, 8.55 am, Pathankot Manglik, studying Canada; 98557-00595. (CL20065918)

Punjabi Sarawati Brahmin, 12 November 1987, 7:00 pm, Rajpura, 5'-9", M.A., B.Ed, PTET, B.Lib, 96465-25280. (CL20065949)

PQM for Brahmin boy, MCA, Software Engineer (working Norway, Europe), 15.08.1989, 04.35 a.m., Jalandhar. 94647-88636. (CL20065976)

Well-settled Brahmin boy 5'-11" tall, 32 years Software Engineer, high end income, Canadian citizen seeking professionally qualified girl, biocasta at WhatsApp +61 604 499 3203, or email at sharma.van.604@gmail.com (CL20065987)

USA citizen Sarawati Brahmin boy, 2.08.1995, 6', Non manglik Software Engineer, Chandigarh based family. Wanted girl height 5'-5" to 5'-7". Coming soon India. Contact: sharma9513@gmail.com WhatsApp 001-408-839-0412. (CL20066069)

Match for Brahmin boy 30 Oct. 1988, 6:15 pm Hamirpur (HP), MCA, own business & house Ludhiana. 75089-08238. (CL20066083)

Saraswat Brahmin boys LL.B., 5'-7", own legal practice, 5 Jan. 90, 4:32 pm, B.Tech, 5'-8" company job, 4.25 pm, agricultural properties. Dr. Rabbir Shukla, Amloh 098880-67501. (CL20066087)

SM4 handsome May 92, businessman, teetotaller boy, looking for educated & homely girl. M: 62391-16003. (CL20066112)

Seeking match for Brahmin handsome 5'-9", 16 Nov. 1991, Canadian PR boy, well settled in Windsor. M.Tech. Robotics Engineer. WhatsApp 70188-18644. (CL20066121)

Suitable match for Sharma, 30.12.84, 5:15 PM, 5'-8", Birth place Delhi, MCA, working in MNC (Noida). Contact 94656-87339, 75891-64951. (CL20066260)

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Professionally qualified match for Saraswat Brahmin boy, B.Tech, August 1994, 5'-9", working MNC. Contact: 946391245. (CL20066890)

Match for Saraswat Brahmin non Manglik boy 27.5'-11", Gazetteed Officer Punjab selected from PPSC, father former Gazetteed Officer in Punjab, own house in Chandigarh, Shimla and Punjab, agriculture land with farm house and urban properties in Punjab, pref class one Govt. job in Punjab Haryana and UT. Contact: 98146-33822. (CL20066881)

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Employed match for Saraswat Brahmin handsome boy working girl, 5'-8", well educated, businessman family from Jalandhar businessman families contact 95018-18932, 79732-84913. (CL20067555)

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SIKH KHATRI/ARORA

Sikh Khatri Arora handsome NT, ND, veg boy, 31/ 5'-7", B.Tech, Govt job, handsome salary. Parents retired Govt employee. Contact 9888495805. (CL20066114)

Professional Qualified match for Sikh Khatri boy, B.Tech (CS), Cutsurd, Canadian PR, 1988/5'-8". Parents Govt retired. Boy in India. 78142-18241, 98738-2586. (CL20066130)

Sikh Arora boy Software Engineer, working Gurgaon with handsome salary. Born 1991/5'-10". Own Kohli Mohali. Caste no bar. 94636-88294. (CL20066240)

Mohali based Arora Sikh boy ND, NT July 1989, 5'-8", MBA, working in MNC, salary 34000/- pm. Contact: 977911-2027. (CL20066363)

Match for Sikh Khatri Arora high status 29 yrs, 5'-9", fair, handsome boy, B.Tech, MBA from premier institutes, running diversified top business. Requires cultured, educated, non-working girl from status family. Mob: 8699194880. (CL20066563)

PQM4 Mohali based family Khatri Bhai boy, convert educated, August 1989, 6'-0", B.Tech, MBA, MNC Gurgaon, 15 Lac pakat Jit Singh, Saini, Ramgarhia also welcome. Parents Gazetteed Officer's (retd.), Mobile: 96467-65434. (CL20066891)

Qualified working match for Ahluwalia Sikh turbaned handsome, MBA boy, 5'-11", 30 years, working Chandigarh, 8 lacs p.a. Prefer Canada PR/ work/ interested settling Canada with good IELTS bands to be main applicant. Upper caste no bar. Status educated family. Marriage Bureau excuse. Contact 98681-24822. (CL20066939)

SM4 Sikh Khatri handsome boy, well settled Government employee in education department, 5'-9", born 1990, Ludhiana. 94645-60745, 94630-05745. (CL20067099)

Professionally qualified match for upper middle class business family Amritsar NT ND Sikh Arora boy Oct. 88, 5'-10", B.Tech, MBA, reputed institutes working with top MNC Noida. 98883-37123. (CL20067338)

Canadian PR Sikhs Arora boy upper middle class family Amritsar NT ND April 92, 5'-10", MS Canada, working Software Consultant Toronto, seeks professionally qualified girl on work visa/ Canadian PR. WhatsApp: 97808-38929. (CL20067639)

Sikh Sehdev Manglik boy, 1985, 5'-10", MBA, well settled business requires educated, beautiful girl, Arora/ Khatri Sikh accepted. 98145-12677, 78891-27170. (CL20067739)

Beautiful professionally qualified match for handsome boy Kapoor Khatri, 31, 5'-9", NID Graduate fellowship (Stanford University) Product Designer, in MNC at Bangalore, income six figures per month. Father ret'd. Principal, mother ret'd. Teacher status family. contact: 98155-40044, marriage bureau please excuse. (CL20067861)

For Arora Sikh boy, July 1986, 5'-10", B.Tech, Team Leader, Infosys IT Park, Chandigarh. 98720-32066. (CL20066335)

Gursikh/ Amritdhari match for Amritdhari boy 1990, 5'-11", B.Com, 5'-10", MBA, well settled looking for Gursikh girl. 62390-29304. (CL20065900)

Gursikh/ Amritdhari match for Amritdhari boy 1990, 5'-11", B.Com, CA-Inter. Regular Govt. employee. 85580-0502. (CL20068010)

Professionally qualified beautiful match for Gursikh Arora boy 28/ 5'-10", B.Tech, MBA (IIM) from well established business family. 98158-48975. (CL20068026)

RAMGARHIA/DHIMAN

Match for Ramgarhia Hindu boy 88/ 5'-10", working in Vodafone Pune. Mobile: 98779-20151. (CL20066637)

Hindu Dhiman boy 5'-10", June 1990, B.Tech, Diploma Computer, working Multinational Mohali. Resi. Chandigarh. 95016-90607, WhatsApp: 86990-00567. (CL20066989)

Looking for a suitable professionally qualified beautiful girl for 32/ 6'-2", BS, MS, Dhiman-Brahmin very smart boy working in Canada. Caste no bar. Correspond with full details to: prinita1988@gmail.com (CL20062996)

Hindu Dhiman boy 5'-10", June 1990, B.Tech, Diploma Computer, working Multinational Mohali. Resi. Chandigarh. 95016-90607, WhatsApp: 86990-00567. (CL20066989)

Professionally qualified and beautiful match for Ramgarhia Gursikh handsome boy, 1992, 6 feet, B.Tech from NIT (India), Masters from University of Canada, working as Software Engg. and PR Canada. Sikh upper caste welcome. Contact: 9779921292, 9815094585. (CL20063297)

Suitable match for Ramgarhia Chartered Accountant 1988, 6', slim boy, doing private practice. Contact: 94172-84619. (CL20065771)

Match for Dhiman boy, 1990, 5'-11", B.Tech, Senior Software Engineer MNC Mohali, 5'-6", residence Zirakpur, non-Manglik. 98776-31982. (CL20067672)

Professionally qualified match for Ramgarhia, non drinker, never married, working at MNC Bangalore 35+ lakh per annum. Upper caste no bar. WhatsApp biodata & photos 98121-75260. (CL20065820)

Goyal boy 5'-7", 24.04.85, 12:10 pm, B.Tech, Job Singapore, 80 lac, Presently in Ambala. 98966-53851. (CL20066023)

Match for Dhiman boy from Ambala, 10-05 a.m., Yamaranagar, 5'-10", B.Tech, MNC Noida, Danjal Matharao M: 79887-25080. (CL20066228)

Suitable match for Ramgarhia Sikh smart 5'-9" 1993 B.Tech, CSE (Thapar Uni.), working top MNC, package 25 Lac+. Father retired. Mother, sister Class-I Officers. Upper middle class well educated family. 9463702006, 9478347833. (CL20066339)

Ramgarhia Sikh very fair, handsome, B.Tech, 5'-10", Dec 91, working MNC Hyderabad PR Canada process. gplskhri@yahoo.com 98155-11975. (CL20066400)

Ramgarhia smart boy 28, 5'-9", BAMS (AM), B.Pharma, prefer well educated beautiful girl. 94636-39238, 80544-63570. (CL20066458)

Well educated girl for Ramgarhia handsome Sikh boy, 6', December 1992, B.Tech, Computer Science Engineering, higher study from Canada. Now on work permit. 98805-531. (CL20066485)*

SM4 Sikh Ramgarhia boy 1988, 5'-9", M.Tech, Pb. Govt. job (Group B). Seeks Govt. job/ well qualified girl. 96465-16008, 98151-70469. (CL20066690)

Suitable match for Himachali Dhiman boy, 02.05.1991, 5'-7", employed Indian Navy, Himachal preferred. 70180-69761. (CL20066851)

Suitable match for Ramgarhia 27 years old, 5'-9", turbaned & bearded boy, working in govt. department, salary Rs.46000-Surname Mundey & Romana, Well settled in Mohali. Preference (5'-4"- 5'-6"). Mob. 98150-71433. (CL20066898)

Match for Sikh boy, July 1988/ 5'-9", B.Com/ CA Inter, Business in Chandigarh, Mohali. 98140-12119. (CL20066929)

Dhiman smart cleanshaven, 29/ 5'-8", Income 1½ Lac monthly, working MNC. House Chandigarh. Tricity working match / business family. No demand. Girl main consideration. 9417223496. (CL20066943)

Ramgarhia Sikh boy, 1992, 5'-10", B.Tech (IIT), Executive Engineer in Central Govt. Department. 94644-44112. (CL20066949)

