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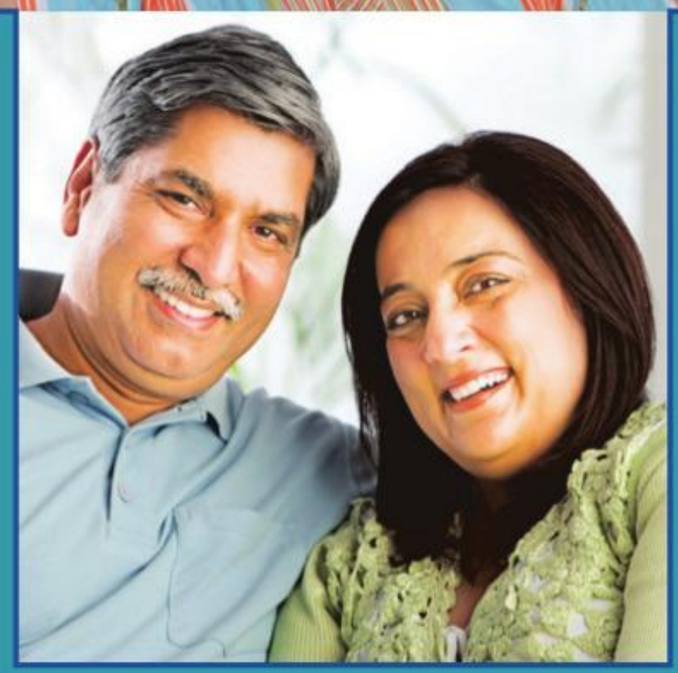

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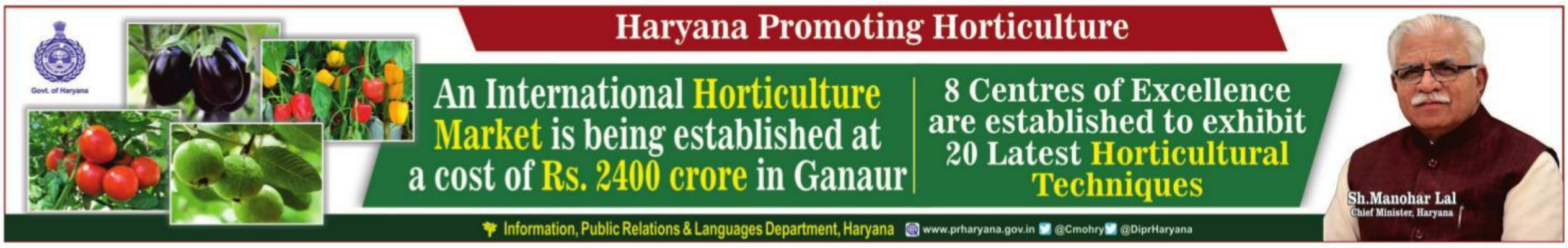

'Don't stand on prestige': Oppn clamours for farm law repeal

Farmer stir dominates Prez Address debate in RS | LS adjourns repeatedly

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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 3

Farmers' stir dominated discussions on the President's Address in the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday with the BJP and Opposition clashing over the future of the new agriculture laws.

Shah briefs PM on law and order situation

After the BJP's lead speaker Bhubaneswar Kalita from Assam defended the legislations while cautioning the Opposition against turning the farmers' agitation into another Shaheen Bagh, the Congress and Samajwadi Party urged the government to rescind the laws rather than stand on prestige.

The Motion of Thanks on President's Address, which Kalita moved, saw 118 amendments by opposition MPs, including DMK's Tiruchi Siva and Congress' Digvijay Singh, Deepender Singh Hooda and KC Venugopal. The RS allocated 15 hours for the debate

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BKU leader Rakesh Tikait at the mahapanchayat against the new farm laws in Jind. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Tikait hardens stance at Jind meet

DEEPENDER DESWAL
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HISAR, FEBRUARY 3

The farmers today displayed a massive show of strength with a mahapanchayat at Kandela village in Jind district, further boosting their agitation for repeal of the three laws.

Calling for a "wapsi" (withdrawal) of the laws, BKU leader Rakesh Tikait indirectly warned the Modi government that it could lose its "gaddi" (power) if the agitation continued. "We have so far talked about 'law wapsi'. What will you do if we call for *gaddi wapsi* (removal from power)?" he said.

Tikait said there would be no change in the committee of farmer representatives holding talks with the government.

On the government setting up multiple layers of barricades on the Delhi borders, Tikait said: "When the king is scared, he secures the fortress. The fortification is not going to deter us from moving ahead."

COPS OFFER ₹1L BOUNTY ON DEEP SIDHU, OTHERS

The Delhi Police have announced a cash reward of ₹1 lakh for anyone who can give information leading to the arrest of Deep Sidhu and three others in connection with the Republic Day violence in the national Capital. TNS

Govt puts Twitter on notice, says comply with law

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 3

The government today put Twitter on notice for not honouring a previous legally binding order to remove incendiary and provocative accounts from its space and asked it to comply with the Indian law or face action for not working to prevent a potential law and order situation.

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology warned Twitter for "unilaterally unblocking several accounts linked to a hashtag that falsely fear-mongered about alleged farmers' genocide."

Several of these accounts (250 plus) were blocked on Monday for tweeting and retweeting objectionable posts but were later restored by Twitter, government sources said. — TNS

Check facts: MEA on celeb tweets

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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 3

The Centre on Wednesday slammed the remarks made by top international celebrities and activists on farmers' protests, saying the facts on the issue must be ascertained before rushing to comment on it.

The government claimed that the reactions were prompted by vested groups that were behind the Red Fort violence. "The temptation of sensationalist social media hashtags and comments, especially when resorted to by celebrities and others, is neither accurate nor responsible," said the MEA in a statement.

It said it was unfortunate to see groups having vested interests trying to enforce their agenda on these protests as was seen on January 26.

"Parliament, after a full debate and discussion, passed the laws, which will give expanded market access and provide greater flexibility to farmers. The laws will also pave the way for economically and ecologically sustainable farming," it said to counter child environmental activist Greta Thunberg's opinion.

The MEA said it was a "very small section of farmers who have some reservations" about these reforms.

VESTED INTERESTS

"Groups having vested interests are trying to mobilise international support against India. They also want to enforce their agenda on the farmers' protests. MEA

R-Day violence: SC junks plea on judicial probe

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 3

The Supreme Court today refused to entertain a PIL seeking a probe by a judicial inquiry commission into the Republic Day violence during farmers' tractor rally in the national Capital.

"We are sure the government is inquiring into it and taking appropriate action....The PM in his statement has said the law will take its own course," a Bench headed by Chief Justice of India SA Bobde said.

As the petitioners' counsel said the probe shouldn't be one-sided, the CJI said, "Obviously... what does an investigation mean? Both sides will be investigated." — TNS

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- The post-Budget euphoria continues for the third straight session
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In Pb, 44% rise in stubble burning

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 3

Punjab witnessed an increase of 44.5% in stubble burning cases in 2020 despite getting 46% of the total funds from the government to check burning of residue, the Centre has told the SC. INSIDE

$130-bn proposal to modernise military

AERO INDIA

BENGALURU, FEBRUARY 3

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday said India plans to spend $130 billion over the next 7-8 years on its military modernisation.

Opening the Aero India show here, he said, "We have long witnessed unfortunate attempts to employ force to change status quo along our unresolved borders (with China). India is vigilant and prepared to counter and defeat any misadventure to defend our people and territorial integrity at all costs."

Foreign manufacturers were being encouraged to set up wholly owned subsidiaries or enter into strategic partnerships with Indian firms, he said. A new clause in the defence acquisition procedure allows outright purchase of equipment from foreign vendors, followed by indigenous manufacture through its subsidiary in India or through a joint venture or through an Indian agency, he said. — TNS

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Prepared to defeat any misadventure: Rajnath

IN BRIEF

Gujarat-cadre officer is acting CBI chief

NEW DELHI: CBI Additional Director Praveen Sinha, a 1988-batch Gujarat cadre IPS officer, has been appointed acting chief of the agency till a decision on a new director is taken to succeed Rishi Kumar Shukla who retired on Wednesday after a two-year fixed stint. TNS

Soldier killed in Pak firing in Rajouri dist

JAMMU: A soldier was killed on Wednesday in Pakistan firing along the LoC in J&K's Rajouri district, a defence spokesperson said. Sepoy Laxman, a resident of Jodhpur in Rajasthan, was the fourth soldier to be killed this year in ceasefire violations by Pakistan troops along the LoC. PTI

Shut in March, Spiti valley to open for tourists

DIPENDER MANTA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MANDI, FEBRUARY 3

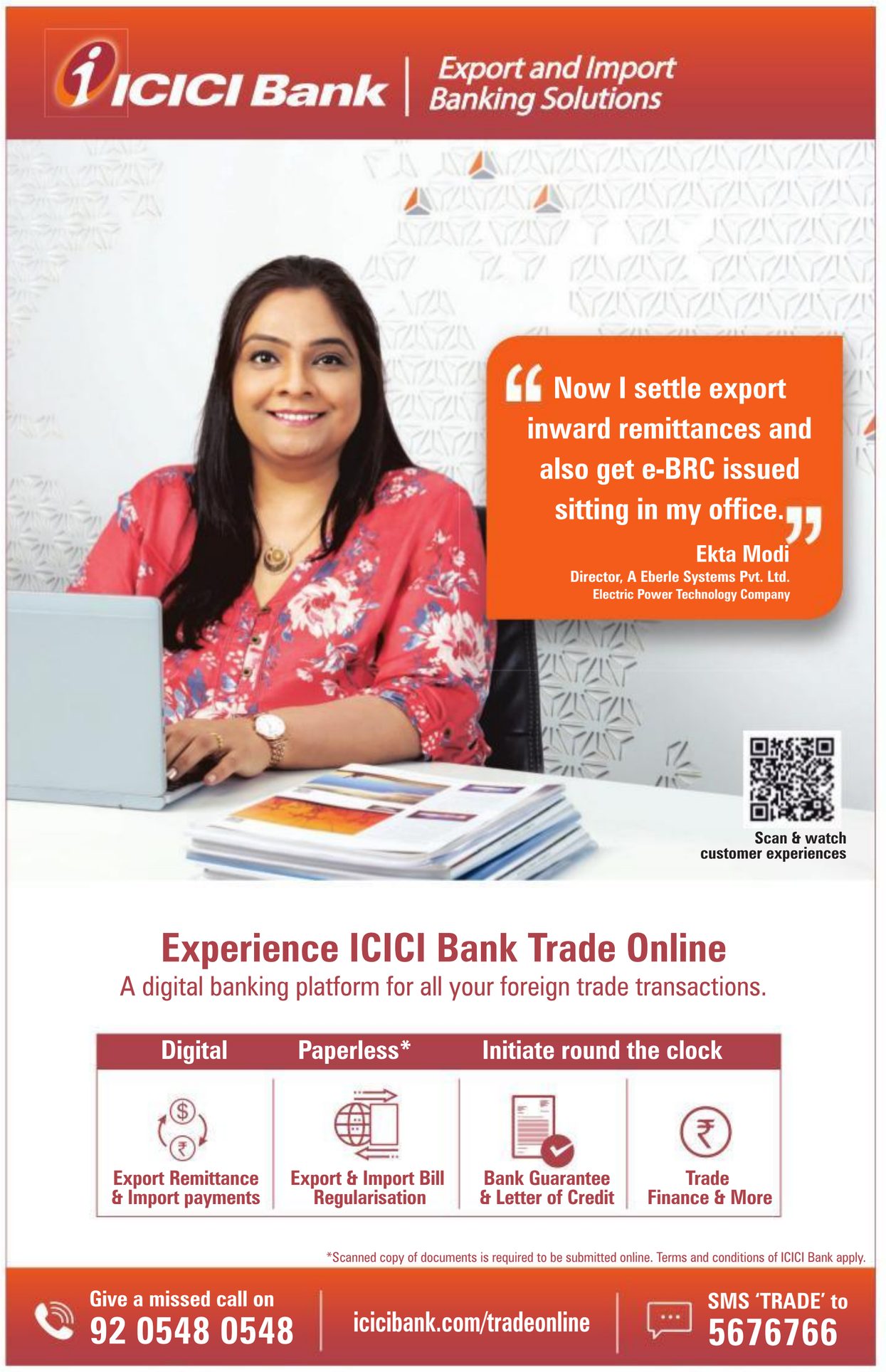
Residents of Spiti are all set to welcome tourists from February 17. The valley was shut since March last year in the wake of the Covid-19 outbreak.

Now, the tribal district of Lahaul and Spiti has become Covid-free. To attract tourists to the Lahaul valley, the district administration has organised a two-month-long snow festival.

Takpa Tenzin, president of the Committee for Preventive Measures and Sustainable Development, Spiti, said, "The decision to open the Spiti valley for tourism has been taken unanimously by stakeholders of the tourism industry and valley residents."

Tourists in Lahaul, which opened partially amid the pandemic. FILE

However, the tourists coming to the region will have to strictly follow all standard operating procedures. Takpa said, "All tour operators have to ensure that tourists, mainly those travelling in a group, have a Covid negative test report from an authorised hospital or lab 72 to 96 hours before arrival." Meanwhile, entry to Kibber village and Kibber wildlife habitat remains prohibited as villagers have decided not to host tourists this winter.



AAP actions not pro-farmer: CM

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CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 3

A day after the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) walked out of the all-party meeting, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Wednesday said the people of Punjab should not expect anything better from a party whose chief was, on record, touting the farm laws as the most revolutionary step in the agriculture sector in 70 years.

He said the act of walkout had not only shown the party in its true colours, but also bared their lie on Arvind Kejriwal's video, which showed the Delhi CM narrating the benefits of the farm laws. Trashing AAP's claim of the video being doctored, he said, "How can one believe them after their continued theatrics over the farm laws and the farmers' agitation, including their walk-out from yesterday's meeting?

Citing the alleged presence of AAP Punjab member Amrik Micky at the Red Fort during the violence of January 26, the Chief Minister said there was no doubt now that the party was hand in glove with the BJP in the conspiracy to destabilise and sabotage the farmers' peaceful agitation.

"What have they done to help or support the farmers all these months?" Capt Amarinder asked, adding that the string of AAP actions in recent weeks clearly proved that their sympathies were not with the farmers but with the BJP and their crony capitalists. "Why else did the Kejriwal government in Delhi notify the implementation of one of the black farm laws in November last? Why else have they allowed the national capital's roads to be dug up and the farmers' protest sites barricaded like fortresses, instead of exercising their powers since the control of the city roads lies with the Delhi Government and not with the Centre?" asked the Chief Minister.

"It is ridiculous that a party which cannot stop its own property from being taken over in this shocking manner, in a state where it is in power, should walk out from a pro-farmer meeting in Punjab demanding that our police should go to their state, against all rules and laws," Capt Amarinder said.

The Chief Minister also took a dig at Kejriwal for taking more than a week to release the list of farmers thrown into the Tihar jail.

VIDEO DOCTORED, DELETE IT: KEJRIWAL

Reacting to a video being shared by CM Capt Amarinder Singh's media adviser stating that the Delhi CM supports the central farm laws, AAP national convener and Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal said the party would take legal action in this regard. "This is a doctored video... If Captain Amarinder does not withdraw this video immediately and apologise, I will take legal action against him," he said.

State saw 44.5% rise in farm fires last year: Centre to SC

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 3

Punjab witnessed an increase of 44.5 per cent in incidents of stubble burning during 2020, despite getting 46 per cent of the total funds from the central government for checking burning of crop residue, the Centre has told the Supreme Court.

In an affidavit, the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) informed that Punjab saw 76,590 incidents of farm fire in 2020 as compared to 52,991 during 2019, indicating an increase of 44.5 per cent. Haryana reported 5,000 active farm fire cases in 2020, while the number was 6,652 in 2019, thus indicating a decrease of 25 per cent in a year.

The MoEF said in order to address the issue of air pollution and subsidise machinery required for in situ management of crop residue, the Deaprtment of Agriculture Cooperation and Farmers Welfare has implemented a special Central Sector Scheme which is 100 per cent centrally funded, in states of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and NCT Delhi for the period from 2018-19 to 2020-21.

The Centre allocated Rs 1,726.67 crore, of which Punjab got Rs 793.18 crore, Haryana Rs 499.90 crore, UP Rs 374.08 crore, Delhi Rs 4.52 crore and Indian Council of Agricultural Research and other central agencies Rs 54.99 crore.

The top court was apprised that an ordinance was promulgated for setting up a broad-based Commission for Air Quality Management in the National Capital Region and adjoining areas to ensure a coherent approach in tackling the problem of air pollution. — PTI

FUND TO CHECK STUBBLE BURNING

46% of the funds meant for checking stubble burning going to the state, says the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF)

76,590 incidents of farm fires reported in the state during 2020 as compared to 52,991 in 2019, states the MoEF affidavit

Painful loss

Protesters pray for the farmers who lost their lives during the ongoing farm agitation, at Singhu border. PHOTO: MUKESH AGGARWAL

LIP contingent leaves for Delhi to join stir

AMRITSAR, FEBRUARY 3

A contingent led by Lok Insaaf Party leader Simarjit Singh Bains left for Delhi from here today after performing ardas at Akal Takht for the success of the farm struggle.

Bains said farmer leader Rakesh Tikait would be presented with a gold axe in recognition of his services for the farmers' cause at the Ghazipur border on Saturday.

Earlier, the Lok Insaf Party had sent jathas under the name of "Delhi Chalo-Morcha Mallo" from Fatehgarh Sahib, Ludhiana and Phagwara to strengthen the farmers' protest against the Centre. "We also organised a bicycle march urging people to join the struggle," he said.

Appealing to the leaders of all political parties to put aside their ideological differences, he said: "It is the duty of all MLAs and MPs of the state to strengthen the agitation. During the all-party meet, I had suggested to the CM that we all should organise a joint dharna," he said. — TNS

To honour Tikait with gold axe

Agri bank launches loan recast scheme

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 3

Punjab State Cooperative Agricultural Development Bank (PADBs) has taken some major policy decisions to revive the agricultural banks in the state and to provide some relief to the distressed farmers.

