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No headway, will hear PILs on Jan 11: CJI

'Healthy discussions' underway, Solicitor General tells court | Farmers' tractor march today

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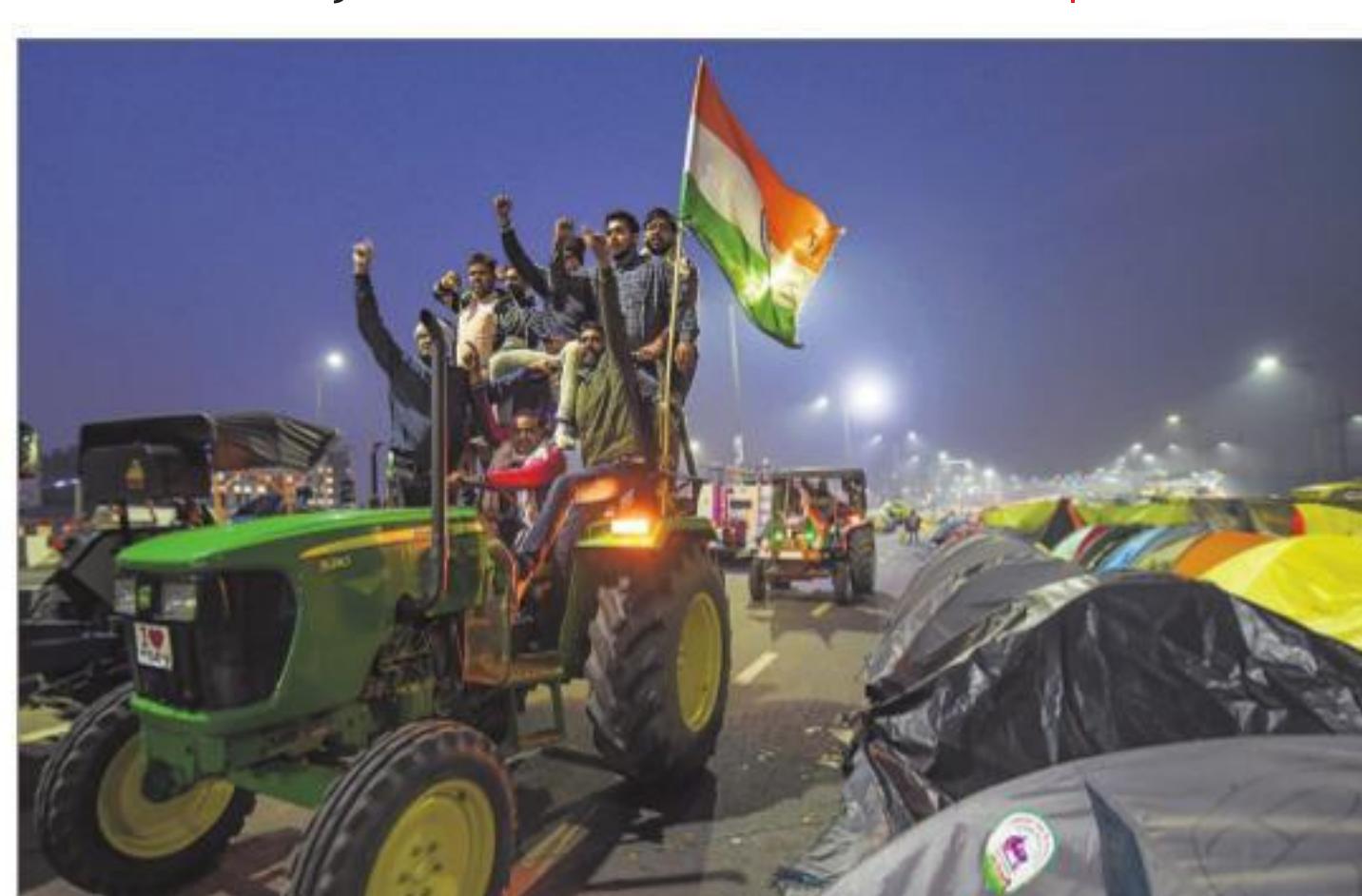
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 6
Noting that there was no improvement in talks between agitating farmers and the government, the Supreme Court today said it would take up petitions against farm laws and farm protests on January 11. The observation came a day ahead of a "tractor march" by farmers.

"There is absolutely no improvement in the situation," Chief Justice of India SA Bobde said during the hearing of a PIL by advocate ML Sharma on the issue.

Attorney General KK Venugopal told the Bench, "There is a good chance that the parties may come to some conclusion in near future."

The CJI, who had on December 17 indicated constituting a committee of independent and impartial persons, including agriculture experts, to end the stalemate between the protesting farmers and the Centre, said, "We understand the situation. We want to encourage talks. We will take up the matter on Monday and will adjourn, if you say so."

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said since healthy talks were going on between farmers and the Centre, it would not be advisable to take

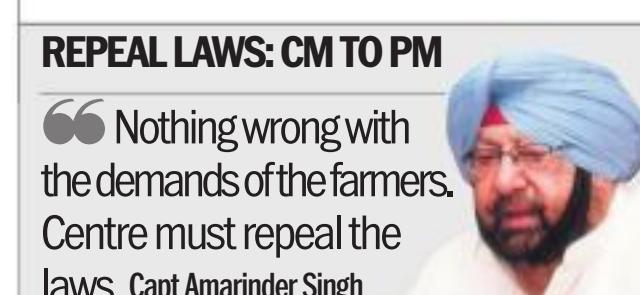


Farmers at Tikri border rehearse for the "tractor march" planned for Thursday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

PREPARING FOR LONG HAUL

As farmers, braving the biting cold, draw elaborate plans for Lohri, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's birth anniversary on January 23 and the 'tractor parade' on January 26, the govt too seems to be preparing for a long haul. Ahead of the eighth round of talks on Jan 8, sources say the govt has already expressed its willingness to make amendments to the three farm Acts, and that is about all. Given the kind of public support the stir has received, the negotiators know too well that finding a middle path will be a tough task. "Politically, it's a matter of 23 seats (Punjab & Haryana) in the 545-member Lok Sabha," they point out.

— VIBHA SHARMA



REPEAL LAWS: CM TO PM
Nothing wrong with the demands of the farmers. Centre must repeal the laws. Capt Amarinder Singh

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up the matter immediately.

The Attorney General also said that filing of response by the Centre could foreclose avenues of ongoing negotiations between the two sides.

Agreeing with Venugopal and Mehta, the Bench said if it was told on Monday that discussions were still underway,

it would adjourn the hearing.

The Bench, however, issued notice to the Centre on Sharma's petition challenging a 1954 amendment to the Constitution putting certain agriculture-related issues on the Concurrent List, allowing the Centre to enact farm laws. Meanwhile, the agitating

farmers will go ahead with the Sanyukt Kisan Morcha's call for a tractor rally tomorrow morning.

Bhartiya Kisan Union state president Joginder Nain said the farmers would assemble at the Bahadurgarh bus stand in the morning. "Thereafter, they will proceed

towards Aasodha village. From there, they will drive down the KMP highway to reach Singhu border. Similarly, farmers from Singhu will proceed towards Tikri," he added. The police have beefed up security along the march route to ward off any untoward incident.

Galwan heroes yet to find place at memorial

AJAY BANERJEE
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 6
A long official procedure means the names of 20 soldiers, killed in the Galwan valley clash on June 15 last year, will not be reflected at the Delhi National War Memorial before Republic Day.

A panel of the three services has cleared the names of soldiers who died in various operations from October 2019 to September 2020 for inscription on the memorial

STUCK IN RED TAPE

- A committee of the three armed forces has okayed the names of 90 soldiers, including 20 Galwan heroes, for inscription on the memorial wall
- A tendering process has started to get the granite tablets etched
- The process will take a few weeks, which means the inscriptions of the Galwan martyrs won't be ready before Republic Day

wall. There are about 90 names, including 20 of Galwan martyrs. After clearance from the committee, each name and rank is etched on a granite tablet. Each tablet is arranged in a circular pattern on one of the 16 walls of the memorial. The pattern symbolises ancient Indian war

formation "Chakravyuh". A tendering process has started to get the granite tablets etched. The process will take a few weeks, which means the inscriptions won't be added before Republic Day.

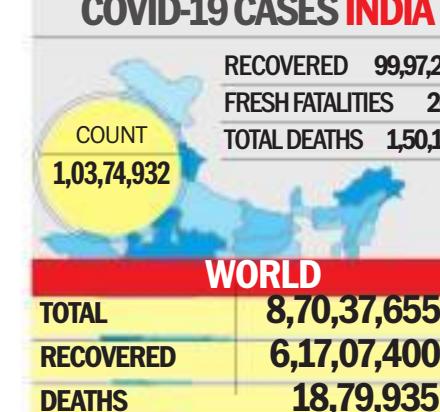
A functionary questioned annual update of names instead of a quarterly update. Having the names of Galwan heroes and others on the memorial wall would have been ideal when the President and the Prime Minister come to pay their respects.

2nd dry run tomorrow

ADITI TANDON
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 6
Ahead of the planned rollout of the Covid-19 vaccine, the Centre will hold a second pan-India dry run on January 8 across all 700 plus districts except those in Uttar Pradesh and Haryana.

Health Minister Harsh Vardhan will tomorrow also hold a virtual meeting with his state counterparts to discuss vaccination challenges and mock drill preparations for Friday. The exercise is a precursor to the largest inoculation drive in the world



KARNAL PRISON INMATE FOUND CARRYING UK STRAIN

expected any time before January 13. Preparations are in full swing to deliver

Punjab schools reopen today

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 6

The Punjab Government has decided to reopen all government, semi-government and private schools from January 7. The timings will be from 10 am to 3 pm and students only from class V to XII will be allowed to attend school, a government statement said.

CM Capt Amarinder Singh has directed all school managements to strictly comply with Covid protocol. Education Minister Vijay Inder Singh said the decision had been taken following the demand of parents. — TNS

Bird flu scare in HP's Bilaspur village

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SHIMLA, JANUARY 6
Death of over 50 crows at Jamthali village in Bilaspur district today sparked fears of bird flu outbreak in the Gobindsagar lake area. Samples of dead crows have been sent for testing. Dr Lal Gopal, Deputy Director, Animal Husbandry, Bilaspur, said the agencies concerned were already on alert.

Rural Development and Animal Husbandry Minister Virender Kanwar said there were five poultry farms in

CENTRE RUSHES TEAMS TO HARYANA, KERALA

New Delhi: The Centre on Wednesday said no cases of avian influenza had been detected in humans so far even as it rushed multi-disciplinary teams to the affected districts of Kerala and Haryana. BACK PAGE

Jwali, Fatehpur, Indoar and Nurpur areas of Kangra. In case, bird flu virus was detected in the samples, the entire poultry stock would have to be culled, he said.

The Animal Husbandry Department, along with other departments concerned, has constituted 17 teams to keep a check on the quality of poultry being brought into the state from the Bilaspur border.

Meanwhile, rapid response teams (RRT) have been pressed into service for the collection and safe disposal of dead birds in the Pong area where the outbreak of bird flu has been confirmed through lab reports. In all, 2,736 migratory birds have died in the Pong area so far.

SC won't stay UP ordinance against religious conversion

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Supreme Court directly."

Later, the Bench agreed to issue notice after senior advocate CU Singh and lawyers for some other petitioners pointed out that the petitioners had challenged laws of two states and more BJP states were in the process of enacting similar laws.

Terming the provisions as "oppressive" and "obnoxious", Singh alleged that several innocent persons had been arrested on the basis of the UP ordinance against 'love jihad'. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said the Allahabad High Court was already seized of the matter. Singh

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Budaun woman gang-raped, killed

Priest among accused;
Cong seeks probe;
NCW steps in

confirmed rape, the police said, adding the woman's leg and a rib bone were found fractured and there were injuries in her private parts.

The incident came to light on Sunday night when the priest and his accomplices

took the body to the victim's home, claiming it was found in a dry well in the temple.

The CM has ordered "strongest possible action".

The Congress demanded an HC-monitored probe. Priyanka Gandhi said, "The government's intentions with respect to women's safety are suspect." The National Commission for Women has sought intervention of the UP Police in the matter. — PTI/TNS

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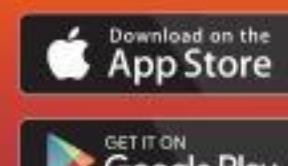
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Repeal farm laws, Capt urges PM

Says Centre must listen to protesters, rubbishes reports of implementing Acts in state

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CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 6
Stressing that there was nothing wrong with the demands of the farmers, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Wednesday urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to immediately repeal the new farm laws in order to resolve the crisis.

Categorically rejecting as "highly irresponsible" reports in a section of the media that Punjab had already implemented the new laws, the Chief Minister said Food Minister Bharat Bhushan Ashu's statement had been mischievously twisted by one newspaper, with others picking it up.

Punjab was the first state to have opposed the Central farm laws and, in fact, passed amendment Bills to negate their dangerous impact on agriculture, he pointed out, slamming the AAP for "spreading misinformation on the issue with its propaganda machinery". He said, "The Governor should have forwarded our Bills to the President for assent, which he has not done."

The Chief Minister, in a media interview, made it clear that Punjab would not allow the lives of its farmers to be ruined by the new laws. "We will do whatever possible to help the farmers and



Farmers protest against the agricultural laws at the border near Delhi on Wednesday. PTI

AAP SPREADING MISINFORMATION

We passed amendment Bills to negate the dangerous impact of the new laws on agriculture. AAP is spreading misinformation on the issue with its propaganda machinery. Capt Amarinder Singh, CHIEF MINISTER

their families, for whom the state government had already started two helplines on which they can reach out in case of any emergency," he said.

Urging the Prime Minister to withdraw the controversial laws and talk to the farmers, Captain Amarinder said, "The farmers have made their stand very clear — that the laws

should be repealed. It is the job of the Government of India to listen to them." The Centre could bring in new laws after due consultation with the farmers, he said, pointing out that the Constitution had been amended many times and it could be done again for the revocation of the recently enacted farm legislations.

Noting that farmers

from across the country had joined the protests against the farm laws, Captain Amarinder said after six or seven meetings, it was time that the matter was resolved.

The Chief Minister lambasted those calling the protesting farmers as "Naxals and terrorists", terming it as wrong and irresponsible.

CM FEELING HEAT OF ED CASES

● The CM is acting at the behest of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to save his son Raninder Singh from ED cases. For this, he went to meet Amit Shah in Delhi and did not raise any issue related to farmers. Raghav Chadha, AAP LEADER

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Murder bid charge in dung dump case withdrawn

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 6
Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh today ordered withdrawal of Section 307 against protesting farmers who dumped cow dung outside an ex-BJP minister's house.

Capt Amarinder, who also holds the Home portfolio, has also ordered transfer of the SHO who had registered the "attempt to murder" case, which is now being probed by a Special Investigation Team (SIT).

The CM said the SHO had gone overboard in registering a case under Section 307 of the IPC. "There was no attempt to murder," he said, referring to the Hoshiarpur incident in which a group of protesters had unloaded a trailer full of cow dung in front of former Punjab minister Tilkhan Sud's residence.

Meanwhile, the Chief Minister has termed as correct and justified the arrest of Punjabi singer Shree Brar for promoting gun culture in a music video. "Promoting gangsterism and gun culture in this manner is absolutely wrong," he said, adding that the case had been registered correctly in the matter, which related to an old song of the singer. — TNS



Farmers take out a tractor march against the agricultural laws in Amritsar on Wednesday. VISHAL KUMAR

Tractor marches across state

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Farmers seek support to intensify protest

"It is a pity that crores of rupees have been siphoned off by the so-called bigwigs who took shelter on foreign soil with impunity whereas the farmer, who fills the food basket of the nation, has been fighting for his right to get MSP on his produce," he said.

In Muktsar, a large number of farmers took out a tractor march. The march passed through various markets. Meanwhile, the commission agents welcomed the farmers in the grain market and promised full support. The farmers appealed to everyone to support them in their ongoing protest against

the Centre over the contentious farm laws.

A similar march was carried out by the Bhartiya Kisan Union (Ekta Sidhpur) in the villages of Khuyansarwer sub-tehsil in Abohar. Convenor Gunwant Singh said the march was carried out to mobilise maximum number of farmers for participation in the protest, which was to be organised by farmers organisations' joint front in Delhi on January 26. The tractor march started from Panjawa village and passed through Tootwala, Kallarkhera, Majigarh, Giddaranwali, Dalmirkhera, Daulatpura, Khuyansarwer, Telupura, Haripura and Diwankhera villages. Farmers greeted the participants and served fruits and snacks to them.

Youth mobilise support for R-Day via social media

AMAN SOOD
TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PATIALA, JANUARY 6

Youth in several villages are connecting through social media and phone calls, while some are convening meetings. The purpose is to ensure that youth in large numbers reach the Delhi borders before the Republic Day, when farmer unions plan to hold a tractor rally in the National Capital.

Last week, farm unions had announced that thousands of protesting farmers would enter Delhi on January 26 and carry out a tractor parade if the three controversial laws were not repealed.

Unions, youth, farmers, labourers, arthiyas and landlords are mobilising support



Youths raise slogans in support of farmers in Patiala. TREBUNE PHOTO

for making the January 26 rally a success.

Congress leader Mansimran Singh Riar said, "We are reaching out to everyone. We stand in solidarity with our elderly people, who have been sitting on fast in Delhi."

He dismissed the BJP's

claims of the agitation being politically motivated. "First and foremost, I belong to the farming community. Politics takes a backseat when it comes to farmers' struggle. This protest is of every farmer, who has been toiling hard in fields," said

Riar, who has spent a few days at the Delhi border.

For Ludhiana's Baddowal resident Tarandeep Singh Grewal, the agitation has given him an opportunity to keep the youth of his area involved. He was doing his bit by keeping them

informed about the ground reality of the protest at the Delhi borders.

"I, along with some other villagers, have been meeting youngsters and farmers who own tractors. We plan to reach the Delhi borders two days before the proposed tractor rally. However, I do hope that the matter is resolved soon and our brothers and sisters protesting in this biting cold return home. In case we need to go, we are ready. The tractor rally will be historic and apolitical," he said.

Not only Punjab residents, but farmers and labourers, who live near the Patiala-Samana border in Haryana, are also supporting the agitation.

Politics behind Diljit's criticism, says Sidhu

AMRITSAR, JANUARY 6
Congress leader Navjot Singh Sidhu today expressed solidarity with actor-singer Diljit Dosanjh who has been supporting the farmers contesting the agricultural laws at the Delhi borders.

On Diljit's 37th birthday, Sidhu tweeted his feelings, saying, "Every Punjabi stands by Diljit Dosanjh with pride and all those criticising him are mostly computer bots with no following. It is much better to be loved by a sea of humanity and rule hearts than be criticised by politically motivated puppet robots, who troll baselessly." — TNS

Visually impaired walk 15 km to register protest

FARIDKOT, JANUARY 6

Expressing solidarity with farmers who have been protesting on the Delhi borders for the past over 40 days, members of different organisations of visually impaired persons from across the state organised a 15-km protest march from Kotkapura to Faridkot town today.

Prof Rajesh Mohan, former general secretary, All India Federation of Blinds, said: "It was the death anniversary of Louis Braille, the creator of Braille



Specially abled take part in a walk-in protest in Faridkot.

system of writing for the visually impaired. Instead of organising seminars or

any other function to remember him, all organisations decided to join hands

and organise a protest-cum-chetna (awareness) march here to support farmers."

Prof Anit Gupta, one of the protesters, said: "The Centre has introduced some draconian laws without consulting farmers. The economic fabric of the state is at stake, so they want the government to reconsider these laws by taking public opinion."

He said what hurt the most was the "apathetic and irresponsible" attitude of the government towards farmers. — TNS

YAD: Singer arrested for writing 'kisan anthem'

PATIALA, JANUARY 6

The Youth Akali Dal (YAD) today alleged that Punjabi singer and lyricist Shree Brar was arrested and tortured by the state government on the directions of Union Home Minister Amit Shah as a punishment for writing the "kisan anthem".

Terming the arrest, torture and subsequent isolation of Shree Brar by the Patiala police as vindictive and against policing norms, YAD president Parambans Singh

Romana said the singer had given a major boost to the "kisan andolan" by penning a song that had become its unofficial anthem.

"The song 'Swara' piche barigate paaye hoi ne" inspired lakhs of people to join the movement, which was not liked by the Centre as well as the Home Ministry. This is why Shree Brar has been singled out for punishment with relation to another song he wrote a month ago," Romana said. — TNS

Anxiety palpable among farm labourers as impasse continues

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Fear loss of livelihood if new laws don't benefit growers

Mirpur Maari village. Many labourers are looking after the fields of farmers and have started fearing for their future.

Israel said the Covid lockdown and farm stir had an adverse impact on them. "I don't know how we will feed our families. We get paid by the farmers and if they will

not be given their dues, who will give us ours?" he said.

Rupinder said already big machines had limited the need of labourers in fields. "Now they ask me what will happen when big companies step in and machines replace everything?" he said.

Another farm labourer Munna Paswan said, "If no one will buy the farmer's produce, how will he pay us? We support farmers." Nakodar-based farmer Sukhwant Singh said anxiety was palpable among the labourers.

Gurdaspur villages bury hatchet to fight 'common enemy'

RAVI DHALIWAL
TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

DERA BABA NANAK, JANUARY 6

Personal enmities, decades-old family feuds, property disputes and political differences have been pushed aside by warring villagers to ward off the common enemy — the "black" farm laws.

In almost all 1,200-odd villages of Gurdaspur district, and observers say in the entire Punjab, seven to 11-member committees have been constituted solely to ensure that the work of farmers protesting at the Delhi borders does not suffer.

Ensure fields of protesters are taken care of

CRIME RATE DOWN, SAY POLICE

Police officers said the crime rate had dropped significantly as peasants were engaged in a rare show of camaraderie and comradeship. "Historically, December and January are months when disputes and crimes are regularly reported from villages. There have been 65 per cent fewer FIRs registered last December as compared to the corresponding period in 2019," said Rajinder Singh Sohal, Gurdaspur SSP

Caste lines, too, stand blurred. Old-timers say this is a unique phenomenon, something which has "rarely been witnessed in the past". "The last time any adver-

shells," said Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, Cabinet Minister and local MLA.