Ramgarhia Sikh NRI boy 27.2.1990, 8:40 pm Amritsar, 5'-7", Australia citizen, job Hotel line. Preferred Australia girl. 99151-54550, 98159-50084. (CL20066964)

Qualified working match for Ahluwalia Sikh turbaned handsome, MBA boy, 5'-11", 30 years, working Chandigarh, 8 lacs p.a. Prefer Canada PR/ work/ interested settling Canada with good IELTS bands to be main applicant. Upper caste no bar. Status educated family. Marriage Bureau excuse. Contact 98681-24822. (CL20066939)

SM4 Sikh Khatri handsome boy, well settled Government employee in education department, 5'-9", born 1990, Ludhiana. 94645-60745, 94630-05745. (CL20067099)

Professionally qualified match for upper middle class business family Amritsar NT ND Sikh Arora boy Oct. 88, 5'-10", B.Tech, MBA, reputed institutes working with top MNC Noida. 98883-37123. (CL20067338)

Canadian PR Sikhs Arora boy upper middle class family Amritsar NT ND April 92, 5'-10", MS Canada, working Software Consultant Toronto, seeks professionally qualified girl on work visa/ Canadian PR. WhatsApp: 97808-38929. (CL20067639)

Sikh Sehdev Manglik boy, 1985, 5'-10", MBA, well settled business requires educated, beautiful girl, Arora/ Khatri Sikh accepted. 98145-12677, 78891-27170. (CL20067739)

Beautiful professionally qualified match for handsome boy Kapoor Khatri, 31, 5'-9", NID Graduate fellowship (Stanford University) Product Designer, in MNC at Bangalore, income six figures per month. Father ret'd. Principal, mother ret'd. Teacher status family. contact: 98155-40044, marriage bureau please excuse. (CL20067861)

For Arora Sikh boy, July 1986, 5'-10", B.Tech, Team Leader, Infosys IT Park, Chandigarh. 98720-32066. (CL20066335)

Gursikh/ Amritdhari match for Amritdhari boy 1990, 5'-11", B.Com, 5'-10", MBA, well settled looking for Gursikh girl. 62390-29304. (CL20065900)

Gursikh/ Amritdhari match for Amritdhari boy 1990, 5'-11", B.Com, CA-Inter. Regular Govt. employee. 85580-0502. (CL20068010)

Professionally qualified beautiful match for Gursikh Arora boy 28/ 5'-10", B.Tech, MBA (IIM) from well established business family. 98158-48975. (CL20068026)

Match for Dhiman boy, 1990, 5'-11", B.Tech, Senior Software Engineer MNC Mohali, 5'-6", residence Zirakpur, non-Manglik. 98776-31982. (CL20067672)

Professionally qualified match for Ramgarhia, non drinker, never married, working at MNC Bangalore 35+ lakh per annum. Upper caste no bar. WhatsApp biodata & photos 98121-75260. (CL20065820)

Goyal boy 5'-7", 24.04.85, 12:10 pm, B.Tech, Job Singapore, 80 lac, Presently in Ambala. 98966-53851. (CL20066023)

Match for Dhiman boy from Ambala, 10-05 a.m., Yamaranagar, 5'-10", B.Tech, MNC Noida, Danjal Matharao M: 79887-25080. (CL20066228)

Suitable match for Ramgarhia Chartered Accountant 1988, 6', slim boy, doing private practice. Contact: 94172-84619. (CL20065771)

Match for Dhiman boy, 1990, 5'-11", B.Tech, Senior Software Engineer MNC Mohali, 5'-6", residence Zirakpur, non-Manglik. 98776-31982. (CL20067672)

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Goyal boy, 20-01-1990, 01:45, 5'-7/2", B.Tech, Job Singapore, 80 lac, Presently in Ambala. 98966-53851. (CL20066023)

Match for Dhiman boy, 1990, 5'-10", B.Tech, Senior Software Engineer MNC Mohali, 5'-6", residence Zirakpur, non-Manglik. 98776-31982. (CL20067672)

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AGGARWAL

Match for handsome Aggarwal boy, 7.8.1991, 2.36 pm, Jalandhar, 5'-7", MBA, own well settled business. 98158-85833. (CL20066543)

Simple 27-31 yr NM Grad. girl match for 32 yr boy, 5'-6", Aggarwal Govt. Class B.Gzr. Officer, UC no bar. Horo match must. 97807-43606. (CL20066084)

Bansal boy 7 Jan, 1992 (9:23 p.m.), Hoshiarpur, 5'-9", B.Tech, working in Accenture U.K. Gurgaon. 98882-21906. (CL20066158)

PQM for handsome Aggarwal boy, 7.9.1988 (4:10 a.m., Ambala, PEC Chd. Engineer Gurgaon MNC employed very good package. Gurgaon employed girl preferred. Send details with photo: 98729-90956, 98666-29839. (CL20066559)

SOM for handsome Non-manglik Garg boy, 88 born, Dentist, 5'-6", own well settled clinic, Jalandhar. Contact: 9872544010. (CL20066103)

Wanted beautiful girl (preferred Govt. employee Clerical/ Officer) for Garg boy 08.05.1991, 09:25 am, Birth Place (Mandi Dabwali) B.A. Diploma in Arts and Crafts Driving Teacher (Talwandi Saboo). 79847-75493. (CL20066124)

SM4 handsome and teetotaller Garg boy, B.Tech., 5'-9", 1994 born, Deputy Manager, SBI 98960-85434. (CL20066124)

Jindal manglik boy 3.11.1990, 9:45 pm, Bhopal, PEC Chd. Engineer Gurgaon MNC employed very good package. Gurgaon employed girl preferred. Send details with photo: 98729-90956, 98666-29839. (CL20066559)

Kansal boy 5'-7", 13.08.1988 (6:30 pm, Sangrur, 5'-8", working MNC B.P. B.Tech, working in B.M.C. Bhopal

KHATRI

Looking for qualified tall, beautiful match from respectable family for unmarried MID Homoeopathic Doctor Aug. 74 born, own practice. 99883-9392. (CL20066834)

Match for Punjabi Khatri highly educated, unmarried, only son, 46/ 170, teetotaller, non-smoker, running industrial unit. Email: rkt142@yahoo.com (CL20055692)

Professionally qualified match for Kapoor (Khatri) working boy, 5'-7", 13/05/1989, 5:00 a.m., Derabassi, Mechanical Engineer, Kundli match must. 98145-8937. (CL20066410)

Hindi Khatri handsome, Veshu boy, 18.07.1992, Chandigarh, 5'-8", B.Tech., MBA, working in MNC, Delhi (NCR). Educated family preferred. Contact: 84277-23512. (CL20065806)

SM4 for Khatri Manglik boy 27, 5'-7", M.Tech CE, business in Mohali, 86990-01552. (CL20065819)

Sood boy, 1982 (Looks younger), 5'-8", Graduate, own business. Father mother Govt. retired, 94653-47340, 94780-72255. (CL20065856)

Beautiful match for well established Khatri family Ludhiana boy, handsome Non-Manglik boy 21.11.1985, 12.15 p.m., Ludhiana, S-8', Regional Manager, Pune, 21 LPA. Calling/ WhatsApp: 95019-3729. (CL20065970)

Beautiful Non-Medico/Medico girl born after 1991 for Khatri boy 5'-11", Sep. 1988, MBBS Doctor, doing MD class-I Govt. officer well settled Panchkula family. 84278-77156. (CL20066143)

Beautiful educated match for Khatri Manglik boy 12.1.1991, 3:10 am, 5'-8", B.Com. (PU), wholesale business (company distributors). Status family at Ropar, 94174-61217. (CL20066219)

12 January 1988, 5:01 PM , 5'-8", B.Tech (Astr) MBA (PU) Pvt Bank senior Manager LPA 13 LAC, Father (Retd) Officer Mother Govt Teacher, preferred working girl, 99151-89670, 97797-38001 (CL20066954)

Khatri boy 14.6.88, 6:20 am, Amritsar, 5'-8", BCA, businessman required educated, beautiful girl. 93574-7722. (CL20066978)

Educated, beautiful girl for handsome Khatri boy, 17 September 1989, 11:25 am Karnal, 5'-11", B.Tech, LL.B. Advocate in District Courts. Father Senior Advocate, mother retired Professor, 92541-00234. (CL20067002)

Banking professional B.Tech., MBA, 31.66 LPA, vegetarian Khatri boy, 5'-9", 30.09.1987, 10:51 am Chandigarh. 095696-28453. (CL20067065)

Professionally qualified alliance for Punjabi Khatri boy required (preferably Govt. job, 5'-7", 19 Feb. 1988, handsome Khatri boy, 17 September 1989, 11:25 am Karnal, 5'-11", B.Tech, LL.B. Advocate in District Courts. Father Senior Advocate, mother retired Professor, 92541-00234. (CL20067002)

SM4 Ldn legally separated CS CA Punjabi Khatri, 5'-11", Sep. 86, looking for Post Graduate girl. Canadian preferred. 93169-20517. (CL20066155)

Professional working match for Punjabi Khatri boy, 1991, 5'-11", colour fair, 5'-5", employed with MNC at Noida, package 16 lakhs, family from Tricity preferred. Contact: 94174-32383, 94634-95043. (CL20066354)

Match for Hindu Khatri boy Newzealand, work permit, 28/5'-10", colour fair seeks educated beautiful girl. Marriage bureau excuse. 89689-11864, 99888-82802. (CL20066381)

PQM for Sood boy 30.08.1984, 9:40 am, TCS SAP Technology Bangalore 17 PA. Contact: 98880-79146, (Castre no bar). (CL20067070)

Khatri Batta boy, 22.10.1983/7:15 am/Nabha, 5'-7", MA, B.Ed, Computer Diploma, working in University. 84375-81061. (CL20067111)

Suitable homely match for Punjabi 1990, 5'-11", Graduate, own house, twin shop, sisters married. 98882-19677, 62801-69964. (CL20067159)

Handsome Khatri boy 02 May 1991, 00:40 am, Hoshiarpur, MBA (Finance & IB). Only son. Slim, vegetarian, educated girl preferred. 94140-80342. (CL20067168)

SM4 for Hindu Khatri, M.Tech., 5'-8" boy, 18.02.1990, 04:28 pm, Ludhiana, income 5 Lacs, own house, father retired Govt. Officer. Contact: 98726-26401. (CL20067180)