Stating this today, Cooperation Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa said the bank had launched a loan restructuring scheme for the defaulters who could not pay their instalments in the past few years because of their distressed financial position.

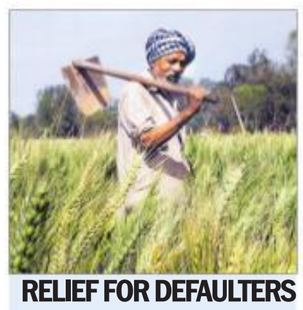
He further said a provision had been made under the scheme that if a borrower paid 20% of his outstanding amount at the time of restructuring, the entire penal interest outstanding in his account would be waived. Moreover, the borrower would be eligible for a subsequent loan if he regularly paid 1/3rd of the restructured loan amount.

Randhawa further said the bank had also decided to provide a six-month moratorium to standard loan accounts on unpaid loan instalments due for repayment during the peak of disruptions caused by Covid-19 pandemic i.e. March 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020. This would provide a relief to the borrowers who could not pay their instalments in this period and these would be deferred by six months in such a way that the residual tenure of loan account would be shifted, revealed the minister.

Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Vikas Garg, said the bank had also extended the ongoing scheme of waiver of penal interest till March 31, 2021. Under the scheme, the entire penal interest outstanding in the borrower's loan account is waived if he repaid the entire defaulter amount or closes his loan account. This scheme was launched in October 2020 and about 4,000 farmers have benefitted from the scheme and availed a relief of about Rs 1.23 crore.

"At present of 89 PADBs, only 30 PADBs are advancing fresh loans to the farmers. After the revision of the bank's audit classification norms, now the number of such banks which can advance fresh loans will go up to 70, enabling more farmers to avail financial assistance from the PADBs," said the Registrar.

Penal interest waiver extended till March 31



RELIEF FOR DEFAULTERS

"The scheme will help a defaulter borrower to repay his loan in easy instalments and get relief against any legal action initiated by the bank.

Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, MINISTER

Day after DGP, 416 cops get Covid jab

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CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 3

A day after Punjab Director General of Police (DGP) Dinkar Gupta volunteered to be the first among the Punjab Police personnel to get the Covid-19 vaccination jab, the drive has picked up momentum with 416 policemen getting inoculated on Day 2.

Additional Director General of Police (ADGP)-cum-Director, Punjab Police Academy (PPA), Phillaur, Anita Punj; Inspector General of Police (IGP)-cum-Additional Director, PPA, Yurinder Singh Hayer; IGP, Faridkot, Kaustubh Sharma; Commissioner of Police (CP), Ludhiana, Rakesh Agrawal; and CP, Jalandhar, Gurpreet Singh Bhullar, besides 12 Senior Superintendents of Police (SSPs) of different districts were among the top brass to get the Covid-19 vaccine on Wednesday.

Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh launched the second phase of Covid-19 vaccination drive for frontline workers at the Police Headquarters here on Tuesday, during which as many as 49 police personnel, including the DGP, four ADGPs and other senior officers, were inoculated.

DGP Gupta once again urged the entire Punjab Police force to get inoculated with Covid-19 vaccine to protect themselves as well as the people of the state from the Covid-19 pandemic.

Meanwhile, to keep the force motivated, the Punjab Police have also started putting a digital badge — a virtual recognition by the DGP, on the pictures of police personnel getting the jab.

A policeman receives Covid vaccine in Jalandhar. PHOTO: MALKIAT SINGH

Govt can't deny payment to contractors, suppliers: HC

SAURABH MALIK
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 3

Making it clear that financial crunch was no ground for not paying suppliers and contractors executing the works for the state, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has issued four commandments, including the preparation of a payment priority list.

Justice Anil Kshetarpal said the state or its instrumentalities would maintain a priority list of the admitted amount to be released to the contractors or suppliers. Such priority list would be prepared department-wise and it would not be deviated from. The payments would be released only in accordance with the instructions issued in this regard.

The Chief Secretary would ensure circulation of the order to all departments, local bodies or instrumentalities of the state for following the directions in letter and spirit.

As and when a representation or notice was received from a contractor or supplier for release of the undisputed amount, the authority concerned would be bound to inform him of the priority number within 10 days.

Justice Kshetarpal asserted a large number of writ petitions were filed in the High Court claiming non-release of payments to the contractors for quite a while. At one stage, the state government admitted financial crunch in the state.

"It appears the situation still continues. No doubt, the state or its instrumentalities have no discretion to not pay the contractors or suppliers after their work or supplies have been completed," he said, stressing normally the courts were reluctant to interfere in the state's financial matters. However, the court was left with no choice, but to step in.

Make priority list to release funds, state told

Wrestling events to boost farmers' morale at Singhu

JALANDHAR, FEBRUARY 3

To keep protesting farmers motivated, the Punjab Wrestling Association plans to organise competitions at the Singhu border this month.

The organisers said several national and international wrestlers would be joining the event.

Association president Kartar Singh Pehelwan said: "Along with farmers, youngsters can also be seen protesting. So, it is important to keep them upbeat, which is why we have decided to organise such events."

The association would also honour the family of those whose members lost their lives during the stir. — TNS

Healthcare workers must get vaccinated by Feb 12

NITIN JAIN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

LUDHIANA, FEBRUARY 3

Healthcare workers, who have not got themselves vaccinated against Covid-19 yet, can receive the jab by February 12, after which no more beneficiaries registered in the ongoing first phase of vaccination will be covered in the state.

This was stated a day after Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh launched the second phase to inoculate frontline workers on Tuesday. Disclosing this, here today, Hussan Lal, Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, said over 62,000 of total 2 lakh healthcare workers, constituting 31% of the persons registered on CoWin app, had been covered in the first phase.

While 1.04 lakh healthcare workers from the public sector were registered for vaccination in the first phase, the remaining 96,000 were from private health institutions.

The Health Secretary announced that after February 12, vaccination to administer the second dose to the already inoculated healthcare workers would start and the option of taking the first dose would not be available.

Sharing the details of the second phase, Hussan said as many as 260 vaccination sites had been identified in government and private health facilities.

Of 1.66 lakh frontline workers registered on the portal for the second phase, the maximum (1.31 lakh) were from the Department of Home Affairs, 31,000 were from the Department of Housing and Urban Affairs and the remaining 4,000 were from the Revenue Department.

"Primarily, vaccination to frontline workers will be provided at the nearest government healthcare facility. There is also a provision for setting up vaccination sites at the place of posting of frontline workers, provided they are in an adequate number at the place, and the required infrastructure, including computers, printers and Internet facility are available there," said the Health Secretary.

1.66 lakh registered for second phase

Painter's son set to be a judge

Secures second position in PCS (Judicial) exam

GS PAUL
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

AMRITSAR, FEBRUARY 3

Sky is the limit for those who know how to achieve their goals. Meet Yogesh Gill, son of a painter, who cracked the PCS (Judicial) exam recently.

Yogesh (34) has secured the second place in the state under the reserved SC category. Describing his achievement, he said, "Never give up. Just strive for the mark set before you. Even after three unsuccessful attempts, I didn't lose hope and cleared in the fourth attempt."

Coming from a humble background, he got his initial education in Tarn Taran, completed his LLB and LLM from GNDU and became a member of the Tarn Taran Bar Association. Between 2012 and 2016, he worked as a law lecturer at Lyallpur Khalsa College, Jalandhar.

"Since 2016, I switched over to regular law practice and lately served as an assistant district attorney in Amritsar courts. During my stint as a public prosecutor, I felt dejected after observing the tedious legal implications due to which justice would not be delivered or get delayed many times. I always intended to achieve the power that could help the masses getting their due. Then, I started preparing for the exam. Ultimately, I was successful in achieving my goal," he said.

His proud father, Waryam Chand, a painter, could not ask for more as his son would occupy a judge's chair now.

Hailing from Mohalla Guru Ka Khu, Waryam runs a painting shop opposite the old Tarn Taran judicial complex. Though it was difficult to make both ends meet, he never compromised when it came to imparting education to his two sons and a daughter.

"In this endeavour, my wife Surinder Kumari also contributed and did all odd jobs. I was the happiest person on the Earth when I painted my son's board as a lawyer," he said.

Yogesh Gill (2nd from left) with his family members in Tarn Taran.

FATHER USED TO FIX NAMEPLATES OF LAWYERS

"When I used to go to law chambers to fix the nameplates and boards of judges and lawyers, I was always fascinated by them, and wanted my son to become one of them. Waryam Chand, YOGESH'S FATHER

Bathinda artist highlights farmers' plight on canvas

SUKHMEET BHASIN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

BATHINDA, FEBRUARY 3

An artist from Bathinda, Gurpreet Artist, has made around 60 paintings in support of farmers and against farm laws. Gurpreet has made paintings that show that the three legislations would "crush farmers". His two latest paintings on a journalist and a BKU leader have been liked by many on the social media.

He has also made humorous paintings on the tussle between singer Diljit Dosanjh and actor Kangana Ranaut. From day one of the farmers' agitation, he has been making paintings on various issues like farmers moving from Punjab and reaching Delhi after braving water cannons, tear gas shells and crossing various barricades in Haryana.

He says, "I use paint and brush to highlight social issues. Art is a visual medium and it has power. I feel as if due to the effort of social media and art, people have started getting attached to the farmers' cause." He has made a painting on farmer leader Rakesh Tikait, too. He says, "Rakesh Tikait's tears lifted the spirit of the agitation." Apart from painting, Gurpreet has spearheaded and organised protests and marches in support of the farmers.

He said he had spent around 20 days at Tikri and Singhu borders. He also held an exhibition of his paintings at the Singhu border.

Gurpreet Artist shows his paintings on the farmers' agitation in Bathinda. PHOTO: PAWAN SHARMA

3 SAD leaders booked in Jalalabad violence case

OUR CORRESPONDENT

FAZILKA, FEBRUARY 3

A day after registration of a criminal case in the Jalalabad poll violence case against 50-60 unidentified persons, three Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leaders have also been booked.

These leaders are SAD Fazilka unit president Ashok Aneja; Davinder Singh Babbal, former chairman, market committee, Jalalabad, and Jagsir Singh, alias Babbu Jaimalwala, former president, Truck Operators' Union, Jalalabad, along with five to six unidentified persons.

The SAD leaders have been booked on the basis of a statement by Congress worker Ranjit Singh who alleged the leaders opened fire during the violence which took place in the tehsil complex at the time of filing of nomination papers for the MC poll on Tuesday. Ranjit Singh was "injured" in the violence.

After the violence, an FIR was registered on the statement of SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal's OSD Satinderjit Singh Manta against 50-60 unidentified persons under Sections 307, 323, 148, 149 and 427 of the IPC and Sections 25 and 27 of the Arms Act.

Manta had alleged in the FIR that when they entered the complex, Jalalabad Congress MLA Raminder Singh Awla, his son Jatin Awla and 50-60 persons were already present there. He alleged they assaulted them with stones and sticks. The official vehicle of Sukhbir was also damaged. Manta alleged Jatin Awla had opened fire on them. The police had registered an FIR against unidentified persons, saying the violence occurred due to political rivalry between the two groups. To find the real culprits, a through probe was needed, the FIR reads.

Fazilka SSP Harjeet Singh said the police were checking the CCTV cameras to find out the truth behind the violence. He said 300 police personnel had been deployed at the tehsil complex for hassle-free filing of nomination papers.

Meanwhile, SAD president and MP Sukhbir Singh Badal today reached Guru Gobind Singh Medical College and Hospital, Faridkot, to meet his three supporters who sustained injuries in the firing at the Jalalabad tehsil complex yesterday.

CIVIC BODY POLL

PARTY SLAMS EC

- **Chandigarh:** The SAD on Wednesday said the state Election Commission (EC) had failed in its duty to protect the life and liberty of people in the run-up to the MC poll and should be wound up immediately.
- After meeting the Election Commissioner, ex-minister Daljit Singh Cheema said the former was proving to be a burden on the exchequer as he had openly expressed his helplessness in giving any relief against murderous attacks on SAD workers. TNS

200 booked for Bhikhiwind firing

OUR CORRESPONDENT

TARN TARAN, FEBRUARY 3

The Bhikhiwind police have booked more than 200 persons, mostly SAD workers, for Tuesday's firing incidents. They were booked under Sections 307, 186, 148 and 149 of the IPC and Sections 25, 27, 54 and 59 of the Arms Act.

SHO Sarabjit Singh said no one had been arrested as all managed to escape from the spot. The police said 15 accused had been booked by name and more than 200 were unidentified. The identified accused are Amarjit Singh, Rinku, Aman Sharma, Harjinder Singh, Vine Malhotra, Surinder Pal and Upkardeep Singh.

No arrest yet: Cops

The election for the 19 wards of the Patti Municipal Council and 13 wards of the Bhikhiwind Nagar Panchayat is scheduled for February 14.

The administration made strict security arrangements on the last day of filing of nomination papers today. According to information, 111 papers have been filed in Patti and 66 in Bhikhiwind.

Five candidates missing: BJP

OUR CORRESPONDENT

FATEHGARH SAHIB, FEBRUARY 3

Five BJP candidates announced by the district unit for the Mandi Gobindgarh Municipal Council poll had gone missing after getting threat calls. This was alleged by Pardeep Garg, district president, BJP, while addressing mediapersons here today. He was accompanied by district and state office-bearers of the BJP.

He said the BJP had announced 29 candidates for the 29 wards of the Mandi Gobindgarh Municipal Council and 15 candidates for 23 wards of the Sirhind-Fatehgarh Sahib Municipal Council. He said some of the candidates had filed papers yesterday amid protest and sloganeering by SAD and Congress workers. Today was the last day of filing the nominations but five of their candidates had gone missing and their cell phones were switched off.

Amloh SDM Anand Sagar Sharma denied the allegations and said 239 nominations had been received with no complaint from anyone. DSP Sukhminder Singh said he had not received any complaint from the BJP in this regard.

BJP leaders address a press conference in Fatehgarh Sahib.

Saffron party's Bathinda chief files papers as Ind

BATHINDA, FEBRUARY 3

Facing the ire of farmers, BJP Bathinda (urban) president Vinod Kumar Binta has filed nomination papers as an Independent candidate for the Bhucho MC poll in Bathinda district.

Returning officer (RO) Mander Singh said, "Vinod Kumar Binta filed his nomination as an Independent candidate from ward no. 2 in the Bhucho Municipal Council." However, Binta claimed he filed the nomination as a party candidate but the party letter in his papers had been misplaced. The BKU (Ekta Ugrahan) had announced to protest against the BJP candidates in the MC poll. — TNS

Council 'denies' certificate to leaders, stirs row

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

FARIDKOT, FEBRUARY 3

In the run-up to the local bodies election, Faridkot Nagar Council's denial to issue a 'no due certificate' to many candidates has stirred a controversy.

While the council authorities say there is no requirement of the certificate to file a nomination paper by any candidate, many aspirants of the SAD, BJP and AAP fear their nomination papers may be cancelled at any time on the basis of some outstanding taxes or council dues towards them.

Amrit Lal, executive officer, Nagar Council, Faridkot, said there was no need for a no due certificate for any candidate in the municipal election.

Rift in Cong over choice of nominees

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 3

As the nominations for the forthcoming civic body polls came to an end today, differences continue to persist among Congress leaders in Batala, Pathankot, Moga and some other places over the choice of candidates.

As a result, nominations have been filed as Independent candidates in the above places. In Batala, former patry MLA Ashwani Sekhri is learnt to have objected to the names of the candidates finalised by the party. A senior leader said there was objection to the names recommended by a cabinet minister.

In Pathankot, efforts by party leaders to sink differences among different factions failed as those opposed to party candidates made their candidates file nomination as Independent candidates. Similar reports emerged from Moga.

"The BJP has been trying to create the urban-rural divide, but it will not work in case of Punjab. The BJP is out to damage Punjab, be it farm laws or withholding the CCL," said PPCC chief Sunil Jakhar. — TNS

Congress candidates on way to file nominations in Abohar.

SHOW OF STRENGTH IN ABOHAR

Abohar: Around 50 Congress candidates filed nominations for the Abohar Municipal Corporation election with the sub-divisional administrative complex ground filled to its capacity amid a show of strength by the party. The Congress has nominated 13 former councillors or their spouses. OC

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Tender Enquiry No.: 148/Tend/GPC/2020-21/3/4-A
Online Tender for one time purchase of Basket of Choice Model (परिवार नियोजन के साधन) to Various Hospitals of Government of Haryana
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For Managing Director

PRDH/2222/11/28/2021/1667/31/4

POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH CHANDIGARH

e-TENDER NOTICE: PGI/Engg./Elect./2021/132

The Hospital Engineer (Electrical), PGIMER Chandigarh re-invites on behalf of the Director PGIMER Chandigarh Online Percentage rate bids from the enlisted contractors of CPWD/Department of Posts/BSNL/Railways/M.E.S./Chandigarh Administration/ CHB/MC Chandigarh/State PWD's/HUDA/PUDA/State Electricity Boards & Corporations dealing in Electrical works OR specialized agency dealing in external electrifications works on two bid system (Eligibility-cum-Technical Bid and Financial Bid) for the work of "Augmentation of HT panel and repair of LT panel at substation NINE, PGIMER Chandigarh." **Estimated Cost:** Rs. 9.51 Lakh, **Earnest Money:** Rs. 19,000/-, **Period of Completion:** 2 Months. The last date & time of submission of bid is 11.02.2021 up to 03:00 p.m. The last date and time of submission of Original EMD in Physical form is 12.02.2021 up to 03:15 p.m. The date and time of opening of Eligibility-cum-Technical Bid is 12.02.2021 at 03:30 p.m. The date and time for opening of Financial Bid is to be Declared later.

The original EMD as scanned & uploaded shall be deposited physically by all the intending bidders in the office of H.E. (Electrical) as per above schedule failing which the bid shall be treated as invalid. The genuine spare parts to be replaced should be procured from the OEM of HT panel/LT panel. The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website: **http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app** and official website of the PGIMER **www.pgimer.edu.in.** Contractors are requested to get their firm registered on the website **http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app** for participating in e-tendering process (Help desk No. for registering-9988447883).