He cites the example of a family in Ransika Mira village of his Assembly segment, whose loyalty to the Akalis is well-known. "This family abhors Congressmen. The war against the farm laws has changed things. Now the same family is irrigating the wheat crop of its known adversary, who is camping in Delhi. It is in times like these that we discover who we are and what we are made of," said Randhawa. He said

similar reports flowed in from other villages.

Cabinet Minister Tripti Rajinder Singh Bajwa recounts how his party men are helping farmers owing allegiance to the Akalis by loading and then transporting their sugarcane crop to the Paniyari sugar mill. "Villagers have joined hands knowing well that if they don't, they will perish. The other day, a dyed-in-the-wool Congress worker took out his tractor-trailer and transported the sugarcane harvest of his political rival to the mill," said Bajwa.

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FM blames technical glitch for salary delay

Says despite financial constraints, no deductions made

VIJAY C ROY

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CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 6

Defending the delay in releasing the salary of state government employees, Finance Minister Manpreet Singh Badal today said despite the financial constraints, the state had not made any deductions in the salaries of its employees, and had ensured that it was disbursed on time.

He said, "Amid pandemic, many states had deducted salaries of their employees, but we never resorted to any such measures."

On being asked about the delay in releasing salaries, he said, "The salaries were delayed on a few occasions due to technical reasons.

When we switched over from the TCS to the NIC software — the Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS) — for approval and disbursal of salary, there was a technical glitch, which caused the delay. Also, the salary of a certain department was with-



Finance Minister Manpreet Singh Badal addresses a press meet in Chandigarh.

held on some occasions, which resulted in the delay as they had failed to provide us the details of employees."

However, Davinder Singh Punia, state president, Democratic Teachers' Front, said, "On an average, the salary has been delayed for two to five days for teaching and non-teaching staff since October."

Meanwhile, highlighting various reforms undertaken by the Finance Department, Manpreet said the state had not gone into overdraft for even a

single day in the current financial year. The state remained in overdraft for 179 days in 2016-17, 100 days in 2017-18, 63 days in 2018-19 and 47 days in 2019-20. There had been interest saving of nearly Rs 10.75 crore in 2017-18, Rs 21.7 crore in 2018-19 and Rs 5 crore in 2019-20.

The present government took over at the time when the RBI had shut down the state treasury, that too at the end of financial year from March 29, 2017, to March 31, 2018, he added. The government avails immediate cash from the RBI at the existing repo rate under the Ways and Means Advances (WMA) facility. However, it has to return it within 90 days. If the WMA exceeds 90 days, it is treated as overdraft.

He said the department manually built its own cash forecasting methodology for better management of state finances. The state had started investing in the consolidated sinking fund to pre-emptively mitigate the rollover risk or reinvestment risk, he said.

Soon, online database of govt property

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 6

The government will soon introduce GPMS (Government Property Management System), a web-based application for creating a single database of properties, including land and buildings, owned by the government in its various departments. This will make a ready database of infrastructure available with the government and assist it in making better policy decisions for optimum utilisation of infrastructure.

"At the moment, we don't have any database of government properties. In fact, we don't know how many buildings or land we own across the state. So, we are creating a web-based application which will be launched in a month or two that will enable us to know the details of properties at the click of a button," said Finance Minister Manpreet Singh Badal at a press meet on the achievements of the government.

He said the database would help in optimum utilisation of resources. He said for expenditure rationalisation, the state shifted 470 government offices from private to government buildings, which led to annual savings of Rs 6.42 crore. — TNS

Govt 'prepared' to tackle bird flu

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 6

Minister for Animal Husbandry and Rural Development Tript Rajinder Singh Bajwa said no case of bird flu had been reported in the state so far, but the government had taken all precautions to deal with the situation.

Addressing a press meet at Punjab Bhawan, he said people who eat eggs and meat need not be afraid. "They just need to eat these products after proper cooking."

He said the government

MONITORING SALE OF MEAT, FISH

Minister for Animal Husbandry and Rural Development Tript Rajinder Singh Bajwa said the government was closely monitoring the sale of meat and fish so that sub-standard products were not sold in the market



was closely monitoring the sale of meat and fish so that sub-standard products were not sold in the market. He also appealed to people to refrain from spreading rumours and report any such

rumour to the administration. On achievements of the Animal Husbandry Department, he said a new veterinary science college had been started at a cost of Rs 92.14 crore in Rampura Phool town of Bathinda. — TNS

Kotkapura firing: 2 SPs suspended

FARIDKOT, JANUARY 6

The Home Department has placed two SP-rank police officers — Paramjit Singh Pannu and Baljit Singh — under suspension. Both are accused in the police firing incident at Kotkapura in October 2015.

The orders came two days after the Punjab and Haryana High Court had directed the CBI to hand over all case diaries and papers related to the 2015 sacrifice incidents to the Punjab Police within a month.

Many persons had sustained serious injuries in the police firing and can charge at Kotkapura on October 14, 2015. The incident happened in the aftermath of sacrifice incidents at Bargari and Burj Jawaha Singh Wala.

Pannu, then Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana, and Baljit Singh, their DSP Kotkapura, were suspended on the recommendation of the DGP, Punjab. Speaking to *The Tribune*, a senior police officer confirmed the suspension orders. Pannu refused to comment. Both police officers are accused in a case registered under sections 307, 326, 324, 323, 341, 218, 120-B and 34 of the IPC and Section 27 of the Arms Act. — TNS

Ex-SHO gets bail

MULTANI CASE

MOHALI, JANUARY 6

A Mohali court today granted anticipatory bail to Kanwal Inder Pal Singh, the then SHO of the Sector 17 police station, in the alleged murder of Balwant Singh Multani.

The court directed the

applicant-accused to join the investigation and cooperate with the investigating officer. In the event of arrest of the applicant-accused, he would be released on interim bail after furnishing bail and surety bonds.

It was also noted that the

Drug peddlers' gang busted

FAZILKA, JANUARY 6

With the arrest of two persons, the police claimed to have busted a four-member gang of drug peddlers who allegedly supplied a huge consignment of heroin to Amritsar-based smugglers after getting it from Pakistan recently. The police recovered Rs 28 lakh drug money and 30-gram heroin from their possession.

Ajay Maluja, AIG, State Special Operation Cell, said on a tip-off, the police arrested one Sandeep Singh of Mohar Sona village in Fazilka and Kirpal Singh of Dhab Khushal Joiya village in Jalalabad. — OC

Balwinder murder: Cops get production warrant of 2

OUR CORRESPONDENT

TARN TARAN, JANUARY 6

The Tarn Taran police today got the production warrant of two prime accused, namely Gurjot Singh, alias Bhaa, and Sukhdeep Singh, alias Bura, from the Delhi Police in the murder case of Shaurya Chakra awardee Balwinder Singh.

Though the district police arrested as many as 11 accused in the case, the

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I, Daljeet Kaur w/o Jatinder Singh resident of Villain Miani Bhagupurian, Tehsil Bholath, Distt. Kapurthala, have changed my name from Daljeet Kaur to Daljit Kaur. All concerned. (CL20081104)

I, number JC420584L, Rank Ex-Sub, Ashan Singh son of Narinder Singh, Village Maranya, PO and Tehsil Jawali, District Kangra (HP), declare that my daughter's name and birth date have wrongly entered in my Army record Sweta Kutelehra and 04.04.1990 whereas her correct name/birth date are Shaweta Kutelehra. 05.04.1990. Concerned note. (CL20081143)

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COURT NOTICES

In the Court of Sh. Lalit Kumar Singla District Judge (FC) Barnala.

Ekveer Kaur Versus

Balwinder Singh CNR No.:

PBBR01-003236-2018 Next Date: 15.02.2021

Notice to: Balwinder Singh son of Hardial Singh, Village Daraka, Tehsil Tapa now Block No. 8, Street No. 41, Building No. 12, Floor No. 2, Room No. 8, Near Blue Mart Super Market Soukh Sabah Faheela Kuwait.

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Sd/-

District Judge (FC), CL20061919 Barnala.

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)

(Succession Case) In the Court of Sh. Gurmeet Tiwana Additional Civil Judge, Senior Division-I, Bathinda.

Next Date, Purpose of Case, Orders and Judgements as well as other SD Mahabir Dal Bathinda Versus

Gurvinder Singh etc.

Eviction application U/S 13 of East Punjab Urban Rent Act.

CNR No.: PBBT02-001163-2020

Next Date: 05.02.2021

Notice to: Defendant No. 2. Kanwarpal Singh s/o Gurcharan Singh, C/o Shop No. 42, Old Bus Stand, Fauzi Chowk, Bathinda.

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Additional Civil Judge, Senior Division-I, Bathinda.

CL20080931 Bathinda.

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COURT NOTICES**(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)****In the Court of****Ms. Jitender Walia****Additional District and****Sessions Judge, Sangrur.****Avatar Singh****Versus****Shagandeep Kaur****HMA/29/07.08.2020****CNR No.****PBGS01-005314-2020****Next Date: 27.01.2021**

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Sd/- Additional District and**Sessions Judge, CL20081108 Sangrur.****(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)****In the Court of****Ms. Ramesh Kumari****District and Sessions Judge,****Gurdaspur.****Gurmeet Kaur****Vs.****Satish Kumar****CNR No.:****PBGD01-004954-2018****Next Date: 25.02.2021**

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Sd/- Additional District and**Sessions Judge, CL20081118 Rupnagar.****(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)****In the Court of****Sh. Kuljinder Singh****Additional District and****Sessions Judge,****Rupnagar.****CNR No.:****PBRO01-004773-2019****Next Date: 25.01.2021**

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Farmers ready for expressway rally today

JHAJJAR, JANUARY 6

Jaspal Singh, a farmer from Fazilka (Punjab), who is camping at the Tikri border, had a busy evening readying his vehicle for the tractor march to be taken out tomorrow morning at the KGP and KMP expressways. The call for the march has been given by the Sanyukt Kisan Morcha.

Jaspal put up a flag on his tractor, filled its fuel tank and checked the music system, to be fully ready to participate in the first cavalcade of 400 tractors on Thursday morning.

Having put everything in order, he started helping other farmers in readying their tractors for the march.

"Farmers, especially the youth, are enthusiastic about the march that will start at 9 am. They have put everything in order this evening itself. Music systems installed on the tractors have also been checked," Jaspal Singh said.

There would be three farmers on every tractor. Women protesters would continue dharna along with other farmers and prepare langar. The march would be peaceful and the tractors would ply in a row, he added. —TNS

Massive tractor march in Karnal

Farmers to oppose CM-led kisan panchayat at Gharaunda on Jan 10

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KARNAL, JANUARY 6

Hundreds of farmers held a tractor march here on Wednesday, giving out a message to the state government that they would not allow the BJP to hold a kisan panchayat to be chaired by Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar in Gharaunda's Kaimala village on January 10.

They also announced their participation in a tractor march to be held at the KMP expressway on January 7 and on the Republic Day in Delhi.

The Wednesday's tractor march held up traffic on major roads of the city for an hour. The police had a tough time managing the traffic flow.

On the call given by the Bharatiya Kisan Union (Charuni), a large number of farmers reached the local grain market in tractors, SUVs, cars and on motorcycles. They traversed through Nirmal Kutia, Hospital Chowk, Mahatma Gandhi Chowk, Ambedkar Chowk, Committee Chowk, Hansi Chowk and Bazida road, covering a distance of 7 km.

"Farmers assembled to show their strength to



Farmers take out a tractor march in Karnal on Wednesday.

SHOW OF STRENGTH

Farmers assembled in Karnal to show their strength to the CM, who claimed the participation from the state was negligible. We all are from the CM's district and we support the ongoing stir. — Jagdeep S Aulakh, MEMBER, BKA (CHARUNI)

Khattar, who claimed the participation from the state was negligible. We all are from his district and we support the farmers' agitation," said Jagdeep Singh Aulakh, a member of the state core committee, BKA (Charuni).

He questioned the government for planning a kisan panchayat. "On one hand, farmers are protesting in bone-chilling cold against the three farm laws and, on the other, the Khattar government is going to start a kisan panchayat. We will oppose it tooth and nail, even if it means getting arrested."

Bhupinder Singh Virk, a farmers' leader, said several panchayats had banned the entry of BJP and JJP leaders to their villages and they would oppose the kisan panchayat in Kaimala village.

Rampal Chahal, executive president, Haryana Ganna Kisan Sangharsh Samiti, said farmers in large number would reach Delhi on January 26 to make the tractor rally a success.

Another leader Balbir Singh Sirsa said the Wednesday's tractor rally was a "rehearsal" of the one to be held on the Republic Day.

Case lodged for cutting power supply to tower

KURUKSHETRA, JANUARY 6

The police today registered a case against unknown persons for allegedly snapping power supply to a Reliance Jio tower at Malikpur village in Ismailabad block of the district. The incident took place on December 29.

In his complaint to the police, an assistant manager of Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited (RJIL) alleged that the miscreants also denied access to RIL employees to its infrastructure and centre.

The official said the infrastructure being damaged by the miscreants was essential to provide uninterrupted telecommunication services in the state.

SHO, Ismaibabad police station, Satish Kumar, said a case had been registered under Section 25 of the Indian Telegraph Act-1885 and Section 427 IPC.

Efforts were on to nab the accused. — TNS

Karnal prisoner found carrying UK Covid strain, shifted to Punjab

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

ANOTHER TRAVELLER FOUND INFECTED

A 35-year-old Karnal resident was found infected with the UK virus strain. He recently returned from Canada via London. He has been in isolation since December 25, said the Civil Surgeon

ative," he said.

In Sangrur, Dr Anjna Gupta, Civil Surgeon, said: "The inmate is no longer Covid positive. But we have again taken his sample. Its report will come tomorrow. We have tested around 40 inmates of his barrack and all are negative."

The inmate, meanwhile, claimed that he had never gone abroad or met any NRI during his bail period from August 10 to December 2.

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Month later, cane growers await dues

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KARNAL, JANUARY 6

Hundreds of sugarcane growers who have sold their produce to Piccadilly Sugar Mill in Bhadson village have been waiting for their dues, amounting to around Rs 45 crore. Farmers say the mill has not started making payment to them though six weeks have passed since the

start of the crushing season. "The mill started the crushing season on November 25. Hundreds of farmers have already sold their produce, but the mill has not started making payment to us," said Rampal Chahal, executive president of the Ganna Kisan Sangharsh Samiti Haryana.

He stated that they had been running from pillar to

post to get their dues. "We have been assured many times that payment will be disbursed in a day or two, but no payment has been made though more than a month has passed," he said.

He said farmers had to wait for a long time for their dues last year as well. "We want the mill to release the payment so that farmers can buy essential items," he added.

Another FIR in FD scam

AMBALA, JANUARY 6

Another case has been registered in connection with an alleged multi-crore fixed deposit scam perpetrated by a bank employee and his partners, who had allegedly lured people into investing money in a society on the pretext of higher returns and duped crores. The scam had surfaced in February last year. — TNS

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Sr. No.	Name of the borrowers and owners of the property	Description of the property mortgaged	Date of Demand Notice	Date of possession	Amount outstanding as on the date of demand notice	Reserve Price (Amt. in Lacs)	EMD (% Increase in Lacs)
1.	Sh. Parminder Singh, S/o Sh. Jaswani Singh, 2. Smt. Ajit Kaur W/o Sh. Parminder Singh, 3. Smt. Haman Kaur D/o Late Sh. Jaswani Singh, All residents of H.No. B-XII/97, Shahpur Road, Ludhiana.	M/s Makkar Polymers, Ludhiana (Physical Possession) E-auction of residential house comprising of land measuring 146-1/ sq.yds, Bearing Municipal No. B-XII/97 as owned & held by Smt. Haman Kaur D/o Sh. Jaswani Singh situated at Shahpur Road, Ludhiana.	17.10.2013	18.12.2014	Rs. 6,58,89,412/- with further interest from 15.6.2013	21.24	2.12 0.10
2.	1. Sh. Surinder Singh, S/o Sh. Surjeet Singh, Gail No. 10, Baba Balak Nath Nagar, Mandi Gobindgarh. 2. Smt. Sukhwinder Kaur, W/o Sh. Sanjiv Kumar, 938/2, Samrala Road, Khanna, District Ludhiana. 3. Sh. Sanjiv Kumar S/o Sh. Devi Dayal, 938/2, Samrala Road, Khanna, District Ludhiana.	M/s Shri Veer Industries, Distt. Ludhiana (Physical Possession) E-auction of plot measuring 30 sq. yds i.e. 0.01-1M being 1/20 share in 1K-0M comprised of Khewat No. 1466, Khatuna No. 2083, Khasra No. 268/1(19), 268/1(20), 268/1(21) situated in the revenue estate of Khanna Kalan, HB No. 223, Tehsil Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana jambabandi for the year 1991-92 and presently marked as Shop No. 23-24, Radha Swami Satsang Road, Khanna.	23.12.2014	04.03.2015	Rs. 93,61,436/- & Rs. 16,55,502/- with further interest from 1.7.2014 & 1.4.2014	6.23	0.64 0.10
3.	1. Sh. Sujan Singh S/o Sh. Assa Singh, Ward No. 5, Nai Basti, Goniyan Mandi, (Gali Sujan Singh Wali), Bhatinda. 2. Sh. Manji Singh S/o Sh. Satnam Singh, R/o Guru Nanak Cloth House, Near Bus Stand, Bikhni, Dist. Mansa. 3. Sh. Santokh Singh S/o Sh. Assa Singh, R/o Ward No. 5, Nai Basti, Goniyan Mandi, (Gali Sujan Singh Wali) Bhatinda. 4. Sh. Randhir Singh S/o Sh. Satnam Singh, H.No. B-II/261, Gali Sujan Singh Wali, Nai Basti, Goniyan Mandi, Bhatinda.	M/s Arshi Industries, Distt. Bhatinda. (Physical Possession) E-auction of plot of land measuring 8 Marlas comprised in Killa No. 618 min (0-8), Khewat No. 158, Khatuna No. 889 situated at Vill. Nahanwala, Tehsil & District Bhatinda as per jambabandi for the year 1998-99 which is as per sale deed dated 18.2.1994 owned & held by Sh. Manji Singh S/o Sh. Satnam Singh.	20.2.2014	05.01.2015	Rs. 38,88,613/- with further interest from 01.12.2013	2.19	0.22 0.10
4.	1. Sandeep Singla S/o Sh. Vijay Kumar, H.No. 1059/9, Warach Colony, Samana. 2. Sh. Rajinder Singh S/o Sh. Sohan Lal Near State Bank of Patiala, Samana. 3. Sh. Deepak Singh S/o Sh. Raj Kumar, H.No. 1634/7, Krishna Basti, Samana. 4. Sh. Jyoti Singh W/o Sh. Sandeep Singla, 1059/9, Warach Colony, Samana.	M/s S.C. Pipes (P) Ltd., Samana, Distt. Patiala (Physical Possession) E-auction plot of land measuring 9K-0M comprised of Khat/Khatuna No. 828/1302, Khasra No. 83, Killa No. 17(6-0) situated within the Municipal Limits of Samana, Distt. Patiala as per jambabandi for the year 1991-92 owned & held by Sh. Jyoti Singh.	05.09.13	18.06.14	Rs. 1300.26 Lacs & Rs. 221.81 Lacs with further interest from 1.06.2013 & 15.6.2013	116.16	11.62 0.10
5.	1. Sh. Minder Singh alias Sh. Mohinder Singh (Co-Mortgagor) S/o Sh. Shri Ram, R/o Longowal, Distt. Sangrur. 2. Sh. Davinder Kumar (Sole Prop.) S/o Sh. Prem Chand, R/o Randhawa Patti, Longowal, Sangrur. 3. Sh. Satpal (Guarantor) S/o Sh. Sita Ram, R/o Longowal, Distt. Sangrur. 4. Sh. Prem Chand (Guarantor) S/o Sh. Babu Ram, R/o Longowal, Distt. Sangrur.	M/s Aggarwal Plastic Industries, Longowal, Distt. Sangrur. (Physical Possession) E-auction of plot of land measuring 2K-6M being the 1/24 share in 455-5M comprised in Khewat No. 477, Khatuna No. 831, Rect. No. 473, Killa No. 9/2(4-0), 10/6-0, 11/8(1-6), 12(6-1), 14(3-9), 17(8-0), 18(8-0), situated in the revenue estate of Village Longowal (D) Hadbast No. 4, Tehsil & Dist. Sangrur along with building constructed as per jambabandi for the year 1995-96 owned & held by Minder Singh alias Mohinder Singh S/o Shri Ram / Longowal.	27.03.2015	21.06.2018	Rs. 81,99,649/- in a/c-I & Rs. 16,85,540 in a/c-II with further interest from 15.4.2014 & 15.1.2014 respectively.	2.61	0.27 0.10
6.	1. Smt. Maya Devi W/o Late Sh. Prem Chand Garg 2. Sh. Rakesh Kumar Garg S/o Sh. Prem Chand Garg 3. Smt. Kiran Pal Kaur W/o Sh. Sukhdev Singh All residents of H.No. 70-J, Sarabha Nagar, Distt. Ludhiana	M/s Sunline Hardware (P) Ltd., Nabha, Distt. Patiala. (Symbolic Possession) E-auction of 5/6 share of the Constructed house measuring 200 sq. yds. Bearing No. B-3/39 situated at Khalifa Street, Sangrur as entered in the copy of house tax assessment for the year 1994-95 as per orders of the Hon'ble Court of ADJ. Sangrur dated 11.11.2013.	25.07.2014	25.11.2020	Rs. 8,06,38,310/- with further interest from 1.4.2014 onward	12.34	1.25 0.10
7.	1. Sh. Naresh Kumar S/o Sh. Des Raj, Ram Basi, Samana, Distt. Patiala 2. Legal heirs of Sh. Jagtar Singh (a) Smt. Karamjit Kaur W/o Sh. Jagtar Singh (b) Ms. Narinder Kaur D/o Sh. Jagtar Singh (c) Ms. Davinder Kaur D/o Sh. Jagtar Singh (d) Sh. Tajinder Singh S/o Sh. Jagtar Singh All residents of H.No. 94/29, Warach Colony, Malana Patti, Samana, Distt. Patiala.	M/s J.N. Plastic Inds., Samana, Distt. Patiala. (Symbolic Possession) E-auction of Residential House No. 94/29, Warach Colony at Malkana Patti, Samana, Distt. Patiala on land measuring 177.7 sq. yds. owned by Sh. Avtar Singh S/o Sh. Balwant Singh.	24.02.2015	18.01.2018	Rs. 3,91,77,000/- with further interest from 15.6.2014	3.37	0.34 0.10
8.	1. Sh. Satpal Singh S/o Sh. Harbans Singh, H.No. 1632/7, Krishna Basti, Samana, Distt. Patiala. 2. Sh. Armandeep Singh S/o Sh. Anoop Singh, 5/4, New Khadi Bhandar, Samana, Distt. Patiala.	M/s Paras Containers (P) Ltd., Samana, Distt. Patiala (Physical Possession) E-auction of plot of land measuring 4K-0M comprised of Khewat No. 1251, Khatuna No. 696/2 Khatuna No. 3/16/14(0), situated in Tehsil Samana H.B. No. 87, Tehsil Samana,					

Death count rises, red alert sounded

90 per cent avians are bar-headed geese; crows found dead in Fatehpur area

LALIT MOHAN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

DHARAMSALA, JANUARY 6

Mortality among migratory birds is rising in Pong Dam lake area due to avian flu even as wildlife officials of the state are trying to contain the spread of epidemic among local poultry. The number of birds killed due to avian flu in Pong Dam lake has gone up to 3,055.