Vegetarian, unmarried Hindu Verma boy, 58 yrs, 5'-8", own business. Caste no bar. WhatsApp: 88470-0532. (CL20067195)

Match for handsome Khatri B.Com boy, 19 September 1986, (07:29 am, Chandigarh), 5'-8", only child. Own well established business and house Chandigarh. (income eight figures). Call/ WhatsApp: 98148-25145, 98145-25145. (CL20067273)

Suitable match for Manglik/Non-Manglik boy working nationalised bank, 5'-8", 28.04.1991, 9 p.m., Ambala, preferred Govt/employed girl. 94644-19213. (CL20067302)

Educated, tall, beautiful girl from a decent family for a Chandigarh based Khatri Advocate boy/UK educated/ Canadian PR/ empanelled with few companies/independent practice, 6'-2", 10.7.1986, 18.26, Ambala City. Parents retired from service abroad. Settled Chandigarh. 070871-65338. (CL20066510)

Suitable match for Oberoi Khatri boy 5'-11", MBA, 23-05-1993, 01:00 pm, Yamuna Nagar, working MNC. Contact: 94164-73709, 7015-86473. (CL20066519)

Compatible match Hindu Khatri boy non-manglik 14.01.1990, 11:22 AM, Amritsar 5'-10", M.A (F) working MNC Bangalore package six Lacs per annum family upper middle class. 98888-80225. (CL20066528)

Employed/ well qualified match for handsome Hindu Kapoor Khatri boy, 1992 born, 5'-7", B.Tech., Govt. Bank employee, marriage bureau excuse. Contact: 94178-75984, 94170-20538. (CL20066539)

Tall, handsome Khatri Software Engineer, IT Manager in NCR from affluent family, 5'-11", 22.09.1987, 12.00 pm, package 14 lacs, sees tall and beautiful, professionally qualified girl. Parents high ranking officials. # 70426-00178. (CL20066498)

Match for handsome Khatri boy 29-08-91, 01:24 pm, Ambala, 5'-7", Graduate own business. 87083-61254. (CL20066510)

Suitable match for Oberoi Khatri boy 5'-11", MBA, 23-05-1993, 01:00 pm, Yamuna Nagar, working MNC. Contact: 94164-73709, 7015-86473. (CL20066519)

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Beautiful educated girl for Walia Khatri boy, 08.10.93, 5'-11", 4:52 pm, Ludhiana, Software Engineer Mohali. Caste no bar. Contact: 94653-80600. (CL20066536)

Patiala based industrialist family seeks educated and beautiful homely girl for Arora smart boy, 5'-8" 9.28, 2.25 p.m. Patiala city, B.Pharma preferred. Contact 98146-00519. WhatsApp: 81958-23354. (CL20066535)

SM 4 Pb Khatri h'some boy, April 90/ 1:49 pm/ Delhi/ 6'-1", B.Tech, wrkg MNC+ Business. Income in 6 figures. Well reputed South Delhi family, having houses. # 97112-20512. (CL20066597)

Educated match for 5'-9", 91 born, B.Tech. (CSE). Khatri business man boy, status educated family. 98777-08888. (CL20066760)

Suitable match for Khatri (Bhangari) handsome boy, 5'-7", 1.5.1991, 6.30 pm, Chandigarh, Postgraduate, Regular Punjab Govt service as Junior Engineer Posted at Mohali. Local family. Tricity Govt/ MNC employee preferred. All General welcome. Bureau please excuse. Contact: WhatsApp: 98723-16791. (CL20066787)

Khatri boy 5'-7", MBA (20 lakh PA) job (Pune) Residence (Saharanpur), 77107-09583. (CL20066803)

Khatri teetotaller 29 years B.Tech., 5'-9" working MNC Mohali package 9 Lac contact 7862-02397. (CL20066830)

Suitable match for Hindu Khatri boy, 28.09.1993, 10:45 pm, Jalandhar, B.Tech., Senior Analyst at Accenture Solutions, Pune, 10 LPA package. Contact: 98155-80142. (CL20066856)

Match for Khatri boy 13.10.1989, 8:35 am Delhi, 5'-10", B.Tech., working in Central Govt. Govt. in Chandigarh. 88102-81094, 88102-16947. (CL20066874)

Doctor, 5'-11", Nov. 81, Pbi. Hind Khatri handsome boy, Chandigarh born, legally divorced, seeks beautiful family oriented girl from respectable family. Send photo & biodata at (Email: happy.life01948@gmail.com) (CL20066861)

Suitable professionally qualified match for Khatri boy, 26.03.1991, 6'-2", 3:20 pm, MBA, working in Real Estate, father businessman, sister working & well settled at Canada. Working girl from Tricity preferred. WhatsApp: 97806-21833, 98720-71540. (CL20066879)

Suitable match for Chandigarh based Punjabi Khatri boy, 34, 5'-8", undergraduate, teetotaller, own house, established business, middle class family. WhatsApp: 93578-88777. (CL20066932)

Suitable match for Punjabi Khatri, MBA, 5'-9" boy 13.02.1985, 2:00 p.m., Bhawani, running self owned Boutique Bakery Indrapuram (Gbz)/ Noida, earning 30-35 lacs/ annum NCR based decent respectable Punjabi Khatri boy, 5'-3" Hotel Management/ MBA/B.Tech girl is preferred. WhatsApp: +91766-8076-0874. (CL20067842)

PQM for handsome Punjabi boy 1991 born, 5'-10", Masters, Class-I, Govt. Officer based in USA, Green Card/ US Citizen. Preferred. WhatsApp: +91676-09146-01762. (CL20067849)

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Suitable match for Sood/Khatri Manglik boy 29, MBA (Finance), B.Tech (IT) business, earning-60k, preferred nearby M.Sc/B.Ed employed. WhatsApp: 98555-38363. (CL20067842)

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Suitable match for Sood/Khatri Manglik boy 29, MBA (Finance), B.Tech (IT) business, earning-60

DIVORCEE

Divorcee Chopra boy 20.2.1985, 5' 7" (1 issue). B.Sc IT, own business. 99886-80548. (CL20065923)

Handsome, fair, teetotaller, Himachal Rajput 6'. 1983. Dentist, MBA, issueless (short marriage), settled Chandigarh. 99886-89368. (CL20065828)

Brahmin divorce boy, Government job at Patiala 1985 5' 7". Seeks issueless. Government job girl. whatsapp: 94172-88330. (CL20065887)

Aggarwal divorce boy 33, 5' 8", Govt. teacher Sangrur. Preferred issueless Govt. employee. 99207-0591. (CL20065896)

Arora Class-Officer Delhi Govt. (divorced issueless) 5' 10", 6.9.76, 10:55 am, Hissar, having sufficient landed/commercial properties, require good looking, educated match. 96507-91704, 82956-25412. Email: doc.vib@gmail.com (CL20065910)

Saraswat Brahmin boy divorce MCA 5.09.87, 5' 10", 5:45 am Delhi, own business, 8 LPA, upper caste no bar. WhatsApp: 091363-61212. (CL20065981)

Divorcee Dhiman Ambala 28 Sep. 84 MNC Noida 19 lacs. 86840-77914, 84003-00122. (CL20066116)

Employee match Garg boy 13.80, 5' 5". Permanent Govt. employee, divorced one month. 96530-27212. (CL20066137)

Match for handsome Goel boy well-established businessman, own house and shop at Panchkula, agricultural farm, Oct. 83 born, looks like 32 years old, issueless, seeks simple issueless girl. 99900-00003, 98143-69601. (CL20066552)

Suitable match for Sikh, Tonkshatriya, legally divorced, issueless, handsome boy 25.07.1988, 5' 8", B.Tech, private job. Caste no bar. 94665-79351. (CL20066552)

Saraswat Brahmin issueless divorcee boy Oct. 88/ 5' 9", own business, Jalandhar. Prefer home girl, upper middle class. 98156-61981. (CL20066668)

Suitable match for Khatri boy 85 born (divorce), 5' 10". Veterinary doctor (Govt. job) preferred well educated beautiful unmarried (married issueless) girl. Upper caste no bar. 97796-04300. (CL20066705)

Suitable match for Hindu Khatri divorcee Dec. 1981 born, 5' 9", Software Engineer, Mohali. Upper caste welcome. 98142-42925. (CL20066708)

30 yrs Brahmin boy Ambala based Govt. job divorcee handsome 5' 8", having kids, seeks infantile/ issueless match. 094683-00388, 094161-88889. (CL20066714)

Suitable match for Jati Singh divorcee Engineer 42/6'-2", divorcee (without issue) consider. WhatsApp 99885-11338. (CL20066937)

Homely beautiful, issueless for permanent Govt. employee, 42000, Sikh Aurora cleanshaven divorcee, 1978/ 5' 7". No bar. Patiala. 98885-37536. (CL20067026)

Wanted suitable match for B.Tech, CSE, 5' 7", 30, divorced issueless handsome Himachali slim Khatri boy. Basically Himachali girl only. 94188-70714. (CL20067160)

Suitable match for issueless legally divorcee Brahmin Advocate boy 1981/ 6' 3", vegetarian, teetotaller. Contact 98722-49202. (CL20067306)

PQM for Brahmin boy legally divorce 30.09.1977, M.Sc. MCA, IT, own immigration centre. 82848-77489. (CL20067328)

Aggarwal, handsome boy, Aug. 87, 6', B.Tech, Jalandhar based small gentle family, own business, innocent divorcee, short non-consumed marriage. Contact: 8288053123. (CL20067648)

Required experienced female Sales Manager, Team-Leader, Tele-Sales Executives with good English. Good salary+incentives. Contact: # 3046, 2nd Floor, Sector 21-D, Chandigarh. 9712-462875, teamrealityindia@gmail.com (CL20066558)

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Regd. Ad P.Bench/Its Branch/Indl Bench State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Punjab, Sector 37-A, Dakshin Marg, Chandigarh.

No. SCDRD/PB/11336 Dated: 28.10.2020

Consumer Complaint No. 795 of 2019 Fixed for: 01.12.2020 ...Complainant(s) vs.