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1719 ई.डब्ल्यू.एस. बी.पी.एल. परिवारों के लिए गुरुग्राम सेक्टर- 48, 49, 67, 73, 91 व 92 गुरुग्राम 408 तीन मंजिले फ्लैटों के फ्लैट नंबर के आवंटन हेतु।

1719 ई.डब्ल्यू.एस. गुरुग्राम स्कीम की पंजीकरण की अवधि 28.08.2018 से 19.10.2018 तक थी। इस स्कीम में 1623 आवेदक इन्टैक्ट हैं, जिनकों दिनांक 09.02.2021 को सुबह 11.30 बजे फ्लैट नंबर ऑनलाइन ड्रा द्वारा आवंटित किए जाएंगे। स्कीम का पूर्ण विवरण निम्नलिखित है :-

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PRDH/1063/11/2/2021/1662/31/4 मुख्य प्रशासक।

Annexure-A

PRESS NOTICE FOR E-TENDERING

The Project Director cum Chief Engineer, PMU, Jal Shakti Vibhag Mandi 175001 Himachal Pradesh. Invites tender on behalf of Governer of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible Firms for the following work through e-tendering process:-

Job No. 1 (Package D6):- Engineering, procurement, construction, testing, commissioning, trial run and operation and maintenance of various components of Massal & Multi villages group piped water supply scheme for Part of Nagrota Bagwan Block of Kangra District (HP) for ultimate capacity of bringing 3.48 MLD Clear water from the intake source from Banner River 40 Villages of 6 Panchayat in single package on "Turn-key job basis" including trial run, defect and liability period and running and maintenance of the entire scheme for 5 years (Cost of running and maintenance shall be paid separately) as covered under this bid, shall be sustainable and responsive to standard norms as stipulated. Estimated Cost:- Rs. 1831.22 Lakh Equivalent to $ 2491456 in USD Bid security:- Rs. 18.31 Lakh Equivalent to $ 24914.6 in USD Time:- 24 Months (including all season but excluding trial run period of 1 year) and 5 years O&M Cost of Form:- Rs. 2500/- Only (USD 34.01)

Job No. 2 (Package D3):- Engineering, procurement, construction, testing, commissioning, trail run and operation and maintenance of various components of Parour & Multi villages group piped water supply scheme for Part of Bhawarna & Bhedu Mahadev Block (Sullah) & Gharoon Multi villages group piped water supply scheme for Part of Bhawarna & Bhedu Mahadev Block (Sullah) of Kangra District (HP) for ultimate capacity of bringing 1.69 MLD & 0.866 MLD. Clear water (16 hours of pumping) from the Tubewells in single package on "Turn-key job basis" including trial run, defect liability period and running and maintenance of the entire scheme for 5 years. Estimated Cost:- Rs. 2796.49 Lakh Equivalent to $ 3804746 in USD Bid security:- Rs. 27.96 Lakh Equivalent to $ 38047 in USD Time:- 24 Months (including all season but excluding trial run period of 1 year) and 5 years O&M Cost of Form:- Rs. 2500/- Only (USD 34.01)

Last date of filling/uploading the tender through e-tendering:- 02.03.2021 up to 11.00 AM. The tender form and other detailed conditions can be obtained from the Govt. website:- **https://hptenders.gov.in** or from office of The Project Director cum Chief Engineer, PMU, Jal Shakti Vibhag Mandi 175001 Himachal Pradesh.

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16.02.2021	Mumbai Mahalakshmi	Deputy Chief Materials Manager-Mumbai Mahalakshmi	022-24929571 09004495750
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SECTION-1
E -TENDER NOTICE
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3. Estimated Cost **Rs 12,84,377/-**
4. Earnest Money **Rs. 25,688/-**
5. Period of Completion:- 90 days
6. Last time and date of submission of bid 10.02.2021 at 02.00 PM
7. Bid opening date and time 10.02.2021 at 04.00 PM

The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website **www.etenders.chd.nic.in/nic.gep/app**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
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1	Physician (District Hospital Strengthening, NHM)	01 post for Civil Hospital, Sec-06, Panchkula.	11.02.2021
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3	Medical Officer (UHM)	01 post for Urban Health Center-16, Panchkula.	11.02.2021
4	Medical Officer (NUHM)	01 post for UPHC Kalka, Panchkula.	11.02.2021
5	Consultant District Urban Health (NUHM)	01 post for O/o, Civil Surgeon, Sec-06, Panchkula.	17.02.2021
6	ICU Technician (ICU)	01 post for Civil Hospital, Sec-06, Panchkula.	17.02.2021

Detail regarding eligibility criteria, age, important instructions and application form are available on website **nhmharyana.gov.in.** Candidates are instructed to visit website **nhmharyana.gov.in** regularly for any updation/ Corrigendum (If any).

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PRDH/1058/11/17/2021/1682/31/4

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Meritorious schools to reopen on Feb 9, Covid -ve report must

Students to be quarantined for 24 hrs, must bring sanitiser, 7 masks

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

FARIDKOT, FEBRUARY 3

About a month after the resumption of physical classes for all students of day schools, the school education department today issued directions to open 10 meritorious residential/ boarding schools in the state.

These schools will resume functioning on February 9 but all students in these residential schools would be quarantined for 24 hours after they join the schools.

Punjab has 10 meritorious schools, opened by the state government under the "Society for Promotion of Quality Education for Poor and Meritorious Students of Punjab". These are affiliated to the PSEB and are for Classes 11 and 12 only with the aim of placing deserving students in professional colleges at the all-India level. The students are provided free education, lodging/ boarding, books, stationery and uniform. The government school students who have scored more than 80% marks in Class 10 are eligible for admission in these schools.

As per directions, thermal scanners would be provided to the security staff so that all incomers are screened before entering the premises. Students need to bring along sanitiser and seven re-useable masks besides six pieces of soap or liquid soap. Parents' consent will be taken before the students join the schools.

Students also need to bring Covid-19 negative certificate. This condition also applies to mess contractors and workers deployed by them. The mess, canteen and hall would be sanitised before February 9.

The warden will stay in the hostel. Only one person would be allowed to meet students and that too only in case of emergency. This person must carry Covid negative report.

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- While there are around 4,000 students in Class 12 of all 10 meritorious schools, there is none in Class 11 as no admissions took place due to Covid-19 this time
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- Government school students who have scored more than 80% marks in Class 10 are eligible for admission in these schools

LIFT BAN ON RECRUITMENT FOR AIDED SCHOOLS: ACTIVIST

- Social activist Bhanwer Lal Khatri on Wednesday demanded lifting of ban on new recruitment to fill vacancies of retiree teachers in government-aided schools, many of which were on the verge of closure
- Speaking at a function held at the 75-year-old RSD Girls Middle School in Abohar, he said the grant-in-aid scheme was launched in 1967 and 10,000 teachers were sanctioned for 484 aided schools
- "Till 2003, only 4,000 teachers were recruited after which the government halted the recruitment and the schools were running without the required 6,000 teachers," he said, adding that thousands of youth who had qualified PTET test were still jobless OC

Armed forces institute to come up in Hoshiarpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT

HOSHIARPUR, FEBRUARY 3

Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh today virtually laid the foundation stone of Sardar Bahadur Amin Chand Soni Armed Forces Preparatory Institute (SBACAFPI) at Bajwara village here through video conferencing. The institute will facilitate more youth from the state to take up defence services as a career.

To be raised at a cost of Rs 27 crore over an area of 12.75 acres by the PWD (B&R), it would train 270 candidates per year and would be completed by the end of this year.

The CM thanked MP Ambika Soni, president, Sardar Bahadur Amin Chand Soni Education Trust and Society, for providing free land to the Employment Generation, Skill Development and Training Department.

Local MLA and the Industries Minister Sunder Sham Arora along with DC Apneet Riyait and other officers witnessed the stone laying ceremony at a meeting hall of the district administrative complex. Bajwara sarpanch Preeti thanked the CM and Soni.

The CM lauded the role of Maharaja Ranjit Singh Armed Forces Preparatory Institute, Mohali, in providing defence training to youth, enabling them to secure permanent commission in the Armed Forces through the National Defence Academy or equivalent service academy.

He also referred to the stellar performance of Mai Bhago Armed Forces Preparatory Institute for Girls, Mohali, which trains young girls after Class 12 for a career as commissioned officers in the defence services.

Industries Minister Sunder Sham Arora and DC Apneet Riyait inspect the site map of the institute in Hoshiarpur. TRIBUNE PHOTO

8 COURSES A YEAR TO TRAIN 270 YOUTHS

- The institute will train the aspirants for induction into Armed Forces, keeping the entry at graduate level for CDSE/AFCAT
- It will run three courses in a year of three months' duration with intake capacity of 40 candidates, thus training 120 candidates in a year under its Entrance Exam Training Wing
- Under another Service Selection Board Training Wing, the institute will train those who have received call letters for appearing in Service Selection Board
- The institute will run five courses in a year, each of eight weeks' duration with course strength of 30 candidates, to train 150 candidates in a year

OT services begin at AIIMS-Bathinda

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

BATHINDA, FEBRUARY 3

The operation theatre services began at the AIIMS-Bathinda today. Earlier, only OPD services were provided at the premiere institute and residents of the region had been demanding that the operation theatre services be started at the earliest.

AIIMS Director Dr DK Singh said that most equipment needed to initiate surgical facilities had been procured and put in place at the institute.

Medical Superintendent Professor Satish Gupta said, "The first surgery was performed on an employee of the AIIMS-Bathinda who sustained injuries in a road accident last week. An ad hoc OT has been set up, pending completion of the IPD building and the major OT complex."

Heroin seized

ABOHAR, FEBRUARY 3

The police have seized 35 gm heroin from Kuldeep Singh of Dhani Kamayianwali village, located on the outskirts of Abohar town. He has been booked under the NDPS Act. — OC

PUDA to e-auction assets from Feb 5

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 3

The Punjab Urban Planning and Development Authority (PUDA) will be holding the e-auction of properties in various cities across the state from February 5 to 15. The e-auction will be held between at 9 am and 1 pm.

An official spokesperson of the PUDA said the properties on offer include residential plots, SCOs, shops and booths etc in prime areas. The sites are located in Ludhiana, Patiala, Jalandhar, Bathinda, Nabha, Kapurthala, Mukerian, Mansa, Abohar and Malout. This is an opportunity to buy prime properties as the sites put on auction are situated in already developed localities.

He said the possession of the sites shall be handed over to the successful bidders on a payment of 25 per cent of the final bid amount and the allottees would be required to deposit the balance payment in instalments at the interest rate of 9.5 per cent per annum. Early handover of the sites will enable the allottees to start construction at the earliest and subsequently use the site for the purpose it meant, be it residential or commercial.

Details pertaining to the properties, including reserve price, nature, location plans, payment and other terms and conditions would be hosted on the auction portal, www.puda.e-auctions.in, before the commencement of the e-auction, he added. — TNS

Not paid for 4 months, NREGA workers protest

BATHINDA, FEBRUARY 3

Expressing resentment over not being paid salaries for the past over four months, MGNREGA workers' union staged a protest here today. The protesting members also demanded that the government should start making payment on the basis of hiked rates announced by it.

Union president Varinder Singh said, "Apart from non-payment of wages to MGNREGA workers for the past over four months, they are also being transferred to distant places. After a string of protests, the district administration had announced wage hike on the condition that we will not object to transfer." — TNS

KIRTAN AND ANTIM ARDAS

With profound grief and deep sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved
Sh. Dev Raj Birdi
who left for his heavenly abode on 31st January 2021
Kirtan and Antim Ardas in his memory
will be held on Sunday 7th February 2021
at **Gurudwara Bagh Shahidan**, Sector 44-A
Chandigarh from 1 pm to 2 pm

Grief stricken
Parsin Kaur- Wife
Veena Kazal- Dr Harbans Lal Kazal (Daughter & Son-in Law)
Dr Girish Birdi- Lakhbinder (Son & Daughter in Law)
Parveen Birdi- Kulwinder Kaur (Son and Daughter in Law)
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Aditya , Vivek, Veenita , Priyanka, Deepika, Abhijeet & Vikram

Sh. Dev Raj Birdi

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Members of the Joint Trade Union Council stage a demonstration in Faridabad on Wednesday.

Trade unions protest in F'bad

FARIDABAD, FEBRUARY 3

Hundreds of members of the Joint Trade Union Council staged a demonstration outside the Mini-Secretariat here today in protest against the Centre's new farm laws and the amendment to labour laws announced in the Union Budget.

Babu Lal Sharma, convener of the JTUC which represents the All-India Trade Union Congress (AITUC), Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU), Hind Mazdoor Sabha (HMS) and ICTU, said: "The three laws are anti-farmer. Because of these laws, the country is in turmoil."

Bechu Giri, a member of the ESI Regional Board and state secretary of the state unit of the All-India Trade Union Congress, condemned the defiant stance of the Modi government and accused it of adopting anti-democratic policies.

He said the council supported the agitation of Power Department employees against the Electricity Bill. — TNS

NATION IN TURMOIL

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TWO DIE AT SINGHU

- Two protesting farmers from Punjab died at the Singhu border on Wednesday
- Their bodies were sent to the General Hospital for postmortem examination
- The deceased were identified as Jogender Singh (68) of Tarn Taran and Jasmail Singh (47) of Barnala
- Jogender was found dead in his tent at a protest site in Kundli. He came to Kundli on January 20
- Jasmail died under suspicious circumstances. He was part of the protest since November 27

Will march to Raj Bhawan if no meeting with Guv: Cong

Party to seek Assembly session for tabling no-confidence motion

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 3

The Congress Legislature Party today decided to approach Governor Satyadeo Narain Arya again to seek a special session of the Assembly. The MLAs would march towards Raj Bhawan if he did not agree to meet party representatives on Thursday.

"We are in touch with the Governor's office. We will wait till 11 am on Thursday for an appointment. If the Governor does not agree to meet us, we will march from the MLAs' hostel to the Governor's residence," said Leader of Opposition Bhupinder Singh Hooda.

The Congress would bring in a resolution in the Assembly to oppose the three agricultural laws and a Bill to amend the APMC Act to guarantee MSP to farmers.

"Farmers have the democratic right to agitate for their demands. Withdrawing their electricity, water supply, sanitation and internet facilities to harass them is inhuman. The government should resume all facilities immediately," Hooda told mediapersons.

He claimed that the BJP-JJP government had lost public confidence. "The Congress has decided to bring in a no-confidence motion in the upcoming session. Voices of dissent are being heard from MLAs supporting the government. They are constantly making statements against the government and in support of farmers. The no-confidence motion will let people know which MLA stands with the government," he said.

On Kalka MLA Pardeep Chaudhary's disqualification after conviction, Hooda said the MLAs had discussed how Speaker Gian Chand Gupta acted in haste. "It is murder of democracy. The action was taken without issuing any notice to him," he said.

IN TOUCH WITH GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

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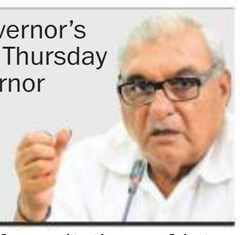

JJP IT cell district chief quits party

KARNAL, FEBRUARY 3

JJP IT cell district president Bhadur Singh Mehla and other workers quit the party in support of the farmers' agitation on Wednesday.

He criticised the party leaders for not taking stand for farmers. "I was disappointed due to no positive stand taken by my party leaders, so I quit the party," said Mehla.

Meanwhile, Congress workers led by All India Congress Committee (AICC) secretary Virender Rathore took out a 'Tiranga Yatra' from Gharaunda to Bastara toll plaza to extend support to the farmers' agitation.

Rathore said they had been supporting farmers. Earlier, they had also held a meeting at Gharaunda Community Centre and criticised the government for passing these laws. — TNS

Will consider demands of stir-hit industry: Farm leaders

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SONEPAT, FEBRUARY 3

The district administration held a meeting with leaders of the Sanyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) and members of the Kundli Industries Association (KIA) today after the industrialists demanded open passage to the local industrial area.

The SKM assured the KIA that they would think positively on the issue. Deputy Commissioner Shyam Lal Poonia said industrialists and residents of adjoining villages had been supporting the protesting farmers.

Farmer leader Darshan Pal Singh and Manjeet Singh Rai said they did not want to create problems for the people. They told the administration that they would decide after discussing the issue with other organisations and farmers.

The SKM demanded basic amenities like electricity, toilets and potable water and sought fogging at the protest site. Poonia said 27 tankers had been deployed for potable water.

Net suspension extended in Kaithal, Jind, Rohtak, Sonepat and Jhajjar districts

Farm leaders and industrialists during a meeting with Deputy Commissioner Shaym Lal Poonia at Kundli. TRIBUNE PHOTO

2 constables dismissed from service

HISAR, FEBRUARY 3

Two police officials have been dismissed from service and another was superannuated after they were found negligent in discharging their duties when 17 juveniles escaped from an observation home here in October last year.

A police spokesperson said the services of constables Vinod and Raghuvinder were terminated, while ASI Jagraj Singh was retired forcibly. Six pay increments of another constable have been withheld. The action has been taken on the basis of an inquiry report, in which it has been found that only one of the constables was on duty at the time of incident. The indicted police officials were accused of dereliction of duty, the spokesperson said. — TNS

Cops not obtaining CCTV footage to be booked, HC told

SAURABH MALIK
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 3

Police officials investigating criminal cases will be booked under the IPC for their failure to obtain CCTV footage wherever available, the Haryana Police have told the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

In an affidavit submitted in the High Court, state crime branch Superintendent of Police Virender Singh stated that instructions had been issued to all field units to ensure that copies of CCTV footage were obtained from the source in every case where claimed to be available.

The requisite certificate under Section 65-B of the Indian Evidence Act would have to be obtained in accordance with the law. The certificate under Section 65-B is mandatory when a party wants to adduce electronic evidence, but original device cannot be brought in court.

In case of omission, instructions had been issued to direct the registration of a case under Section 166-A of the IPC against the defaulting investigating officer for knowingly disobeying the direction of law.

The instructions came less than two months after the High Court made it clear that CCTV footage, whenever available, was required to be obtained during probe and FIR for knowingly disobeying the direction of law was required to be registered against the defaulting investigating officer.