What is worrying the authorities is the death of about 12 crows in the Fatehpur area along the Pong Dam lake. The death of crows has raised apprehensions that avian flu might have spread to local birds also. The samples of dead crows have been sent to a Bhopal laboratory.

Minister for Forests Rakesh Pathania said a red alert had been issued in the state and wildlife and forest officials had been asked to keep vigil at all lakes and ponds that receive migratory birds in the winter.

The Wildlife Department has pressed 10 teams into service to gather the dying migratory birds and dispose them of in a scientific manner. The wildlife officials wearing PPE kits are gathering the dead birds and



Wildlife officials examine dead birds at the Pong Dam on Wednesday. PHOTO: KAMALJEET

burning them in pits.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (PCCF) Himachal Archana Sharma, who surveyed the Pong Dam lake area today, said that emphasis of the department was on containing the spread of flu among local birds.

Therefore, the efforts were on to dispose of the dead birds as quickly as possible.

Archana said that 90 per cent of dead birds are bar-headed geese. The remaining 10 per cent birds are common pochard and grey-legged geese that stay

near banks of Pong Dam lake. About the origin of avian flu, she said that nothing could be said as of now. The aquatic birds generally carry this virus in them but what caused fatality could only be said after a scientific report was received.

The Pong Dam lake receives the largest flock of bar-headed geese in winter in the entire world. In 2015 over 70,000 species of the birds were recorded in the lake. This year till December over 25,000 bar-headed geese had arrived in Pong Dam

lake. The authorities are apprehending that the avian flu might have been transported to Pong Dam lake by the bar-headed geese that travel here from cold deserts of Mongolia and Tibet.

There was panic among people living along the Pong Dam lake after the outbreak of avian flu. The people are alleging that stray dogs were feeding on dead birds that might bring virus to their residential areas. Many water supply schemes in Dehra area are located on the banks of Pong Dam lake.

PCCF visits Pong Dam

- Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (PCCF) Himachal Archana Sharma surveyed the Pong Dam lake area. She said the emphasis was on containing the spread of flu among local birds
- Efforts are on to dispose of the dead birds soon
- 90 per cent of the dead birds were bar-headed geese and the remaining common pochard and grey-legged geese
- Nothing could be said as of now about the origin of avian flu in the lake area

The people are scared that their water resources might get infected. The IPH Department has taken samples of water from the schemes located near lake.

Deputy Commissioner, Kangra, Rakesh Prajapati said that a team of wildlife experts had collected samples of the dead birds. It would conduct a detailed study to find out the cause of deaths. He said that strict orders had been given to restrict all kinds of movement in one-km periphery of the Pong Dam lake.

Dead chicks dumped along Solan highway create scare

AMBika SHARMA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SOLAN, JANUARY 6

About 500 white dead chicks found dumped near Chakki Ka Mor on the Parwanoo-Solan national highway created a scare among the locals this morning.

The police swung into action after receiving information from the locals.

SDM, Kasauli, Sanjeev Dhiman, said a team of officials from the Animal Husbandry, PWD, forest and police departments visited the spot and lifted the samples of dead birds.

He said an FIR would be lodged to identify and punish those who dumped the birds. Vigil stepped up along the highway



Samples sent to diagnostic lab

- An FIR to be lodged to identify and punish those who dumped the birds. Vigil stepped up along the highway
- Since poultry items from Haryana and Punjab enter the state through the highway, the probability of outsiders having dumped the dead poultry cannot be ruled out
- Samples have been sent to Jalandhar's Regional Disease Diagnostic Lab to ascertain the cause of death

area was sanitised, as per the health and safety protocol.

"It appears that the dead chicks were dumped by miscreants from other states as no white chicks were there in the area," he said.

"Rapid response teams comprising animal husbandry officials have been constituted at the sub-divisional and district levels. Helpline numbers are being made public so that any incident of mass bird mortality could be reported for imme-

diate action," added Gupta.

A high alert had been sounded and surveillance stepped up. If any avian death occurs due to this flu, an alert would be sounded within one-km area and culling of birds be undertaken within a 10-km radius, he said.

Solan SP Abhishek Yadav said vigil had been stepped up at the inter-state barriers at Parwanoo to ensure that no dead birds were dumped in the area.

105 found infected, 2 deaths in state



The avalanche site in Manali.

Avalanche near Atal Tunnel blocks Manali-Leh NH

DIPENDER MANTA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MANDI, JANUARY 6

Heavy snowfall crippled normal life in tribal Lahaul and Spiti district today. A snow avalanche occurred near the Atal Tunnel on the Manali-Leh highway but no loss of life and damage to property was reported.

Due to heavy snowfall in the region yesterday, the threat of snow avalanche had been looming on the Manali-Leh highway between the Solang valley and Keylong in

the Lahaul valley.

According to sources in the Border Roads Organisation (BRO), a snow avalanche has covered 100-metre stretch of the highway near the South portal of the Atal tunnel on the Manali-Leh highway (MSP-12). The snow avalanche was 265 cm high, which blocked the highway completely even for emergency vehicles between Manali and Keylong.

The BRO authorities have pressed into service its workforce and machinery

to clear the highway for traffic movement.

According to the report of the District Disaster Management Authority, Lahaul and Spiti, 35.65 cm of fresh snowfall was reported at Sissu, while at Jispa it was heavier at 38.01 cm. In Udaipur 10.16 cm of snow was reported during the day.

Due to the snowfall, traffic movement in Lahaul and Spiti came to a standstill. The residents of the Lahaul valley were cut off from the rest of the state after the road

beyond the Solang valley towards Lahaul was blocked.

The Snow and Avalanche Study Establishment (SASE), Manali, has issued an avalanche alert in parts of Kullu and Lahaul and Spiti in the coming days. As a result, the deputy commissioners of Kullu and Lahaul-Spiti have issued an advisory for common public to avoid venturing into snowbound areas.

The movement of tourists has been restricted to the Solang valley from Manali beyond Nehru Kund.

Manali youths rescue 1K stranded tourists

MANDI, JANUARY 6

Suresh Rana, Jony Singh, Chandan Sharma, Hitesh Sharma, Vishal, Veer Thakur, Manoj Malhotra, Vikas Kohli and Anmol came to know about it, they rushed to the Solang valley and rescued them. Most of the youths had 4x4 vehicles, which are safe for driving on snowy roads.

The rescue operation continued throughout the night. SDM Raman Garsanghi appreciated the youths.—TNS

STATE TRACKER	
Samples tested	819,909
Recovered	53,747
Active cases	1,281
Positive cases	56,015
Deaths	940

The avalanche site in Manali.

HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG PUBLIC NOTICE	
I Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Jawali, District Kangra HP hereby want to inform you that the Environment Clearance for Sukhahar Medium Irrigation Project having CCA2186 Hectare has been approved from SEIAA (HP) (vide reference No. HPSEIAA/2020-761-2865 dated 29.12.2020).	
Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Jawali.	
DPR/HP/5244	
Punjab Ghar Ghar Rozgar Karobar and Mission under the Department of Employment Generation Skill Development and Training, Punjab.	

Public Notice for Recruitment	
Project Director (FS & PC)	1 (One post)
Executives (FS & PC)	4 (Four posts 1 for SC, 1 for Gen (Women) and 2 for Gen.)
Last date for Submission of application is 29.01.2021 up to 5.00 p.m. For details, Qualifications, experience, remuneration and application proforma kindly visit or e-websitess www.pgrkam.com and www.pbemployment.punjab.gov.in Corrigendum, if any, will be issued on website only.	
Sd/- Director, Employment Generation Skill Development and Training- cum-Mission Director, PGRKAM.	DPR/Pb/469

Govt. of Punjab	
Department of Water Supply & Sanitation	
PUNJAB RURAL WATER & SANITATION SECTOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT	
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB), THROUGH E-TENDERING SYSTEM (eproc.punjab.gov.in)	
The Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Divn., Ferozepur at Zira on behalf of Chairman GPWSC invites bids from eligible bidders for the works detailed in the following table, the bids shall be on lump sum/ item rate basis.	

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Approx. value of work (in lacs)	Bid Security (Rs.)	1. Tender Processing fee	Period of completion
1.	Invitation of Bids for Water Supply Scheme Lalli Wala Block Makhu Dist. Ferozepur Under PRWSSP Sub Component 1a(iii)/JMM	46.02	92047/-	As per website	10 Months + 3 Months O&M
2.	Invitation of Bids for Water Supply Scheme Basti Kushal Singh Block Zira Dist. Ferozepur Under PRWSSP Sub 1a(iii)/JMM	36.64	73280/-	As per website	10 Months + 3 Months O&M
3.	Invitation of Bids for Water Supply Scheme Malle Wala & Maste Wala Block Makhu Dist. Ferozepur Under PRWSSP Sub 2a(i)/JMM	12.40	24800/-	As per website	3 Months

1. Availability of bidding document on Website from 08.01.2021 at 11:00 a.m. to 21.01.2021 at 4:00 p.m.
2. Pre-bid Meeting at Superintending Engineer WSS Circle, Ferozepur office on dt. 15.01.2021 at 11.00 a.m.
3. The deadline for submission of bids online is 21.01.2021 at 5:00 p.m.
4. Part I bid named Technical Qualification part of bid will be opened on 22.01.2021 at 11:30 Hours.

Note: 1) Other details including eligibility criteria of bidders can be seen in the bidding documents on website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>. Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the User ID and Password for participating in e-tendering may obtain the same by registering in the e-procurement portal (<https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>). The contractors once registered can participate in any of the department tenders of Government of Punjab. All other details can be seen in the bidding document. For any clarification/difficulty regarding e-tendering process flow, please contact on our helpdesk numbers 0172-2791326, 2791226, 01632-228110.

2) Bidder have to pay the Bid security through online must be furnished through e-payment facility available at website.

3) Corrigendum, if any, will be uploaded only on website.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
W/S & Sanitation Division,
Ferozepur at Zira.

On behalf of Chairman GPWSC

Vill. Lalli Wala, Basti Kushal Singh & Malle Wala Maste Wala.

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Panel formed to look into Ladakh issues

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 6

The Centre today decided to form a committee, headed by the Minister of States (MoS) Home G Kishan Reddy to resolve the issues related to the conservation of Ladakhi language, culture, ethnicity, land, jobs and participation of locals in development projects.

A decision in this regard was taken by Union Home Minister Amit Shah during

Language, culture and land among main concerns

a meeting, which he had with senior officials of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), said an official.

Before this, the Home Minister met a 10-member delegation from Ladakh here at his North Block office, where representatives from the union territory (UT) expressed their concern with regard to conservation of language, culture, land and participation of the people in the development process. The committee will have elected members from Ladakh, members of the Ladakh Area Hill Development Council and ex-officio members representing the Centre and the Ladakh administration. "The members of this panel will consider the concerns expressed by the delegation and will make efforts to find an early solution," said a senior MHA official.

ISI trying to push ultras into Jammu region: MAC report

BSF asked to step up vigil after terrorists spotted near border

MUKESH RANJAN
TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 6

In a report to the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) the Multi Centre Agency (MAC) has alerted that the Pakistan's external intelligence agency, ISI, has been making a determined effort to push terrorists from across the borders into Jammu region. Following this an advisory has been issued to the Border Security Force (BSF) to step up its vigil in the frontier areas falling in the region.

In the report, MAC has suggested 118 terrorists have gathered on the other side of the borders opposite the Jammu region. It went on to add that the ISI has also been providing GPS and other navigation systems along with winter clothes to these terrorists.

According to inputs



INPUT ON THEIR PRESENCE ALONG LOC & IB

Total	Around 180
Across the LoC in Valley region	Around 65
Across the LoC & IB in Jammu region	118

MILITANTS SPOTTED AT LAUNCH PADS

As per the MAC report, the presence of terrorists has been seen at launch pads of Lunia Dhok, Degwar Trewan, Chirikot Nabani, Thandi Kassi, PP Nala, LP Samani, Dewa, Dadal opposite to Poonch, Krishna Ghati, Bhimber Gali, Naushera, Sunderbani and the Hirangar area.

received from the intelligence agencies, in recent around 180 terrorists was

indicated at various launch pads near the Line of Control (LoC) and International Border (IB). Of these around 65 terrorists were spotted opposite the valley region and around 118 have been reported opposite the Jammu region," said a source in the security establishment.

The Border Security Force (BSF) has been alerted all along the borders in Jammu region after the MAC report indicated the presence of such a large number of terrorists there, said another security source.

As per the report, the presence of terrorists has been seen at launch pads of Lunia Dhok, Degwar Trewan, Chirikot Nabani, Thandi Kassi, PP Nala, LP Samani, Dewa, Dadal opposite to Poonch, Krishna Ghati, Bhimber Gali, Naushera, Sunderbani, and the Hirangar area.



A snow-clearing machine cleans a stretch in Srinagar on Wednesday. — PTI

8 stuck in mudslide, rescued

BANJAL/JAMMU, JANUARY 6

Eight persons were rescued after their vehicles got trapped in a mudslide near Panthiyal along the Jammu-Srinagar national highway, officials said on Wednesday.

The 270-km highway was closed for traffic on Sunday following heavy snowfall and incessant rains which triggered multiple landslides and shooting of stones from the hillocks.

The eight persons hailing from Rajasthan were going towards Jammu in two cars when they were caught in a mudslide near Panthiyal in Ramtan district on Tuesday evening amid heavy rain, the officials said. Both vehicles were damaged in the

incident, they said, adding the eight were returning to Jammu after being stranded en route to Kashmir for the past several days.

With the improvement in weather, agencies have pressed their men and machines to clear the highway of over a dozen landslides between Nashri to Ramban. Jawahar Tunnel, the gateway to Kashmir, recorded over five feet of snow since Saturday and the Border Roads Organisation (BRO), has intensified its snow clearance operation, the officials said. — PTI

Day-long strike by transporters affects life



Transporters protest in support of their demands in Jammu. PTI

JAMMU, JANUARY 6

The day-long strike by transporters in support of their various demands hit normal life across Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday as commuters faced hardships to reach their destinations.

The strike from Lakhanpur to Kashmir was called by the All J-K Transport Welfare Association, officials said, adding no un-

ward incident was reported from anywhere as the protesters dispersed peacefully. Transporters and transport operators have suffered during the pandemic. Many have turned bankrupt and lack of any support from the government," president, All J-K Transport Welfare Association, TS Wazir said. — PTI

126 new cases; 3 deaths

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 6

J&K on Wednesday recorded 126 new Covid cases that raised the tally to 1,22,049, while three more fatalities pushed the death count to 1,900, officials said.

Of the fresh cases, 73 were reported from the Jammu division and 53 from the Kashmir division of the UT, — all from the Valley. — PTI

they said. The officials said Jammu district recorded the highest of 48 cases, followed by 23 in Srinagar district.

While three districts — Anantnag, Kulgam and Reasi — did not report any fresh cases, 14 other districts had fresh cases in single digits. The UT reported three deaths — all from the Valley. — PTI

PUNJAB MANDI BOARD

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NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS

TENDER NOTICE 02 (2021) DATE: 06.01.2021

On behalf of Governor of Punjab, Executive Engineer(C) Punjab Mandi Board Ludhiana Invites bids from Eligible bidders registered with Punjab Mandi Board For Development of Various works under Market Committee Mullanpur, Khanna District Ludhiana. (MC/MB Funds).

For detail, terms and conditions of notice inviting bids, refer to website: <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in/>

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

Sd/- Executive Engineer (C),
Punjab Mandi Board, Ludhiana.

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION PUNJAB

TENDER NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS

THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION PUNJAB INVITES ONLINE BID FOR THE FOLLOWING 2 NO. WORKS:-

- Providing & Installing one no. New Tubewell of size 250mm i/d straight upto 350 mtr depth with Reverse Rotary Rig in place of failed Tubewell, Rising Main, Chlorinator Plant and Pumping Machinery etc. for Water Supply Scheme Dashmesh Nagar part of Gobind Nagar Near Post Office Village Naya Gaon at existing water works site Block Kharar District Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar under Deposit Work.

- Providing & Installing one no. new Tubewell of size 250mm i/d straight upto 350 mtr depth with reverse rotary rig in place of failed Tubewell, Rising Main, Chlorinator Plant and Pumping Machinery etc. for Water Supply scheme Naya Gaon Ward No. 12, Near Khera at existing Water Works site Block Kharar Distt. S.A.S. Nagar (Under Head Deposit Work).

Closing Date and Time: 14.01.2021

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

Note:- Any corrigendum to the Tender/RFP Notice shall be published on the website only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
W/S & Sanitation Division No. 3,
Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar.

DPR/Pb/499

Haryana State Electronics Dev. Corp. Ltd.

S.C.O. 111-113, Sector 17-B, Chandigarh – 160017

Phone No. 2722961-62

Expression of Interest
For Practicing Company Secretaries

Haryana State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd. (HARTRON), A Public Sector Undertaking of Haryana Government intends to seek Expression of Interest from Practicing Company Secretaries for filing e-forms with RoC/MCA. Interested professionals may apply in prescribed Proforma alongwith application fee of Rs. 1180/- in the shape of Demand Draft. The application form alongwith eligibility criteria, terms and conditions are available on the website of HARTRON i.e. www.hartron.org.in. The last date of submission of application is 22.01.2021 by 4:00 p.m. The Chairman, HARTRON reserves right to reject any or all the offers without assigning any reason.

Chairman
HARTRON, Haryana

PRDH-1056/11/2021/1260/31/4

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Department of Water Resources, Punjab

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

E-Tendering Notice No. 07/22A/2020-21 Dated 06.01.2021

On behalf of Government of Punjab, Executive Engineer, Bathinda Canal Division, Bathinda invite bids from eligible bidders through E-Tendering Process on an work order basis for "Reconstruction of Jal Singh Wala minor from RD 0 to 17685 off taking at RD 65784/L of Bathinda Distributary by concrete lining M-15 concrete mix, mixed in automatic batching and mixing plant, carried to site of work in transit mixers, of laid with manually with specified thickness" in Bathinda Canal Division, Bathinda.

Closing Date and Time of Submission of Bids:- 21.01.2021 at 02.00 p.m.

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DIRECTORATE OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION, VOCATIONAL AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING, SUNDER NAGAR, DISTRICT MANDI, H.P.

CORRIGENDUM

In continuation of this Directorate advertisement notice No. STV/TE/HB/5(Requisition/Class-IV/-79645 Dated 09.12.2020 the last date for receipt the applications for the various posts of Class-IV on Daily Wages basis in the office of the Director, Technical Education, Vocational and Industrial Training, Sundernagar, District Mandi, Himachal Pradesh – 175018 may be read as **12.01.2021 instead of 10.01.2021** up to 5:00 p.m. However, for the candidate(s) residing in Lahaul & Spiti District, Kinnar District, Pangi and Bhamour Sub Division of Chamba District and Dodra Kawar Sub Division of Shimla District of Himachal Pradesh, the last date for receipt of the applications is **27.01.2021** up to 5:00 p.m. The applications received after these dates shall not be considered. The rest of the contents of the said advertisement remain unchanged.

Director,
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Vaccine spat

Remove doubts to ensure smooth rollout

INDIA'S Covid-19 vaccination programme has run into rough weather even before its rollout. The unsavoury war of words between vaccine manufacturers Serum Institute of India (SII) and Bharat Biotech seems to be over for now, but the spat should not have started in the first place. It was utterly irresponsible of the SII Chief Executive Officer, Adar Poonawalla, to have said that vaccines other than those of Pfizer, Moderna and Oxford-AstraZeneca were 'just like water'. The CEO should have avoided a comment on the efficacy — or lack of it — of any vaccine. The statement elicited a sharp reaction from Bharat Biotech Chairman Krishna Ella, who lamented that his company was facing a backlash despite doing '200 per cent honest clinical trials'. The verbal duel struck a jarring note amid the heartening development that the Drugs Controller General of India had approved Oxford vaccine Covishield, manufactured by the Pune-based SII, and Covaxin of Hyderabad-headquartered Bharat Biotech for restricted emergency use in the country.

In a face-saving exercise, Serum Institute and Bharat Biotech have issued a joint statement saying they will work together to develop, manufacture and supply the vaccines in the country and globally. It is hoped that both will walk the talk on providing global access to their potentially life-saving shots. Even better, they should let the vaccines do the talking.

The controversy over the 'premature' clearance granted to Covaxin, even though its Phase-3 efficacy data will be available only by March, shows how the authorities have mishandled the situation. Prof Gagandeep Kang, one of India's leading virologists, has made it clear that she would not take Covaxin as a vaccine until its efficacy data is made public. She has stressed the importance of transparency in building trust. The government needs to clear all doubts and misconceptions at the earliest so that the rollout is smooth and productive. India has waited long for the vaccine. Any hiccup or hesitancy at this stage might undo all the hard work done by scientists and researchers.