Desh Raj

Dara Buildtech & Developers Limited. ...Opposite Parties To: Dara Buildtech & Developers Limited (now known as Joy Homes), Kharar-Landran Road, Near SBP North Valley, Opposite JPL City, Sector 127, Mohali, Punjab, through its Director, Email: daraestates@hotmail.com

Whereas, the above-mentioned case has been filed before the State Commission, Punjab and whereas, this Commission is satisfied that opposite parties cannot be served in an ordinary manner. Hence, this proclamation is hereby issued against the above named opposite parties directing him/ them to appear before this Commission either personally or through their authorized agent(s) of counsel on 01.12.2020 at 10:30 a.m. to answer and in the event of their non-appearance, it shall be presumed that they have nothing to say in the matter and the complaint shall be decided ex parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Commission on this date 26.10.2020.

Sd/- Superintendent (Judicial), CL20066948 For Registrar,

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Handsome, fair, teetotaller, Himachal Rajput 6'. 1983. Dentist, MBA, issueless (short marriage), settled Chandigarh. 99886-89368. (CL20065828)

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DDU Hospital to have over 200 oxygen cylinders soon

SUBHASH RAJTA

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, NOVEMBER 27 The Deen Dayal Upadhyay (DDU) Hospital is ramping up its oxygen supply on a war footing. The hospital has already placed an order for additional 64 big cylinders and an order for another 100 will be placed soon. "We will have in excess of 200 big cylinders within a fortnight or so. Once we have that many cylinders, we will be comfortable even if there's no supply for a day from Mandi," said Dr Ramesh Chauhan, Medical Superintendent of DDU Hospital.

Incidentally, the DDU Hospital was making do with just 64 big cylinders and 235 small cylinders until a few days ago. The Tribune had highlighted the shortage of oxygen at the DDU Hospital and the Zonal Hospital, Dharamsala, a few days ago. "A day after the shortage of oxygen was reported at Dharamsala, we approved



The Dharamsala Zonal Hospital to get 100 cylinders.

6 oxygen plants to be set up in HP: Health Secy

■ The Central Government will issue a tender to set up oxygen plants in various hospitals of the country. As many as six oxygen plants will be set up in Himachal, including at the DDU Hospital and Dharamsala, at a cost of ₹8 crore. ■ Amitabh Awasthi, SECRETARY (HEALTH)

the purchase of 100 cylinders for the hospital and now there's no problem in this regard," said Secretary (Health) Amitabh Awasthi.

As for the DDU Hospital, the Secretary said that the

hospital would have a back-up of 50 cylinders all the time to deal with the situation arising out of the late arrival of oxygen from Mandi. "Besides, we have told the hospital to use two vehicles instead of one for Rs 8 crore," he added.

ferrying oxygen cylinders," added Awasthi.

Dr Chauhan said that they could now take oxygen from the IGMC, too, in case of emergency. "Even today, we have brought 16 cylinders from the IGMC. Today, we have 95 patients on oxygen. With Covid cases increasing, the demand for oxygen is growing, so we are also increasing our capacity. The government has given us the go-ahead to take all steps to ensure adequate oxygen supply for the patients," he added.

As for why the government had not been able to set up an oxygen plant in the last nine months at the DDU and other hospitals, Awasthi said that the Central Government would issue a centralised tender for setting up oxygen plants in various hospitals of the country. "As many as six oxygen plants will be set up in Himachal, including at the DDU Hospital and Dharamsala, at a cost of ₹8 crore," he added.

Classified as DCHCs now, these hospitals will now be able to handle mild and moderate patients and will refer only severely ill patients.

Awasthi also assured peo-

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To function from Dec 1

- 30 to 40 beds will be added in Rohru, 20 at Rampur and 50 in Kullu
- Makeshift hospitals to be functional within two weeks
- To increase testing, 250 employees hired on outsourcing basis
- 30 more ambulances pressed into Covid service for Shimla, Mandi and Kangra

point, we were testing around 2,500 people a day. Now, we are testing around 5,000 and we intend to take this number higher," Awasthi said. "To achieve this objective, we have already hired around 250 employees on outsourcing basis. We want to assure people that the shortage of employees will not be an issue in the fight against the pandemic."

Besides, the government has pressed 30 more ambulances into Covid service. Pooled from the Department of Health, Shimla, Mandi and Kangra will get 10 each of these ambulances.

Awasthi warned that strict action would be taken against medical staff not doing their duty. "We have sent out letters that everyone, including senior consultants, will need to check Covid patients. In case, there is no improvement, we will not hesitate from taking strict action," he said.

The Secretary said that all medical colleges, including dental and nursing, would open from December 1 as per the directions of the Central Government.

First meeting for vaccination campaign held

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, NOVEMBER 27

Health Secretary Amitabh Awasthi today presided over the first meeting of the State Task Force Committee for the successful implementation of the Covid-19 vaccination campaign in the coming days, as per the guidelines of the Union Ministry of Health.

He detailed the roles of various departments during the vaccination programme. Mission Director of the National Health Mission Dr Nipun Jindal spoke about the preparations for combating Covid-19 and also gave information regarding the blue print being prepared for the campaign. He said that only initial preparations and monitoring had been started in this direction. He added that it could not be ascertained when the vaccine would be available.

Member of the committee and State Vaccination Officer Dr Hiten Baniyal made a power-point presentation on the occasion. Director Health Bharat Bhushan Katoch attended the meeting.

830 new cases, 13 deaths in state

Paprola declared cantonment zone

OUR CORRESPONDENT

PALAMPUR, NOVEMBER 27 The district administration today declared Paprola town, a major business centre of Kangra, located 15 km from Palampur, as a cantonment zone following the death of four Covid patients in the past four days and the rising number of cases.

In the past four days, four deaths, including of a 13-year-old girl, due to coronavirus have been reported in Paprola town. Besides, a number of Covid patients are in home isolation.

Baijnath SDM Chhavi Nanta said that the step had been taken for the safety of residents of Paprola town. She added that Section 144 of the CrPC had been promulgated in the town to avoid crowd gathering. Shops selling essential commodities such as milk, fruit, vegetables, medicines, egg, meat and grocery would remain open between 9 am and 11 am every day till December 5. The situation would be



Essential items shops to remain open from 9 am to 11 am till Dec 5

reviewed after that.

A heavy police force was deployed in the town to handle the situation. Regular announcements were made from moving vehicles requesting residents to remain indoors and cooperate with the administration. The administration has made adequate arrangements for the supply of essential goods and help line numbers have also been issued for use in case of medical emergencies.

The SDM said that despite repeated requests, the residents of the town were not following the safety guidelines issued by the government regarding social distancing, face masks and home isolation. A number of shopkeepers, whose families had tested coronavirus positive, were regularly opening shops, selling goods and meeting people in gross violation of rules, resulting in the rise in Covid cases.

Kangra Deputy Commissioner Rakesh Prajapati said he had directed the Baijnath SDM to declare the town as a cantonment zone to deal with the situation firmly.

The patients were isolated at the Centrally-run ESIC Hospital at Katha in Barotiwala, which has been declared as a dedicated Covid health centre. The state health officials have been working in coordination with the ESIC Hospital staff to handle the pandemic — the hospital has 50 beds for Covid patients and 40 doctors, both regular and contractual. Out of the total 4,689 Covid cases that were detected in Solan district till Thursday, 2,451 were in the BBN industrial belt.

"A majority of the fatalities here comprise patients who

suffered from co-morbidities such as hypertension, diabetes, cardiac problems. Serious patients are referred to a higher medical care institute but the ESIC Hospital at Katha in Barotiwala, which has been declared as a dedicated Covid health centre. The state health officials have been working in coordination with the ESIC Hospital staff to handle the pandemic — the hospital has 50 beds for Covid patients and 40 doctors, both regular and contractual. Out of the total 4,689 Covid cases that were detected in Solan district till Thursday, 2,451 were in the BBN industrial belt.

"Patients can either be referred to the IGMC, Shimla, or MMU medical college, Sultanpur, as there is no other option. This causes a delay of several hours in making available specialised treatment to serious patients. Though efforts

have been made to seek special referral permission for the PGIMER, Chandigarh, it is yet to be received," added the doctor.

"The health and 108 ambulance staff have an effective communication network through WhatsApp and other modes and despite many odds, around 2,000 cases have been handled successfully in the BBN area with logistic support from the administration," said Dr Gagan Rajhans, Nodal Covid Officer for the BBN area.

The shortage of ambulances is also a major impediment in speedily confining Covid patients to isolation. The state health authorities have earmarked only one ambulance for Covid patients at the Katha hospital while at least two more fully-equipped ambulances should be available, said an official. He added that at times more than one patient had to be transported to a higher medical institute but the shortage of ambulances created hurdles.

Aggressive sample taking was undertaken by the health staff during the first wave of the pandemic, which ended in September, but the lack of RT-PCR kits has now forced doctors to undertake rapid antigen testing (RAT). Doctors fear that if adequate RT-PCR kits are not made available soon, the second wave of the pandemic will become difficult to handle. Ever since the Central Government directed the state government to bear the cost of testing, there has been a shortage of RT-PCR kits.

Snag in power grid disrupts supply in Solan district

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, NOVEMBER 27 Most parts of Himachal reeled under a biting cold wave conditions, as the minimum temperatures plummeted. Keylong in tribal Lahaul and Spiti district experienced the coldest night of the season with the mercury dipping to minus 9.9°C.

As many as 150 link roads in the state are still closed. The piercing cold wave has intensified even as the region got respite from rain and snow. The local MeT office has predicted clear weather in the state over the next six days from tomorrow. "A sharp fall in temperatures when the weather clears after snowfall is a usual phenomenon and the temperatures will be normal in the next few days," said sources at the MeT office.

Tribal areas and other higher mountains received another spell of snowfall last night and Kalpa in Kinnaur district recorded 17 cm of snow, followed by Khadrala (8 cm), Kothi (3 cm) and Kufri (1 cm).

Some tripping in power occurred in the morning as the infrastructure was overloaded due to excess power usage and this caused a fault in the grid, added Thakur. — TNS



A view of snow-covered Dhauladhar mountain range on a sunny day in Dharamsala on Friday. PHOTO: KAMALJEET



Mountains wear a white mantle after fresh snowfall as seen from Shimla. PHOTO: AMIT KANWAR

housie 3.4°C, Palampur 4.7°C, Shimla 5°C and Una 6°C.