Directions had also been issued to the Haryana DGP. He was asked to issue appropriate instructions to Commissioners of Police and Superintendents of Police to exercise effective supervision in this regard on officials posted in their districts.

PREVIOUS DIRECTIVE

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HC notice to Khattar

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 3

Taking up a contempt of court petition alleging non-compliance of a judicial order passed in a civil writ petition, the Punjab and Haryana High Court today issued notice of motion to Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar in his capacity of Haryana Shahari Vikas Pradhikaran chairman.

The notice by Justice Harinder Singh Sidhu came on a contempt petition filed by Haryana City Gas Distribution Limited through counsel Abhinav Sood and argued by Anmol Gupta. Fixing March 24 as the next date of hearing in the matter, Justice Sidhu called for a compliance report in the matter by then.

The petitioner had claimed filing of representations on the issue of land allocation for setting up CNG stations in Gurugram. Taking up the writ petition, the High Court had, in September last year, directed the respondents to take a decision on the representations by December 1. — TNS

Plea alleges non-compliance of judicial order

DIRECTORATE OF TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING PUNJAB

PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding Conversion of Industrial plot no 556, in Sector 82 SAS Nagar to Non-Industrial purpose i.e. Hotel under the Conversion policy dated 08.09.2016.

Industrial plot no. 556, in M/s Janta Land Promoters Ltd Sector 82, SAS Nagar was allotted by M/s JLPL for industrial purpose. Now, the owners of this plot has applied for conversion of this plot into Hotel under the conversion policy of the Government dated 8.9.2016. Therefore, before processing the case a public notice is hereby published for inviting objections if any regarding conversion of said plot into Hotel. Those desirous may submit their objections in writing within 7 days from the date of publication to the office of the undersigned.

Chief Town Planner, Punjab
Sector 62 PUDA Bhawan, SAS Nagar.

Finance panel recommends ₹63K cr for state over 5 years

BHARTESH SINGH THAKUR
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 3

The 15th Finance Commission has recommended a transfer of Rs 63,098 crore to Haryana from 2021-22 to 2025-26.

This will include Rs 46,177 crore as the state's share in Central taxes and duties and Rs 16,921 crore as grants-in-aid. However, Rs 81,977 crore has been recommended for Himachal Pradesh (HP) and Rs 1.2 lakh crore for Punjab.

Haryana's share in the Central taxes has been increased to 1.093% from 1.084%. Punjab's share has also been enhanced to 1.807% from 1.577% and that of HP to 0.830% from 0.713%.

In case of grants-in-aid for Haryana, the commission, headed by NK Singh, has recommended Rs 132 crore as revenue deficit grant.

The commission's report, tabled in Parliament on Monday, says the states that still show revenue deficit post devolution have been recommended grants. Post devolution, Haryana is reflecting only Rs 132 crore as revenue deficit in 2021-22, while there will be a surplus of Rs 6,444 crore in 2022-23, Rs 14,312 crore in 2023-24, Rs 24,600 crore in 2024-25 and Rs 38,901 crore in 2025-26.

On the other hand, Punjab is reflecting a deficit of Rs 10,081 crore in 2021-22, which will reduce to Rs 8,274 in 2022-23 and then to Rs 5,618 in 2023-24 and further to Rs 1,995 in 2024-25. Only in 2025-26, it is showing a surplus of Rs 5,260. So, for Punjab, Rs 25,968 crore as revenue deficit grant is recommended.

For Haryana's local governments, Rs 9,066 crore has been recommended while Rs 2,715 crore for disaster management, Rs 695 crore for health and Rs 1,696 crore for agriculture sector.

For the Pradhan Mantri Grameen Sadak Yojana, maintaining statistics and judiciary, Rs 128 crore, Rs 40 crore and Rs 300 crore have been proposed respectively, while Rs 146 crore for higher education. There is also a state-specific grant of Rs 2,003 crore for Haryana.

On risks and challenges, the commission observed that interest payments are a huge liability for Haryana. "Between 2011-12 and 2018-19, interest as a percentage of total revenue expenditure has been in the range of 12.5% to 17.6% (among the highest in India)," says the report.

The Debt-GSDP ratio also increased from 18.33% (2011-12) to 25.09% (2018–19). Haryana's revenue deficit-fiscal deficit ratio has been increasing over time and is currently 51.4% (2018-19), indicating that most of the borrowings have gone for financing its revenue deficit.

The commission pointed out outstanding liabilities, substantial budgetary support and arrears in the accounts of state public sector units.

₹46K cr share in Central taxes & duties, ₹16K cr as grants-in-aid

NEED TO REDEFINE GROWTH GOALS

"The state needs to improve certain sustainable development goals — zero hunger, gender equality, cities, communities, consumption and production, climate action and life on land."

15th Finance Commission

Youth out on parole shot

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KURUKSHETRA, FEBRUARY 3

A 28-year-old jail inmate out on parole was shot dead by unidentified assailants near Gita Niketan School here today. The deceased was identified as Ravi alias Gorkha, a resident of Amin village.

Ravi went in his car to a mobile phone accessories shop around 10:30 am to purchase an auxiliary cable. The assailants, who were following him in another car, fired at him outside the shop. Ravi suffered multiple bullet injuries. He was out on parole in a murder case.

"Ravi was shot dead by four or five men. He was travelling with a woman friend in his Bolero when he was attacked. He was taken to Aggarwal Hospital, from where he was referred to Cygnus Hospital, where he was declared dead," said Sahil, the deceased's brother. In his complaint, Sahil stated that Ravi had enemies inside and outside the jail. A case was registered at the Krishna Gate police station.

"Ravi released on parole on January 12. At least five persons are involved in his murder. We are trying to nab the suspects and the CCTV footage has been obtained," said SHO Sunil Vats.

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Adv./No. **PGI/RC/2021/126/409** Dated: 03.02.2021

NOTICE FOR WALK-IN INTERVIEW

The Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh intends to fill up the 03 (UR-01, SC-01 & OBC-01) vacant posts of **Medical Officers** purely on contract basis for one year for **running the temporary OPD of PGIMER Satellite Centre, Sangrur, Punjab** through walk-in interview.

The candidates willing to appear in the above said walk-in interview must submit their brief bio-datas (in triplicate) on the prescribed proforma available on website of the Institute alongwith certificate of age, qualification, experience and caste etc till **17.02.2021 up to 12:00 Noon** positively in the Recruitment Cell, Kairon Block of the Institute and appear for interview on **17.02.2021 at 03:00 p.m.** onwards. For details please visit PGIMER website i.e. **www.pgimer.edu.in.**

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Empanelment of Compressed Biogas (CBG) Consultants

To mitigate the problem of Agri-residue burning in the state of Punjab, Punjab Energy Development Agency (PEDA) is facilitating under NRSE Policy-2012 for setting up of Compressed Biogas (CBG) Plants based on Agri-residue. CBG Plants have been allotted to Private Developers on BOO basis under this policy. These plants are at various stages of planning, designing and execution. Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) Govt. of India and Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Govt. of India are supporting these projects. For guidance to the developers for setting up of CBG projects, PEDA invites applications from experienced consulting companies/ firms/ individuals having experience in the biogas/CBG sector for empanelment.

The complete application with technical experience and financial strength should reach online by 18.02.2021 on email **davindersingh@peda.gov.in** with copy to **mpsingh@peda.gov.in**

PEDA reserves the right to accept /reject/cancel/annul the applications without assigning any reason and will not be liable for any cost incurred by the companies/individuals. Submission of applications does not construe any right in favour of the Companies/individuals.

Chief Executive Officer, PEDA

EXCISE COMMISSIONERATE, PUNJAB
PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice inviting applications for the Renewal of retail sale licenses of Punjab Medium Liquor (L-14A) and Indian Made Foreign Liquor (L-2) in Punjab for the year 2021-22.

It is notified for the information of Retail Licensees that the applications for renewal of groups/zones for PML (L-14A) and IMFL (L-2) licenses in Punjab are invited for the year **2021-22.**

1. As per Rule 42 of Punjab Liquor License Rules, the licenses of L-2/L-14A shall be eligible for renewal for the financial year **2021-22** of those licensees who give 12% excess revenue over and above the Minimum Guaranteed Revenue fixed for his group/zone for the year **2020-21.**
2. The Minimum Guaranteed Revenue of each Group/Zone for the year **2021-22,** shall be fixed by increasing MGR of the financial year **2020- 21 by 10%.**
3. The details of the groups/zone shall be displayed on the notice board of the concerned district. These details will also be available on the website of the department **www.excise.punjab.gov.in** as well. The rates of renewal fee of the licenses L-2/L-14A on the basis of MGR of the year 2020-21 shall be prescribed by the concerned Assistant Commissioner and shall be displayed on the notice board of the district concerned.
4. For renewal of License, the Retail Licensee (L-2 and L-14A) shall submit his application in the offices of the concerned Asstt. Commissioner (Excise) of the district range.
5. The schedule for applications shall be as under:

Receipt of applications:-

a) Applications for Renewal of licenses may be submitted from **08.02.2021 to 21.02.2021 (up to 5 P.M.).**
b) The application must be accompanied by receipt of payment of prescribed renewal fee and **Rs. Fifteen Lakh** as Fixed License Fee.
c) Apart from (b) the Licensee will also attach the details of upto date Excise Duty paid in prescribed proforma at retail and wholesale stage during the year **2020-21.**
d) The licensee will submit requisite affidavit under Order 7 of Punjab Intoxicant and Sales Order, 1956 alongwith an undertaking that he will deposit 12% excess revenue over and above the annualized MGR of the year **2020-21 by 20.03.2021** and he will provide the details of the amount deposited to the department immediately. It will be the responsibility of the licensee to ensure the payment of this additional 12% revenue and the genuineness of the details given in this regard.

6. (a) The licensee shall deposit prescribed Fixed license fee for the year 2021-22 on or before the dates mentioned below:-

Fixed License Fee

Sr. No.	Stage	Amount of Fixed L. Fee
1	At the time of submission of application for renewal	Rs. 15.00 Lac
2	Up to 28.02.2021	Rs. 15.00 Lac
3	Up to 15.03.2021	The balance amount of fixed license fee of group/zone

(b) Apart from this the licensee shall deposit prescribed Additional Fixed License fee for the year **2021-22** on the dates mentioned below:-

Additional Fixed License Fee

Sr. No.	Stage	%age of Additional Fixed License Fee
1	Up to 22nd March, 2021 in case of renewal of licenses	15%
2	Up to 10.04.2021	15%
3	Up to 30.06.2021	20%
4	Up to 30.09.2021	25%
5	Up to 31.12.2021	25%

Note:-

Quota/adjustment of first instalment of 15% of Additional fixed license fee shall be available in December, 2021.

If any Licensee after submitting application for renewal of his license does not deposit the Fixed License Fee and the Additional Fixed License fee within the prescribed time, his application for renewal shall be cancelled and the Renewal Fee, Fixed License Fee and Additional Fixed License Fee deposited by him shall be forfeited.

7. A list of all licensees who have applied for renewal of L-2 and L-14A licenses shall be displayed at a conspicuous place in the office of the district concerned on **22.02.2021.**
8. All provisions of Punjab Excise Act, 1914 and Rules/orders framed thereunder and amendments to be incorporated there in accordance with the provisions of Excise Policy 2021-22 shall be applicable.
9. The Excise Policy for the year 2021-22 is available at **www.excise.punjab.gov.in.**

Dated: **Rajat Agarwal, IAS, Excise Commissioner, Punjab.**

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Time for firefighting

Govt must bring farm unions back to negotiating table

THE farmers' agitation, which had suffered a major setback in the wake of the violence and chaos witnessed on Republic Day, has not only made a strong recovery in recent days but also gained international traction from unexpected quarters. It's primarily the Union government's high-handedness that has led to the turn of events. Barely a fortnight after offering to put on hold the three contentious farm laws for 18 months, the Centre is apparently going all out to weaken the over two-month-old stir by keeping the Internet suspended, installing concertina wires and cement barriers, and hammering nails into roads in areas on Delhi's outskirts.

Such repressive steps, initiated ostensibly for the sake of 'public safety', are proving to be counter-productive as world-famous celebrities like pop singer Rihanna and environmental activist Greta Thunberg have come out in support of the protesting farmers. An internal issue of the country is receiving unwarranted global attention because the government has misread as well as mishandled the situation developing after the January 26 disturbances.

PM Narendra Modi's assurance during the all-party meeting on January 30 that the Centre's proposal to suspend the laws 'still stands' has cut no ice with the protesters, who are sticking to their demand for repeal of the Acts. The brazen attempts to turn the protest sites into fortresses have only widened the trust deficit. The machinations aimed at demonising and demotivating the agitators reek of desperation. The emergence of Rakesh Tikait as the 'face' of the agitation has put the Centre on the back foot, giving the Opposition parties — marginalised so far — a foot in the door. The onus is on the government to redouble efforts to break the deadlock by bringing the farm unions back to the negotiating table. The likes of Rihanna and Greta may have no locus standi to comment on India's farm laws, but the government cannot ignore the groundswell of opposition triggered by their opinion among millions of social media users. A country offering solutions to the world's problems, as claimed by the PM the other day, must not be deemed incapable of resolving its own issues.

Fake degree bazaar

Sale and demand equally shocking

IF the detection of 36,000 fake degrees issued to people across 17 states is termed the tip of the iceberg by the investigators, the scale of the scam in Himachal Pradesh is shocking beyond words. Only 14 of the 55 hard disks seized from Solan's Manav Bharti University have been scanned so far by a special investigation team. From the anonymous complaint to the University Grants Commission to the detection of unauthorised degrees, the private university ecosystem in the state has taken a huge hit. Even more alarming is the revelation that the university may have been indulging in the blatant illegal activity for over a decade. That it went undetected is serious enough, but what is more disturbing is the persistent demand for fake degrees — the desire to seek certification for courses that require a high degree of competence and knowhow without undergoing the studies and evaluation that take a selected talent pool years together. What does this say about our higher education system, or us as a society?

Assets of the owner and family/associate concerns valued at Rs 194 crore have been linked to the scam proceeds; it is being touted as the biggest-ever attachment of properties of any educational institution in the country in a money laundering case. The figure may make for a good headline point, but does not absolve the accused, or those assigned supervisory tasks. Something is amiss, and hugely so. The tentacles are spread nationwide; periodical crackdowns have helped, but clearly fall short.

Restoring the private sector's credibility in higher education would be a long-drawn process in the hill state. Transparency, urgency and showing purpose of intent in the probe are prerequisites, but the regulatory authorities have their work cut out too. What has to be kept in mind is to ensure that the entire lot of students, staff and faculty of the institutions under scanner is not made to pay for the criminal path adopted by a few among them.

Pakistan cosies up to Israel

Efforts part of attempt to find way into the good books of Washington

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RIGID: Pakistan is the only SAARC nation that has not requested India for vaccines. Instead, it has pleaded with China to provide vaccines 'free of cost'. REUTERS

IMRAN KHAN appears to have a unique capacity to manifest his distrust and dislike for India, even in the conduct of Pakistan's foreign policy. He appears ready to follow this route, even at the time of a raging pandemic. The only place in the world where he can get reliable vaccines quickly to prevent the spread of Covid-19 cases in Pakistan is on his doorstep — in India. Given the relative shortage of vaccines worldwide, India is providing vaccines to several countries. Except for Pakistan, all other SAARC members have approached India. They have received an immediate response, agreeing to supply the vaccines in a fair, equitable and phased manner.

China agreed to provide half a million Sinopharm vaccines to Pakistan, 'free of cost', after Pakistan's foreign minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi pleaded for the vaccines with his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi. China has good reason to keep Pakistan on a tight leash. It has a practice of keeping its client states across Asia and Africa, who are asking for help, on bended knees. It then makes them heavily indebted. Pakistan has placed itself in a situation which compels it to approach China regularly to secure 'emergency assistance' from commercial banks to repay a $3 billion loan Pakistan obtained from Saudi Arabia. This is a rather drastic change in its ties with the Saudis, given that Saudi Arabia had even paid for American F16s supplied to Pakistan, just after the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. That was also a time when there were Pakistan army units in Saudi Arabia to protect the holy shrines of Islam. There were also the days when

After the change of guard in the US, Netanyahu and the Pakistan army find themselves 'on the same page'.

Saudi Arabia was home for Nawaz Sharif and his family, when Sharif was exiled by General Musharraf.

Imran Khan has long been a favourite of the Pakistan army, which has a distinctly Islamist orientation. Islamist parties like the Jamaat-e-Islami are still regarded as allies by the army establishment. Nawaz Sharif was smart enough to portray manifestations of Islamist tendencies, while being 'liberal' in his political and social life. Imran Khan was influenced ideologically and brought into mainstream politics by a former Director General of the ISI, Lt Gen Hamid Gul, a hard-line Islamist, who looked at India exclusively in communal terms. It is with this communal background that Imran Khan, a novice in international affairs, has conducted relations with Islamic countries, overlooking their sectarian and civilisational differences. He forgot that historically the Turks, Arabs and Persians have been rivals. It is this lack of historic knowledge of Pakistan's western neighbourhood that led Imran Khan to take the fatal decision of joining a new international Islamic grouping, led by Turkey and Malaysia, thereby undermining Saudi leadership.

The reaction of Saudi Arabia and other Arab states to Imran Khan's decision was immediate. He was forced to back off from his decision. The hostility to Pakistan, however, continued and economic assistance from the Arab world virtually ended. Pakistani workers were given notice to leave the UAE and were not warmly welcomed by Saudi Arabia. More importantly, Pakistan is being made to repay every cent it borrowed from Saudi Arabia, with no new money flowing in. Saudi Arabia has been relentless in demanding prompt repayment of debts by Pakistan. A desperate Imran Khan has been forced to borrow money from China's banks to repay Saudi Arabia. The Chinese, in turn, are reviewing projects originally slated for CPEC. They have already tied up Pakistan in a debt trap.