Brazen gun culture

Despite violent pop imagery, farmers' stir sparks rich folk songs

THE brazen gun culture depicted in the Punjabi music scene today and the shooting of such songs to instant and huge popularity have led to discordant notes in society. The pitch and tone of the voices against the violence-ridden chartbusters have been rising. For, at stake are the young impressionable minds of the state, many of whom are already battling the twin menace of drugs and violence. That lack of proper work opportunities and jobs have led to an exodus of the youth to foreign shores compounds the situation. Concerned that the aggressive lyrics and visuals of gun-toting singers in some viral music videos that record crores of hits would corrupt the frustrated youth, activists have questioned the propriety of the songs that reek of raunchiness and guns. Moved by the need to combat this burgeoning social evil, the high court in July 2019 directed the Punjab, Haryana and Chandigarh authorities to check songs glorifying alcohol, drugs and violence.

Under pressure to contain the menace, the Punjab Government too has been toying with the idea of a cultural commission. Meanwhile, some offending artistes, off and on, find themselves on the wrong side of the law. But with their huge fan following forcing them to risk the run-ins with the cops, the battle against a crisis revolving around popular culture and violence is rendered more challenging.

However, an unrelated crisis has ensured that the songs of Punjab do not remain off-key. The farmers' agitation that is going on at full blast against the Centre's new agriculture laws has rung in a melodious chime. A churning of the art and culture scene is evident as protesters and their supporters from various walks of life, including writers, poets, musicians and artists, are dipping into the rich folklore of the battle-weary border state to belt out ballads of struggle and resistance. As families and children from near and far join the peasants staying put on the Delhi borders, the paintings, slogans and songs playing out there are motivating and aspiring. The land is still fertile for a culturally robust output. Hope for an enriched, rather than a hollow, tomorrow floats.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Blessed are the young for they shall inherit the national debt. — Herbert Hoover

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

LAHORE, FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 1921

WE NEED BOTH GROUPS.

COLONEL Wedgwood's observation in the course of an interview with a *New India* representative that if only some non-co-operators had gone on to the Councils and carried on their opposition side by side with the non-co-operation movement outside, both constitutionalists and direct actionists might have played their part and helped each other, sums up a view of the present situation which has always been ours and which has found consistent expression in these columns ever since the non-co-operation movement was started. That this view for the moment stands discredited with a very large number of Congressmen in every Province is undeniable. It was defeated by a large majority at the Calcutta Congress. It would probably have been defeated by as large a majority at the Nagpur Congress, had any one pressed it. As it is, the resolution of that Congress on non-co-operation, which not only ratified the action taken at Calcutta, but actually called upon those who had been elected to the Councils to resign their seats on pain of all political relations between them and their constituents being definitely severed, was passed not by a majority but unanimously. This unanimity did not, indeed, mean unanimity in the matter of the boycott of the Councils, but was explicable on the same ground on which so many Congressmen, who differed from the view taken at the Special Congress, did ultimately accept that view as the basis of their action. It was, in other words, a question of loyalty to the Congress, and in this case the sense of loyalty was, if anything, strengthened by the knowledge that already the bulk of the nationalist party stood outside the Councils. But making the allowance for this aspect, there is no reason to doubt that the four months which have elapsed since the Calcutta Congress have made no change in the convictions of those who then followed Gandhi's lead, and let us admit that they are in majority.

Imran Khan's China embrace

'Debt trap diplomacy' will further push Pakistan into a tight spot



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CHANCELLOR, JAMMU CENTRAL UNIVERSITY & FORMER HIGH COMMISSIONER TO PAKISTAN

PAKISTAN'S leaders have invariably been more than solicitous in responding to China's demands and ambitions. PM Imran Khan, however, appears determined to steer Pakistan into an even tighter Chinese embrace, with moves which Pakistanis could regret later. The readiness of an ambitious China to invest an estimated \$62 billion in CPEC is understandable. CPEC links China's landlocked western regions to the Arabian Sea. It provides an energy corridor for petroleum from the Persian Gulf to reach the heartland of China in the event of the lines of communication across the Indian Ocean being disturbed. At the same time, however, Chinese loans for infrastructure projects across Asia and Africa are landing recipient countries with debts. This leads to Chinese demands for the repayment of debts from the recipients, who have mortgaged ownership of their ports and mineral resources to China. 'Debt trap diplomacy' is now a Chinese specialisation across Asia and Africa.

Pakistan has been more than ready to be a junior partner in borrowing recklessly from China, while also fulfilling Beijing's geopolitical ambitions. Beijing has, after all, backed Pakistan in developing its nuclear weapons and missile capabilities. Pakistan, in turn, has to now approach banks in China to obtain credits to repay loans from Saudi Arabia, which is insisting on timely repayment, even of relatively small amounts. The Saudis do not love Imran Khan, who rather naively agreed to support an initiative by Turkey and Malaysia, designed to restructure the Islamic world. Such restructuring would have undermined Saudi primacy. There are also reports of increasing



ENDLESS: Even as Imran Khan seeks to borrow more money to meet past debts, Pakistan's repayment liabilities are rising rapidly. REUTERS

As Quad prepares to meet the Chinese challenge, there is a need to study the strategic implications of Pakistan's huge debt and dependence on China.

military/nuclear dimensions in Imran Khan's growing friendship with Turkey's President Erdogan. How will this scenario, arising amidst a growing Pakistan-China nexus, play out in the Arabian Sea and Persian Gulf?

Imran Khan also earned the wrath of the UAE when Pakistan's loquacious Foreign Minister, Shah Mahmood Qureshi, refused to attend an OIC meeting of foreign ministers of 57 Islamic countries, hosted by his UAE counterpart. Qureshi's petulance arose from the invitation that the UAE issued to India's then Foreign Minister Sushma Swaraj to attend and address the meeting. To make matters worse, Qureshi made his petulance public. Pakistan soon found that the visas of most of its nationals in the UAE were not being renewed. With remittances from its workers in the UAE and Saudi Arabia declining sharply, the only lenders Pakistan could find to repay Saudi loans were banks in China.

Even as Imran Khan seeks to borrow more money to meet past debts, Pakistan's repayment liabilities are rising rapidly. The security situation in Pakistan's mineral-rich Balochistan

province, which also has significant resources of natural gas, is deteriorating. Moreover, private foreign investments in Balochistan from prestigious international business organisations have also been put on hold, because of legal cases filed by major mining companies from Canada and Chile. Balochistan is known to have huge reserves of gold and copper. The major beneficiary of these developments has been the China Metallurgical Group Corporation. The Chinese have secured lucrative tax breaks for their mining activities. People jokingly remark: "Pakistan is China's gold mine!"

Now increasingly dependent on China, Imran Khan is set to provide offshore bases for China's submarines in the Islands of Buddho and Bundal across its Sindh coastline, near Karachi. China has also reportedly agreed to explore the possibilities of building more naval bases in the Arabian Sea, within or near, Pakistan's territorial waters. There are, however, clear signs of discontent emerging in the coastal provinces of Sindh and Balochistan at the exploitation of their territory and natural resources by China. It has also

An already cash-strapped Pakistan will soon be saddled with an even larger Chinese debt. As Quad prepares to meet this challenge posed by China, there will be a need for a comprehensive study of the strategic implications of Pakistan's huge debt and dependence on China.

Pleasures of a hot bath

RAJNISH WATTAS

MY New Year wish list, among other things, includes a small but significant boon. Dear God, please grant me winter-round supply of good, well-heated bathwater at the right temperature! Not too hot, not too cold. But a fine blend of hot and cold oozing out merrily from the wall shower. And not so only during the first few spurts of the shower, but steadily and consistently, like a musical trill, throughout the duration of the bath — that our ancestors decreed as essential to morning cleansing.

The array of new-fangled gizmos that adorn modern-day baths, with multitude of levers, knobs and buttons make you wonder if you're in the cockpit of a

Rafale jet or an astronaut on Elon Musk's SpaceX rocket or perhaps in the boiler room dump of an old steam ship. Just when you're all soaped up and turning into a happy, baritone bathroom singer, the shower suddenly squirts and begins to spurt scalding water; instead of the soothing warm one earlier. And you can't even open your eyes to turn off the offending knob. No wonder, tear-jerker TV shows were called soaps!

In the days of yore, when I was growing up in the canal colonies of mofussil towns, the standard operating procedure for winter baths was to be issued half a bucket of hot water, to which one added another half of cold water to get the desired temperature. The barometer was your index finger, which when dipped into the mix came out neither

singed nor numbed with chill. As soon as the bucket passed the finger test, you peeled off your clothes to quickly finish the morning ablution before there was a knock on the door by the next bather with his/her half-bucket.

Then came the big invention of the immersion rods that dangled dangerously into the water bucket plugged at 220 watts of live power supply. No finger-dip tests, then, for fear of being electrocuted. You took what you got from the good rod and managed the right mix with mugfuls of cold water.

The advent of geysers was simple and manageable, as there were only two water taps: one with red dot and the other with blue, denoting hot and cold. Trouble started with the addition of multiple options of mixers, divert-

ers, wall showers, telephone showers, with further options of getting streams like waterfall, rain or drizzle.

My first encounter with bathroom showers was nearly a decade ago when venturing for a bath in a luxury hotel in Switzerland. I stepped into the tub and merrily started exploring all the wonders on the wall one by one, till a strange switch caught my fancy. With curiosity getting the better of me, I switch it on too. And lo and behold! The frosted glass wall partitioning the bathroom from the main room suddenly turned translucent and revealed all the goings-on with absolute transparency on the other side!

Ever since, I have stuck to the good old *lota* and bucket bath. Carrying them into even seven-star bathrooms abroad.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DCCI approval

Apropos of 'Vaccines are here', though the DCCI has approved the emergency use of Covishield and Covaxin, the opacity surrounding data from trials, fast-tracking of data scrutiny and doubts over vaccine dosage and mutations have raised concerns. But India may not be an exception here; each country is adopting a different approach. For the second dose, the gap in the US is three-four weeks, whereas in the UK it is 12 weeks. In our own country, former UP chief minister Akhilesh Yadav has needlessly injected partisanship by refusing to receive a BJP vaccine, but promising a free vaccine if his party forms the government next year. His political job is irresponsible and unwelcome, at a time when public communication messages must be framed accordingly. India should be guided by goals like national pride in developing indigenous vaccines and administering them at a low cost to the poor.

MS KHOKHAR, BY MAIL

Modi, Shah must take lead

It seems that the decks have been cleared for India's Covid vaccine programme to start January itself. However, some leaders of opposition parties are raising

questions on the credibility of the Indian vaccine. Therefore, it will be in order if the first two persons to be inoculated in India are its Prime Minister and the Home Minister. This will go a long way in enhancing confidence in the indigenous vaccine.

BALBIR SINGH KAKKAR, UK

Wasting taxpayers' money

Apropos of 'Clearance for Central Vista', even if the Supreme Court has given its nod to the government to go ahead with the project which will house the new Parliament building, it's nothing but wastage of taxpayers' money from a commoner's point of view. We need to retain our heritage, especially Parliament, which has high significance. There is no doubt that a lot of these old buildings need a facelift, particularly the Parliament building, but the changes can be carried out in the existing building. This particular building is only 100 years old, whereas much older buildings are still intact and being used across the world. Heritage value is linked to such buildings which must be maintained with only necessary alterations made to suit the present requirements. The main structure should be left untouched. The SC and the govern-

ment must reconsider the decision.

SANJAY CHOPRA, MOHALI

Support to terrorists

The news report 'Omar, Mufti want bodies to be given to kin' is not surprising; rather, it shows their open support to terrorists. Their demand is absurd on two counts. Firstly, the terrorists are given a chance to surrender, and many times, even the kin are brought to appeal to terrorists to surrender. Secondly, the terrorists, who kill innocent people, do not deserve to be called humans. As such they do not deserve human rights. Moreover, when it is often said terrorism has no religion, why should their bodies be buried?

AK SHARMA, CHANDIGARH

Another heinous crime

The news '6-year-old girl strangled after rape' is bone-chilling and ignominious. It is a matter of great shame for the entire nation. It is a heinous crime and the demons who commit such crimes should be dealt with stringently. It is astonishing what has gone wrong with our youth! The onus is directly on the parents who do not inculcate good values in their offspring. Though stringent laws have been enacted to deal with rape cases, especially

those pertaining to minors, they do not act as a deterrent as the criminals have a long route to cover to reach the gallows. To eliminate this menace from society, spontaneous and exemplary punishment is required to be awarded, and no less than hanging. To enact draconian Acts or laws, a 'clean' Parliament is needed, but ruefully, it is full of MPs with tainted/criminal backgrounds. To provide good governance and to upkeep the dignity of Parliament, all parties should join hands and ensure that tickets are given only to educated aspirants of character and calibre.

RAJ KUMAR KAPOOR, ROPAR

Take team to task

Reference to 'Players must respect rules'; the third Test match may be in progress soon enough, but the inquiry into the breach of protocols must go on with all seriousness and the offending players, including captain Virat Kohli, must be censured if indeed they have stepped beyond the boundaries of the 'bio bubble'. They need to understand that when it comes to Covid-19 prevention, rules are non-negotiable. The virus will spare neither the shooter nor the messenger.

SS PAUL, NADIA

Protectionism and *Atmanirbharta* slogan



SATYA MOHANTY

FORMER SECRETARY TO GOVT OF INDIA

A grand slogan can delude many people, but in the end the country could be achieving entirely the opposite objective. Way back in 1970, we lived under the slogan of *Garibi Hatao*. Except for highlighting poverty, it did exactly the opposite. Handouts started, a band of intermediaries cropped up, government schemes were hijacked and the same assets were circulated. Meanwhile, deficit and debt were piling up. More than the financial implication, the paternalistic state established itself with questionable outcome.

Now we live under the slogan of *Atmanirbhara Bharat*, which is shorthand for protectionism. During the past five years, out of the 5,500 items under the six-digit tariff code, nearly 3600 have undergone upward revision of the customs tariff. In the 2020-21 Budget alone, more than 600 items have undergone upward tariff revision. It may be music to the ears of economic nationalists, but its intended and unintended consequences are not benign. We were revisiting protectionism and import substitution after a generation. This was one reason why competition was less; cartelisation was rampant, production inefficient and customers were worse off. With *Atmanirbharta* now, it is

almost like fighting the future's war with yesterday's ammunition.

While countries newly liberated from colonial rule had a reason to be protectionist because of paucity of foreign exchange and lack of depth in economy, the present state capitalism-led approach confuses most. Earlier, it was the incipient state of development, so the menu of options was limited. In East Asian countries, protection was limited to those industries where the marginal cost of production was higher than the global cost of production until the time the cost started converging with the global one. In India, on the contrary, it resulted in price gouging, lack of innovation and high prices for the customer. The export market could not be exploited because the entrepreneurs were happy meeting the huge demand of the domestic economy. One can say it will be for a limited time. If the powerful interests could prevail to bring in this policy despite sensible advice from Jagdish Bhagwati and Arvind Panagariya, where is the guarantee that this protectionism will vanish after a limited period?

Even in the miracle nations, the government choosing the champion industry had huge problems. They took a bigger slice of state resources than the market forces would have allocated. Of the six areas for concentration initially in South Korea, not a single industry exists as a driver of export or growth after 30 years. We are most likely to see allocative inefficiency and rising cost levels, with firms shielded by tariff from global competition.

Increase in tariff, licence requirements and restrictions on imports introduced of late, are basically anti-



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Autocracy doesn't take a country on the glide path to prosperity; it sinks the nation instead.

FLAWED POLICY: We can't build our strength by staying behind an 'iron curtain'. PTI

trade. They render Indian firms uncompetitive and consumers worse off. The specialisation required for comparative advantage which propels trade just vanishes. The production possibility frontier shrinks to the consumption frontier and the possibility of expanding production shrinks. The dream of making India an export hub and the third largest economy will come crashing if such zero-sum policies are followed. Reducing competition and allowing domestic cost to rise

is hardly the recipe for delivering economic growth. Right now, only a dozen entrepreneurs are talking about what a great future India has, though all variables point to the contrary. Perhaps they stand to gain disproportionately or they are driving policies and what we are hearing is the 'pied piper' version.

Indian government policies have mostly been pro-incumbent business than pro-market as economists Dani Rodrik and Arvind Subramanian found in their studies earlier. The same busi-

nesses and businessmen shifted their sourcing to China for price and profit advantage instead of specialising, innovating and driving down the cost. The government, in its turn, failed to join trade blocs like the European Union, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) and the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) to have tariff advantage as a trading partner. Though the RCEP option is not closed yet and the questions raised by India are relevant, they have come at

the last minute. If India stays clear of it, India will be loser as the member countries will shift to other member countries for sourcing. Most countries are trading partners here and loss of trade will be substantial. It will be like hurting the nose to spite the face.

This protectionism stems from two fundamental flaws in the government's understanding. First, the belief that state-led 'champions' can conquer the world. It has been proved wrong time and again. Economic Surveys of past years show that Indian exports are unusual as the largest firms show a much smaller share compared to other comparable countries. Are we whipping the wrong horse? The second one is conflating security with trade. The obsession with China has perhaps led the country to follow the Chinese path. The problem is that we are doing it after 40 years, when it is dead knowledge. India does not matter to China with 1% of its imports from this country. But India's dependence is much more on electronic goods, parts of machinery and intermediate goods for the pharmaceutical industry.

We may see any dream, but we are not strong enough. We can build our strength by intelligent trading rather than by staying behind a newly raised 'iron curtain'. Here it is instructive to follow new winners like Bangladesh, Vietnam and Cambodia, which have done it with pragmatism, prioritisation and well-considered pathways. The sooner we come out of backward-looking policy sets, the better off India will be. Otherwise, in 2030, instead of being the third largest economy, we would be laggards in the pack. Autocracy doesn't take a country on the glide path to prosperity; it sinks the nation instead.

Economy headed for a V-shaped recovery



SUSHMA RAMACHANDRAN

SENIOR FINANCIAL JOURNALIST

THE upcoming vaccine rollout has considerably brightened the prospects for economic growth in the New Year. The Covid-19 virus and its impact on the health and well-being of people around the world were the key issues in 2020. If the tide is finally turning on the pandemic front, there can be greater surety that the Indian economy will revive slowly but surely.

The immediate indicators are promising for a V-shaped recovery from the trough experienced over the past 10 months. The biggest roadblock will be the possibility of a second wave of infections in India, as had occurred in Europe and the UK. The villain could be the new more contagious variant of the disease detected in the UK that is now causing havoc there. It has, as of date, spread to another dozen countries. The progress of the virus and the health of the economy are inevitably linked together.

For now, the positive news is that imports are rising, an indication that industrial activity is picking up.

Exports are still stagnant, but imports rose in December for the first time since February. The import data comes along with a surge in Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections that have reached levels higher than those in the pre-Covid era. The December collections have risen by 11.6 per cent to Rs 1.15 lakh crore, the highest since the GST regime was rolled out in 2017.

While this is encouraging news, it must be tempered by the recognition that it is based on the November sales, which in turn reflected the pent-up



SURGE: GST collections have gone past pre-Covid levels. TRIBUNE PHOTO

demand of the festival season.

The equity markets continue to show cheer by a bull run that mirrors the same buoyancy in global stock exchanges. After a crash in March and April, the Sensex has risen consistently despite the bad news on the economic front. The rally has been partially fuelled by a new breed of domestic investors who had abandoned other asset classes that have been giving poor returns, like bank deposits and real estate.

More importantly, foreign institutional investors have been pouring funds rapidly into the Indian markets on the back of global liquidity as well as expectations that this emerging economy will surely bounce back in 2021.

The IHS Market Purchasing Managers Index has also been positive for the fifth consecutive month, giving an

indication that factory activity is picking up in December.

Agricultural growth equally continues to progress at an even pace despite the ongoing farmers' agitation in the northern region. Even during the worst April-to-June quarter this year, when GDP growth crashed by 23.9 per cent, farm growth remained positive at 3.4 per cent. The slow spread of the virus to rural areas has contributed to this sustained activity on the farm front.

On the negative side, core sector data continues to be dismal. Growth in the eight core sector industries fell by 2.6 per cent in November, bringing the total decline over the first eight months of the current fiscal to 11.4 per cent. This includes crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, steel and cement, though there has been some increase in coal,

electricity, and fertilisers. This may be offset to some extent by consumer goods output, but will clearly impact the index of industrial production.

Simultaneously, the jobs outlook is discouraging as unemployment rose to 6.5 per cent in November, according to the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), with high-quality jobs taking the biggest hit. Inflation remains a bugbear, too, having gone up to 7 per cent at the retail level. This is due to the twin factors of food items having become costly and the government's deliberate decision to impose heavy taxes on imported fuels in order to raise resources.

As for the services sector, it remains problematic and will continue to be in the doldrums as long as the pandemic continues to plague the country.

Unless the vaccination drive becomes widespread and the fear of travel, tourism, shopping and eating out dissipates, the revival of activity in this large economic segment seems to be ruled out. This is significant as services now account for over 50 per cent of India's GDP.

So, despite all the green shoots, it is clear that growth will be patchy and uneven. Even data appears contradictory, such as the record foreign exchange reserves which are not a sign of a booming economy but the reflection of a crash in imports owing to low industrial activity. Revenue collections are rising gradually, but direct tax inflows fell by nearly 10 per cent till the end of December.

This is at a time when the government needs to make larger expenditure in many areas, including infra-

structure development, rural employment schemes and even on the bulk purchase of Covid vaccines. While there may not be concerns right now on the widening of the fiscal deficit, it cannot be denied that a big increase this year may lead to more problems in the subsequent ones.

The relatively small size of the stimulus measures announced during the course of the year have been widely criticised for not being enough to support many sectors, especially small and medium enterprises. The need for cash support in the form of direct transfers through digital payments to the poorest of the poor has been advocated by many.