Scattered rain occurred at isolated places and Kufri recorded the wettest with 40 mm rainfall, followed by Kasol 16 mm, Reckong Peo 15 mm, Bajura 13 mm, Gohar 12 mm, Jubbal

and Bhuntar 10 mm, Seobagh 9 mm, Banjar 8 mm, Narkanda 5 mm and Shimla 3 mm.

Una was the hottest in the region with a high of 27°C, a rise of five degrees since yesterday, while Nahan, Sundernagar and Solan recorded

day temperatures of 25.4°C, 23.2°C and 23°C, followed by Palampur 20.1°C, Shimla 17.4°C, and Dharamsala 15.4°C. Keylong reeled under freezing cold during the day as the maximum temperature stayed at minus 1.2°C.

Miyar valley cut off after snowfall

BRO restores Manali-Keylong road

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MANDI, NOVEMBER 27

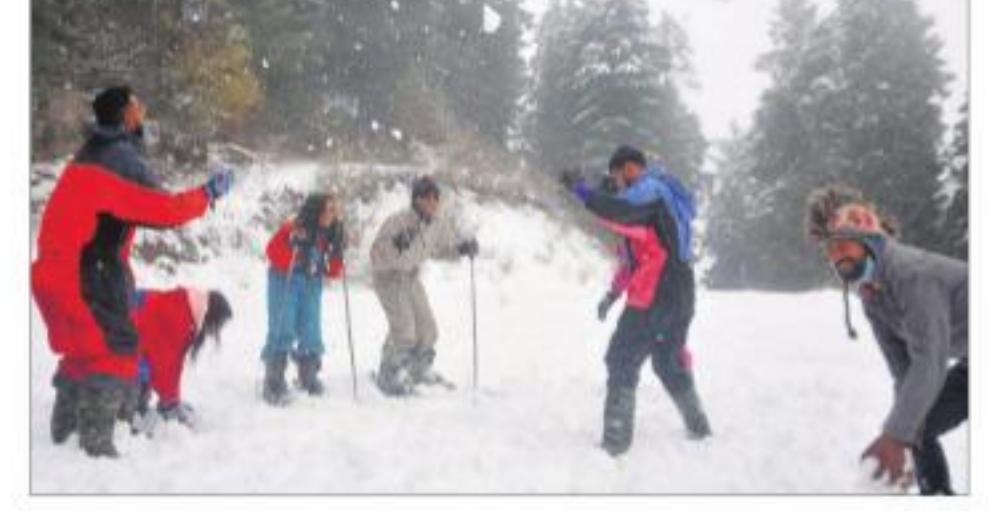
Normal life was crippled in Lahaul and Spiti after heavy snowfall in different parts of the tribal district yesterday. Due to the snowfall in the region, residents of the Miyar valley were cut off from the district headquarters at Keylong.

Residents of the Lahaul valley said the entire valley had come under the grip of cold wave after the snowfall. Water pipes had started to freeze in the morning hours. However, farmers of Lahaul Spiti, Kullu and Mandi districts were elated

because snow is considered white manure for apple orchards as it maintains moisture in the land. Mohan Lal Relingpa, a resident of the Lahaul valley, said early snowfall was good for apple orchards in the valley, which was also becoming a hub for the fruit crop in the state. The timely snowfall was must for better production for agriculture and horticulture crops, he said.

Apart from this, several bus routes in the Lahaul valley were blocked due to heavy snowfall. The BRO restored

Manali-Keylong road for traffic movement.



Tourists play with snow at Kufri. PHOTO: AMIT KANWAR

DC: Firms free to take call on transportation

SOLAN, NOVEMBER 27

Deputy Commissioner KC Chaman today directed the representatives of the transport unions of the Baddi-Barotiwala-Nalagarh (BBN) area to strictly follow the HP High Court directions and permit vehicles hired from other states to transport goods.

Chaman convened a meeting of all stakeholders, including the representatives of the BBNIA and the transport unions, here. Baddi SP Rohit Malpani also attended the meeting. The Deputy Commissioner explained the High Court directions to the participants of the meeting and told them to strictly follow these. He also directed the transport unions to educate all their members about the court orders. He said that the police would treat even an isolated case of violation seriously.

Around 10,000-odd members strong transport unions had been preventing the industrialists from hiring vehicles from other states to transport goods and raw materials and charging high freights. — TNS

1. Online applications are invited under Dr. Ambedkar Medhavi Chhattar Sanshodhit Yojna- 2020-21
2. Students can apply for application form on website www.scbcharyana.com.
3. Students can apply from 27.11.2020 to 15.12.2020 and the department will ensure to issue your incentive amount immediately.
4. In case of any problem student can contact on helpline numbers 0172-2771250 and District Welfare Officer of the district concern.

Director,

Welfare of Scheduled Castes and
Backward Classes Department, Haryana, Chd.

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
RURAL DEVELOPMENT &
PANCHAYATS DEPARTMENT

NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS

Tender Notice No.: PRD/P/2020/35-40 Date: 27.11.2020
Authority:- Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj PW(C&M) Division, Patiala on the behalf of ADC (D) Patiala.

Sr. No.	Description of Work	1. EMD	2. Tender Fee (in Rs.)	Reserve Price (in Rs.)
1	Supply of Rickshaw Rehri complete as per specification. FOR at Patiala. (Approximately 330 No.)	1. Rs. 66,000/- 2. Rs. 5000/-	To be quoted by supplier	
2	Supply of Mobile T-Shop complete as per specification. FOR at Patiala. (Approximately 120 No.)	1. Rs. 24,000/- 2. Rs. 5000/-	To be quoted by supplier	
3	Supply of Fast Food Rehri complete as per specification. FOR at Patiala. (Approximately 100 No.)	1. Rs. 20,000/- 2. Rs. 5000/-	To be quoted by supplier	
4	Supply of Cycle Rickshaw complete as per specification. FOR at Patiala. (Approximately 150 No.)	1. Rs. 30,000/- 2. Rs. 5000/-	To be quoted by supplier	
5	Providing Power Operated Spray Pumps as per specifications. (Approximately 20 No.)	1. Rs. 4,000/- 2. Rs. 500/-	To be quoted by supplier	
6	Providing Sewing and Embroidery Machines as per specifications. (Approximately 40 No.)	1. Rs. 8,000/- 2. Rs. 1000/-	To be quoted by supplier	

Date of opening of bid:- 14.12.2020

For detail terms and conditions of notice inviting bids refer to website www.eproc.punjab.gov.in

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

On the behalf of ADC (D) Patiala
Sd/- Executive Engineer (PRD),
(District Rural Development Agency).

DPR/Pb/110336

PUNJAB HERITAGE AND TOURISM PROMOTION BOARD
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Ph. 0172-2625951
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Tender/Reference No.: 03 Date: 27.11.2020

NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS

Chief Executive Officer, Punjab Heritage & Tourism Promotion Board, under the Department of Tourism, Government of Punjab invites online bids from eligible bidders for the following work:

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Bid Security/Earnest Money (Rs.)	Last Date and Time for online submission of bids	Period of Completion
1	Conservation/Restoration of Quila Sarai at Sultanpur Lodhi	13.00 Lakhs	21-12-2020 up to 03:00 p.m.	12 months
i)	Period of availability of Tender online shall be		From 01.12.2020 to 21.12.2020 up to 3:00 p.m.	
ii)	Last Date & Time for online submission of bids shall be		21.12.2020 up to 3:00 p.m.	
iii)	Date & time of opening of Technical Bid		21.12.2020 at 3:30 p.m.	

For detailed terms and conditions refer to e-tendering portal (www.eprocpunjab.gov.in)

Note: Addendum/Corrigendum, if any, will be issued on e-portal only.

DPR/Pb/110521

Sd/- Chief Executive Officer

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Selection of Agency for Providing Various Professional Support Services
Department of Sports and Youth Services & PSSC invites tender from reputed Companies incorporated under the Companies Act, 2013 registered with registrar of Companies through e-Tendering method. The bidding schedule is as follows:

1. Availability of Tender Document online 28.11.2020 at 10:00 a.m.
2. Last date and time for online submission 19.12.2020 at 10:00 a.m.
3. Technical Bid opening in PSSC office 19.12.2020 at 10:30 a.m.
4. Financial Bid opening in PSSC office To be intimated later on

For detail terms & conditions, bidders may please refer to the Tender Document available at e-Tender website: www.eproc.punjab.gov.in. The bidders with Class-2 and 3 digital signatures shall have to get themselves registered with e-tender website: <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>. Class-2 and 3 Digital Signatures with Signing certificate procurement Helpdesk for participation. For clarifications on e-tendering please contact E-procurement Helpdesk on 0172-2791326, 0172-2791226. For any Tender related clarifications please contact PSSC at Tel +91-0172-2668794, 2606400. The bidder shall continue to visit www.eproc.punjab.gov.in for further information, corrigendum, addendum, replies to queries and other details on regular basis. PSSC reserves the right to accept or reject any bid or to annul the re-bidding process at any time, without incurring any liability and without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/- Director, Sports Punjab-cum-Secretary, Punjab State Sports Council, Chandigarh.

DPR/PB/110515



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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (NIT)

The Executive Engineer HPSIDC Ltd. Shimla on behalf of Managing Director HPSIDC Ltd Shimla, hereby invites online item rate bids through electronic tendering system for the following works from the eligible and approved contractors, registered in appropriate class with HPPWD, CPWD, I&PH, & HIMUDA, and other Govt. agency/organization on the schedule, term and conditions mentioned below.