Pakistan is also paying the price for its prodigious borrowings from China. It is losing sovereign control of more and more of its territory. The Chinese now ignore Pakistan's sovereign control of its territory in Gwadar Port, where there are now entry restrictions for Pakistani nationals, including local Balochis. A similar scenario is set to be played out during and after the construction of naval bases by China in the Sind province. Likewise, Gilgit-Baltistan is being increasingly integrated with Beijing's Xinjiang province, with a growing Chinese economic and military presence there, which includes a 1,100 MW hydel project. Pakistan had earlier 'gifted' the neighbouring Shaksgam valley in J&K to China, providing Beijing a secure road link through Gilgit-Baltistan for its access to the Arabian Sea. Moreover, China is steadily taking control of mineral resources, including gold and natural gas, in Balochistan.

Given the fact that Imran Khan has messed up Pakistan's relations with the Islamic world, Army Chief General Bajwa is now moving for the army to play a more active role in Saudi Arabia. Nasim Zehra, a Pakistani journalist living in self-exile, has revealed that the army is taking over greater control of foreign policy by getting a senior military official, Lt Gen Bilal Akbar, appointed as its next envoy to Saudi Arabia. Zehra has also revealed that ever since his visit to Riyadh, General Bajwa has maintained his own 'back channel' with Crown Prince Salman. The principal role of Lt Gen Akbar would be to work with the Saudis to establish contacts with Israel and set the stage for Pakistan's diplomatic ties with Israel — something the army appears keen to do. Pakistani and Israeli armed forces have worked together recently, when they were on the same side in the recent conflict in Armenia. The Pakistan army would now seek to use its moves for closer ties with Israel and to also alter its current friendly relations with Iran to restore a measure of trust with the Biden administration. Zehra notes: 'After change in the US, the three stakeholders — Netanyahu, Mohammed bin Salman, and the Bajwa-led army — find themselves on the same page.'

Together we make a family

SHAIRA MOHAN

SHE'S expecting her sixth child,' exclaimed a new friend in Kuala Lumpur where we currently reside. The blasphemous 'she' in question was her neighbour, who was miles ahead of us all in the metaphorical race to win the 'Mother of the Year' tiara. As we lowered ourselves down on her sofa in disbelief and attempted to digest this information — wrestling between the need to marvel at the lady's seemingly audacious life choices (more so in the midst of a global pandemic) or to ridicule them — my toddler son made that choice easy for us by snatching a glass of water from her little daughter's hands and emptying it on the carpet. We looked at each other and sighed.

The year 2020 had undeniably been a difficult one for everyone. One of those annoyances has been the inability of so many of us living in faraway lands to be able to visit families back home. Back in August, when we found out that I was pregnant for the second time, we were jubilant. But my thoughts instantly drifted to my hometown — Chandigarh — where my family lives, a home away from home that I wouldn't be able to visit for the entire duration of my pregnancy. Where no quality time would be spent this time sitting around the living room discussing baby clothes, babysitting duties or making name lists. This time, we wouldn't be able to grab our handbags and drive off on a whim to find the perfect nursery print fabrics to sew together cot sheets for the baby's bassinet — an old wooden crochet gem that had been in the family for generations and had been my bassinet, too, when I was a baby.

My first born had been privileged to enjoy all of this and more. Born in Mohali in a pre-pandemic world, he had spent the first three months of his life in Chandigarh surrounded by the hustle-bustle of a house teeming with family — grandparents, a great grandmother, aunts, uncles and two dogs to fuss over him. I was also able to whisk him off to Jalandhar for a month, where my husband's parents — another doting set of grandparents — live.

The pandemic has fractured our ability to take a flight home and left a gaping hole rife with homesickness and longing for family time. Raising a child without access to the invaluable support of 'the village' and simultaneously expecting a second one makes one often feel paralysed. But having to do all of this while being shackled by a pandemic, wherein movement is curtailed and anxiety plays like background music in our minds, while we try to stay the course and navigate our way through a 'new normal', the parenting routine is taxing in unprecedented ways.

But the show must go on. And there's always Netflix to binge-watch. 'The vaccine is coming, so I suppose that is some positive news,' I venture betraying the uncertainty in my punctured voice.

'I just hope she doesn't go and have her seventh child while we are still waiting for the vaccine,' retorts my friend as we burst into laughter.

Sometimes there is another kind of family around us. It's a matter of positivity and perspective.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Better to go to bed hungry than to wake up in debt. — **Proverb**

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

LAHORE, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1921

A GRIEVOUS DISAPPOINTMENT.

TO those who have been looking forward to the function which His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught is to perform at Delhi within less than a week with any hope that it will be the occasion for a historic pronouncement on the great question of Swaraj which today fills the thought and absorbs the emotions of all that is good and true in the country, the speeches made by Lord Ronaldshay and the Duke on the occasion of the inauguration of the Bengal Legislative Council will be a grievous disappointment. There was much in both speeches that was undoubtedly both uncontroversial and commendable. Both speeches, and especially the speech of Lord Ronaldshay, were undoubtedly marked by eloquence. But both made it abundantly clear that whatever else the Duke may have to tell us later on, he will have nothing to say on the burning question of Swaraj. Nothing, at any rate, that may be expected to improve the present political situation in India or to bring mental peace and contentment to the large section of the people who have lost both. Lord Ronaldshay's speech was devoted to showing how much Bengal has gained from the Reforms, how very favourably the present constitution of the Bengal Government and the Bengal Legislative Council compares with the constitution of the Government and the Council they supersede. As no one, with the exception of a handful of enthusiastic persons who have lost the power of measuring their words, have denied either of these obvious propositions, it is not at all clear why His Excellency should have wasted so much of his precious time in proving, amplifying and illustrating them. This display of information was, however, only the prelude to what was neither better nor worse than a dogmatic defence of the arrangement, under which only a small instalment of responsible government has been granted to the people.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MSMEs in dire straits

Refer to 'Short shrift to social sector'; the act of omission in the Budget is with regard to MSMEs. While the government was keen on the recovery of large industries, the segment which roughly contributes 30 per cent of the country's GDP, and employs about 11 crore people, got a short shrift with an allocation of a mere Rs 15,700 crore. The pandemic killed 1.5 lakh people in India last year, but many times that number of MSME units died in the period or are in a critical stage, rendering crores of people jobless. The government must rethink its approach towards the sector.

SS PAUL, NADIA

Enhanced allocations

Reference to 'Big push for healthcare, infra'; the higher expectations of various sections of society, particularly the middle class notwithstanding, the enhanced allocations for healthcare, infra and agriculture sectors in the Budget proposals for 2021-22 underline the commitment of the government to build a stronger and resilient health system, better transportation-connectivity network, and uplift of the agricultural sector, which may subsequently facilitate in curbing unemployment by creating more jobs. The salaried class may feel dejected with the proposed taxing of the interest on employee's PF share above Rs 2.5 lakh.

KK SOOD, NANGAL

Budget doesn't enthuse

Healthcare, education and unemployment should have been the priorities, but ruefully, the FM has hardly touched upon them. Boost in healthcare has been highlighted, but it is unclear. Hospitals in urban areas lack the required infrastructure, latest technology devices, specialist doctors and regular paramedical staff. The condition of primary health centres in rural areas can be well deduced. As regards quality education, government as well as private schools are being run from crumbling buildings without necessary infrastructure and amenities, and with skeletal staff. Under such circumstances, quality education is a distant dream. It needs heavy budget allocation. Unemployed youth have degrees but no jobs. This is the reason why our educated, unemployed youth are shifting to foreign lands in search of suitable jobs.

RAJ KUMAR KAPOOR, ROPAR

Mixed signals

The news report '10-tier barricading at Tikri border' elicited nothing but pangs of regret. On the one side, the PM is all for a debate on important issues, and has also declared that for the Agriculture Minister is just a call away; and on the other, this fortified barricading by the authorities. What message does it give? It is time to pave a smooth and hassle-free path for discussion to end this imbroglio. Tit-for-tat policy can have a vitiating effect.

SUNIL CHOPRA, LUDHIANA

Harassment of farmers

Apropos of 'Spikes come up at Tikri border; concrete barricades at Singhu', the Bahadurgarh MC has called back its sanitation workers from the Tikri border. This is not good. Further, the public health department of Haryana has stopped water supply to farmers, making things difficult for them. It is not right to stop drinking water for anybody. Learn from Bhai Kanhaiya in history, who offered water even to enemy soldiers injured during a war. And here, farmers are not our enemies. Farmers are still putting up a brave face and tolerating all this.

VIDWAN SINGH SONI, PATIALA

Bold and beautiful

The *Tribune* celebrating its 140th Foundation Day with a pullout is heartwarming for its readers. The paper is bold, beautiful and balanced. I started reading this illustrious newspaper on the advice of my English professor, when I joined college in 1960, to hone my writing skills. This 60-year-old love affair is growing with each passing day. The pullout was so engrossing that I have given it to be bound into a booklet.

SURINDRA LAL, BY MAIL

Addicted to *The Tribune*

The Tribune pullout on the occasion of its 140th anniversary gave a brilliant history of the newspaper, of which I am a voracious reader for the past more than six decades. Like Partap Singh Kairon's ban on publication of reports on Punjabi Suba agitation during the early 1960s, I am reminded of Bansi Lal getting miffed at the fearless criticism of his working by *The Tribune*. Covert instructions were received, whereby Haryana Government officers discontinued subscribing to the paper for a short while. I remember visiting friends and relatives just to read the paper. *The Tribune* in the morning is far more addictive than a drink in the evening!

ADARSH JAIN, BY MAIL

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How China twisted the Covid narrative

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FORMER AMBASSADOR

ON February 7, 2020, China's Internet censors experienced an unusual and deeply upsetting trend: they felt they were losing control. News of the death of a doctor, Li Wenliang, who had exposed the outbreak of Covid-19 in Wuhan, had overwhelmed people's grief and they were sharply criticising the government's efforts to suppress inconvenient information on the social media.

Senior officers in the censor department, according to reports in the US media, were ordered to send thousands of secret directives to manipulate the online discourse. They were told to suppress the inconvenient news, fake online commentators were asked to flood social sites with distracting chatter, trolls were instructed to inundate the social media with party-line blather and security forces were deployed to muzzle the inconvenient voices.

Within days, the powerful censors reshaped the narrative removing much of negativity about the government's handling from the public domain.

The virus emerged in Wuhan in December, 2019; initially, the city authorities dragged their feet, waiting for instructions from Beijing while pressuring the whistle-blowing doctors to keep quiet.

Much of the delay took place as the information travelled through the vast labyrinth of the Chinese Communist Party awaiting a decision by its top leader Xi Jinping. Once he made the decision, Wuhan, a city of 11 million people, was sealed off on January 23, 2020 to contain the spread of Covid-19.

"The most miserable thing was not death, but trying to get medical treatment," recalls a city resident according to a Chinese media report. One of his friends died of lung cancer in February, as he could not get transport to reach hospitals, which were overwhelmed, and turning away patients. Another resident recalled how his "mother was put in a body bag while she was still breathing."

According to a survey by the Chinese Centre for Disease Control in April 2020, about 4.5 lakh people contracted Covid-19, about nine times more than the 50,008 people claimed in the official media; the official figure of death is 3,800, though unofficial figures are much higher as the authorities refused to relate certain deaths to Covid to keep the figures low.

Most of those who died due to Covid were cremated by the officials; even today, many Chinese don't know where their family members are buried.

Some locals, like citizen journalist Zhang Zhan, who tried to report on the early experiences of the people in Wuhan during the lockdown, were arrested for "picking quarrels and provoking trouble" and jailed for four years.

Mass quarantines, systematic use of artificial intelligence in contact-tracing and complete shutdown of most daily life activities were credited with controlling the virus.

President Xi Jinping, who had maintained a low profile during the initial spread of the virus, arrived triumphantly in Wuhan in March 2020 to proclaim victory over the virus.

The world would have celebrated China's success in controlling Covid-19 if it had timely shared information with the international community on the origin of the virus and taken measures to control the travel of its virus-carrying tourists abroad.

MISHANDLING: China dragged its feet when the Covid-19 virus first surfaced, awaiting instructions from top leadership. REUTERS

> Having controlled the coronavirus early and revived its economy, China is peddling a new narrative that its centralised authoritarian model, which can efficiently mobilise govt agencies, companies and individuals, is more efficient than the democratic system. This argument is simplistic as it obscures the hardships endured by the Chinese after the lockdown.

If nothing else, it expected the Chinese government to behave more maturely in reacting to its criticism of the early handling of the virus rather than threatening other countries, forgetting that China was the cause of the huge global devastation and deaths.

China tried to blunt the global criticism by its despatch of masks, respirators, ventilators and medicines to countries. When some, including the US, Spain, Brazil and the Philippines, complained about substandard products sold by the Chinese companies, the latter ascribed these to "improper use".

China's global image declined sharply in 2020 due to its arrogant behaviour.

Having controlled the coronavirus early and revived its economy, China is now peddling a new narrative — that its centralised authoritarian model, which can efficiently mobilise government agencies, companies and individuals, is better and more efficient than the democratic system.

This argument is simplistic as it obscures the untold miseries and hardships endured by the Chinese people after the imposition of the lockdown. Also, historically, high growth rates have been achieved by countries, China included, when they followed market reforms in a liberal environment, not those scaling new heights of authoritarianism.

After the arrival of Xi Jinping in 2012, China's growth rates have declined. While China may have obtained a GDP growth of 2.3 per cent in 2020 (official claim), much of it came from China's debt-fuelled financing of infrastructure, real estate, state-owned industries and exports. Retail sales growth, a measure of ordinary people's purchases, declined by 4.6 per cent in December, 2020, indicating that the Chinese domestic consumption had declined as the pandemic raged.

China's unbalanced economic recovery and low quality growth represent a big lost opportunity for the ordinary Chinese struggling with high unemployment, stagnant or low increase in wages and low purchasing power. While the state and its upper crust are getting rich, the prosperity is not percolating enough to the middle and lower classes.

There has been criticism in the Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore and other countries about the safety and effectiveness of the vaccines made by a Chinese company, Sinovac. Beijing, which had hoped to burnish its scientific credentials on a par with the West, is again furious, complaining of motivated criticism. As part of its vaccine diplomacy, China is exporting 500 million vaccine doses this year, given the global shortages.

As 2021 began, there was another eruption of Covid-19 in certain parts of China. The authorities clamped down with their familiar 'blunt lockdowns', including suspension of rail and air transportation.

Has China learnt any lesson from its handling of the pandemic in 2020 and would it act better in the future? Some Chinese analysts are unsure.

China has a history of not telling the 'truth' and unless the 'superior system' changes, the situation would remain the same, they say.

Why NDA govt is getting its fundamentals wrong

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> The government is focusing on embellishments. The economy fell to minus 8% in 2020. So, if it goes up by 11.5% in 2021, it is going above the 2019 levels by only 3.5%. The annual growth in two years is thus only 1.75%. This data comes from Kaushik Basu, former Chief Economist of the World Bank. But the tragedy is that the government does not rely on economists any longer.

WHEN Dr Manmohan Singh saved India from a financial disaster in 1991, the entire country thanked its stars. He had brought the Indian economy from the precipice of disaster and we were confident that the worst was behind us. The good doctor, perhaps, did not realise that in the subsequent century, six successive years of economic mismanagement will lead to a situation where every credible global rating agency will be ranking India among the lowest rung of the investment grade.

In 2021, three decades after the economic marvel unleashed by Manmohan Singh, the country is back to where it was.

How did this happen?

The primary reason is that the NDA government is getting its fundamentals wrong. It ignores the edifice and the foundations of the economy and, instead, focuses on whitewashing and embellishments. You may use the most delicate upholstery and the latest drapery, but if your house does not stand on a strong foundation, it will soon develop cracks.

Let me elaborate on how the government is focusing on embellishments rather than fundamentals.

The economy fell to minus 8 per cent in 2020. So, if it goes up by 11.5 per cent in 2021, it is going up above the 2019 levels by only 3.5 per cent. The annual growth in two years is thus only 1.75 per cent. This piece of datum comes from Kaushik Basu, former Chief Economist of the World Bank.

LOPSIDED: The government is ignoring the foundations of the economy by consciously avoiding looking at the GDP, the fiscal deficit and the indicators that matter. PTI

But the tragedy is that the government does not rely on economists any longer. It does not rely on a Kaushik Basu, a Raghuram Rajan, a Manmohan Singh, an IG Patel, an Arvind Subramanian, or a Rakesh Mohan. Instead, it relies on Wikipedia references.

The Economic Survey presented by the Finance Minister is littered with errors and quotes juvenile anecdotes. To a considerable extent, it also speaks of the calibre of the ruling government.

When Covid struck, India's manufacturing and service economy floundered. It was only the primary sector that kept going. Crops were sown, tended for, and harvested. Our mandi mechanism delivered despite labour shortfalls and despite the pandemic. And what did the government do to help it? It hurried through farm laws to destroy the edifice of the agriculture market system that had been carefully nurtured for over six decades. Instead, it started vilifying the farmers by terming them as 6 per cent beneficiaries. Well, if the 6 per cent (according to your data), helped India overcome a crisis as big as the pandemic, then you must salute them, not destroy them.

The government also massively mismanaged the Covid situation. As a young student, a book that had a tremendous impact on me was John Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath*, which captured the plight of poor farmers moving from America's rust belts to the supposed halcyon lands of California.

In India, the reverse happened as we experienced a reverse exodus. People moved from their employment (proverbial California) lands back to the misery of their rust belt villages. This reverse migration was the single biggest setback to the Indian economy during the past 50 years. Yet, the government has failed to acknowledge it, leave alone address it.

Instead of helping the farmers who helped tide over the economic fallout of the Covid pandemic, and instead of assisting daily-wage workers, middle classes and professionals who suffered the most, the government decided to look the other way.

It started a facetious exercise of self-appreciation by quoting the stock market buoyancy. The reasons are simple. The bank deposit rate of 4 per cent is less than inflation, which is 7 per cent. So, instead of putting money in the banks, people are rushing to the stock market.

Also, governments are providing liquidity injections.

Thirdly, there is a massive inflow of foreign portfolio investment, which I understand is to the tune of around Rs 2 lakh crore in the preceding two months. Do remember, however, that portfolio investments are notoriously fickle. Also, recall that even Nasdaq has appreciated by 90 per cent since March 2020.