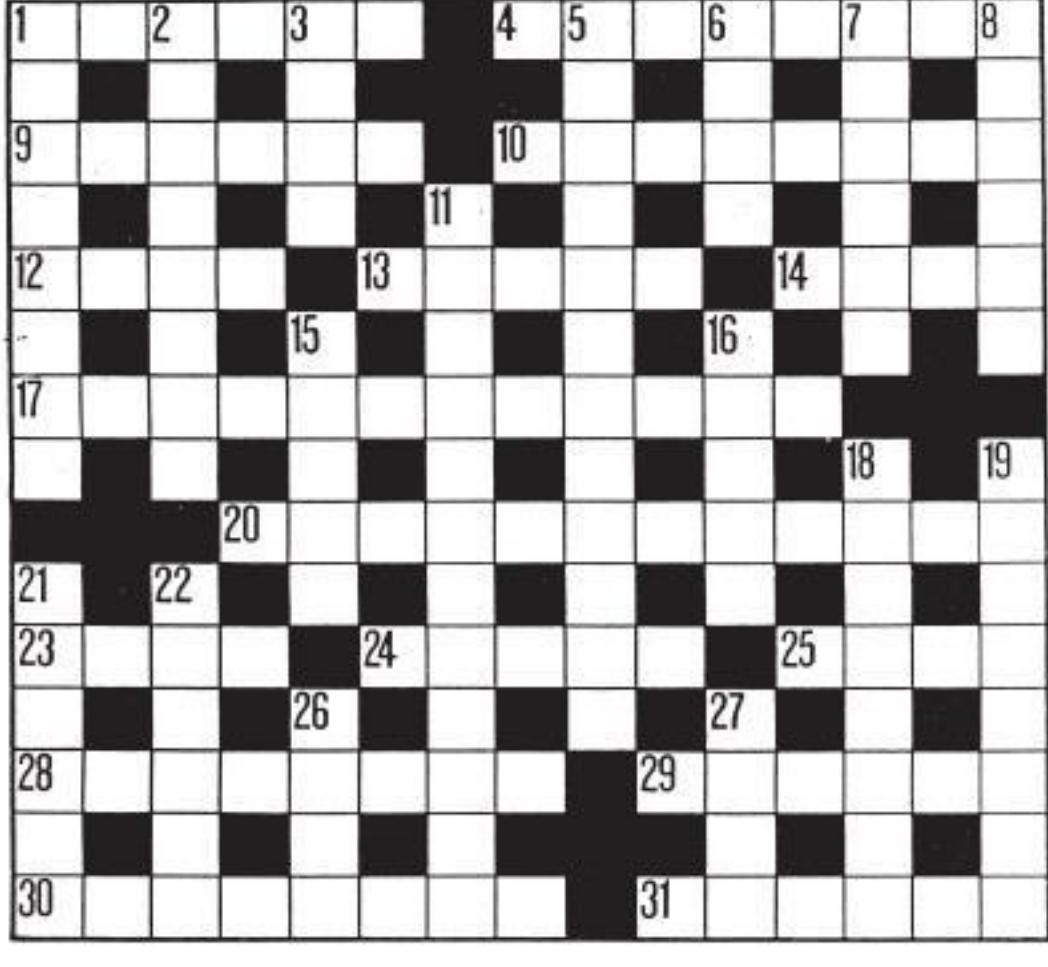
But the government has been firm in resisting pressures to expand expenditure in this manner. As of now, it looks as if the conservative approach seems to be yielding results as economic growth seems to be reviving slowly but surely, even if it is unevenly.

Estimates of degrowth have already been revised for 2020-21 by rating agencies like Moody's which now estimates negative growth at 10.6 per cent as against 11.5 per cent earlier.

For the next fiscal, the growth estimates are now in the region of 9 to 11 per cent which sound ambitious but for the fact that this will be on an extremely low base.

Comparisons are truly odious, given the fact that a more realistic comparison might be with the previous year. Even so, it is abundantly clear that the next fiscal is firmly heading for a V-shaped recovery, unless the Covid virus springs any surprises in the coming months.

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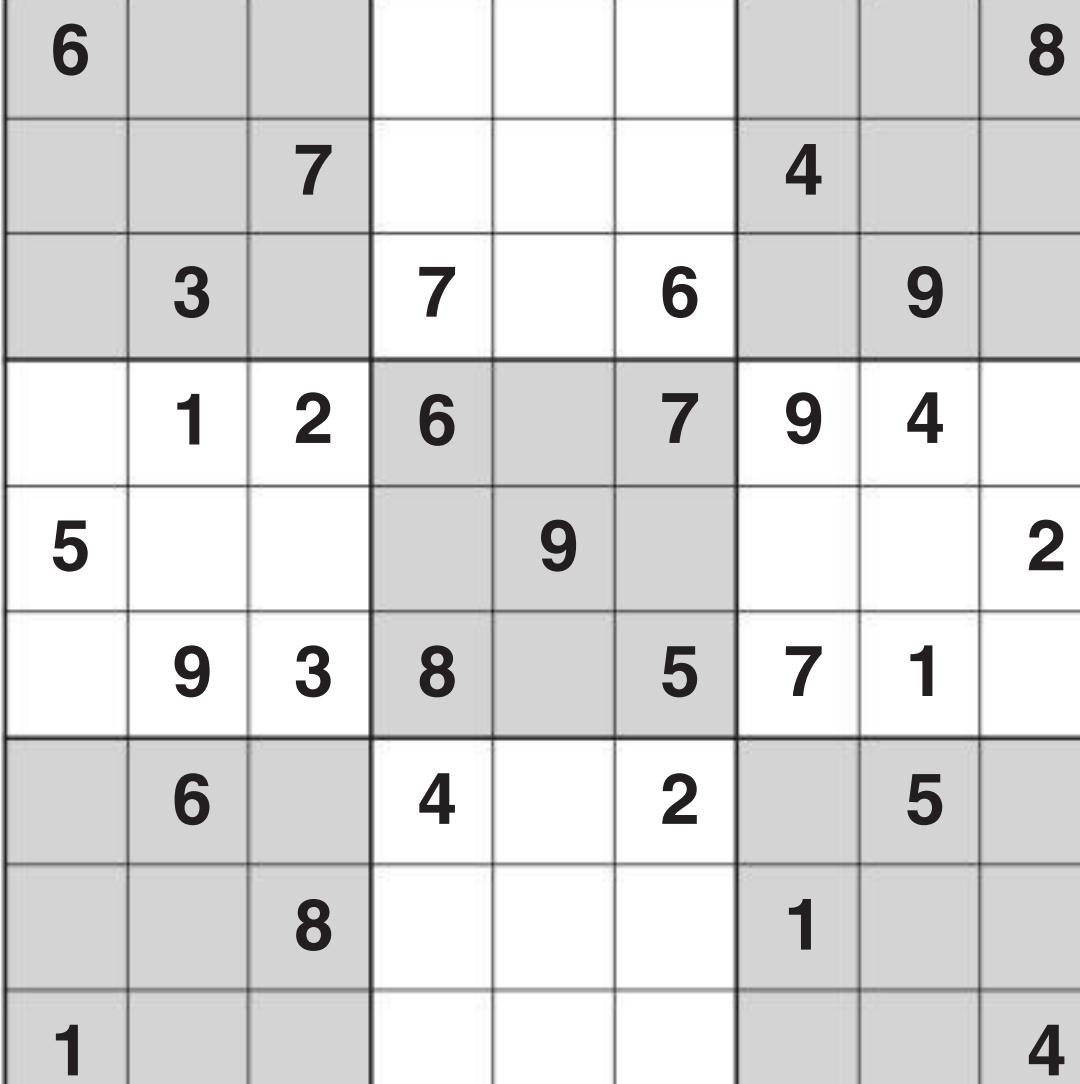


YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Across: 1 Hades, 4 Acerbic, 8 Mar, 9 Last straw, 10 Redress, 11 Anger, 13 Moving, 15 Detach, 18 Tulip, 19 Meander, 21 Ill at ease, 23 Rat, 24 Extract, 25 Toxic.

Down: 1 Humdrum, 2 Daredevil, 3 Salve, 4 Assess, 5 Ensnare, 6 Bar, 7 Cower, 12 Grand Prix, 14 Naphtha, 16 Heretic, 17 Impart, 18 Twice, 20 Agent, 22 Lot.

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CALENDAR

JANUARY 7, 2021, THURSDAY

■ Vikrami Samvat	2077
■ Shaka Samvat	1942
■ Posh Shaka	17
■ Posh Parvishite	24
■ Hijari	1442
■ Krishan Paksha Tithi 9, up to 11:58 pm	
■ Sukarma Yoga up to 9:15 pm	
■ Chitra Nakshatra up to 3:46 p.m.	
■ Moon in Libra sign	

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

4	3	9	1	2	5	6	7	8
8	2	6	7	3	4	1	5	9
1	5	7	8	6	9	4	2	3
5	6	4	3	9	1	2	8	7
9	8	1	2	4	7	5	3	6
3	7	2	6	5	8	9	1	4
2	4	3	5	7	6	8	9	1
6	1	5	9	8	3	7	4	2
7	9	8	4	1	2	3	6	5

FORECAST

SUNSET: THURSDAY 17:37 HRS
SUNRISE: FRIDAY 07:21 HRS

Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy	Rainy	Foggy

CITY	MAX	MIN
Chandigarh	18	12
New Delhi	19	08
Amritsar	18	12
Bathinda	19	09
Jalandhar	17	12
Ludhiana	19	10
Bhiwani	20	06
Hisar	19	09
Sirsia	19	10
Dharamsala	14	03
Manali	08	-01
Shimla	14	03
Srinagar	07	01
Jammu	21	11
Kargil	-03	-09
Leh	-07	-12
Dehradun	22	12
Mussoorie	14	02

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 29th December, 2020

S.O. 4753(E).—In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.), maintenance, management and operation of No Yet to be Assigned in the stretch of land from Km 5.95 to Km 25.5 in the district of S.A.S Nagar Mohali in the state of PUNJAB, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling No Yet to be Assigned in the stretch of land from No Yet to be Assigned in the district of S.A.S Nagar Mohali in the state of PUNJAB

State: PUNJAB **District: S.A.S Nagar Mohali**

S. Survey/Plot **Type of Land** **Nature of Land** **Area (in Local Unit)** **Area (in Hectare)**

Taluk: Dera Bassi

Village: Ramgarh Bhudda

1 1012/383min Private Gair Mumkin 0.3355000(Hectare) 0.3355000

2 1027/478/1min Private Agriculture 0.2768000(Hectare) 0.2768000

3 1029/479min Private Gair Mumkin 0.3355000(Hectare) 0.3355000

4 1032/480min Private Gair Mumkin 0.2692000(Hectare) 0.2692000

5 1036/482/1min Private Gair Mumkin 0.1694000(Hectare) 0.1694000

6 1037/482/2min Private Gair Mumkin 0.1660000(Hectare) 0.1660000

7 1040/483min Private Gair Mumkin 0.1677000(Hectare) 0.1677000

8 1043/486/2min Private Gair Mumkin 0.2306000(Hectare) 0.2306000

9 1044/486/1min Private Gair Mumkin 0.1048000(Hectare) 0.1048000

10 1049/488min Private Gair Mumkin 0.4180000(Hectare) 0.4180000

11 1053/489min Private Gair Mumkin 0.3104000(Hectare) 0.3104000

12 1053/491min Private Gair Mumkin 0.4805000(Hectare) 0.4805000

13 1300/492min Private Road 0.0346000(Hectare) 0.0346000

14 1302/493min Private Road 0.0251000(Hectare) 0.0251000

15 343/1min Private Road 0.1110000(Hectare) 0.1110000

16 347min Private Gair Mumkin 0.4753000(Hectare) 0.4753000

17 348min Private Gair Mumkin 0.2987000(Hectare) 0.2987000

18 349min Private Agriculture 0.3355000(Hectare) 0.3355000

19 350min Private Agriculture 0.4560000(Hectare) 0.4560000

20 351min Private Gair Mumkin 0.2510000(Hectare) 0.2510000

21 352min Private Gair Mumkin 0.3355000(Hectare) 0.3355000

22 353min Private Agriculture 0.3355000(Hectare) 0.3355000

23 354min Private Agriculture 0.3355000(Hectare) 0.3355000

24 355min Private Agriculture 0.3355000(Hectare) 0.3355000

25 356min Private Agriculture 0.2683000(Hectare) 0.2683000

26 357min Private Agriculture 0.3032000(Hectare) 0.3032000

27 365min Private Agriculture 0.5501000(Hectare) 0.5501000

28 366min Private Agriculture 0.5106000(Hectare) 0.5106000

29 367min Private Agriculture 0.4016000(Hectare) 0.4016000

30 368min Private Agriculture 0.3355000(Hectare) 0.3355000

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32 381min Private Agriculture 0.2851000(Hectare) 0.2851000

33 382min Private Agriculture 0.2273000(Hectare) 0.2273000

34 463min Private Road 0.0335000(Hectare) 0.0335000

35 470min Private Agriculture 0.3019000(Hectare) 0.3019000

36 473min Private Agriculture 0.3355000(Hectare) 0.3355000

37 474min Private Agriculture 0.3355000(Hectare) 0.3355000

38 481min Private Agriculture 0.1593000(Hectare) 0.1593000

39 483/1min Private Agriculture 0.2265000(Hectare) 0.2265000

40 484min Private Gair Mumkin 0.3127000(Hectare) 0.3127000

41 485min Private Agriculture 0.1828000(Hectare) 0.1828000

42 487min Private Agriculture 0.1801000(Hectare) 0.1801000

43 490min Private Agriculture 0.3354000(Hectare) 0.3354000

44 492min Private Agriculture 0.4213000(Hectare) 0.4213000

45 493min Private Agriculture 0.3355000(Hectare) 0.3355000

46 495min Private Gair Mumkin 0.5403000(Hectare) 0.5403000

47 496min Private Gair Mumkin tubewell 0.4600000(Hectare) 0.4600000

48 499min Private Gair Mumkin 0.4559000(Hectare) 0.4559000

49 500min Private Gair Mumkin 0.1997000(Hectare) 0.1997000

50 505min Private Agriculture 0.3355000(Hectare) 0.3355000

51 506min Private Gair Mumkin 0.1929000(Hectare) 0.1929000

21	185min	Private (Shamiat Deh)	Agriculture	0.4193000(Hectare)	0.4193000	41	477min	Private	Agriculture	0.0025000(Hectare)	0.0025000
22	387min	Private(panchayat)	rasta	0.1274000(Hectare)	0.1274000	43	479min	Private	Agriculture	0.3354730(Hectare)	0.3354730
23	402min	Private	Agriculture	0.2710000(Hectare)	0.2710000	44	480/1min	Private	Agriculture	0.1677000(Hectare)	0.1677000
24	403min	Private	Agriculture	0.1900000(Hectare)	0.1900000	45	480/2min	Private	Agriculture	0.1677000(Hectare)	0.1677000
25	404min	Private	Agriculture	0.1153000(Hectare)	0.1153000	46	483/1min	Private	Agriculture	0.1821000(Hectare)	0.1821000
26	405min	Private	Agriculture	0.1964000(Hectare)	0.1964000	47	483/2min	Private	Agriculture	0.1534000(Hectare)	0.1534000
27	406min	Private	Agriculture	0.3343000(Hectare)	0.3343000	48	484/1min	Private	Agriculture	0.1483000(Hectare)	0.1483000
28	408min	Private	Agriculture	0.4172000(Hectare)	0.4172000	49	484/2min	Private	Agriculture	0.1872000(Hectare)	0.1872000
29	409min	Private	Agriculture	0.2279000(Hectare)	0.2279000	50	504min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
30	410min	Private	Agriculture	0.3032000(Hectare)	0.3032000	51	505min	Private	Agriculture	0.1677000(Hectare)	0.1677000
31	411min	Private	Agriculture	0.2390000(Hectare)	0.2390000	52	506min	Private	Agriculture	0.1677000(Hectare)	0.1677000
32	412min	Private (panchayat)	agriculture/rasta	0.0706000(Hectare)	0.0706000	53	507min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
33	412min	Private	Agriculture	0.0706000(Hectare)	0.0706000	54	508min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
34	413min	Private	Agriculture	0.3995000(Hectare)	0.3995000	55	509min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
35	414min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	56	510min	Private	Agriculture	0.2935000(Hectare)	0.2935000
36	427min	Private	Agriculture	0.3187000(Hectare)	0.3187000	57	511min	Private	Agriculture	0.2935000(Hectare)	0.2935000
37	428min	Private	Agriculture	0.3740000(Hectare)	0.3740000	58	512min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
38	429min	Private	Agriculture	0.4548000(Hectare)	0.4548000	59	513min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
39	448min	Private	Agriculture	0.3998000(Hectare)	0.3998000	60	525min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
40	449min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	61	526min	Private	Agriculture	0.33	

15	804min	Private	Agriculture	0.3187000(Hectare)	0.3187000	14	12//12/2 min	Private	agriculture	0.1258000(Hectare)	0.1258000			(Maqboja SamlatDeh)			
16	806min	Private	rasta	0.0335000(Hectare)	0.0335000	15	12//13 min	Private	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	10	112min	Private	agriculture	0.3270000(Hectare)	0.3270000
17	808min	Private	Agriculture	0.1677000(Hectare)	0.1677000	16	12//14 min	Private	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	11	113min	Private	agriculture/gairmumkin	0.2935000(Hectare)	0.2935000
18	809min	Private	Agriculture	0.2516000(Hectare)	0.2516000	17	12//18 min	Private	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	11	113min	Private	agriculture/gairmumkin	0.2935000(Hectare)	0.2935000
19	810min	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	18	12//19/1 min	Private	agriculture	0.1677000(Hectare)	0.1677000	12	114min	Private	agriculture/gairmumkin	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
Village: Dangdehra (150)																	
1	1 min	Private	Wet	0.1449000(Hectare)	0.1449000	20	12//20 min	Private	agriculture	0.0251000(Hectare)	0.0251000	14	158 min	Private	agriculture	0.4905000(Hectare)	0.4905000
2	21 min	Private	Wet	0.1635000(Hectare)	0.1635000	21	12//22 min	Private	agriculture	0.2788000(Hectare)	0.2788000	15	159 min	Private	agriculture	0.2190000(Hectare)	0.2190000
3	22 min	Private	Wet	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	22	12//23 min	Private	agriculture	0.2935000(Hectare)	0.2935000	16	160 min	Private	agriculture	0.0353000(Hectare)	0.0353000
4	23 min	Private	Wet	0.3900000(Hectare)	0.3900000	23	12//3 min	Private	agriculture	0.3292000(Hectare)	0.3292000			(shamlat deh)			
5	26/1 min	Private	Wet	0.1677000(Hectare)	0.1677000	24	12//4 min	Private	agriculture	0.2321000(Hectare)	0.2321000	17	161 min	Private	agriculture	0.3269000(Hectare)	0.3269000
6	26/2 min	Private	Wet	0.1677000(Hectare)	0.1677000	25	12//5/2 min	Private	agriculture	0.1354000(Hectare)	0.1354000	18	166 min	Private	agriculture	0.2640000(Hectare)	0.2640000
7	27 min	Private	Wet	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	26	12//7 min	Private	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	19	167 min	Private	gairmumkin	0.0254000(Hectare)	0.0254000
8	28 min	Private	Wet	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	27	12//8 min	Private	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000			(shamlat deh)			
9	29 min	Private	Wet	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	28	12//9/1 min	Private	agriculture	0.0587000(Hectare)	0.0587000	20	170 min	Private	agriculture	0.2306000(Hectare)	0.2306000
10	322	Private	rasta	0.2053000(Hectare)	0.2053000	29	12//9/2 min	Private	agriculture	0.2561000(Hectare)	0.2561000	21	171 min	Private	agriculture	0.3816000(Hectare)	0.3816000
						30	121 rasta	Private(private Rasta		0.1004000(Hectare)	0.1004000	22	172 min	Private	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
11	374 min	Private	Wet	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000							23	173 min	Private	agriculture/gairmumkin	0.1236000(Hectare)	0.1236000
12	375 min	Private	Wet	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	31	123	Private	Agriculture	0.3187000(Hectare)	0.3187000	24	175 min	Private	agriculture	0.2816000(Hectare)	0.2816000
13	376 min	Private	Wet	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	32	124	Private	Agriculture	0.3187000(Hectare)	0.3187000	25	175 min	Private	nala	0.0811700(Hectare)	0.0811700
14	377 min	Private	Wet	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	33	125	Private	Agriculture	0.3187000(Hectare)	0.3187000	26	176 min	Private	agriculture	0.0295000(Hectare)	0.0295000
15	378 min	Private	Wet	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	34	126	Private	Agriculture	0.3187000(Hectare)	0.3187000	27	177 min	Private	nala	0.0354000(Hectare)	0.0354000
16	379 min	Private	Wet	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	35	138	Private	Agriculture	0.2767000(Hectare)	0.2767000			(panchayat)			
17	380 min	Private	Wet	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	36	14//16 min	Private	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	28	178 min	Private	agriculture/gairmumkin	0.2521000(Hectare)	0.2521000
18	381 min	Private	Wet	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	37	14//25/1 min	Private	agriculture	0.2265000(Hectare)	0.2265000	29	179 min	Private	agriculture	0.3019000(Hectare)	0.3019000
19	403 min	Private	Wet	0.3187000(Hectare)	0.3187000	38	14//25/2 min	Private	agriculture	0.1090000(Hectare)	0.1090000	30	180 min	Private	agriculture	0.2810000(Hectare)	0.2810000
20	404 min	Private	Wet	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	39	15//1 min	Private	agriculture	0.0132000(Hectare)	0.0132000	31	181 min	Private	agriculture	0.3800000(Hectare)	0.3800000
21	405 min	Private	Wet	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	40	15//10 min	Private	agriculture	0.1660000(Hectare)	0.1660000	32	182 min	Private	agriculture	0.3397000(Hectare)	0.3397000
22	406/1 min	Private	Agriculture	0.2391000(Hectare)	0.2391000	41	15//11/1 min	Private	agriculture	0.1002000(Hectare)	0.1002000	33	183 min	Private	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
23	406/2 min	Private	Wet	0.0839000(Hectare)	0.0839000	42	15//11/2 min	Private	agriculture	0.2349000(Hectare)	0.2349000	34	184 min	Private	agriculture	0.4571000(Hectare)	0.4571000
24	407 min	Private	Agriculture	0.2684000(Hectare)	0.2684000	43	15//12 min	Private	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	35	185 min	Private	nala	0.0290000(Hectare)	0.0290000
25	408 min	Private	Wet	0.4025000(Hectare)	0.4025000	44	15//19 min	Private	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000			(panchayat)			
26	412 min	Private	Wet	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	45	15//2 min	Private	agriculture	0.3239000(Hectare)	0.3239000	36	186 min	Private	agriculture/gairmumkin	0.1848000(Hectare)	0.1848000
27	413 min	Private	Wet	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	46	15//20 min	Private	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	37	187 min	Private	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
28	414 min	Private	Wet	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	47	15//21/1 min	Private	agriculture	0.1472000(Hectare)	0.1472000	38	188 min	Private	agriculture/gairmumkin	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
29	415 min	Private	Wet	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	48	15//21/2 min	Private	agriculture	0.0709000(Hectare)	0.0709000	39	189 min	Private	agriculture	0.2611000(Hectare)	0.2611000
30	42/1 min	Private	Wet	0.2715000(Hectare)	0.2715000	49	15//21/3 min	Private	agriculture	0.1174000(Hectare)	0.1174000	40	19 min	Private	gairmumkin	0.3533000(Hectare)	0.3533000
31	42/2 min	Private	Wet	0.0388000(Hectare)	0.0388000	50	15//22 min	Private	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000			(shamlat deh)			
32	465 min	Private	Wet	0.2361000(Hectare)	0.2361000	51	15//3 min	Private	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	41	196 min	Private	agriculture	0.4201000(Hectare)	0.4201000
33	466 min	Private	Wet	0.2783000(Hectare)	0.2783000	52	15//9 min	Private	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	42	197 min	Private	nala	0.4774000(Hectare)	0.4774000
34	467 min	Private	Wet	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	53	22//1 min	Private									