Sr. No	Name of work	Estimated Cost	Cost of Tender (i/c G.S.T.)	Earnest Money	Time Limit	Class
1)	Providing and laying interlocking paver on berms in HPSIDC Ind. Estate Davni, Distt. Solan (HP).	Rs. 1,43,49,747/-	Rs. 5900/-	Rs. 1,76,000/-	Six Months	A & B
2)	Providing and laying interlocking paver on berms in HPSIDC Ind. Area (Ext.) Baddi, Distt. Solan (HP).	Rs. 29,02,672/-	Rs. 3400/-	Rs. 51,000/-	Four Months	C & D
3)	Construction of Rain Shelter (Mansoori Shailly) at Industrial Area Davni, Distt. Solan (HP).	Rs. 9,51,437/-	Rs. 1000/-	Rs. 19,000/-	Four Months	C & D
4)	Construction of Additional Septic Tank at Ind. Area Mehatpur, Distt. Una (HP).	Rs. 14,14,978/-	Rs. 1500/-	Rs. 28,300/-	Six Months	C & D
5)	Providing and laying interlocking paver in front side of court yard of CLBP at Ind. Area Mehatpur Distt. Una (HP).	Rs. 14,82,712/-	Rs. 1500/-	Rs. 29,700/-	Three Months	C & D
6)	Construction of unloading / storage shed in washing area at CLBP Ind. Area Mehatpur Distt. Una (HP).	Rs. 9,42,212/-	Rs. 1000/-	Rs. 18,900/-	Three Months	C & D
7)	Providing Electrical Installation in Employment Exchange at Nadaun Distt. Hamirpur (HP).	Rs. 3,43,942/-	Rs. 400/-	Rs. 7000/-	15 days after completion of civil works	Appropriate Class
8)	Providing Electrical Installation in ITI Building at Pandoga, Distt. Una (HP).	Rs. 34,76,597/-	Rs. 4000/-	Rs. 59,700/-	15 days after completion of civil works	Appropriate Class
9)	Providing Electrical Installation in Veterinary Hospital at Chowkianagar Distt. Una (HP).	Rs. 2,78,784/-	Rs. 3000/-	Rs. 5600/-	15 days after completion of civil works	Appropriate Class
10)	S.R.M.O. 02 Nos. type -I Qtr. and dismantling of 01 No. type-I Qtr. at Trout Fish Farm Sangla Distt. Kinnaur (HP).	Rs. 10,98,545/-	Rs. 1100/-	Rs. 22,000/-	Six Months	C & D
11)	Providing and fixing precast slab over open drains at Ind. Area Mehatpur Distt. Una (HP).	Rs. 58,45,977/-	Rs. 5900/-	Rs. 91,000/-	Six Months	B & C
12)	Construction of New Academic Block-I & II at Govt. College Una (HP). (SH:-Providing Electrical Installation thereof).	Rs. 50,57,867/-	Rs. 5900/-	Rs. 83,000/-	15 days after completion of civil works	A
13)	SRMO Ind. Road and road side drain (Metalling and Tarring) from plot. No.39 to 32 & 33 at Ind. Area Bilaspur Distt. Bilaspur (HP).	Rs. 20,08,495/-	Rs. 2300/-	Rs. 37,600/-	Three Months	Appropriate Class
14)	Development of Ind. Area Kandrori, Distt. Kangra (HP). (SH:-Drilling and development of tube-well No. 3).	Rs. 15,84,740/-	Rs. 1700/-	Rs. 31,000/-	Two Months	Appropriate Class
15)	C/o School Building at GSSS Tikker (Kupvi) Tehsil Chopal, Distt. Shimla HP(Under RMSA).	Rs. 37,45,979/-	Rs. 4300/-	Rs. 64,000/-	Nine Months	B & C
16)	Development of Industrial Area Bal Bihar Distt. Hamirpur (H.P). (SH:-Design and construction of one No. RCC Over head Water Storage Tank of 0.50 lakh ltrs capacity with 1500 mtrs staging height and other work contingent complete in all respect)	Rs. 9,06,376/-	Rs. 1000/-	Rs. 18,100/-	Six Months	Appropriate Class
17)	C/o steel Parking in front of Udyog Bhawan Shimla (HP).	Rs. 19,34,684/-	Rs. 2200/-	Rs. 37,000/-	Four Months	C & D

Schedule and terms and conditions:-

Date and time for download of bidding documents from e-procurement portal.	Date & time for online submission of bids, required documents, cost of form and earnest money	Date & time of opening online Technical Bids/Financial bid.
From 07.12.2020 11.00 AM	To 28.12.2020 5.00 PM	From 07.12.2020 11.00 AM To 28.12.2020 5.00 PM

1. Time for Online submission of required documents, cost of form & earnest money is 07.12.2020 to 28.12.2020.
2. Corrigendum, if any, will be published on website only <https://htpnders.gov.in>.
3. The bids should be submitted online on website <https://htpnders.gov.in>. Bidders should get registered themselves on website <https://htpnders.gov.in>.
4. Other details of the eligibility and qualification criteria as well as scope of work can be seen in the online bidding document. For detailed terms and conditions log on to website <https://htpnders.gov.in>. The successful bidder shall get the work registered with the Labour Officer concerned and intimate the Labour Officer the amount of work awarded before start of execution of work if awarded.
5. The bidders must have successfully completed similar type of one work not less than 40% of estimated cost during last five years in any Govt. Deptt. / Public sectors (without liquidated damage or compensation) in respect of works at Sr. No. 1, 8, 11, 12, 13 & 15. The certificate should be issued by the concerned Executive Engineer/ competent authority.
6. Successful bidder shall submit geotechnical investigation reports if required and Structural Design/ working drawing duly vetted from Govt. Institute i.e. NIT or PEC to the concerned Engineer-in-charge within 25 days after issue of award letter. This shall be treated as incidental to work and nothing shall be paid extra.
7. Contractors have to upload clear copies of all the documents. Copies not scanned properly or uploaded not clearly, will not be considered.
8. The bidder shall have to fulfill the requirements of EPF.
9. The bidders are advised to quote rates inclusive of GST as applicable. GST shall not be paid extra.
10. The Executive Engineer/competent authority reserve the right to accept or reject any or all the bids or withdrawn from tendering without assigning any reason thereto.
11. If the date of opening of tender is declared a holiday, the tender will be opened on next working day on same time.
12. Contractor has to submit the working programme/working schedule, name of authorized representative to received the instruction form the Engineer and sign the formal agreement with the Engineer-in-charge i.e. Executive Engineer within 15 days of award of work.

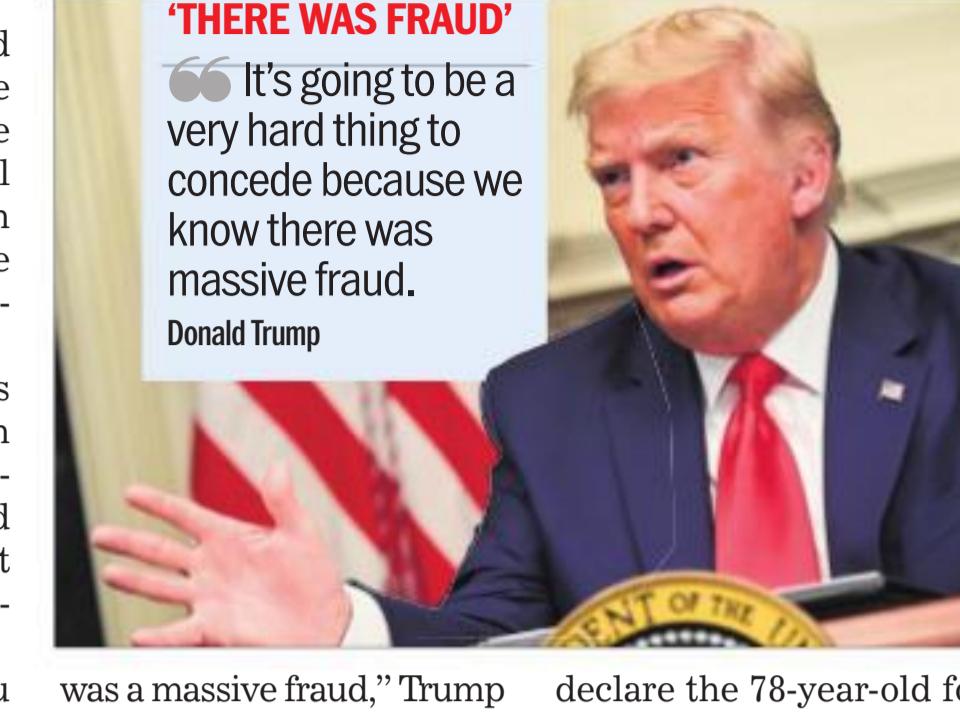
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Will leave WH if electoral college declares Biden winner: Trump

'THERE WAS FRAUD'

It's going to be a very hard thing to concede because we know there was massive fraud.

Donald Trump



In first international match in 9 months, India crushed by Smith, Finch

Smashing return



Steve Smith celebrates his century. AP/PTI >>

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA	Runs	Balls	4s	6s
D Warner c Rahil b Shami	69	76	6	0
A Finch c Rahil b Umrah	114	124	9	2
S Smith b Shami	105	66	11	4
M Stoinis c Rahil b Chahal	0	1	0	0
G Maxwell c Jadeja b Shami	45	19	5	3
M Labuschagne c Dhawan b Saini	2	2	0	0
A Carey not out	17	13	2	0
P Cummins not out	1	1	0	0
Extras: (B 1, LB 6, NB 2, W 12)		21		
Total: (6 wickets, 50 overs)		374		
FOW: 1:156, 2:264, 3:271, 4:328, 5:331, 6:372				
Bowling	O	M	R	W
Mohammed Shami	10	0	59	3
Jasprit Bumrah	10	0	73	1
Navdeep Saini	10	0	83	1
Yuzvendra Chahal	10	0	89	1
Ravindra Jadeja	10	0	63	0
INDIA	Runs	Balls	4s	6s
M Agarwal c Maxwell b Hazlewood	22	18	2	1

Player of the Match: Steve Smith

SYDNEY, NOVEMBER 27
Hardik Pandya's career-best score of 90 wasn't good enough to compensate for a forgettable bowling effort as India slumped to a 66-run defeat against Australia in the first One-day International here today.

As the Indians returned to international duty after a break of close to nine months, their bowlers and fielders were below-par, giving away 374 runs in 50 overs. Aaron Finch (114 off 124 balls) and his illustrious predecessor Steve Smith (105 off 66 balls) hit contrasting 100s as they played their first home match since March 13.

A pitch that looked docile during the first half suddenly came to life when India batted as Josh Hazlewood (3/55) bounced out the Indian top-order, including Kohli and an intimidated Shreyas Iyer, who got himself into a tangle.

Pandya's 76-ball 90 and a 128-run stand with opener Shikhar Dhawan (74 off 86 balls) delayed the inevitable but it was always a catch-up game after they were reduced to 101/4 inside 14 overs. Big-hearted leg-spinner Adam Zampa (4/54 in 10 overs) dismissed Dhawan and Pandya in quick succession as India surrendered to scoreboard pressure, finishing at 308/8 in 50 overs.