The Union Government also started promoting monopsonies. What is a monopsony? A monopsony is a situation where there is only one single buyer. If coffee farmers in Colombia and cocoa growers in the Ivory Coast are suffering, it is because of these monopsonies. The NDA government is now desperately trying to create a similar monopsony in the Indian agriculture sector.

This takes me to the beginning of the 20th century — the Great Rat Massacre in Vietnam. When Vietnam was suffering from a proliferation of rat population, the French colonial masters of Indo-China came up with what they considered a solution. Anyone who would kill a rat could claim a reward. The evidence required was the submission of the tails of the dead rats. People came in scores with hundreds of rat tails. While the government thought it was succeeding, the rat population exploded. Why? Because people would chop off the tail and let the rat live so that the rats could breed and reproduce, thereby ensuring a steady income for the rat tail hunters.

The NDA government reminds us of the failure of the French Governor-General in Vietnam. The government is consciously avoiding looking at the GDP, the fiscal deficit, and indicators that matter. Instead, it is busy counting the rat tails!

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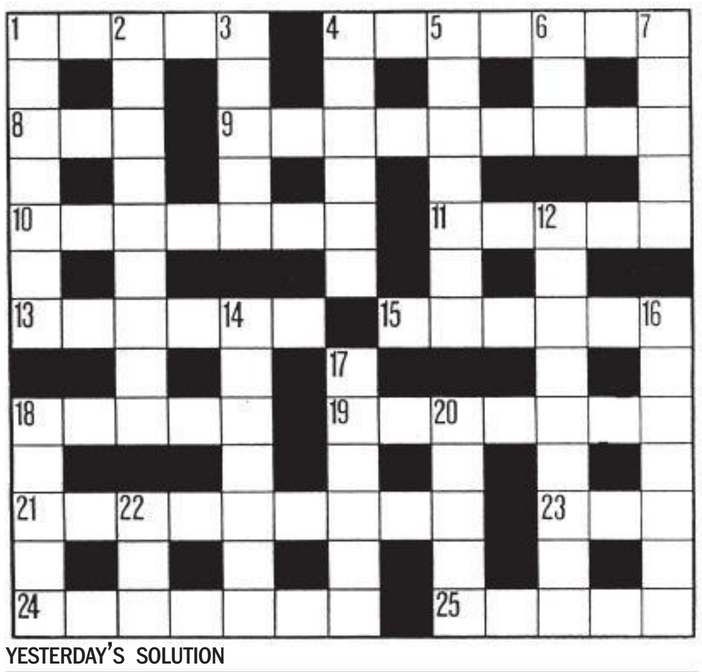

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4 A light diaphanous fabric (7)
8 Write (3)
9 French wine-producing area (9)
10 City of the Hanging Gardens (7)
11 Take delight in (5)
13 Pass by (6)
15 Forceful energetic person (6)
18 Fortunate (5)
19 Audibly (3,4)
21 Cathedral of Paris (5,4)
23 Earth's atmosphere (3)
24 Integrity (7)
25 Disparage (5)

DOWN
1 Competent (7)
2 West Europe's highest peak (4,5)
3 Of a particular district (5)
4 Crevice (6)
5 Irreverence (7)
6 A soft pear-shaped fruit (3)
7 Poor (5)
12 French patriot, d. 1431 (4,2,3)
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16 Obedient to discipline (7)
17 Turning on an axis (6)
18 Execute without legal sanction (5)
20 To set foot (5)
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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Magh Parvishte	22
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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New Delhi	25	11
Amritsar	15	09
Bathinda	20	12
Jalandhar	15	09
Ludhiana	16	11
Bhiwani	22	14
Hisar	21	10
Sirsa	20	12
Dharamsala	13	05
Manali	09	–01
Shimla	10	01
Srinagar	06	–01
Jammu	17	12
Kargil	–05	–14
Leh	–06	–16
Dehradun	21	08
Mussoorie	14	05

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PUBLIC NOTICES

I, Mukta, spouse of Pardeep Kumar resident of H.No. 69, Room No. 314, Harbans Complex, Behlana, Chd-03 have changed my name from Mukta to Mukta Devi vide Affidavit dated 18/01/2021 before Chandigarh Court. (CL20092208)

I, Balvir Singh alias Balbir Singh Saini s/o Pars Ram r/o Q. No. 695, Type-III, DMW Railway Colony, Patiala have changed my name to Balbir Singh (CL20091857)

I, Baharbinder Singh Aulakh s/o Kanwaljit Singh Aulakh r/o # 333, Sector 86, Mohali, have changed my name Baharbinder Singh Aulakh to Bharwinder Singh Aulakh. (CL20092113)

I, No. 2694671K L/Hav. Suresh Kumar s/o Late Sh. Ishwar Dass r/o Village Balohar, PO Katholi, Tehsil Jawali, Distt. Kangra (HP). Declare that my wife's name and DOB wrongly entered in my Army record as Surindra Devi, 27.12.1986. Whereas her correct name and DOB is Surindera Devi, 27.11.1986. Concerned note it. (CL20092133)

I, No. 2694671K L/Hav. Suresh Kumar s/o Late Sh. Ishwar Dass r/o Village Balohar, PO Katholi, Tehsil Jawali, Distt. Kangra (HP). Declare that my mother's name and DOB wrongly entered in my Army record as Shakunt Devi, 23.07.1957. Whereas her correct name and DOB is Shakuntala Devi, 16.06.1963. Concerned note it. (CL20092135)

I, NK No. 18002157N Gagandeep Singh s/o Balwant Singh r/o Vill-Nangli, P.O- Bhanopli, Teh. Anandpur Sahib, Distt. Ropar, State-PB, Pin-140133 declare that the name of my wife Harpreet Kaur has wrongly mentioned as Harpeet Kaur in my service record. It may please be corrected as Harpreet Kaur vide Affidavit dated 597188 (05-Jan-2021). (CL20092076)

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COURT NOTICES

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)
In the Court of
Ms. Roopa Dhaliwal, PCS
Additional Civil Judge
Sr. Division, Nangal.
CNR No.:
PBROB0-000058-2020
Next Date: 15.03.2021

Balbir Singh s/o Rakha Ram r/o H. No. 349, Type II, Sector 1, Naya Nangal, Distt. Rupnagar, Punjab.

Vs.

General Public

Publication issued to:
General Public

Suit for declaration to the effect that the date of birth of the plaintiff is 15.05.1962.

In above titled case, the defendant(s)/ respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/ respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 15.03.2021 at 10:00 a.m.

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(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)
In the Court of
Sh. Rakesh Kumar-I
Additional Principal Judge
Family Court,
Khanna.

Kalra Aparna @ Aparna Kalra
Versus
Nitin Kumar @ Nitin Kumar Walia

CNR No.:
PBLDF2-000004-2021
Next Date: 05.03.2021

Publication issued to:
Nitin Kumar @ Nitin Kumar Walia s/o Rajesh resident of Mohalla Khatika, Khanna, Tehsil Khanna, District Ludhiana.

In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/ respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 05.03.2021 at 10.00 a.m.

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Dated, this day of 29.01.2021.

Sd/-
Additional Principal Judge
Family Court,
CL20092170 Khanna.

In the Court of
Sh. Ashok Kapoor,
Principal Judge Family Court,
Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar.
CNR No.: PBSB01-004920-2019
Next Date: 23.02.2021

Narinder Kaur wife of Balwinder Singh and daughter of Ajaib Singh, at present residing at Village Headon Bet, Tehsil Balachaur, District SBS Nagar.
...Petitioner

Versus

Balwinder Singh son of Charan Singh, resident of Ward No. 13, near Sohan Singh M.C. House, Amloh, at present residing at Ward No. 13, Matewara Road, near Nirankari Satsang Bhawan Road, Tehsil Nawanshahr, District SBS Nagar.
...Respondent

Petition U/S 13 of Hindu Marriage Act 1955 as amended to up to date for dissolution of the marriage of the petitioner with the respondent by a decree of divorce.

Notice to:
Balwinder Singh son of Charan Singh, resident of Ward No. 13, near Sohan Singh M.C. House, Amloh, at present residing at Ward No. 13, Matewara Road, near Nirankari Satsang Bhawan Road, Tehsil Nawanshahr, District SBS Nagar.

In above titled petition the respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 23.02.2021 at 10.00 a.m.

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Sd/- (Ashok Kapoor),
Principal Judge Family Court,
Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar.
CL20092209 UID No. PB0140

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Tibetans protest Winter Olympics in Beijing

DHARAMSALA, FEBRUARY 3

Tibetan activists held a protest march in McLeodganj today to condemn the International Olympic Committee decision for hosting the upcoming Winter Olympics 2022 in Beijing.

The activists from Tibetan NGOs organised a street-play to express anger and disappointment. The play symbolised Chinese president Xi Jinping and IOC president Thomas Bach joining hands ignoring the sufferings of the Tibetans, the Taiwanese, the Uyghurs, the southern Mongolians and Hong Kong residents.

The activists alleged that they believed hosting the games in a country committing genocide and ethnic cleansing was akin to legitimising these crimes. Crackdown against democracy and human rights had intensified across China and the countries it occupied. Despite that, the IOC had chosen to ignore these facts. — TNS

Uncertainty over 35% cess benefit on imported apple

SUBHASH RAJTA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, FEBRUARY 3

A sense of euphoria among apple growers following the Finance Minister's announcement that 35 per cent agriculture cess will be imposed on the import of apple is dying down.

The announcement led growers into believing that the cess will be levied over and above 50 per cent customs duty that is imposed on the imported apple. Had it been the case, the import would have become dearer and the demand for local produce would have increased.

The government, however, revised the customs duty to 15 per cent while announcing the imposition of 35 per cent cess. "We need to wait for the notification to get a clear picture. Until then, it will be a guess work," said Amitabh Awasthi, Secretary, Horticulture.

'Not levied on total value of imports'

"With the revision of the custom duty to 15 per cent and the imposition of 35 per cent cess on it, the total tax realised from imports worth ₹100 will be around ₹20, as the cess will be levied on the 15 per cent customs duty, not the total value of the imports. In a nutshell, the import duty on apple will decrease, which will hurt the domestic apple growers."

Lokinder Bisht, PRESIDENT OF PROGRESSIVE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

Apple growers, on the other hand, are certain that the import duty, contrary to their long-standing demand, has not been increased. "We have been told by sources that the government has simply divided the import duty into two heads – 15 per cent customs duty and 35 per cent agriculture cess. So, there has been no increase in import duty that would have helped the local produce," said Harish Chauhan, president of the Fruits, Vegetables and Flowers Growers Association of Himachal Pradesh.

An Indian Institute of Foreign Trade official lent further credence to Chauhan's assertion. "The import duty on apple can't be increased beyond 50 per cent as per the WTO agreement. Raising the duty beyond 50 per cent will be a violation," he said.

The Progressive Growers Association fears the reduction in the customs duty from 50 per cent to 15 per cent, even with 35 per cent agriculture cess, will actually hurt the growers. "A 50 per cent custom duty on imports worth Rs 100 will attract a tax of Rs 50. With custom duty revised to 15 per cent and the imposition of 35 per cent cess, the total tax realised from imports worth Rs 100 will be around Rs 20 as the cess (which is a tax on tax) will be levied on the 15 per cent customs duty, not the total value of the import," said president Lokinder Bisht.

"In a nutshell, the import duty on apple will decrease, which will hurt the domestic apple growers," he said.

136 traffic violators challaned

KULLU, FEBRUARY 3

The automatic number-plate recognition (ANPR) CCTVs cameras installed in Manali town under the intelligent traffic management system (ITMS) in November last year has been successful in bringing 136 violators to book.

Kullu SP Gaurav Singh said challans were issued for rash driving, bike stunts, without helmet, triple riding, using mobile, over-speeding, etc. from cameras.

He said the first ITMS of the state was set up in Kullu and the second was installed in Manali. It was proving effective in monitoring traffic violations round the clock.

He added that a long-term assessment of the system was in progress and violators can be captured by the cameras during the day as well as in the night. He said that the motive of this system was not to issue challans but to motivate people to follow traffic rules. — OC

Mild snow cheers farmers, tourists in Shimla

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA FEBRUARY 3

Shimla and its surrounding areas received a fresh spell of mild snow, bringing cheers to tourists and apple growers. However, the happiness was shortlived as the traces of snow were followed by sleet and intermittent rain.

"We are pinning hopes on the MeT office prediction of rain and snow in mid and high hills from February 3 to 5," said president of the Shimla Hotel and Restaurant Association Sanjay Sood.

The occupancy, which is about 30 per cent, was expected to increase to over 70 per cent with snowfall. There were no Covid restrictions and tourists could enjoy freely, he said, urging the tourists, planning a trip to Shimla, to adhere to the standard-operating procedures and wear mask.

People walk amid snowfall in Shimla on Wednesday. PHOTO: AMIT KANWAR

"We had come here for our anniversary and snow was a pleasant surprise and we really enjoyed it," said a couple from Punjab.

"It was nice to see snowflakes on The Ridge but these vanished within minutes and drizzle followed," said another group of tourists from Haryana.

MET FORECAST

The Met Department has warned of thunderstorm and lightning in Una, Bilaspur, Kangra, Kullu and Mandi district on Thursday and predicted rain and snow at many places.

The Met Department has warned of thunderstorm and lightning in Una, Bilaspur, Kangra, Kullu and Mandi district tomorrow and predicted rain and snow at many places.

Snow is considered white manure for apple while rain is beneficial for the wheat and vegetable crops. Ground frost in lower hills is not conducive to the crops and irrigation and fogging will help, said Director, Agriculture, NK Badhan.

Keylong and Kalpa in Lahaul and Spiti and Kinnaur districts shivered with a minimum temperature of minus 5°C and minus 1.5°C followed by Kufri 0.5°C while Dalhousie, Shimla, Dharamsala and Manali recorded a low of 2.8°C, 4.5°C, 4.6°C and 5°C.

The maximum temperatures decreased by 3 to 4 degrees and Bilaspur was the warmest with a high of 21.5°C. Dark clouds overcast the sky, reducing visibility to a few metres and vehicles were forced to move at a snail's pace.

Power, transport hit in Palampur

PALAMPUR, FEBRUARY 3

The upper reaches of Dhauladhar hills and high-altitude areas of the Palampur region experienced heavy snowfall in the past 24 hours while lower areas were lashed by heavy rain. Bhanghal has been cut off following heavy snowfall at the Thamsar Pass.

Power supply and transport services were also hit in the region. Many parts of Palampur, Baijnath, Jaisinghpur and adjoining areas remained without power following a snag in the transmission lines feeding many parts of Kangra.

Traffic to Chhota Bhanghal and Billing came to a standstill. The district administration has suspended paragliding at Bir Billing. — OC

59 Covid cases, one dies in state

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, FEBRUARY 3

As many as 59 Covid cases were reported in the state today, raising the tally to 57,646. Besides, one person died of the virus in Kangra in the past 24 hours.

The highest number of 31cases was reported in Mandi, followed by seven each in Shimla and Sirmaur, six in Hamirpur, five in Una, two in Kinnaur and one in Solan.

POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH CHANDIGARH

TENDER NOTICE-2020-21/25 **ALLOTMENT OF SHOPS/SITES**

Sealed tenders are invited for licensing out following Shops/sites at PGI, Sector 12, Chandigarh.

Sr. No.	Shops/sites	Last date for down-loading of tender forms from PGI Website	Last Date and time for submission of tenders and opening of Tender document/Technical Bid	Price Bid shall be opened on
1	Built up Cafeteria, Advanced Cardiac Centre, PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh.	22.02.2021 (Monday) up to 04.00 p.m.	23.02.2021 (Tuesday) up to 01.00 p.m. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02.00 p.m.	24.02.2021 (Wednesday) Price Bid at 04.00 p.m.
2	Built up Cafeteria at 3rd Floor, Advanced Paediatrics Centre, PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh.	22.02.2021 (Monday) up to 04.00 p.m.	23.02.2021 (Tuesday) up to 01.00 p.m. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02.00 p.m.	24.02.2021 (Wednesday) Price Bid at 04.00 p.m.
3	Shop No. 8, New Shopping Complex at PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh for opening a Restaurant (Non-Traditional).	22.02.2021 (Monday) up to 04.00 p.m.	23.02.2021 (Tuesday) up to 01.00 p.m. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02.00 p.m.	24.02.2021 (Wednesday) Price Bid at 04.00 p.m.
4	Built up Shop No. 10, New Shopping Complex, PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh.	22.02.2021 (Monday) up to 04.00 p.m.	23.02.2021 (Tuesday) up to 01.00 p.m. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02.00 p.m.	24.02.2021 (Wednesday) Price Bid at 04.00 p.m.
5	Built up Shop for Rehabilitation, Artificial Limbs at Level-II, New OPD Block (Adjacent Chemist Shop), PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh.	22.02.2021 (Monday) up to 04.00 p.m.	23.02.2021 (Tuesday) up to 01.00 p.m. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02.00 p.m.	24.02.2021 (Wednesday) Price Bid at 04.00 p.m.

Tender form containing terms and conditions can be downloaded from PGI website and same can be submitted personally in the office of Administrative Officer (Estate), PGIMER, Chandigarh along with Demand Draft/Banker Cheque of Rs. 500/- payable at Chandigarh drawn in favour of Director, PGIMER, Chandigarh along with other documents. The Director, PGI, Chandigarh reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever without prior notice to the tenderers. Website: **http//pgimer.edu.in.**

DI-19643 **DIRECTOR**

APPOINTMENT

1. Plain paper application along with bio-data including contact number are invited for the following post in **Topchi Ex Servicemen Canteen Hoshiarpur, Retired Officer/JCOs/ORs, Widows & Dependants of Defence personnel and Civilians** can send their application to **Canteen Officer, 212 Rocket Regiment (KARGIL), PIN – 926212, C/o 56 APO by 28 Feb 2021.** Eligible candidates will be called for written test & Interview thereafter.