3	27min	Private	Agriculture	0.040000(Hectare)	0.040000	34	1371	Private	agriculture	0.111600(Hectare)	0.111600	36	263min	Private	agriculture	0.335500(Hectare)	0.335500
4	29min	Private	Agriculture	0.404500(Hectare)	0.404500	35	1372	Private	agriculture	0.635900(Hectare)	0.635900	37	264min	Private	agriculture	0.335500(Hectare)	0.335500
5	32/1min	Private	Agriculture	0.143300(Hectare)	0.143300	36	1390/536	Private	agriculture	0.3228330(Hectare)	0.3228330	38	265min	Private	agriculture	0.335500(Hectare)	0.335500
6	32/2min	Private	Agriculture	0.222900(Hectare)	0.222900	37	1390/536	Private(nagar panchayat)	Rasta	0.0164880(Hectare)	0.0164880	39	267min	Private	Agriculture	0.335500(Hectare)	0.335500
7	33min	Private	Agriculture	0.323600(Hectare)	0.323600	38	1391/536	Private(nagar panchayat)	Rasta	0.0165000(Hectare)	0.0165000	40	268min	Private(private(Panchayat))	Rasta	0.150800(Hectare)	0.150800
8	34min	Private	Agriculture	0.080900(Hectare)	0.080900	39	1428/540	Private	agriculture	0.1226000(Hectare)	0.1226000	41	394min	Private	Agriculture	0.285100(Hectare)	0.285100
9	35min	Private	Agriculture	0.111200(Hectare)	0.111200	40	1429/540	Private	agriculture	0.3774070(Hectare)	0.3774070	42	395min	Private	Agriculture	0.335500(Hectare)	0.335500
10	36min	Private	Agriculture	0.490400(Hectare)	0.490400	41	1445/978	Private	agriculture	0.1971360(Hectare)	0.1971360	43	396min	Private	Agriculture	0.415400(Hectare)	0.415400
11	37min	Private	Agriculture	0.333700(Hectare)	0.333700	42	1490/1239	Private	agriculture	0.1473390(Hectare)	0.1473390	44	397min	Private	Agriculture	0.407000(Hectare)	0.407000
12	38min	Private	Agriculture	0.273500(Hectare)	0.273500	43	1491/1239	Private	agriculture	0.2944000(Hectare)	0.2944000	45	398min	Private	Agriculture	0.285100(Hectare)	0.285100
13	39min	Private	Agriculture	0.404500(Hectare)	0.404500	44	1542/977	Private(nagar panchayat)	Rasta	0.0209360(Hectare)	0.0209360	46	399min	Private	Agriculture	0.317200(Hectare)	0.317200
14	40min	Private	Agriculture	0.223300(Hectare)	0.223300	45	1543/977	Private	agriculture	0.1970740(Hectare)	0.1970740	47	400min	Private(private(panchayat))	Rasta	0.060900(Hectare)	0.060900
15	41min	Private	Agriculture	0.107800(Hectare)	0.107800	46	1544/978	Private(nagar panchayat)	Rasta	0.0208750(Hectare)	0.0208750	48	409min	Private	Agriculture	0.360600(Hectare)	0.360600
16	43min	Private	Agriculture	0.036200(Hectare)	0.036200	47	298	Private(nagar panchayat)	agriculture	0.2684000(Hectare)	0.2684000	49	410min	Private	Agriculture	0.360600(Hectare)	0.360600
17	51min	Private	Agriculture	0.080900(Hectare)	0.080900	48	299	Private(nagar panchayat)	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	50	411min	Private	Agriculture	0.335500(Hectare)	0.335500
18	52min	Private	Agriculture	0.126400(Hectare)	0.126400	49	300	Private(nagar panchayat)	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	51	414min	Private	Agriculture	0.260000(Hectare)	0.260000
Taluk: SAS Nagar (Mohali)						50	303	Private(nagar panchayat)	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	52	415min	Private	Agriculture	0.222200(Hectare)	0.222200
Village: Basman						51	304	Private(nagar panchayat)	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	53	416min	Private	Agriculture	0.473800(Hectare)	0.473800
1	1847	Private()	Agriculture	0.326600(Hectare)	0.326600	52	307	Private(nagar panchayat)	agriculture	0.3858000(Hectare)	0.3858000	54	417min	Private	Agriculture	0.259900(Hectare)	0.259900
2	1849	Private	agriculture	0.335500(Hectare)	0.335500	53	308	Private(nagar panchayat)	agriculture	0.3853000(Hectare)	0.3853000	55	418min	Private	Agriculture	0.335500(Hectare)	0.335500
3	1850/2	Private	agriculture	0.493800(Hectare)	0.493800	54	311	Private(nagar panchayat)	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	56	419min	Private(private(panchayat))	Rasta	0.073800(Hectare)	0.073800
4	1851	Private	agriculture	0.335500(Hectare)	0.335500	55	312	Private(nagar panchayat)	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	57	424min	Private	Agriculture	0.067100(Hectare)	0.067100
5	1852	Private	agriculture	0.335500(Hectare)	0.335500	56	315	Private(nagar panchayat)	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	58	427min	Private	Agriculture	0.310300(Hectare)	0.310300
6	1862	Private	agriculture	0.335500(Hectare)	0.335500	57	316	Private(nagar panchayat)	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	59	428min	Private	Agriculture	0.209700(Hectare)	0.209700
7	1863	Private	agriculture	0.335500(Hectare)	0.335500	58	319	Private(nagar panchayat)	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	60	429min	Private	Agriculture	0.268400(Hectare)	0.268400
8	1865	Private	agriculture	0.335500(Hectare)	0.335500	59	320	Private(nagar panchayat)	agriculture	0.1887000(Hectare)	0.1887000	61	430min	Private	Agriculture	0.167700(Hectare)	0.167700
9	1868	Private	agriculture	0.335500(Hectare)	0.335500	60	321	Private(nagar panchayat)	agriculture	0.4403600(Hectare)	0.4403600	62	431min	Private	Agriculture	0.167700(Hectare)	0.167700
10	1871	Private	agriculture	0.4507000(Hectare)	0.4507000	61	321	Private(nagar panchayat)	agriculture	0.4404000(Hectare)	0.4404000	63	432min	Private	Agriculture	0.301900(Hectare)	0.301900
11	1880	Private	agriculture	0.335500(Hectare)	0.335500	62	347	Private(nagar panchayat)	Rasta	0.2019340(Hectare)	0.2019340	64	433min	Private	Agriculture	0.209700(Hectare)	0.209700
12	1881	Private	agriculture	0.335500(Hectare)	0.335500	63	347	Private(nagar panchayat)	Rasta	0.2019000(Hectare)	0.2019000	65	434min	Private	Agriculture	0.0063000(Hectare)	0.0063000
13	1886	Private	Agriculture	0.444500(Hectare)	0.444500	64	347	Private(Panchayat)	Rasta	0.2019000(Hectare)	0.2019000	66	435min	Private	Agriculture	0.310300(Hectare)	0.310300
14	1887	Private	agriculture	0.444500(Hectare)	0.444500	65	399	Private	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	67	436min	Private	Agriculture	0.436100(Hectare)	0.436100
15	1888	Private	agriculture	0.4172000(Hectare)	0.4172000	66	400	Private	agriculture	0.4193000(Hectare)	0.4193000	68	440min	Private	Agriculture	0.209700(Hectare)	0.209700
16	1889	Private	agriculture	0.490000(Hectare)	0.490000	67	405	Private	agriculture	0.4613000(Hectare)	0.4613000	69	441min	Private	Agriculture	0.335500(Hectare)	0.335500
17	1890	Private	agriculture	0.3149000(Hectare)	0.3149000	68	406	Private	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	70	453	Private	Agriculture	0.335500(Hectare)	0.335500
18	1891	Private	agriculture	0.3354730(Hectare)	0.3354730	69	407	Private	agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	71	454min	Private	Agriculture	0.335500(Hectare)	0.335500
19	1892	Private	agriculture	0.4009000(Hectare)	0.4009000	70	408	Private	agriculture	0.3519000(Hectare)	0.3519000	72	455min	Private	Agriculture	0.335500(Hectare)	0.335500
20	1893	Private	agriculture	0.1638940(Hectare)	0.1638940	71	409	Private	agriculture	0.4319000(Hectare)	0.4319000	73	456min	Private	Agriculture	0.4949000(Hectare)	0.4949000
21	2044 road	Private (nagar panchayat)	Rasta	0.2204000(Hectare)	0.2204000	72	410	Private	agriculture	0.1802000(Hectare)	0.1802000	74	457min	Private	Agriculture	0.1707000(Hectare)	0.1707000
22	2052	Private	agriculture	0.3668000(Hectare)	0.3668000	73	411	Private	agriculture</								

Ex-minister held for kidnapping former player

HYDERABAD, JANUARY 6
The Hyderabad Police today arrested former Andhra Pradesh minister Bhuma Akhila Priya on charges of kidnapping former national hockey player Parveen Rao and his two brothers following a dispute over a piece of land in the city's Hafeezpet area worth Rs 200 crore.

Hyderabad Commissioner of Police Anjani Kumar said 10 to 15 persons arrived at Rao's house in Bowenpally around 8 pm on Tuesday posing as officials of the Income Tax Department. The men wore formal clothes and had identity cards. The three brothers were subjected to interrogation before being taken away.

They abducted Rao and his brothers and took them to a farmhouse in a remote area, but once the police started looking for the national player, the 'raiding party' left all three Rao brothers — Parveen, Sunil and Naveen at Narsingi. One of the persons accompanying the 'IT raiding team' had a fake search warrant and an identity card, Kumar said. — TNS

Refer pesticide Bill to select House panel: Manufacturers to govt

Tribune News Service

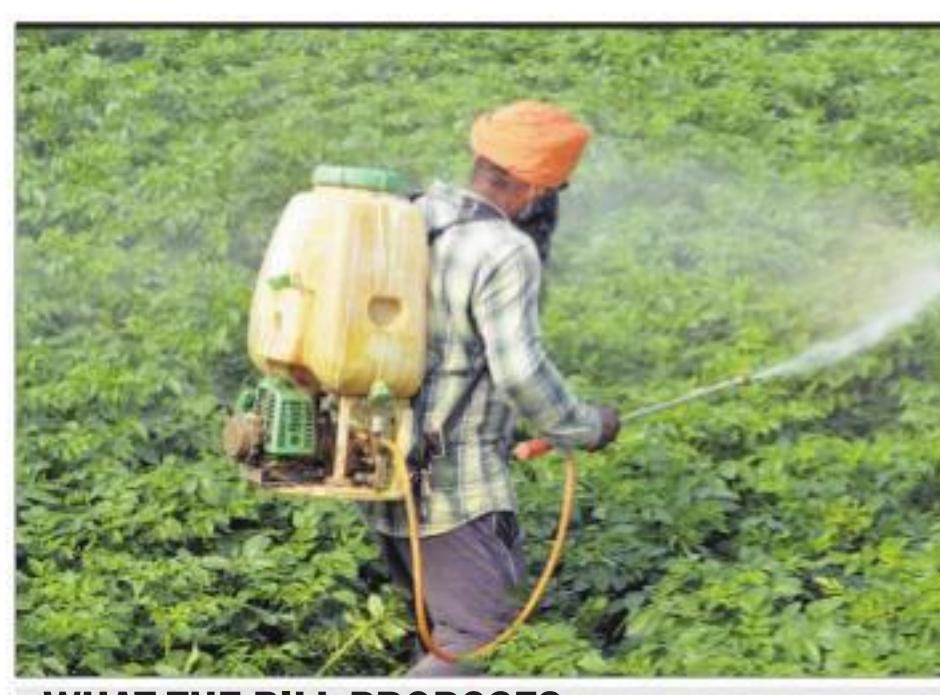
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 6
Pesticide manufacturers want the government to refer the Pesticide Management Bill, 2020, pending in the Rajya Sabha, to a select committee of Parliament for wider consultations.

They are of the view that the Bill is fraught with infirmities and will impact farm and pesticide manufacturing sectors.

Introduced in the Rajya Sabha on March 23 last year, it is likely to be taken up for consideration during the upcoming session of Parliament for enactment into a law.

It seeks to replace the present Insecticide Act, which currently governs the registration, manufacturing, exports and use of pesticides in India.

The Crop Care Federation of India (CCFI), an apex body of 50 pesticide organisations, is of the view that the good intentions of the government behind the proposed new law will come to naught due to



WHAT THE BILL PROPOSES

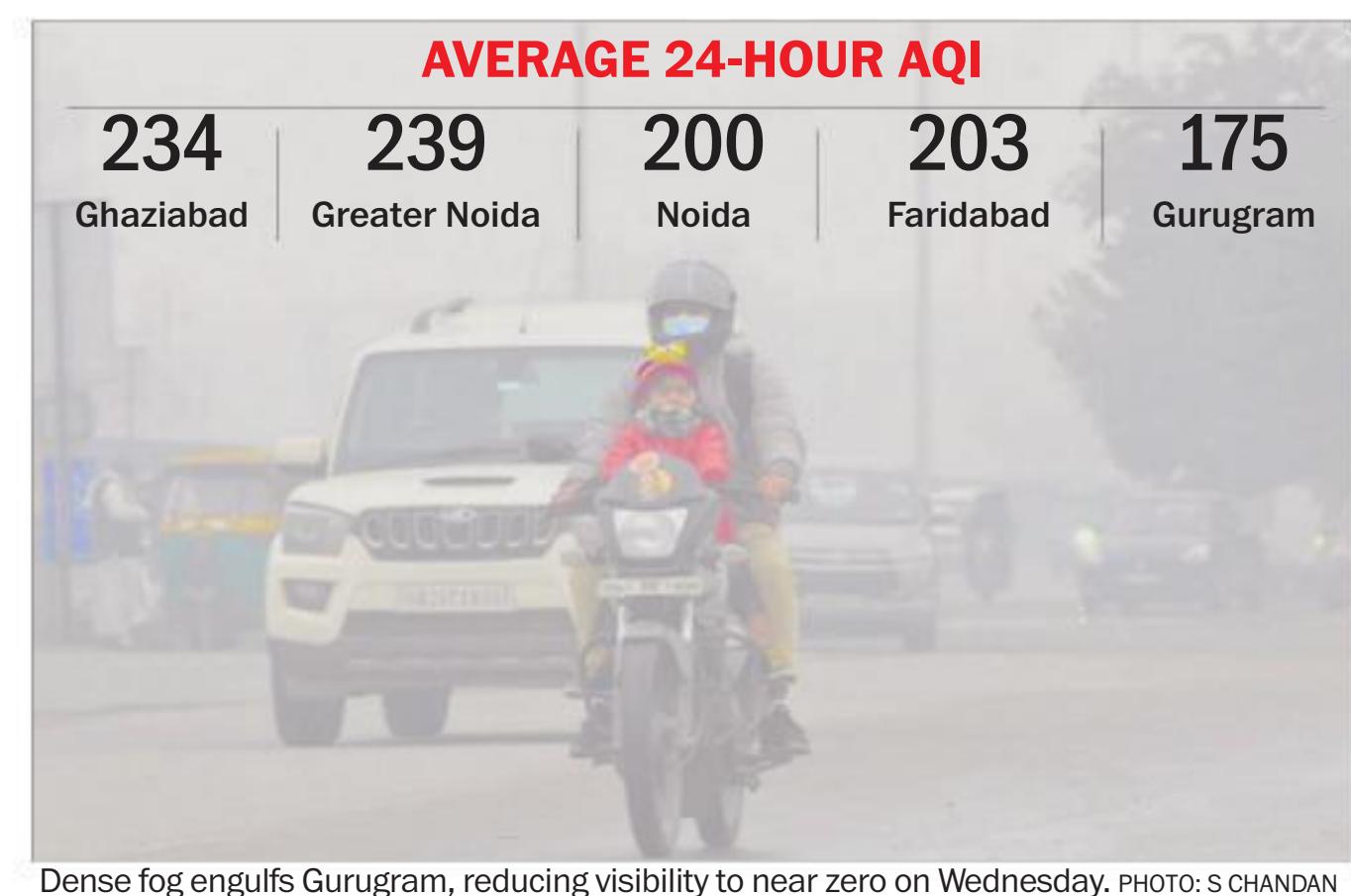
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Some pernicious proposals in the Bill. "The Bill proposes to criminalise offences, including minor defaults, without defining them. This will

demoralise the pesticide industry and by extension hit the farm sector," Dr Ajit Kumar, chairman, Technical Committee, CCFI said.

Many in the farm sector have reservations against a Bill's proposal which disallows manufacture and export of pesticides which are not registered for use in India, but are approved for use in countries like the USA, Europe and Japan. The provision for registration of a technical grade pesticide in India before registration of any of its formulations in India will result in unfair advantages to imported formulations which may contain unregulated, low-grade or expired technical-grade pesticides sourced from unapproved sources.

The Bill vests unbridled power in the Registration Committee to review the registration of a pesticide and suspend, cancel or ban it without scientific basis. The pesticide producers suggest review of registration after 15 years of the grant of original registration or 10 years of products' last review to eradicate arbitrariness.



Dense fog engulfs Gurugram, reducing visibility to near zero on Wednesday. PHOTO: S CHANDAN

DELHI'S AIR QUALITY DIPS TO 'MODERATE'

- The average air quality stayed "moderate" in Noida but dipped to "poor" in Greater Noida, Ghaziabad and Faridabad, while it dropped to "moderate" from "satisfactory" in Gurugram.
- Pollutants PM 2.5 and PM 10 although remained prominent in the air of the five immediate neighbours of Delhi, according to the AQI maintained by the Central Pollution Control Board. PTI

Top court: Fix income of homemakers, will recognise their labour

Tribune News Service

'CAREGIVERS'

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 6
Recognising homemakers' contribution to a household in terms of "economic value", the Supreme Court has enhanced by Rs 11.20 lakh compensation awarded to heirs of a couple from Delhi who died in an accident in 2014.

A three-judge Bench of Justice NV Ramana, Justice S Abdul Nazeer and Justice Surya Kant enhanced the compensation of Rs 22 lakh awarded by the Delhi High Court in 2017 to the claimant — family members of the victims — to Rs 33.20 lakh. One of the deceased was a homemaker. In a separate judgment, supplementing the main verdict penned by Justice Surya Kant, Justice Ramana sought to dispel the notion that homemakers don't work or that they do not add economic value to the household.

Terming it a "problematic idea" that has persisted for many years, Justice Ramana said it must be overcome.

"The issue of fixing notional

income for a homemaker, therefore, serves extremely important functions. It is a recognition of the multitude of women who are engaged in this activity, whether by choice or as a result of social/cultural norms. It signals to society at large that the law and the courts of the land believe in the value of the labour; services and sacrifices of homemakers."

Defying odds is real victory, PM tells speech impaired woman

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 6
"Challenges keep coming up in life, but even in adverse circumstances if we don't give up and fight resolutely then that is our real victory," Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in a letter to a hearing and speech impaired woman who sent a picture of a 'rangoli' portrait of the PM made by her on Diwali.

Vandana, a 23-year-old from Surat, Gujarat, sent the picture of the rangoli to the Prime Minister and was elated to get a reply. She got a lot of inspiration from it, her brother Kisambhai Patel said.

He said his sister is suffering from hearing and speech impairment since birth and is learning art at a coaching institute. Vandana's life-like rangoli of the Prime Minister was appreciated by several people. Rangoli is an art form in which patterns and portraits are created using coloured rice powder, sand or flowers. The Prime Minister said he hopes Vandana scales new heights in the field of art and education. — PTI

Bag shouldn't weigh over 10% of child's weight: Govt

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 6
Capping the weight of school bags in line with the National Education Policy, the Delhi Government said bags should not weigh more than 10 per cent of the body weight of the student. Issuing related guidelines this week, the Delhi Education Department limited the maximum weight of school bags at 5 kg, stipulating a bag weight of 3.5 to 5 kg for Class XI-XII students.

Pre-primary students with 10 to 16 kg body weight need not carry bags at all. Classes I and II students (body weight 16 to 22 kg) can carry bags that weigh 1.6 to 2.2 kg and those in Classes III, IV and V with a body weight of 17 to 25 kg can carry bags weighing between 1.7 to 2.5 kg.

Bag weights stipulated for



Class VI and VII students (weight 20 to 30 kg) are 2 to 3 kg; Class VIII students (weight 25 to 40 kg) are 2.5 to 4 kg and Class IX and X students (weight 25 to 45 kg) are 2.5 to 4.5 kg.

The orders are in consonance with the Ministry of Education's circular "School Bag Policy 2020". The guidelines also call for schools to frame "well-designed timetable for each class so that children do not have to carry too many books or notebooks to the school each day".