Pandya, who hit seven fours and four sixes, carried his blazing IPL batting form into the first game of the series but it was his fast-medium bowling that Kohli missed today as India ran out

of options when Smith sent the regular bowlers on a leather-hunt. The bowling unit — barring Mohammed Shami (3/59) — flopped badly and poor fielding added to their woes. As many as three easy catches were dropped and numerous sloppy efforts on the field added to their misery. Yuzvendra Chahal's figures of 1/89 in 10 overs are the worst-ever for an Indian spinner, while Jasprit Bumrah's wretched ODI form (1/73 in 10 overs) continued.

Tormentor

If Smith's 11 fours and four sixes today are any indication, Smith seems ready to torment them a lot over the next two months in the limited-overs and Test series.

Not once was he troubled by the Indian bowlers, who were already under pressure after a 156-run opening stand between Finch and David Warner (69).

A whirlwind 45 off 19 balls by Glenn Maxwell helped the home team add 103 runs in the last 9.2 overs.

In India's chase, Mitchell Starc's wayward first over cost 20 runs, giving India the impetus they needed, but Hazlewood's splendid short bowling ended the innings of Mayank Agarwal (22 off 18 balls) and Kohli (21 in 21 balls), leaving the visitors in deep trouble.

A high number of dot balls — 148, ie nearly 50% of the innings — when Indian batted showed how Australia dominated the proceedings. — PTI

We were poor in the field, says upset Kohli

SYDNEY, NOVEMBER 27
India captain Virat Kohli questioned his team's body language after the crushing defeat to Australia. He also said Hardik Pandya not being fit to bowl is affecting the side's balance, which was clear from the way he ran out of bowling options.

"Everyone needs to show the intent in the entire 50 overs. Probably, we played 50 overs after a long time that could have an effect," he said. India last played an international match in March (a Test against New Zealand that ended on March 2), and their last ODI was on February 11 against the same team. "But having said that, we have played so much ODI cricket that it is not something we don't know how to do."

"I think the body language in the field wasn't great after around 25 overs. It was a disappointing part. If you don't take your chances against a top-quality opposition they'll hurt you and that is what happened today," Kohli said.

Kohli rued that Pandya is not yet to fit to bowl. "We have to find out a way to get a few overs from part-timers. Unfortunately, someone like Hardik is not ready to bowl yet, we have to accept that, we don't really have all-round options as such right now," he said. "That is an area to be looked at, it is a big part in any team's bal-



Virat Kohli congratulates Aaron Finch after the match. AP/PTI

ance... Someone like Marcus (Stoinis), (Glenn) Maxwell bowling a few overs for Australia helped."

Kohli said his bowlers couldn't pick wickets regularly. "The key to winning games is picking up wickets, that is something we were not able to do," he said, and referred also to the dropped catches: "Also, lapses in the field were also a reason why we couldn't capitalise on any kind of momentum, the pressure that we created in early part of the innings."

"(We) got enough time to prepare. Don't think there can be any excuses," he said, referring to being quarantined after reaching Australia and not playing a practice match.

Talking about the batting unit, Kohli said: "I think we gave ourselves the best

chance. Hardik's innings was the best example of that. As a batting unit we committed nicely to positive cricket and we are going to do that in the future as well."

Steve Smith, the Man of the Match, said: "I have been searching for something for a couple of months now. About three days ago something just clicked. My rhythm came back, everything came back... Finch and Davey played very well early on. We could come in and be aggressive. Wasn't thinking too much out there, just seeing the ball and hitting it. Was a good surface."

Australia captain Aaron Finch heaped praise on his teammates for their performance despite not being able to train much as a unit. — Agencies

Covid-19 has opened people's eyes to mental health: Bindra

Tribune News Service



Great chance at Tokyo

Abhinav Bindra said he expects Indian shooters to perform well at next year's Tokyo Olympics. "I think we have never ever gone into an Olympic Games where so many of our shooters have a realistic shot at winning a medal," Bindra said. Happy that the training camp has started, he said: "I do hope that the next step is that they get competitive in some sort of way. Even a domestic competition just to get their competitive juices flowing will be important. At Tokyo, we start as favourites in many events."

Abhinav Bindra addresses a press conference in New Delhi on Friday. PTI

Bindra, who won the 10m air rifle gold at Beijing 2008, knows a thing or two about the mental pressures that elite athletes face. Bindra said that athletes are under great pressure, right from dealing with failure, to difficulties in handling successes, to constant travel, which gives them little time to recover. This, said Bindra, adds up to more potential mental health triggers for athletes than for regular people.

Bindra, however, said the Covid pandemic has "opened eyes". "Mental health on the whole is something that is stigmatised. When an athlete has a mental problem then everyone takes a step back," Bindra today said. "But the good thing about this challenging period (pandemic) is that it has opened a lot of eyes and

helped break the stigma to a certain degree. It is about educating the whole ecosystem — the coaches, the support staff, even the leadership — on this aspect."

Even something as basic as a kind conversation helps, he said. "It is about working on creating that balance in their lives so that their wellbeing is also looked after... But at the end, it is about educating

the coaches, support staff and also the leadership that runs the sports world," he said. "Just simple things like how to have a conversation with an athlete... If not done in a proper way, it can have a deep impact on an athlete."

"If you are not in a happy state of mind the chances of you getting good results also go down. So everything is very closely linked," he explained.

World bids emotional farewell to Maradona

BUENOS AIRES, NOVEMBER 27
Argentina's Diego Maradona, one of the world's greatest ever soccer players, was set to be laid to rest on Thursday amid a global outpouring of grief from the streets of Buenos Aires to Naples in Italy. The death of Maradona at the age of 60 on Wednesday, following a heart attack, has sparked both mourning and celebrations of a true sporting star, who was a genius on the soccer field but lived a life marred by struggles with addiction.

The World Cup winner was taken by hearse late Thursday afternoon to the Bella Vista cemetery on the outskirts of Buenos Aires — where his parents are also interred — for a small private ceremony of his family and close friends.

The burial follows a day of high emotion that saw clashes between police and fans near the presidential palace in central Buenos Aires where Maradona lay in state in a closed casket for people

to say their final farewells.

Thousands of people had surrounded the pink-hued Casa Rosada and there was a febrile atmosphere more akin to a rowdy soccer game than a formal wake, with fans clambering up the palace gates to get as close as possible to their hero. The tensions eased after Maradona's body was transferred by

hearse to the cemetery, surrounded by a huge procession of police and others on motorbikes. Thousands of Argentines lined the roads as it passed on the hour-long journey to Bella Vista.

In Italy, crowds tied hundreds of blue and white scarfs to the railings outside his former club Napoli, while in France, sports paper LE

QUIPE'S front page blared out: "God is dead".

In Argentina, three days of national mourning were called for the player who led the country to a 1986 World Cup win and is revered with cult-like status. Tens of thousands took to the streets, not all wearing masks, despite fears over the Covid-19 pandemic. Some left flow-



People react on the street as the hearse carrying the casket of soccer legend Diego Maradona travels to Bella Vista cemetery, on the outskirts of Buenos Aires. REUTERS

Arsenal, Hoffenheim qualify, emotional win for Napoli

LONDON, NOVEMBER 27

Arsenal's record signing Nicolas Pepe got back in manager Mikel Arteta's good books with the opening goal in his club's 3-0 win at Molde on Thursday that sealed his side's place in the Europa League knockout stages with two games to spare.

Arteta's side might be struggling in the Premier League but they are 100% in Group B of the Europa League, making them one of only two teams to have won their opening four games.

The other is Bundesliga outfit Hoffenheim who beat Slovan Liberec 2-0 away to qualify from Group L.

Leicester are top of Group G with 10 points with Braga second on seven. AEK Athens have three points.

AS Roma also sealed a place in the knockout round after a 2-0 win away to Romanian side CFR Cluj kept them top of Group A.

Milan held

In Group H seven-time European champions AC Milan

were held to a 1-1 draw by Lille after a well-worked Jonathan Bamba goal cancelled out Samu Castillejo's effort for the Italian side.

Lille are top with eight points, one ahead of Milan, with Sparta Prague still very much in the hunt on six after beating Celtic 4-1 for the second time in the group.

Premier League leaders Tottenham Hotspur boosted their hopes of reaching the knockout phase as two goals by Carlos Vinicius, his first strikes for the club, helped them to a 4-0 win over Bulgarian side Ludogorets in Group J.

Rangers looked to have won it for Braga in the 90th minute but Jamie Vardy struck late in stoppage time.

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In Group C Bayer Leverkusen look poised to reach the last 32 after a 4-1 win over Hapoel Beer-Sheva left them on nine points, alongside Slavia Prague who beat Nice. Benfica came back from two goals down to draw 2-2 with Rangers in Group D. — Reuters

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Applications are invited for appointment to the post of Chief Executive Officer/ Managing Director in the Haryana State Cooperative Apex Bank Ltd., Chandigarh from eligible candidates on deputation/contract basis in the prescribed Application Proforma for the said post, eligibility, age, qualifications, experience etc. should be as under:-

1. **Eligibility:** The person should be a citizen of India.

2. **Age:** The applicant should be below the age of 55 years as on 31.12.2020.

3. **Qualification:**

i) Graduate with CAIB/Diploma in Business Finance/Diploma in Cooperative Management

OR

ii) Chartered Accountant/Cost Accountant

OR

iii) Post Graduate preferably in Commerce/Management/Economics.

4. **Experience:**

The person shall have at-least 15 (Fifteen) years working experience in Commercial Bank/NABARD and should have attained Level-IV.

OR

Officers working as Additional Registrar in Cooperation Department, Haryana who has worked in the Department for 15 (Fifteen) years as Gazetted Officer with experience of Credit Branch.

5. Person should have good Communication Skills and Administrative Abilities.

6. **Preference:**

Preference will be given to the candidates who have higher qualifications and experience.

For details regarding pay & emoluments, eligibility, qualifications, experience, age, terms and conditions prescribed Application Proforma visit website www.rchsharyana.gov.in. Eligible and interested candidates may send their "APPLICATION FOR THE POST OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MANAGING DIRECTOR OF HARCO BANK" mentioned on top of the envelop should reach the undersigned on or before 11.12.2020 up to 3:00 P.M.