Sr. No.	Appointment	Vacancy	Qualification
(a)	Manager	01 (One)	Retired Officer with Knowledge of computer and preferably aptitude in managing establishment requiring management and customer relations.
(b)	Asstt. Manager	01 (One)	Intermediate/10+2 & a retired JCO from Army
(c)	Billing Clerk	07 (Seven)	Matriculation capable of billing on Computers
(d)	Storekeeper	02 (Two)	
(e)	Watchman	01 (One)	Matriculation/Primary School.

2. **Age:** Preferable below 55 years of age.
3. **Tenure:** Work contract of 350 days till **31 Mar 2022.**

NOTE:
1. Application received after **28 Feb 2021** will not be entertained. For queries pl **Contact - 6284438149/9828171822.**
2. Ex-servicemen will be preferred for employment.

DI-19630

Himachal Pradesh Forest Ecosystem Climate Proofing Project
Forest Complex, Dharamshala District Kangra
Himachal Pradesh – 176215
Phone: 01892-223000, 223002

Notice Inviting Request for Proposals for Audit of VFMS up to March 2020

RFP No. D-9/2021 **Date: 03.02.2021**

1. Himachal Pradesh Forest Ecosystems Climate Proofing Project (HPFECPP) intends to hire the service for **Audit of VFMS up to March 2020 as part of this project.**
2. Chief Project Director, Himachal Pradesh Forest Ecosystems Climate Proofing Project (HPFECPP) in Himachal Pradesh, invites proposals from eligible Consultancy Firms for Consultancy for **Audit of VFMS up to March 2020** through Himachal Pradesh Forest Ecosystems Climate Proofing Project (HPFECPP).
3. **Eligibility Criteria for participating Consultancy Firm:**
   (i) The Consultancy Firm should be registered under any Statute in India and have Service Tax Registration and and PAN [To provide all Certificate of Registration including certificate of incorporation].
   (ii) Consultancy Firm should have been in operation for atleast 5 years after registration.
   (iii) Consultancy Firm should have atleast 5 years of experience in working/consulting in the Audit and **Assurance Engagement** [To provide brief details and a Declaration signed by the Principal Officer of the Firm).
   (iv) Consultancy Firm should have atleast 5 years of experience in working/consulting in the India.
   (v) Average annual turnover of the bidder for the last three financial years ending on 31st March 2020 should be equal to or greater than Rs. 30,00,000.00. [To provide copies of audited Financial Statements for all the 3 years].
   (vi) The consultancy firm shall give detail of Human resources and capacities, including backstopping capacities, if necessary supplemented with external resources for the envisaged activities;
   (vii) Submission of a "Declaration of Undertaking" by the bidder signed with legal effect pursuant to Annex 1 of the bid document.
   (viii) Bidders have to comply with the KfW consulting Guidelines para 1.6. Annex 5
4. Interested Consultancy Firms may download the complete Request for Proposal (RFP) Document, from tender/procurement section on the website **www.hpforest.nic.in**/Tenders from 03.02.2021 onwards or shall obtain from HPFECPP office.
5. No liability will be accepted for downloading the incomplete document.
6. Sealed Completed Proposals will be received at the address mentioned below on any working day up to **15:00 hours** on **06.03.2021** and Technical Proposal of Bids shall be opened on the same day at 15:30 hours at following Address:

Himachal Pradesh Forest Ecosystem Climate Proofing Project
Forest Complex, Dharamshala, District Kangra,
Himachal Pradesh – 176215
Phone: 01892-223000, 223002, Fax: 01892-223002

7. A Pre-proposal meeting will take place on 17.02.2021 at 11.30 a.m., Conference Hall, Forest Complex Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh. All prospective Consultancy Firms are advised to go through the RFP Document and communicate their queries, if any, in writing before the pre-proposal meeting.
8. The proposals will be evaluated based on the information provided by the Consultancy Firms. The eligibility criteria will be first evaluated as defined in Request for Proposals for each bidder. Detailed technical evaluation will be taken up in respect of only those bidders, who meet with the prescribed eligibility criteria. The Consultant will finally be selected using Quality-cum-Cost Based Selection **(QCBS)** method.
9. Chief Project Director, HPFECPP reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals without incurring any obligation to inform the affected applicant/s of the grounds.

DPR/HP/702 **Chief Project Director, HPFECPP**

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ON LINE TENDER is hereby invited by the undersigned, for & on behalf of the Chairman-cum-Managing Director, HPSEB Ltd., Shimla-4, from the experienced/ reputed Bidders / Joint venture firms / A Co-operative Society of Retired Employees of HPSEB Ltd. for the below mentioned work on the prescribed formats:-

Sr. No.	BID No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Comp-letion Period	Cost of Tender Documents	Sale of Tender Documents	Receipt of Tender	Download of Tender
1.	HC-II/ DB-E-Tendering Job No- 16/2020-21	E-Tendering on partial work for Prov. of 11 KV H.T Line, 3 PH L.T Line & 11/.4 KV 63 KVA S/Stn prop. At Vill Nanowal Khabra under Electrical Sub Division, HPSEBL, No-II Nalagarh. E-Tender Job No. 16-2020-21, T.S. No. 120, 132 & 126/2020-21, W.B.S. No: - 32100130-001-NLG-HT-120, 32100130-001-NLG-LT-132, 32100130-001-NLG-DTR-126. Name of Scheme: - Low Voltage Pocket Scheme (Additional works) Scheme Code HP-TD-DIS-338-2019-15266.	Rs. 7,02,079/- Only.	Rs. 17,550/- Only.	Three Months	Rs.1,000/- +18% GST = @ Rs.1,180/- only	From 03/02/2021 to 14/02/2021 at (5.00PM)	15/02/2021 (04:00 PM)	16/02/2021 (11:00AM)
2.	HC-II/ DB-E-Tendering Job No- 17/2020-21	E-Tendering on turnkey for prov of 11 KV H.T Line, 3 PH L.T Line & 11/.4 KV 63 KVA S/Stn prop. At Vill Dhar Mamla under Electrical Sub Division, HPSEBL, Ramshehar. Tender Job No.17-2020-21, T.S. No. 136, 140 & 138/2020-21, W.B.S. No: - 32100130-001-NLG-HT-136, 32100130-001-NLG-LT-140, 32100130-001-NLG-DTR-138. Name of Scheme: - Low Voltage Pocket Scheme (Additional works) Scheme Code HP-TD-DIS-338-2019-15266.	Rs. 8,10,734/- Only.	Rs. 20,270/- Only.	Three Months	Rs.1,000/- +18% GST = @ Rs.1,180/- only	From 03/02/2021 to 14/02/2021 at (5.00PM)	15/02/2021 (04:00 PM)	16/02/2021 (11:30AM)
3.	HC-II/ DB-E-Tendering Job No- 18/2020-21	E-Tendering for prov of 11 KV H.T Line, 3 PH L.T Line & 11/.4 KV 63 KVA S/Stn prop. At Vill Chamara Bissian at Katlu under Electrical Sub Division, HPSEBL, Ramshehar. E-Tender Job No. 18-2020-21, T.S. No. 172/2020-21, W.B.S. No: - 32100030-001-NAL-DTR-018 Name of Scheme: - SCSP.	Rs. 7,31,535/- Only.	Rs. 18,290/- Only.	Three Months	Rs.1,000/- +18% GST = @ Rs.1,180/- only	From 03/02/2021 to 14/02/2021 at (5.00PM)	15/02/2021 (04:00 PM)	16/02/2021 (14:30 PM)

Key Dates :-

For Sr. No	Date of online publication	Start date and time of bid submission	End date and time of bid submission	Date and time of opening of Price Bid
1.	03.02.2021	08.02.2021 at 11:00 AM	15.02.2021 at 04:00 PM	16.02.2021 at 11:00 AM
2.	03.02.2021	08.02.2021 at 11:00 AM	15.02.2021 at 04:00 PM	16.02.2021 at 11:30 AM
3.	03.02.2021	07.02.2021 at 11:00 AM	15.02.2021 at 04:00 PM	16.02.2021 at 12:30 Noon

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Snowfall in Valley

Pedestrians walk during light snowfall in Srinagar on Wednesday. PTI

Restore statehood, hold polls: Azad

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 3

Raising concerns over prevailing situation in Jammu and Kashmir, particularly following abrogation of special provisions under Article 370 and Article 35A, Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad today said local people across the three regions — Kashmir, Jammu and Ladakh — were not happy and demanded that statehood to J&K should be restored and Assembly elections held at the earliest.

He was speaking in the Rajya Sabha while taking part in the debate over Motion of Thanks to the President's speech to the joint sitting of both the Houses of Parliament.

"I never heard Atal Bihari Vajpayee or any BJP leader ever demanded that Jammu and Kashmir should be split into two. There was a demand for UT in only one district of Ladakh (Leh), not Kargil," Azad said, adding: "Even though I would have been happy if Ladakh would have been made a UT and J&K left as it was".

The Congress leader, however, congratulated the government on successfully conducting the District Development Council (DDC) elections in J&K, but claimed that on other parameters both the UTs had fallen below their earlier positions.

"The law and order was 100 times better when J&K was a state. Developmental works were 100 times better when there was a state government, even when it was BJP-PDP government," he said, adding that tourism and education had been finished in the two UTs.

"Tourists don't visit the place much now, and the ones that do frequent only the luxury hotels, and rarely interact with locals. How can local people benefit from this," Azad said.

"As for education, the Internet connection is often cut off, and even when available, it is 2G. In the age of 4G connectivity, how can we do anything with 2G? This is affecting the education of students, especially during this pandemic," Azad said.

"Indira Gandhi taught us that we can't fight on so many fronts. People in Ladakh, Jammu are not happy that anyone can buy their land or get jobs. No one is happy in J&K and Ladakh," he told Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who was present in the House. "We have to take our people in confidence and give them love," he said asking the Prime Minister to restore statehood to J&K.

LAW & ORDER BETTER WHEN J&K WAS STATE

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Ghulam Nabi Azad, LEADER OF OPPOSITION IN RAJYA SABHA

Truce violation by Pak doubles in 3 years: Govt

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 3

The cases of ceasefire violations by Pakistan on the western borders have more than doubled in the past three years (from 2,140 in 2018 to 5,133 in 2020), particularly after abrogation of special provisions under Article 370 for Jammu & Kashmir, the government data revealed.

It, however, showed a decline in the number of casualty (both civilian and security personnel) and also those who sustained injuries during such exchange of fire.

As per the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) data shared, the total number of cases of ceasefire violation in 2018 was 2,140, which went up to 3,479 in 2019 and then further increased to 5,133 in 2020.

However, the number of civilians killed in those exchanges reduced from 30 in 2018 to 18 in 2019, but went up to 22 in 2020. The cases of civilians injured in such incidents have shown a steady decline from 143 in 2018 to 127 in 2019 and 71 in 2020.

In case of security personnel, the trend, according to the MHA data, has been declining, as in 2018, 29 troopers were killed and in 2019 they reduced to 19, but then increased to 24 in 2020. The number of security personnel injured was 116 in 2018, 140 in 2019 and 126 in 2020.

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SHARP DECLINE IN TERROR INCIDENTS

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Para being tortured: Mehbooba

SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 3

PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Wednesday alleged that her party's youth wing president Waheed Para, arrested by the J&K Police, was being kept under "inhuman conditions and tortured" to compel him to admit to false charges.

In a series of tweets, Mehbooba said it was "shameful and appalling" and that such actions discredit and bring disrepute to the institutions meant to uphold law and order. "J&K CID has joined the list of Central agencies that work to terrorise Kashmiris & falsely implicate them.... Waheed is being persecuted & tortured to admit the false allegations. Since an admission didn't happen he is being kept under inhuman conditions," she alleged. — PTI

SOLIDARITY WITH AGITATING FARMERS

Taking to Twitter to express solidarity with the farmers agitating against the new agri laws, Mehbooba said while concertina wires and trenches around farmer protest sites have shocked everyone, the sight is far too familiar for the people of Kashmir.

FROM PAGE 1

Oppn clamours for farm law repeal

after the Opposition and the government agreed to extend it beyond the scheduled 10 hours to include time for discussion on farmers' issues.

Kalita, former Congress chief whip in the RS, said the new laws would give new rights to farmers and doors were open for them to amicably resolve the issue. The BJP's Vijaypal Singh Tomar, who seconded the motion, listed 12 expert committees that deliberated upon the farm reforms for two decades. Speaking in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Tomar slammed the Opposition for "spreading misinformation" and said the new laws would empower small farmers and help their children become job providers.

Opening the debate from the other side, Leader of Opposition Ghulam Nabi Azad insisted on repeal of laws saying that the "government should not make it a prestige issue".

"There can be nothing better than the PM himself announcing the decision to withdraw the laws," said Azad, asking the Centre to form a committee to locate "people who had gone missing after the Republic Day violence".

"We condemn what happened on January 26, particularly at the Red Fort but please ensure innocent farmer leaders are not implicated or the agitation will swell," he warned.

Demanding farm law repeal, SP's Ram Gopal Yadav cautioned the government against corporate monopoly over farm produce.

The Lok Sabha proceedings, meanwhile, were adjourned repeatedly on Wednesday as the protesting opposition members demanded a separate discussion on farm laws.

The House reassembled thrice, only to again adjourn till 5 pm, then 7 pm and later till 9 pm as the Opposition continued its protest despite repeated assurances by the Speaker that the members would get adequate opportunity to put forward their views.

AMIT SHAH BRIEFS PRIME MINISTER

Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday briefed Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the ongoing agitation and the law and order situation. Later, Shah tweeted, "No propaganda can deter India's unity! No propaganda can stop India from attaining new heights!" Ministers Piyush Goyal and Smriti Irani and celebrities Karan Johar, Ajay Devgan and Akshay Kumar also tweeted with hashtags "Indiatogether and "India against propaganda".

BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD (POWER WING)

Corrigendum-3 NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

NIT No.: 563/(P&D)(TS)/SS&P-361 Dated : 14-10-2020

Name of Office: Chief Engineer/Transmission System, P&D (TS) Directorate, BBMB, SLDC Complex, Industrial Area, Phase-1, Chandigarh-160002.

Name of Work: Design, Manufacture, Testing before dispatch, Supply, Delivery, Testing & Commissioning of Numerical Protection Relays for various Substations and Power House of BBMB.

The due dates against above NIT are as per the following schedule :-

Last date & time of receipt of request for Issue of tender documents	08.02.2021 upto 17:00 hrs.
Last date & time of online bid-submission	15.02.2021 upto 11:00 hrs.
Due date & time of online Bid Opening	15.02.2021 from 15:00 hrs. onwards

For detailed NIT, Earnest Money deposit & Pre-qualifying criteria, please visit BBMB Website : https://bbmbeproc.abcprocure.com & www.bbmb.gov.in

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SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA

Sealed offers are invited from reputed eligible vendors/Agencies for **repairing works pertaining to seepage/ leakage in three hostel buildings at SAI, NRC Sonepat.**

Interested firms meeting the prequalification criteria as mentioned in the technical bid should apply in the formats, available at website: **http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app** and **www.sportsauthorityofindia.nic.in** under tenders section up to 11:00 hrs. on 17.02.2021 i.e. last date of submission.

DI-19632 **RD SAI NRC Sonepat**

E-TENDER NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS

1. On behalf of the Managing Director, PSIEC, Executive Engineer-I, Chandigarh Re-invites bids from eligible bidders for the works detailed in the following table. The bids shall be on the percentage basis. The bidders may submit bids for the following projects:-

Sr. No.	Name of Project/ Work/Works	Bid Security/ Earnest Money (Rs.)	Cost of document/ Tender Fee including GST @ 18% (Rs.)	Period of Completion	Approx. Value of the Project/Work (Rs.)
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
1.	Construction of 3 No. canal water Reservoir & 1 No. Under Ground Service Reservoir with Pumping Machinery in Hi-Tech Cycle Valley at Village Dhanansu, District Ludhiana	22,28,000/-	59,000/-	Eight Months	11,13,72,646/-

2. **Period of availability of Tender online/Date & Time of online bid submission and date & time of opening of Bids are as given below:-**

Availability of Tender online for bidding	Last Date & Time for online Submission of Bids	Date & Time of opening of tender	
		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
04.02.2021	25.02.2021, 11.00 a.m.	26.02.2021, 11.00 a.m.	To be intimated later on

- For detailed terms and conditions of the notice re-inviting bids refer to our website **http://eproc.punjab.gov.in.**

** The eligible bidders who do not possess DSC (Digital Signature Certificate) may get the same issued from approved agencies and for any other query may contact helpline No. **0172-2970263-2970284.**

Note: Corrigendum, if any, will be uploaded on website i.e. **www.eproc.punjab.gov.in** only.

Sd/- **Executive Engineer-I**

PUNJAB SMALL INDUSTRIES & EXPORT CORPORATION LTD.
(A STATE GOVT. UNDERTAKING)
18, HIMALAYA MARG, UDYOG BHAWAN, SECTOR 17-A, CHANDIGARH — 160017
PHONE: 2702301-305, FAX: 2702039
Email: psiec_chd@yahoo.co.in

DPR/Pb/1245

PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION
Red Cross Building, Near Rose Garden, Sector 16, Chandigarh. Ph: 0172-2864109

TENDER NOTICE
HOUSE KEEPING CONTRACT

Sealed tenders are invited on the prescribed forms available in the office of Punjab State Information Commission Sec-16, Chandigarh for the following contract, as per detail given below:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work/ Contract	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender Documents	Last Date of Deposit of Tenders	Date, Time and Venue of Opening of Tenders
1.	Providing of House Keeping Staff	Rs. 10,000/-	Rs. 500/- (By Hand)	25.02.2021 up to 01:00 p.m.	25.02.2021 at 3:00 in the office of Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Note: Corrigendum, if any, will be published on the website only.