Western Command tests offensive concepts amid Ladakh standoff

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 6
Amidst a volatile security atmosphere in the subcontinent, the Army's Western Command conducted an integrated training exercise involving all arms to fine tune its battle drills in line with its operational role along the western front.

Various units of the Ambala-based Kharga Corps, the Army's most potent strike formation, carried out the field drill over the past few days as part of its winter training cycle. The exercise took place even as a large number of troops, including armoured, artillery and engineer elements, continued to maintain eyeball to eyeball confrontation with the Chinese along the Line of Actual Control in the north-



Various units of Ambala-based Kharga Corps carry out field drills as part of winter training

ern sector in a stand-off that has been continuing for the past about nine months. Some units from the western theatre were also moved up to eastern Ladakh.

The exercise is aimed at validating evolving military concepts and offensive

manoeuvres meant to inflict a swift punitive blow to the adversary while operating in a networked and informationised domain. Tactical air support, heliborne operations and sub-conventional warfare also feature in such exercise.

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26	182	Private	Jhund	0.2506000(Hectare)	0.2506000	13	270	Private	Agriculture	0.4833000(Hectare)	0.4833000	68	505	Private	Agriculture	0.5242000(Hectare)	0.5242000
27	308/147	Private	gair mumkin	0.0293000(Hectare)	0.0293000	14	271	Private	Agriculture	0.4678000(Hectare)	0.4678000	69	507	Private	Agriculture	0.5242000(Hectare)	0.5242000
28	318/149	Private	Agriculture	0.1206000(Hectare)	0.1206000	15	272	Private	Agriculture	0.5451000(Hectare)	0.5451000	70	508	Private	Agriculture	0.5242000(Hectare)	0.5242000
29	319/149	Private	Agriculture	0.3092000(Hectare)	0.3092000	16	273	Private	Agriculture	0.5451000(Hectare)	0.5451000	71	521	Private	Agriculture	0.5242000(Hectare)	0.5242000
30	320/183	Private	Agriculture	0.0874000(Hectare)	0.0874000	17	274	Private	Agriculture	0.5328000(Hectare)	0.5328000	72	522	Private	Agriculture	0.5242000(Hectare)	0.5242000
31	321/183	Private	Agriculture	0.3845000(Hectare)	0.3845000	18	275	Private	Agriculture	0.5242000(Hectare)	0.5242000	73	527	Private	Agriculture	0.5242000(Hectare)	0.5242000
32	48	Private	Agriculture	0.2950000(Hectare)	0.2950000	19	276	Private	Agriculture	0.5242000(Hectare)	0.5242000	74	528	Private	Agriculture	0.5242000(Hectare)	0.5242000
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34	50	Private	Agriculture	0.3977000(Hectare)	0.3977000	21	278	Private	Agriculture	0.5242000(Hectare)	0.5242000	76	530	Private	Agriculture	0.5242000(Hectare)	0.5242000
35	51	Private	Agriculture	0.3270000(Hectare)	0.3270000	22	281	Private	Agriculture	0.5242000(Hectare)	0.5242000	77	531	Private	agriculture,	0.5242000(Hectare)	0.5242000
36	52	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	23	282	Private	Agriculture	0.5242000(Hectare)	0.5242000				Gair mumkin		
37	53	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	24	283	Private	Agriculture	0.5242000(Hectare)	0.5242000	78	542	Private(private(Panchayat))	Rasta	0.4844000(Hectare)	0.4844000
38	56	Private	Agriculture	0.3354720(Hectare)	0.3354720	25	284	Private	Agriculture	0.2621000(Hectare)	0.2621000	79	547	Private	Agriculture	0.1192000(Hectare)	0.1192000
39	57	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	26	285	Private	Agriculture	0.5242000(Hectare)	0.5242000	80	548	Private	Agriculture	0.5242000(Hectare)	0.5242000
40	58	Private	Agriculture	0.4388000(Hectare)	0.4388000	27	286	Private	Agriculture	0.2621000(Hectare)	0.2621000	81	549	Private	Agriculture	0.5242000(Hectare)	0.5242000
41	59	Private(nagar panchayat)	gair mumkin	0.1468000(Hectare)	0.1468000	28	287	Private	Agriculture	0.2621000(Hectare)	0.2621000	82	550	Private	Agriculture	0.4844000(Hectare)	0.4844000
42	60	Private	Agriculture	0.1677000(Hectare)	0.1677000	29	288	Private	Agriculture	0.5242000(Hectare)	0.5242000	83	552	Private	Agriculture	0.5242000(Hectare)	0.5242000
43	61	Private	Agriculture	0.1677000(Hectare)	0.1677000	30	289	Private	Agriculture	0.4823000(Hectare)	0.4823000	84</					

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 29th December, 2020

S.O. 4754(E).—In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.), maintenance, management and operation of No Yet to be Assigned in the stretch of land from Km 0 to Km 10.9 (Spur) in the district of S.A.S Nagar Mohali in the state of PUNJAB, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling No. Yet to be Assigned in the stretch of land from K.M.0.00 to 10.9 in the district of S.A.S Nagar Mohali in the state of PUNJAB

State: PUNJAB District: S.A.S Nagar Mohali

S. Survey/Plot	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area (in Hectare)	79	296	Private	Agriculture	0.4319000(Hectare)	0.4319000	210	4495	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	
1	1	Private(private (Panchayat))	Rasta	0.0635000(Acre)	0.0256981	80	2969	Government (Government of Punjab)	Gair Mumkin	0.3396000(Hectare)	0.3396000	211	4496	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
2	126	Private(private (Panchayat))	Rasta	0.0167000(Hectare)	0.0167000	81	297	Private	Agriculture	0.2851000(Hectare)	0.2851000	213	4514	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
3	127	Private	Agriculture	0.4193000(Hectare)	0.4193000	82	2970	Government (Government of Punjab)	Gair Mumkin	0.4990000(Hectare)	0.4990000	214	4518	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
4	129	Private	Agriculture	0.2516000(Hectare)	0.2516000	83	2974	Private	Agriculture	0.3018000(Hectare)	0.3018000	216	4520	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
5	130	Private	Agriculture	0.4109000(Hectare)	0.4109000	84	2975	Private	Agriculture	0.1257000(Hectare)	0.1257000	217	4521	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
6	134	Private	Agriculture	0.3489000(Hectare)	0.3489000	85	2976	Private	Agriculture	0.3103000(Hectare)	0.3103000	218	4522	Private	Agriculture	0.2181000(Hectare)	0.2181000
7	135	Private	Agriculture	0.3023000(Hectare)	0.3023000	86	2977	Private	Agriculture	0.1383000(Hectare)	0.1383000	219	4523	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
8	136	Private	Agriculture	0.2180000(Hectare)	0.2180000	87	2978	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	220	4528	Private	Agriculture	0.0977000(Hectare)	0.0977000
9	137	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	88	298	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	221	4529	Private(Abadi deh)	Gair Mumkin	0.3296000(Hectare)	0.3296000
10	148	Private	Agriculture	0.3340000(Hectare)	0.3340000	89	2980	Private	Agriculture	0.2998000(Hectare)	0.2998000	222	4530	Private(Abadi deh)	Gair Mumkin	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
11	149	Private	Agriculture	0.3747000(Hectare)	0.3747000	90	2981	Private	Agriculture	0.4591000(Hectare)	0.4591000	223	4531	Private(Abadi deh)	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
12	15	Private	Agriculture	0.2303000(Hectare)	0.2303000	91	2985	Private(PACLindia limited)	Agriculture	0.2684000(Hectare)	0.2684000	224	4532	Private(Abadi deh)	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
13	150	Private	Agriculture	0.1985000(Hectare)	0.1985000	92	2986	Private(PACLindia limited)	Agriculture	0.4361000(Hectare)	0.4361000	225	4534	Private(Abadi deh)	Agriculture	0.4615000(Hectare)	0.4615000
14	151	Private	Agriculture	0.3564000(Hectare)	0.3564000	93	299	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	226	4542	Private(Abadi deh)	Agriculture	0.4529000(Hectare)	0.4529000
15	152	Private	Agriculture	0.1845000(Hectare)	0.1845000	94	2991	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	227	4758	Private(private (Panchayat))	Nala	0.5054000(Hectare)	0.5054000
16	153	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	95	2992	Private	Agriculture	0.2767000(Hectare)	0.2767000	228	4808	Private(private (Panchayat))	Road	6.5053000(Hectare)	6.5053000
17	172	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	96	2993	Private(PACLindia limited)	Gair Mumkin	0.4227000(Hectare)	0.4227000	229	6187	Private(private (Panchayat))	Nala	0.0178000(Hectare)	0.0178000
18	173	Government (Government of Punjab)	Gair Mumkin	0.3480000(Hectare)	0.3480000	97	300	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	230	6191	Private	Agriculture	0.3648000(Hectare)	0.3648000
19	174	Private	Agriculture	0.1719000(Hectare)	0.1719000	98	3000	Private(PACLindia limited)	Gair Mumkin	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	231	6192	Private(private (Panchayat))	Rasta	0.1936000(Hectare)	0.1936000
20	175	Private	Agriculture	0.3302000(Hectare)	0.3302000	99	3001	Private(PACLindia limited)	Gair Mumkin	0.2432000(Hectare)	0.2432000	232	6195	Private	Agriculture	0.3053000(Hectare)	0.3053000
21	176	Private	Agriculture	0.1540000(Hectare)	0.1540000	100	3002/1	Private(PACLindia limited)	Gair Mumkin	0.2454000(Hectare)	0.2454000	233	6196	Private(private (Panchayat))	Rasta	0.0343000(Hectare)	0.0343000
22	177	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	101	3002/2	Private(PACLindia limited)	Gair Mumkin	0.0752000(Hectare)	0.0752000	234	6197	Private	Agriculture	0.3187000(Hectare)	0.3187000
23	205	Government (Government of Punjab)	Gair Mumkin	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	102	301	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	235	6198	Private	Agriculture	0.3187000(Hectare)	0.3187000
24	206	Government (Government of Punjab)	Gair Mumkin	0.3145000(Hectare)	0.3145000	103	3045	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	236	6199	Private	Agriculture	0.2948000(Hectare)	0.2948000
25	207	Government (Government of Punjab)	Gair Mumkin	0.0119140(Hectare)	0.0119140	104	3259	Government (municipal committee)	Road	0.1772000(Hectare)	0.1772000	237	6200	Private	Agriculture	0.2558000(Hectare)	0.2558000
26	208	Government (Government of Punjab)	Gair Mumkin	0.1425000(Hectare)	0.1425000	105	339	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	238	6201	Private	Agriculture	0.0210000(Hectare)	0.0210000
27	209	Government (Government of Punjab)	Gair Mumkin	0.3061000(Hectare)	0.3061000	106	340	Private	Agriculture	0.4696000(Hectare)	0.4696000	240	6203	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
28	210	Government (Government of Punjab)	Gair Mumkin	0.4738000(Hectare)	0.4738000	107	342	Private	Agriculture	0.3196000(Hectare)	0.3196000	241	6204	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
29	243	Government (Government of Punjab)	Gair Mumkin	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	108	343	Private	Agriculture	0.1854000(Hectare)	0.1854000	242	6205	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000
30	244	Government (Government of Punjab)	Gair Mumkin	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	109	344	Private	Agriculture	0.3934000(Hectare)	0.3934000	243	6211	Private(private (Panchayat))	Nala	0.0247000(Hectare)	0.0247000
31	245	Government (Government of Punjab)	Gair Mumkin	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	110	347	Private	Agriculture	0.3355000(Hectare)	0.3355000	244	6217	Private	Agriculture	0.4449000(Hectare)	0.4449000
32	246	Government (Government of Punjab)	Gair Mumkin	0.3102770(Hectare)	0.3102770												

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POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH			
CORRIGENDUM ETENDER NOTICE: PGI/Engg./Elect./2020/128			
Due to Administrative reasons, the tender for the work "Special repair of DG sets installed at APC & AFC PGIMER, Chandigarh" appeared in the Newspapers, http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app and official website of the PGIMER www.pgimer.edu.in vide No PGI/Engg/2020/HEELEC2016 dated 16.12.2020 and for opening on 23.12.2020 has now been re-scheduled as under:			
Last date & time of submission of Bid	Last date & time for submission of Original EMD	Date & time for Opening of Eligibility Bid	Date & time for Opening of Financial Bid
14.01.2021 upto 03.00 PM	14.01.2021 upto 03.30 PM	15.01.2021 at 3.30 PM	To Be Declared Later
Other terms and conditions shall remain the same: DI-17650 HOSPITAL ENGINEER (ELECT.)			

HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION BAYS NO. 67-70, SEC.-2, PANCHKULA – 134151 (Website www.hssc.gov.in)

PUBLIC NOTICE

- Candidates appearing for written exam to be held on 09.01.2021 and 10.01.2021 for the post of Gram Sachiv shall reach their allotted centre on time. Since strict guidelines of social distancing and sanitization are required to be followed in view of COVID-19 Pandemic, so the candidates are intimated to reach before entry time so that all necessary formalities can be completed.
- If a candidate reaches the examination centre after the closing of entry time i.e. after 9:30 a.m. for morning shift and after 02:00 p.m. for evening shift, he/she will not be allowed to enter the centre in any circumstances.
- Gates of centre will be closed one hour before the start of exam and no requests/representations to enter the exam centre after 9:30 a.m. (morning shift) and after 01:00 p.m. (evening shift) will be entertained.
- Candidates must come with their face covered with mask. No entry shall be given to candidates without face mask. Candidates will be allowed to enter the examination centre after thermal scanning and sanitization. Candidates shall ensure social distancing as per guidelines issued by Government.
- Candidate must bring legibly printed Admit Card with 2 recent colored photo, one pasted on admit card at mark B duly attested by Gazetted Officer and one identity proof with photo like Driving License, Voter Card, Aadhar Card, Passport etc. at the Examination Centre failing which candidate will not be allowed to enter in the Examination Centre.
- Candidates are warned not to fold, tear, destroy or make any stray marks on the OMR Answer Sheets. Use of Eraser, Nail, Blade, White Fluid/Whitener etc. to smudge, scratch or damage in any manner the OMR Sheet during Examination is strictly prohibited. Candidate/OMR Sheet of candidates using Eraser, Blade, Nail or White Fluids/Whitener to smudge, scratch or damage in any manner the Answer Sheets shall be cancelled.
- There will be three copies of OMR answer sheet i.e. Original copy, Commission's copy and Candidate's copy. After the examination is over, the candidates shall handover the OMR answer sheet completely i.e. all the three copies and Admit Card to the invigilator and then after invigilator will handover the Candidate's copy to the candidate. The candidate can take away the question Booklet along with the Candidate's copy of OMR answer sheet with him/her. If, the candidate does not handover all the three copies of OMR answer sheets and Admit Card to the invigilator and takes away any of the above documents, his/her candidature shall be cancelled and criminal proceedings shall also be initiated against him/her.
- For Persons with Benchmark disability**
 The Persons with Benchmark disability (Blind/Visually Handicapped/Locomotor disability-both arm affected, Cerebral palsy) who wants the help of a scribe to write his/her paper will have to apply to the Centre Superintendent for the permission of a scribe separately, 30 min before the entry time of examination along with the relevant documents i.e. Request, Disability certificate issued by Medical Board constituted by the Chief Medical Officer of the concerned district, Aadhaar Card of candidate and Scribe, and self attested affidavit mentioning that he is a Blind/Visually Handicapped/Locomotor disabled(both arm affected) etc. candidate and the qualifications of scribe should be less than the essential qualifications required for the post. The qualifications of the scribe should not be more than 12th. A similar affidavit from the scribe shall also be required to be submitted to the Centre Superintendent along with the application. Such candidates will be allowed extra time/compensatory time @ 20 minutes per hour. Such permission will be granted by the Centre Superintendent after checking the documents.
 All the candidates with benchmark disability (Blind/Visually Handicapped/Loco motor disabled (both arm affected) etc. not availing the facility of scribe may be allowed additional time of 20 minutes per hour.

Place: Panchkula
Dated:- 06th December, 2020
PRDH/1159/13/6/2021/1268/314

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE



Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) in Rupees	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	UHBVN	FOR CHECKING OF HT/LT CONNECTIONS AND MTC. AUDIT OF 33 KV S/STN.	CLOSING DATE 12.01.2021	6000/-	uhbvn.org.in	0184-4075500 xenmpkarna@uhbvn.org.in
2	UHBVN	ONE NO. MAHINDERA BOLERO WITH DRIVER FOR DIVN UHBVN NARAINGARH	CLOSING DATE 15.01.2021	6000/-	uhbvn.org.in	9354726356 xenpnaraingarh@uhbvn.org.in
3	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE, INDRI	SUPPLY OF OFFICE STAFF FOR MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE, INDRI ON DC RATE FOR 6 MONTHS	CLOSING DATE 14.01.2021	10000/-	etenders.hry.nic.in	9416435945 secymc.indri@gmail.com
4	DAIRY DEV. COOP. FED. LTD.	HIRING OF ONE BOLERO/EQUAL AND ONE DESIRE VEHICLE/EQUAL FOR FIELD	CLOSING DATE 28.01.2021	3 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9996324596 vitajind@gmail.com
5	HVPNL	PROVIDING AND FIXING INTERLOCKING BLOCKS & REPAIRING OF BOUNDARY WALL AT 220 KV S/STN. SAFIDON AND PROVIDING AND FIXING INTERLOCKING BLOCKS AT 132 KV S/STN. ALEWA UNDER. XEN T/S DIVISION, HVPNL, JIND	01.01.2021 14.01.2021	3.72 LACS	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
6	HVPNL	REPAIR & CIVIL MAINTENANCE WORKS IN RESIDENTIAL BUILDING AT 132 KV S/STN COLONY, HVPNL, SIRSA	04.01.2021 11.01.2021	4.17 LACS	https://www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
7	HVPNL	PAINTING OF RUSTED STEEL STRUCTURE AT 220/132 KV S/STN. HVPNL, SIRSA	04.01.2021 11.01.2021	4.91 LACS	https://www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
8	HVPNL	REPAIR AND INCREASE OF HEIGHT OF OUTSIDE BOUNDARY WALL (BASANT VIHAR SIDE) OF POWER HOUSE COLONY AT 220/132 KV S/STN., HVPNL, POWER HOUSE COLONY, KARNAL	04.01.2021 13.01.2021	2.66 LACS	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
9	UHBVN	CONST. OF SHED, PAVER BLOCK, RAISING OF FALLEN BOUNDARY WALL AND RENOVATION OF EXISTING COMPLAINT CENTRE OLO SDO OP MADANPUR IN COMPLAINT CENTRE SECTOR-25, PANCHKULA.	CLOSING DATE 13.01.2021	15.75 LACS	www.uhbvn.org.in	9356063248 xenciviluhbvnpanchku@gmail.com
10	HSAMB, KKR	RE-CONST. OF LINK ROAD FROM JOGI MAJRA TO GHILLOUR MAJRI ROAD IN MC LADWA (ROAD ID : 3795) + 3 OTHER WORKS	08.01.2021 21.01.2021	EMD 3.47 lacs	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01744-231420 xenkk2019@gmail.com
11	MC PANCHKULA	REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF PARK NEAR HOUSE NO. 739, SECTOR- 12A, PANCHKULA + 2 OTHER WORKS	06.01.2021 20.01.2021	62.87 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9050060000 xenmcplk@gmail.com
12	DHBVN	SUPPLY, INSTALLATION TESTING & COMMISSIONING OF ELECTRIC LINES UP TO 11 KV VOLTAGE LEVEL ON TURNKEY BASIS BY EXECUTING THE WORK UNDER MGJG SCHEME ON 05 NO RDS FEEDERS UNDER XEN/OP DIVISION NO -II. HISAR NIT NO - 09/SE/OP/HSR/2020-21	05.01.2021 27.01.2021	4.47 CRORE	www.dhbvn.org.in	01662-232629 seopisar@dhbvn.org.in
13	DHBVN	SUPPLY, INSTALLATION TESTING & COMMISSIONING OF ELECTRIC LINES UP TO 11 KV VOLTAGE LEVEL ON TURNKEY BASIS BY EXECUTING THE WORK UNDER MGJG SCHEME ON 23 NO RDS FEEDERS UNDER HANSI DIVISION NIT NO - 08/SE/OP/HSR/2020-21	05.01.2021 27.01.2021	29.79 CRORE	www.dhbvn.org.in	01662-232629 seopisar@dhbvn.org.in
14	DHBVN	FIXING THE RATE CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY OF ACSR RACCOON CONDUCTOR 80 MM2 (NIT NO. 671/DH/MM DATED 05.01.2021 AGAINST QD - 852.	08.01.2021 28.01.2021	12.46 CRORE	www.dhbvn.org.in	8059888680 semmdhbvn@gmail.com
15	DHBVN	FIXING THE RATE CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY OF ACSR RABBIT CONDUCTOR 50 MM2 (NIT NO. 670/DH/MM DATED 05.01.2021 AGAINST QD - 851.	08.01.2021 28.01.2021	24.15 CRORE	www.dhbvn.org.in	8059888680 semmdhbvn@gmail.com
16	POLICE HOUSING CORN. LTD.	SITC OF HVAC SYSTEM IN OFFICE BUILDING OF UHBVN SECTOR 14, PANCHKULA	07.01.2021 14.01.2021	576.89 LACS	www.hphc.org.in	dtbpanchku@yahoo.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

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52	8/20/1min	Private	Gair Mumkin	0.2734000(Hectare)	0.2734000	82	87/1min	Private	Agriculture	0.0420000(Hectare)	0.0420000	81	43/2/1min	Private	agriculture/gair mumkin	0.1924000(Hectare)	0.1924000	
53	8/20/2min	Private	Gair Mumkin	0.1310000(Hectare)	0.1310000	83	89min	Private(private(Panchayat))	Rasta	0.0343000(Hectare)	0.0343000				agriculture/gair mumkin	0.0761000(Hectare)	0.0761000	
Village: Nogari																		
1	138min	Private(private(Panchayat))	Rasta	0.0362000(Hectare)	0.0362000	1	10/25min	Private	agriculture	0.1338000(Hectare)	0.1338000				Private	agriculture/gair mumkin	0.3927000(Hectare)	0.3927000
2	20/14min	Private	Agriculture	0.4357000(Hectare)	0.4357000	2	100min	Private(private(Panchayat))	Rasta	0.0975000(Hectare)	0.0975000	83	43/23min	Private	agriculture/gair mumkin	0.0309000(Hectare)	0.0309000	
3	20/15min	Private	Agriculture	0.1870000(Hectare)	0.1870000	3	102min	Private	gair mumkin	0.9292000(Hectare)	0.9292000	84	43/24min	Private	agriculture/gair mumkin	0.2375000(Hectare)	0.2375000	
4	20/16/1min	Private	Agriculture	0.0400000(Hectare)	0.0400000	4	103min	Private	gair mumkin	0.9292000(Hectare)	0.9292000	85	43/24/2min	Private	agriculture/gair mumkin	0.0667000(Hectare)	0.0667000	
5	20/16/2min	Private	Agriculture	0.1727000(Hectare)	0.1727000	5	104min	Private	gair mumkin	0.9292000(Hectare)	0.9292000				Private	agriculture/gair mumkin	0.4045000(Hectare)	0.4045000
6	20/17min	Private	Agriculture	0.4045000(Hectare)	0.4045000	6	105min	Private	gair mumkin	0.9292000(Hectare)	0.9292000				Private	agriculture/gair mumkin	0.2165000(Hectare)	0.2165000
7	20/24/2min	Private	Agriculture	0.1433000(Hectare)	0.1433000	7	12/14min	Private	agriculture	0.4045000(Hectare)	0.4045000	86	43/25min	Private	agriculture/gair mumkin	0.4045000(Hectare)	0.4045000	
8	20/25min	Private	Agriculture	0.2229000(Hectare)	0.2229000	8	12/15min	Private	agriculture	0.2165000(Hectare)	0.2165000</							

Rahane's India ready to rise

Win in Melbourne, return of Rohit boosts team for Sydney Test

SYDNEY, JANUARY 6
Having touched nadir and zenith in a span of 10 days, Ajinkya Rahane's India will look to start afresh against Australia in the third Test, hoping that Rohit Sharma's presence will add a new dimension to what promises to be an enthralling contest.

The Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG), despite being witness to several extraordinary performances by Indian batsmen over the years, has not exactly been a happy hunting ground for them, with five defeats. The lone Indian win at the SCG was achieved a good 42 years ago.

If Rahane's men change the script and go 2-1 up to ensure the retention of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, it would be a fine achievement, especially without key first-choice players.

Seldom has an Australian



For Team India, a lot would depend on the performance of Rohit Sharma. PTI/FILE

batting unit, that too with a player of Steve Smith's calibre, looked so circumspect and literally intimidated by an Indian bowling unit, which isn't even operating at full-strength. Pacer Navdeep Saini will make his debut tomorrow, replacing Umesh Yadav, who went home following an injury. The pressure on the hosts is evident from the fact that Australia are literally pushing a 70 per cent fit David Warner into

the middle to combat fire with fire, even as his statements make it clear that he is not comfortable with the idea. "He is energetic, professional, who could make an instant impact and fill guys with confidence," home captain Tim Paine's words indicated their desperation.

Individual show

The Sydney track has traditionally favoured the batsmen as Sunil Gavaskar, Ravi

Shastri, Sachin Tendulkar and even Pujara and Rishabh Pant, who got centuries here during the last tour, will vouch. If Sharma and Shubman Gill can give the team a good start, the under-pressure Pujara will be much more relieved while playing his own defensive game.

Rahane, after one of his more copybook hundreds constructed in adversity during the last game, will enter the arena with more confi-

INDIANS IN SYDNEY

12 Tests India have played in Sydney, losing five and winning one

1978 The year India recorded their only win in Sydney. Australia, weakened by many top players opting to play in Kerry Packer's World Series, won the series 3-2

1986 An Indian batsman scored a 100 in Sydney for the first time – in fact, K Srikanth, Sunil Gavaskar and Mohinder Amarnath scored 100s in that Test match. Australia lost six wickets in 77 overs for 119 runs in the second innings and saved the match

3 100s scored by Tendulkar at Sydney – 2 in draws (1992, 2004), one in a loss (2008)

3 100s scored by Laxman at Sydney – 2 in losses (2000, 2008), one in a draw (2004)

dence while facing the Australian quartet of Mitchell Starc, Josh Hazlewood, Pat Cummins and Nathan Lyon.

Meanwhile, Australia's wobbly batting will again be put to test by R Ashwin on a track that has traditionally helped spinners. — PTI

Not annoyed by quarantine: Rahane

SYDNEY: India captain Ajinkya Rahane tried to douse the quarantine controversy today, stating that his team is "not annoyed" with the strict bio-safety protocol. He did concede, though, that it was "challenging" to be confined to their hotel rooms when life outside their hotel seems "normal". "We are not at all annoyed but yes there are some challenges in quarantine as life in Sydney is completely normal," Rahane said.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT
STATE TRANSPORT COMMISSIONER, PUNJAB
SCO 177-18, SECTOR 17-C, CHANDIGARH**

PUBLIC NOTICE (HIRING OF VEHICLES)

Tender is invited from the Interested parties for hiring of Vehicles as per performance and terms & conditions uploaded on www.punjabtransport.org. Tenders can be sent by 27.01.2021 up to 03.00 p.m. Interested parties can submit their offer in the sealed envelope before the last date to the O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab SCO 177-18, Sector 17-C, Chandigarh with heading "TENDER DOCUMENTS FOR HIRING OF VEHICLES-2021".

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State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,

**Tender/RFP for Services like AMC, Housekeeping etc.
Government of Punjab**

Tender/RFP Reference No. 03 of 2021 Dt. 05.01.2021

The department of Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Board invites online Bids for:-

Name of work

Sr. No.
1. "Prov. & Instl. a new T/Well against abandoned T/Well complete & all other works contingent thereto" on Musan Road at Nawanshahr.

Closing Date & Time: 28.01.2021 up to 4.30 p.m.

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

Note: Any Corrigendum(s) to the Tender/RFP Notice shall be published on the above website only.

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Sd/- E.E. PWSSD, Hoshiarpur.

O/o State Transport Commissioner, Govt. of Punjab cum Member Secretary Punjab State Transport Society

SCO- 177-18, Sector 17-C Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE

Applications are invited from the eligible bidders for "Selection Of Agency For Social Media Management For Awareness About Transport Department Services & Road Safety in Punjab". Eligible bidder after going through the RFP document can apply for e-bidding process (mentioned in tender document) from **08/01/2021 at 11:00 HRS to 25.01.2021 15:00 HRS** on website www.eproc.punjab.gov.in

Tender document may also be downloaded from www.punjabtransport.org

State Transport Commissioner, Punjab cum Member Secretary, Punjab State Transport Society

DPR/Pb/540

Mairaj, Angad sit out of skeet trials

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 6
Skeet shooters Angad Singh Bajwa and Mairaj Ahmad, who have already qualified for the Tokyo Olympics, gave the national trials a skip. The trials got underway at the Dr Karni Singh Shooting Ranges on Tuesday.

As per the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI), "the scores of these selection trials will be considered for selection of team for ISSF World Cup, Egypt and ISSF World Cup, India". However, NRAI had made it optional for those who had already qualified for the Olympics.

Both Angad, who is training in Chandigarh, and

Mairaj, who is training at the Tuglakabad range in New Delhi, chose to take the option as they were practically assured of a place in the team for both the Cairo and New Delhi events. "I wanted to take part in the trials but after a long chat with my coach (Ennio Falco) I chose to give the trials a miss," Mairaj told *The Tribune* on Wednesday. "My coach said I would not be under pressure when I already know that I will be shooting at the World Cups," he added.

Gurjeet leads the pack
Meanwhile, Punjab's Gurjeet Singh is leading after Day 1 of the trials with a total of 73 hits.

BRIEFLY
VASCO
Goa hold East Bengal in ISL
A late goal saved the day for FC Goa as they earned a point after a 1-1 draw against SC East Bengal in the Indian Super League here today.

BENGALURU
Bengaluru fire coach
Bengaluru FC head coach Charles Cuadrat was today shown the door after a string of poor shows by the club in the ongoing Indian Super League. The former champions had seen three losses on the trot.

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Jaishankar presses for early decision on Lanka projects

Both sides skip reference to Indo-Pacific, agree on maritime ties

SANDEEP DIKSHIT
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NEW DELHI, JANUARY 6
External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Wednesday pressed Sri Lanka for an early decision on several pending Indian proposals in infrastructure, energy and connectivity.

At a meeting with his counterpart Dinesh Gunawardena in Colombo, the External Affairs Minister expressed hope that 36 Tamil fishermen arrested by the Sri Lankan security forces would soon be released.

Jaishankar listed reasons why India and Sri Lanka ought to have a closer trade and investment relationship. Although Gunawardena offered no specific commitments in public, he agreed that Colombo required partnerships for enhanced investment in several sectors of the economy.

India has its sights on the Colombo Port's Eastern Container Terminal, but is being opposed by trade unions and the Left. Gunawardena represents a left-of-centre party and had campaigned against the



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunawardena after a meeting in Colombo. PTI

'CHALLENGES NEED TO BE ADDRESSED'

There are specific challenges that need to be addressed, whether it is in finance or in trade. My visit is aimed at facilitating that process

S Jaishankar, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER

Vietnam War in his youth. His father, a former Cabinet Minister, was Sri Lanka's leading Trotskyite and an independence movement hero.

Jaishankar said early implementation of many pro-

posals under discussion would definitely accelerate Sri Lanka's economic recovery.

"We have discussed some important opportunities in the course of yesterday and today, including in special zones for

pharmaceutical manufacturing as also in tourism. I will ensure an early follow-up from the Indian side," Jaishankar assured Gunawardena.

The Sri Lankan Foreign Minister was highly appreciative of the Indian support over the past several months to mitigate the adverse impact of Covid. He also thanked India for extending assistance in repatriating Sri Lankan pilgrims, students and medical cases.

"As close neighbours and littoral states, we discussed defence and security matters as well as maritime and fishery sectors. We agreed to continue the momentum brought about by close dialogue as also (agreed to) curb illegal activities," added Gunawardena.

Though Sri Lanka abuts further into the Indian Ocean than India and Colombo is a natural stopover for long-haul ships, there was no mention of Indo-Pacific. Nor was there any mention on infrastructure projects that are debt traps.

India-France annual strategic dialogue today

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NEW DELHI, JANUARY 6

India and France will hold their annual strategic dialogue tomorrow. National Security Adviser Ajit Doval will lead the Indian delegation, while the French delegation will be led by Emmanuel Bonne, Diplomatic Adviser and G7-G20 Sherpa to the French President, a Ministry of External Affairs statement said.

Key focus areas of the talks will be Covid vaccines, cooperation within the Indo-Pacific area, nuclear, space maritime safety, environment, digital economy and defence cooperation. The last strategic dialogue was held in February last year in Paris.

With key interests in the Indian Ocean due to its overseas territories (Reunion Island and Mayotte) and 2.8 million square km of EEZ, France is emerging as a key Indian partner in the Indian Ocean. India recently signed a logistics sharing agreement with France that enables them to use each other's military facilities.

French Navy is a constant presence in the Indian Ocean, supported by bases in Djibouti, Abu Dhabi, Reunion Island and Mayotte. Bonne had last visited India in 2019, during which he met Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

India and France have often demonstrated solidarity with each other. India and France have had longstanding and robust economic and strategic ties.

PM thanks German Chancellor Merkel

PM Narendra Modi held a videoconference with his German counterpart, Federal Chancellor Angela Merkel on Wednesday. The PM appreciated Merkel's long-standing role in providing stable and strong leadership at the European and global stage, and thanked her for guiding the growth of the India-Germany strategic partnership. The two discussed key issues of mutual importance, including the response to the Covid-19, bilateral ties, regional and global issues.

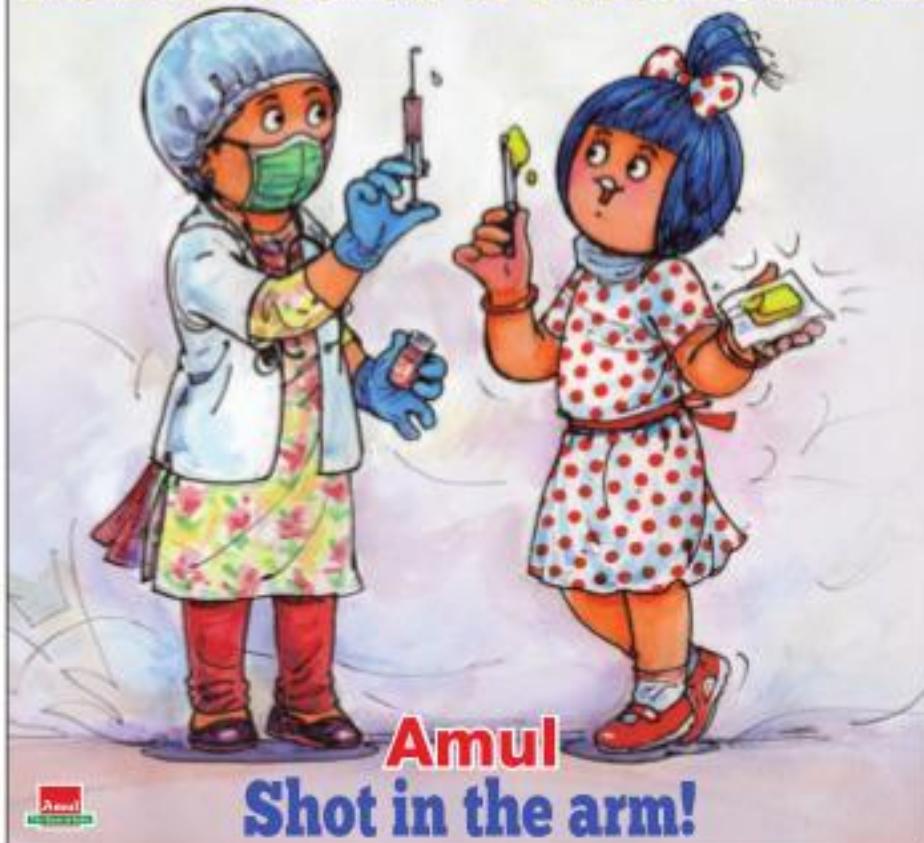


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India becomes a Vaccination Nation



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MoC on specified skilled workers with Japan okayed

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 6

The Union Cabinet today approved a proposal of India having a memorandum of cooperation (MoC) with Japan to partner with that country in the specified skilled worker sector.

The MoC will set an institutional mechanism for partnership and cooperation between India and Japan on sending and accepting skilled Indian workers, who have qualified the required skill and Japanese language test, to work in

14 specified sectors in Japan, the government said in an official statement. These Indian workers would be granted a new status of residence of "Specified Skilled Worker" by the Japanese government.

"The Union Cabinet has approved the signing of the MoC between the Governments of India and Japan, on a Basic Framework for Partnership for Proper Operation of the System Pertaining to 'Specified Skilled Worker,'" the statement read. — TNS

Bird flu: Centre rushes teams to Haryana, Kerala

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NEW DELHI, JANUARY 6

The Centre today said no cases of avian influenza had been detected in humans so far even as it rushed multidisciplinary teams to the affected districts of Kerala and Haryana. Teams have been stationed at Alappuzha and Kottayam in Kerala and Panchkula in Haryana.

The Department of Animal Husbandry on January 4 notified avian influenza (H5N8) in samples of dead ducks from Alappuzha and Kottayam. Similar reports came from poultry samples in Panchkula. Dead crows have been detected from Daly College in Indore, Madhya Pradesh as well, triggering fears of a spread.

In a letter to counterparts in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Haryana and Kerala, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan today asked for active surveillance among birds and humans alike saying avian influenza is highly pathogenic and can transmit to human beings.

"Till date no human case of avian influenza has been detected in India. It is however critical that effective containment plan among birds



A worker sprays disinfectant inside a poultry farm in Bhopal on Wednesday. PTI

NO HUMAN CASE SO FAR

■ Health Secretary writes to counterparts in Haryana, Kerala, MP, Rajasthan asking for surveillance in human habitations of affected zones
■ Till date no human case of avian influenza has been detected in India

and poultry population be initiated and active surveillance be done among humans. Identify the risk zones and undertake surveillance among human habitations of high-risk zones and affected

VIGIL ON UNUSUAL MORTALITY

■ States have been told to keep a vigil on unusual deaths among birds and share information with the Health Ministry Rajesh Bhushan, UNION HEALTH SECY

villages. Also keep a vigil on unusual deaths among birds and poultry and share relevant information with the Health Ministry," Bhushan said in a letter to the health secretaries of the four states.

Bhushan flagged the issue of dead crows detected from Indore in his letter to the state authorities today. Avian influenza has also been reported from Jhalawar in Rajasthan and Bhind in MP.

Arnab gets more time to amend plea in suicide case

MUMBAI, JANUARY 6

The Bombay High Court on Wednesday granted further time to Republic TV Editor-in-Chief Arnab Goswami to amend his petition and place on record the chargesheet filed against him and two others in a 2018 case of abetment of suicide of an interior designer.

Goswami and the two other accused — Feroze Shaikh and Nitish Sarda — will have to appear before a magistrate court at Alibaug in neighbouring Raigad district of Maharashtra on Thursday, pursuant to summons issued to them in December 2020.

On December 16, 2020, the magistrate court took cognizance of the chargesheet filed by the Alibaug police in



ARNAB GOSWAMI
'BARC's ex-CEO played vital role in TRP scam'

Mumbai: A Mumbai court, while rejecting the bail plea of Broadcast Audience Research Council's (BARC) former CEO Partha Dasgupta, has observed that he played a "vital role" in the alleged television rating points manipulation scam.

Talking to mediapersons at his residence here, Misra expressed suspicion that people who were afraid of losing orders from the Indian government might have been involved in the attack on him.

On Tuesday, Misra had claimed that he was poisoned with deadly arsenic trioxide on May 23, 2017, during a promotion interview at the ISRO headquarters in Bengaluru. — PTI

Top ISRO scientist claims he was poisoned 3 years ago

AHMEDABAD, JANUARY 6

A day after claiming that he was poisoned with arsenic over three years ago, top ISRO scientist Tapan Misra on Wednesday said it might have been due to his contribution in developing indigenous radar imaging satellites.

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4 workers die in Odisha gas leak

BHUBANESWAR, JANUARY 6

At least four workers died on Wednesday and a few others fell ill after inhaling a toxic gas leaked from a unit at Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP) of the state-run SAIL of Odisha, official sources said.

The mishap took place at the Coal Chemical Department of the RSP in the morning when a total of 10 workers were on duty.

The four were contractual workers engaged by a private company, they said.

"According to a preliminary report, the four workers died due to emission of carbon monoxide gas from the unit," the officials said. They were admitted to the ICU of the Ispat General Hospital, where they died. — PTI

Vax challenge: 26% older adults report health issues

ADITI TANDON

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NEW DELHI, JANUARY 6

Nearly 26 per cent older Indian adults have at least one underlying health condition and 18 per cent have multiple morbidities.

Findings from the largest survey of elderly health and well-being in India have revealed the challenges Covid-19 vaccine delivery planners will face. People aged 50 and above and those aged below 50 with comorbidities are on the inoculation list.

The findings of Longitudinal Ageing Study in India, a unique survey of those aged 45 and above done by the government and International Institute of Population Studies, Mumbai, were released today.

"Nearly a quarter (23 per cent) of the elderly, aged 60 and above, have multiple morbidities as against 18 per cent older adults aged 45-59," states the study that will track 72,250 respondents in 65,506 households for 25 years. The survey finds that the elderly living in

urban areas with higher education and those in the richest quintile with the highest per capita expenditure capacity are more likely to be diagnosed with more than one chronic health condition.

The prevalence of multiple morbidity conditions among the elderly is much higher than

the national average in Kerala (52 per cent), Chandigarh (41 per cent), Lakshadweep (40 per cent), Goa (39 per cent) and Andaman and Nicobar Islands (38 per cent). In India, the self-reported prevalence of diagnosed cardiovascular diseases is as high as 28 per cent among those aged 45 and above.

Paramilitary forces to use khadi rugs

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 6

Giving an impetus to the use of indigenous items, the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) will be using 'khadi durries' (rugs) manufactured by the cottage industry.

The Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force (ITBP) will be procuring 1,71,520 cotton 'khadi durries' for use by the CAPF that functions under the Ministry of Home Affairs. The value of the order is Rs 8.5 crore.

A memorandum of understanding (MoU) in this regard has been signed with the Kharadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) by the ITBP.

ITBP is the first force among the CAPFs to procure supplies from the KVIC. Earlier, the ITBP had signed an agreement with the KVIC in July for the supply of 1,200 quintals of mustard oil to the ITBP with a total financial implication of Rs 1.74 crore.

The process of procuring khadi bed sheets and pillow covers from the KVIC for all CAPF hospitals is also underway, and it is expected that it will be procured in this financial year itself. — TNS

SC won't stay UP...

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wanted the top court to stay the operation of the laws that mandated prior permission for religious conversions for marriage.

"You are asking for a relief which we cannot entertain under Article 32. Whether provision is arbitrary or oppressive needs to be seen. This is the problem when you come directly to the Supreme Court," said the CJI.

The petitioners questioned the validity of the laws on the ground of alleged violation of fundamental rights of citizens, contending their provisions went against public policy.

The Uttar Pradesh Vidhi Virudh Dharma Samparivarttan Pratishedh Adhyadhesh, 2020 (Uttar Pradesh Prohibition of Unlawful Religious Conversion Ordinance, 2020) - which was promulgated in

2nd dry run tomorrow

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Serum Institute's Covishield and Bharat Biotech's Covaxin although Covishield is expected to be used in the first phase to vaccinate 30 crore priority group people.

"As a simulation of the actual execution, another round of dry run in all 700 plus districts of all states and UTs except UP and Haryana is planned on January 8 to ensure efficient planning and management for vaccine delivery in each district. Haryana and UP have either already conducted or will be conducting the dry run in all districts on January 5 and 7 respectively," the government said.

Each district will identify three types of session sites similar to the previous dry run, including a public health facility, a private health facility and a rural or urban outreach site.

In the virtual meet between Central and state health ministers tomorrow, the entire planning of the vaccination drive, including beneficiary registration, will be tested under the leadership of district collectors and district magistrates. — TNS

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