Under Secretary to Government Haryana, Cooperation Department.

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Evaluation of FIR against Arnab doesn't establish charge, says SC

SATYA PRAKASH

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27
Sixteen days after ordering the release of Republic TV Editor-in-Chief Arnab Goswami, the Supreme Court on Friday delivered a detailed judgement which said the FIR against him *prima facie* didn't establish abetment to suicide charge.

A Bench, headed by Justice DY Chandrachud, said "a *prima facie* evaluation of the FIR does not establish the ingredients of the offence of abetment of suicide under Section 306 of the IPC". It ordered that the interim bail granted to Goswami and two other accused — Feroz Mohammad Shaikh and Neetish Sarda — on November 11 shall remain operational four weeks after the Bombay High Court disposed of their plea for quashing of the FIR. If rejected, they can move the top court.

The top court criticised the Bombay High Court for failing to notice the contents of the FIR and making a *prima facie* evaluation and abdicating its role, functions and jurisdiction when seized of a petition under Section 482 of the CrPC.

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DEMOLITION SMACKS OF MALICE: HC

Mumbai: The Bombay HC on Friday held that demolition carried out by the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) at actor Kangana Ranaut's bungalow here was illegal and smacked of malicious intent. The court appointed an assessor to evaluate the damage caused so as to decide Ranaut's claim for compensation. It also came down heavily on Sanjay Raut over his tirade against Ranaut. PTI



1.96 lakh such pleas were hanging fire in district courts. Maintaining that "Liberty is not a gift for the few", the top court asked High Courts and District Courts to monitor pendency of bail applications to ensure protection of personal liberty of ordinary people.

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27
The Indian Banks Association on Friday urged the Supreme Court to vacate the stay on classifying accounts as non-performing assets (NPAs), contending that it has rendered banks helpless against defaulting various sectors demand concessions.

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50% DIDN'T AVAL OF MORATORIUM

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PILs filed by individual borrowers after Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said eight categories of borrowers with loan up to Rs 2 crore had already been given benefit of the loan moratorium scheme. It directed the government to ensure that all necessary steps be taken to implement its decision to forego compound interest.

Mehta, however, said pre-Covid defaulters can't

benefit from the fresh resolution framework.

Announced by RBI in March for three months, the loan moratorium is a legal authorisation to debtors to postpone payment of EMIs. It was extended to six months till August 31, 2020. The government said more than 50 per cent of the borrowers didn't avail of the moratorium. Even after disposal of individual PILs, there are several petitions filed by various sectors of the economy seeking similar relief from the government on account of Covid-19.

On all such petitions, the Bench adjourned the hearing to next week and asked power producers to give suggestions on loan relief to RBI. The court noted that the pandemic has not only caused serious threat to the health of the people but has also cast its shadow on the economic growth of the country as well as other countries in the entire world.

PIL challenges extension given to ED Director

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27
A PIL has been filed in the Supreme Court seeking quashing the November 13 order issued by Central Government extending the tenure of Enforcement Directorate (ED) Director Sanjuk Kumar Mishra.

Petitioner Common Cause has also sought a direction to the Centre to appoint an ED Director in a transparent manner and strictly in accordance with the mandate of Section 25 of the Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003.

According to the petitioner, Mishra was appointed the ED Director on November 19, 2018, for a period of two years from the date of assumption of charge of the post or until further orders, whichever was earlier and the said two-year tenure ended on November 18, 2020. But now his tenure has been extended by a year.

Mishra has already reached the retirement age of 60 years in May 2020, it pointed out.

India engages with neighbours to consolidate ties

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

India's three leading foreign policy managers on Thursday held talks with leaders of India's extended neighbourhood to consolidate existing relationships.

National Security Adviser Ajit Doval is in Colombo for a security trilateral with Maldives and Sri Lanka. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar concluded his visit to the UAE and is in Seychelles to meet its newly elected President and Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla concluded his two-day visit to Nepal, where he met the top leadership to turn the page on six months of acrimony.

National Security Adviser Ajit Doval arrived on Friday for trilateral maritime dialogue among India, Sri Lanka and the Maldives. This format is being revived after six years and is aimed at consolidating the existing partnership between the three countries on maritime security against the backdrop of Colombo's unwillingness to reduce the salience of China in its infrastructure development.

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo had visited both countries last month after participating in the 2+2 talks in India. While Maldives is receptive to partnering the US in defence cooperation, Colombo was cold to Pompeo's suggestion that Chinese influence is malignant.

In Seychelles, Jaishankar handed over a letter from PM Narendra Modi to the newly elected president of Indian origin Ram Kalawon. Shringla in Nepal met the entire leadership and struck the right notes by promising to "work to Nepal's priori-



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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27
After Nivar, another cyclonic circulation is brewing in the Bay of Bengal due to which extremely heavy rain is expected around December 2 and 3 over South Tamil Nadu and Puducherry, the IMD has said.

Its latest update says "a low pressure area is likely to form over Southeast Bay of Bengal during the next 36 hours, around November 29, leading to enhanced rain activity over Peninsular India during December 1 and 3".

"It will concentrate into a depression during the subsequent 24 hours and likely to intensify further thereafter, move westwards and reach Tamil Nadu-Puducherry coasts on December 2. Under its influence, heavy-to-very-heavy rain with isolated

Heavy rain expected on Dec 2, 3 in TN, Puducherry

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extremely heavy rain are very likely over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal on December 2 and 3. Sea conditions will be rough to very rough from November 28 onwards in different parts as

the system progresses through the Bay," it added.

There has been an increase in the number and intensity of storms over the recent years due to changing climatic conditions. Sea surface tempera-

tures in the Bay of Bengal have been steadily increasing

over the last decades, a factor driving rapid intensification. A warmer atmosphere can hold more water, driving extreme rainfall during



HIGH TIDAL WAVES: A man walks along a shore at Marina Beach in Chennai. PTI

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and increased tropical cyclone activity in the Bay of Bengal.

2020 being a La Niña year (which is also reason for a harsher and longer winter) is another underlying cause behind increased activity.



Ajit Doval



Harsh Vardhan Shringla

India to host its maiden SCO heads of govt meet

Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu will chair the virtual Council of Heads of Government (CHG) summit of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Council on November 30, said the Ministry of External Affairs.

■ India assumed the chairmanship of the SCO Council of CHG in 2019 and will complete its tenure on the day of the summit. It will be the first time that a summit-level meeting will be held under India's watch.

ties" and terming the country as "fundamental" to India's "Neighbourhood First" approach. "India's development is linked to the development of neighbouring countries," he said. —TNS



Women activists of farm unions prepare food at the Singhu border in New Delhi on Friday. PTI

NIA files third chargesheet in fake currency case

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

The anti-terror probe agency NIA today said it has filed the third supplementary chargesheet in the fake Indian currency notes (FICN) case of Visakhapatnam in which Bangladeshi smugglers were also involved.

Sources said the chargesheet, filed under various sections of the IPC in the special NIA court in Vijayawada, has names of West Bengal resident Enamul Haque, who was involved in cross-border smuggling and circulation of FICN after procuring these from his associates in Bangladesh.

Haque was arrested by the NIA on September 3. —TNS

Air quality improves in Noida, Gurugram

NOIDA (UP), NOVEMBER 27

The air quality improved to "moderate" category across Noida, Greater Noida, Ghaziabad, Faridabad and Gurugram on Friday, a government agency said.

The presence of pollutant PM 2.5 and PM 10 although remained high in the five immediate neighbours of Delhi, according to the air quality index (AQI) maintained by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). The average 24-hour AQI at 4 pm on Friday was 107 in Gurugram, 125 in Noida, 129 in Greater Noida, 134 in Faridabad and 166 in Ghaziabad and Noida, 296 in Greater Noida, the CPCB's Sameer app showed.

■ On Thursday, it was 301 in both Ghaziabad and Noida, 296 in Greater Noida, 312 in Faridabad and 299 in Gurugram.

The CPCB states that an AQI in the "moderate" category may cause breathing discomfort to the people with lung, asthma and heart diseases. —PTI

Sushil Modi nominated for RS bypoll

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

The BJP today nominated former Bihar Deputy CM Sushil Kumar Modi as its candidate for Rajya Sabha bypoll. While the leader's election to the Upper House is almost certain, the decision has sparked speculation about a Cabinet reshuffle in near future.

The former Bihar deputy CM is believed to be among the top contenders for vacancies in the Modi Cabinet for which names of several leaders, including Jyotiraditya Scindia, are doing the rounds. It is said some new faces may be inducted from West Bengal, Andhra

Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Assam and Uttarakhand.

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TMC heavyweight Adhikari resigns as Transport Minister

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KOLKATA, NOVEMBER 27

In a blow to the Mamata Banerjee-led Trinamool Congress (TMC) government in West Bengal, senior leader Suvendu Adhikari, who has been at odds with the party's leadership, tendered his resignation as the state's Transport Minister on Friday amid speculations over his next political move.

In the resignation letter addressed to Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, Adhikari stated: "I thank you for giving me an opportunity to serve the people of the state, which I did all through with a commitment, dedication and sincerity."

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BENGAL GOVERNOR ACCEPTS RESIGNATION

Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar has accepted the resignation of Suvendu Adhikari as "recommended" by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

Taking to Twitter, Dhankhar said the four departments looked after by Adhikari will henceforth be administered by the chief minister.

TMC EX-MLA JOINS BJP

Ex-MLA of the TMC Mihir Goswami, who resigned on Friday, joined the BJP in Delhi. Buzz is many more TMC leaders are set to jump ship.

Council, a state government body under the Urban Development Department, on Friday. He was the Water Resources Minister and Irrigation Minister, besides being the Transport Minister.

A well-known face of the Nandigram movement, Adhikari, who has the reputation of being a mass leader, is believed to be unhappy with TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee's nephew and political heir Abhishek Banerjee.

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Cops to make Delhi riots accused photos public

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

The Delhi Police have planned to make public the pictures of around 20 persons involved in the northeast Delhi riots. They said their photographs would be put up at public places across the Capital.

As per the plan, a reward will be given to anyone who provides information about

the accused in connection with the riots which took place in February this year, sources in the Delhi Police said. Communal violence broke out in northeast Delhi on February 24 following clashes between citizenship law supporters and protesters, leaving at least 53 persons dead and around 200 injured. —TNS

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