Sd/- **Secretary, Punjab State Information Commission, Chandigarh.**

DPR/Pb/1263

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA CORRIGENDUM

SR. NO.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./ AUTH.	OLD REFERENCE/ NIT NO.	NATURE OF CORRI-GENDUM	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD./ CORP./AUTH.	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/ E-MAIL
1	HARYANA AGRO INDUSTRIES CORPORATION LIMITED	2021_HBC_156941_1	AMENDMENTS IN RFP DOCUMENTS AND EXTENSION OF LAST DATE TO BID	www.haic.co.in	haicpkl@gmail.com
2	HARYANA AGRO INDUSTRIES CORPORATION LIMITED	2021_HBC_156928_1	AMENDMENTS IN RFP DOCUMENTS AND EXTENSION OF LAST DATE TO BID	www.haic.co.in	haicpkl@gmail.com

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

PRDH/13/2021/40/1686/I/31/4

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NETAJI SUBHAS NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SPORTS; PATIALA
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Sports Authority of India, Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports, Patiala invites online application for Biomechanist-01 post, Biochemist-02 Posts (01 Lead ans 01 Grade-II) and 05 posts of Masseurs (1 Masseur and 04 posts of Masseuse) on Contract Basis for High Performance Centre, NS NIS, Patiala.

For details and any clarifications please visit our website **https://www.nsnis.org & sportsauthorityofindia.nic.in**

Sd/- Col. R.S. Bishnoi, Senior Executive Director (A)

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
PWD B&R BRANCH
NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS

Bid No. 23 Dated: 02.02.2021

Dept. inviting work	Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, PWD B&R Br., Amritsar.
Brief of work	1) Special repair of Various Quarters at Taylor Road Colony, Amritsar (Group No. 1). 2) Special repair of Various Quarters at Taylor Road Colony, Amritsar (Group No. 1). 3) New Construction of road Dinewal to Mandala via Rohi Da Pul in M.C. Khadoor Sahib in Assembly Constituency Khadoor Sahib in District Tarn Taran.
Area of Work	Amritsar & Khadoor Sahib
Date of Opening of Bid	15.02.2021.

For detailed terms and conditions of the notice inviting Tender please see our website **punjab.gov.in, www.eprocpbpwd.gov.in**

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

Sd/- **Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, PWD B&R., Amritsar.**

DPR/Pb/1246

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Notice No. E Tenders/Water Supply & Sanitation Division No. 1, Hoshiarpur/EE/2020-21

For & on behalf of Governor of Punjab Executive Engineer W/S & Sanitation Division No.1 Hoshiarpur.

Sr. No.	Brief Description of Works	Est. Cost (In Rs.)	Date/Time Sub-mission	Date/Time Opening of Technical Bid
	Under Shayama Parsad Mukherji Rurban Mission Project			
(1)	RURAL DRINKING WATER SUPPLY SCHEME VILLAGE: BALAGAN (1 NO.) BLOCK: DASUYA BIFURCATED FROM EXISTING W/S SCHEME CHAK MEHRA ETC (6 NOS) BLOCK DASUYA DISTRICT HOSHIARPUR. BORING AND INSTALLING A DEEP TUBEWELL OF SIZE 200MM I/D STRAIGHT UP TO 180 MTR DEPTH BGL WITH REVERSE ROTARY RIG, CONSTRUCTION OF OHSR, RISING MAIN, DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, WATER METER, CHLORINATOR, PUMP CHAMBER 3.05X3.70mtr PUMPING MACHINERY, C.I. FITTING, DEVELOPMENT OF HEAD WORKS, CARRIAGE OF MATERIAL & OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE ETC. COMPLETE IN ALL RESPECT.	4704571/-	22.02.2021 up to 11:00 Hrs.	22.02.2021 up to 15:00 Hrs.

- Bidders are advised to note minimum qualification criteria & Instructions in bidding document.
- Visit **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** for detail & downloading bidding documents. Corrigendum If any, will be issued on Website only.

Note: This office has right to cancel/reinvite the tender for any administrative reasons in the future.

Sd/- **Er. Ashwani Kumar, Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division No. 01, Hoshiarpur. Phone No. 01882-240484, Email: dcws01hoshiarpurpb@yahoo.com**

DPR/HP/1247

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HIMACHAL PRADESH
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
CORRIGENDUM

The tender for the work Construction of link road from Mandhole to Ghera Km. 0/0 to 1/500 i/c Bridge over Gher Khad under SCSP (SH:- Construction of 30.00 Metre span Box Girder Type Bridge over Gher Khad at RD. 0/240) called by the Executive Engineer, Jawali Division HP PWD Jawali on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh vide this office letter No. PWJ/CB/T.A/e-procurement/2020-21-16799-16829 dated 15.12.2020 published in Newspaper GIRI RAJ Weekly dated 23.12.2020 vide Advertisement No. 5086/2020-21which is opened on 20.02.2021 is hereby cancelled due to administrative/technical reason.

(For and on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh)
Sd/- **Executive Engineer, Jawali Divn. HPPWD, Jawali.**
HIM SUCHANA AVAM JAN SAMPARK DPR/HP/5516

AUCTION NOTICE

It is hereby notified for the information of General Public that sealed tenders are invited for the old/un-serviceable/broken furniture of Haryana Civil Secretariat. The willing parties may inspect the old/broken/un-serviceable furniture items i.e. Steel Almirahs/Wooden furniture/Computer tables/Computer chairs/Racks/Plastic chair/Sofa/Wooden Screen/Steel Visitor Chair etc. lying at 2nd floor, Main Haryana Civil Secretariat Building, Sector-1, Chandigarh & New Secretariat Building, at Basements, Sector-17, Chandigarh, which can be seen on 17.02.2021 between 3.30 PM to 4.30 PM. The sealed tenders for whole lot with a demand draft amounting to Rs.15,000/- in favour of Under Secretary (General) to Govt. Haryana as refundable security should reach by 22.02.2021 before 3.00 PM at Room No. 50/5th floor, Haryana Civil Secretariat Sector-1, Chandigarh. The undersigned reserve the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason.

Sd/- **(KRISHAN KUMAR)**
Under Secretary (General) to Govt. Haryana
Haryana Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh
PRDH/1016/11/1/2021/1661/31/4

HIMACHAL PRADESH
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, OUTER SERAJ DIVISION, HP.PWD. NIRMAND
Web: www.hppwd.gov.in, Email: ee-nir-hp@nic.in
Phone No.-01904-255140 Fax No. 01904-255740
e-Procurement Notice
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The **Executive Engineer, Outer Seraj Division, HPPWD, Nirmand, Distt Kullu H.P** on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the online bids on item rate, in electronic tendering system, from the eligible clas of contractors registered with HPPWD for the work as detailed in the table.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Starting Date of downloading Bid	Earnest money	Deadline for submission of Bid
1.	Construction of link road from Jaon to Oddidhar in Km 0/00 to 2/900. (SH: F/c 5/7 mtrs wide road including dumping sites and essential retaining and breast walls and cross drainage works in 0/00 to 2/900).under RIDF-XXIV	Rs. 1,73,02,285/-	04.02.2021	Rs. 2,05,550/-	15.02.2021

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the departmental website **www.hptenders.gov.in.**
ON BEHALF OF GOVERNOR OF HIMACHAL PRADESH
Executive Engineer
Outer Seraj Division H.P PWD, Nirmand
DPR/HP/5481

HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION
Bays No. 67-70, Sector-2, Panchkula-134151
(www.hssc.gov.in)

Notice to the Candidates for inviting objection on answer key for the post of Art & Craft Teacher against Advt. No. 06/2006 Cat. No. 22 of Education Department, Haryana. Question Paper Code 0121 and 1121

It is intimated that written examination for recruitment of Art & Craft Teacher against Advt. No. 06/2006, Cat. No. 22 of Education Departments, Haryana was conducted on 31.01.2021 (Morning Session) by the Commission.

The Commission has uploaded the answer key to two codes of question paper bearing code 0121 or 1121 mentioned at left side bottom of first page of question paper/booklet on the website of the Haryana Staff Selection Commission i.e. **www.hssc.gov.in** of the above said written examination. **The candidates shall refer the answer key as per their question paper code i.e. 0121 & 1121.** If any candidate has any objection regarding any answer, he/she may submit his/her qery/objection. The candidate need to follow the steps given below:

1. **Go to www.hssc.gov.in**
2. **Click on Inviting Objection for answer key (Advt. No. 6/2006)" button.**
3. **The objection raised by any candidate by any other means will not be entertained.**

The candidate may submit his/her objection from **04.02.2021 to 06.02.2021 up to 5.00 P.M.** Thereafter no objection will be entertained by the Commission. The candidates are advised to clearly specify the objection along with name of the Post, Advt. No., Category No., Date of Examination, Session, Centre No., Question Paper Code i.e. 0121 or 1121, as the case may be, Question Booklet series, and Question No. on which the objection is raised, otherwise objection will not be considered. The objections shall be considered by the Commission and its decision in this regard shall be final and evaluation of the paper shall accordingly be done.

Sd/- **Secretary**
Haryana Staff Selection Commission, Panchkula.
Dated:- 03.02.2021
PRDH/1159/13/20/2021/1681/31/4

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL
PT. JAWAHARLAL NEHRU GOVT. MEDICAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL CHAMBA, H.P.
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NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)
Tender Ref. No. GMC/CBA/Acctt/Tender/Outsource-Manpower/20.

E-tenders are invited from registered Firms, Proprietorship firm(s)/Partnership firm(s)/Company/Corporation/Cooperative Society or any legal entity for providing Outsource Manpower in the Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru Government Medical College, Chamba (HP). Prescribed tender form can be downloaded from website **https://www.hptenders.gov.in** on or before last date and time for submission of tender. The Last date and time for submission & uploading of filled in tender documents is **26.02.2020 up to 11:30 a.m.** The Tender will be opened on **26.02.2020 at 12:00 p.m.** in the Office of Principal, Pt. JLNGMC&H, Chamba. The duly completed tender form along with Tender Fee **(Rs. 1500/-)**, Earnest Money Deposit of **Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh only)** in the form of Demand Draft (DD) or Fixed Deposit Receipt (FDR) pledged in favour of Principal, Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru Government Medical College, Chamba (HP) issued by any of the Scheduled Bank along with other required documents should be uploaded on the website **https://www.hptenders.gov.in** and physical copy of uploaded cost of tender document and Earnest Money Deposit should be reached in the office of the Principal, Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru Government Medical College, Chamba (HP) before the last date and time fixed for submission of the tender. All subsequent corrigendum, modifications and clarifications in respect of this tender will be published only on aforesaid websites. The bidders are advised to visit the aforesaid website regularly regarding corrigendum, modifications and clarifications in respect of this tender. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all the tender offers without assigning any reason.

In case the date mentioned above happens to be a holiday, the next day will be considered as due date.

Principal,
Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru Govt. Medical College, Chamba, Distt. Chamba (HP).
DPR/HP/5626

Charges slapped on Suu Kyi, faces detention until Feb 15

NAYPYIDAW, FEBRUARY 3

Police in Myanmar levelled their first formal charge against ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi, members of her party said Wednesday, giving military authorities who staged a coup a legal reason to detain her till February 15 for investigations.

The charge that Suu Kyi was in possession of illegally imported walkie-talkies came to light two days after she was placed under house arrest and appeared to merely be an effort to lend a legal veneer to her detention, though the generals have previously kept her and others locked up for years.

The move followed a military coup on Monday and the detention of Nobel Peace laureate Suu Kyi and other civilian politicians. The takeover cut short Myanmar's long transition to democracy and drew condemnation from the United States and other Western countries.

A police request to a court detailing the accusations against Suu Kyi, 75, said six walkie-talkie radios had been found in a search of her home in Naypyidaw. The radios were imported illegally and used without permission, it said.

A separate document showed police filed charges against ousted President Win Myint for violating protocols to stop the spread of Covid during campaigning for an election last November.

Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy (NLD) won the election in a landslide but the military claimed it was marred by fraud and justified its seizure of power on those grounds.

The chair of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Parliamentarians for Human Rights, Charles Santiago, said the new charges were ludicrous. — Reuters

Int'l move should not escalate Myanmar tensions: China | Concerned over detention of political leaders, activists: G7 | NLD says army raids its offices, seizes gadgets illegally | Massive protest in Japan, seeking action against coup

Armoured vehicles in a Mandalay street, Myanmar. REUTERS

US IN TOUCH WITH INDIA, JAPAN

Washington: A senior State Department official has said the US is in touch with regional allies like India and Japan on the latest developments in Myanmar as the two countries have better contact with the military in the Southeast Asian nation. "We're having daily ongoing conversations with them, and we certainly appreciate that some other countries have better contact with the Burmese military," he said. PTI

UNSC UNLIKELY TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS

New Delhi: The UNSC held an emergency meeting on Myanmar but was unable to agree on a statement about the military coup. Britain had drafted a text calling on Myanmar to immediately release civilian leaders. There was no mention of sanctions. TNS

ANTI-COUP DEMONSTRATION BEGINS

Jakarta: Medical workers across Myanmar began a civil disobedience protest against Monday's coup, wearing red ribbons and declaring they won't work for the new military government. Photos were shared on social media showing protesting workers. AGENCIES

Will counter China's coercive actions: US

WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 3

Acknowledging that the US is in "serious competition" with China, the Biden administration has asserted that it will counter Beijing's "aggressive and coercive" actions, sustain its key military advantages and restore America's vital security partnerships.

The relations between the US and China are at an all-time low. The two countries are currently engaged in a bitter confrontation over various issues, including trade, Covid origin, aggressive military moves in the disputed South China Sea, human rights and Taiwan, the self-governing democracy that China claims as its own territory and threatens to bring under its control by military force.

China resents US support for Taiwan along with the US military presence in the South China Sea. "When it comes to China more broadly, you have heard us talk about our strategic approach. We are in serious competition with China. Strategic competition is the frame through which we see that relationship," State Department Spokesperson Ned Price said. — PTI

Joe Biden pays respect to a cop who died during Capitol violence in Washington. REUTERS

UK, JAPAN CONCERNED OVER NEW CHINA LAW

- Foreign and defence ministers of Japan and Britain have said they are deeply concerned about the situation in the East and South China Seas.
- They opposed the new Chinese law which empowers its forces to raze other countries' structures and use weapons in Beijing's territorial waters. AGENCIES

IMMIGRATION POLICY SEES CHANGE IN US

- Biden has signed three executive orders that he said would lead to a "fair" immigration system and undo Trump's policies that "ripped children from the arms of their families."

UN concerned over Navalny sentence

GENEVA, FEBRUARY 3

The UN human rights spokeswoman Ravina Shamdasani voiced dismay on Wednesday at the sentencing of Russian opposition politician Alexei Navalny and called for the immediate release of peaceful protesters, including some 1,400 arrested on Tuesday.

A Moscow court jailed Navalny for three and a half years on Tuesday, although his lawyer said he would actually serve two years and eight months because of time already spent under house arrest.

Russia has accused the West of descending into hysteria over the issue. — Agencies

Russia slams West's hysteria over arrest of oppn leader

Wary of India, Beijing steps up vax diplomacy

BEIJING, FEBRUARY 3

China on Wednesday said it would give 10 million doses of vaccine to the global Covax initiative as it seeks to step-up its vaccine diplomacy amid projections from experts that India could become the "engine" for the distribution of the jabs to the world.

China's announcement came as India has already begun providing the jabs to a number of countries. Beijing had announced that it would supply three lakh vaccines to Sri Lanka after New Delhi dispatched five lakh doses to Colombo. Meanwhile, a WHO team reached the Wuhan virus lab to probe the Covid origin on Wednesday. — PTI

TRACKING VIRUS

NATIONS	DEATHS
US	4,58,691
BRAZIL	2,26,383
MEXICO	1,59,533
UK	1,09,335
ITALY	89,344

WORLDOMETER TILL FEB 3, 10 PM

Scribes talk to a WHO scientist in Wuhan on Wednesday. REUTERS

BUSINESS

USD	EURO	POUND	JPY	YUAN	CAD	AUD	SGD	HKD
₹72.95	₹87.71	₹99.52	₹0.69	₹11.28	₹56.89	₹55.56	₹54.72	₹9.40

BSE	NSE	GOLD (MCX)	SILVER (MCX)
458.03	142.10	₹49,000	₹69,000
50,255.75	14,789.95	Mumbai	Mumbai

Sensex creates history, closes above 50,000-mark for first time

MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 3

The BSE Sensex closed above the historic 50,000-mark for the first time ever on Wednesday as the post-Budget euphoria continued for the third straight session amid a spurt in buying by foreign funds and positive global cues.

Banking, finance and pharma counters hogged the limelight, while cement and FMCG stocks succumbed to profit-taking. After touching a record intra-day high of 50,526.39, the BSE benchmark ended at 50,255.75, up 458.03 points.

Similarly, the NSE Nifty surged 142.10 points to its fresh closing record of 14,789.95. It touched an all-time high of 14,868.85 during the day.

IndusInd Bank topped the Sensex gainers' chart, zooming 7.65%, followed by PowerGrid, Dr Reddy's, Sun Pharma, NTPC and Axis Bank.

On the other hand, UltraTech Cement, Maruti, ITC, Kotak Bank, Asian Paints, Nestle India and TCS were among the losers, slipping up to 0.90%.

"Domestic equities continued to remain in the grip of bulls and broader indices made fresh record highs today," said Binod Modi, Head Strategy at Reliance Securities.

Optimism created after the announcement of bold measures in the Union Budget continued to attract investors. Favourable global cues also supported the market rally. Notably, market cap of Indian market is just fraction away from surpassing Rs 200 trillion levels, he added.

"Given sharp increase in capital expenditure along with a number of reforms to give impetus to investment activities, momentum in corporate earnings is expected to sustain in subsequent quarters. Further, higher fiscal stimulus in the US, persistent soft monetary policy stance of global bankers and weak dollar should continue to act as key tailwinds for FPIs flows.

"In the near term, monetary policy outcome will be a key focus area for market, which is broadly expected to remain favourable," he noted. — PTI

BULL RUN CONTINUES FOR THIRD DAY

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Future Retail moves HC against status quo order on Reliance deal

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 3

Kishore Biyani-led Future Retail Ltd (FRL) moved the Delhi High Court on Wednesday against its single judge order directing the company to maintain status quo on its Rs 24,713-crore deal with Reliance Retail, which has been objected to by US-based e-commerce giant Amazon.

FRL's appeal was mentioned before a Joint Registrar of the high court who allowed it to be listed for hearing on Thursday, a lawyer associated with the case said.

Justice JR Midha on Tuesday said the court was satisfied that an immediate interim order was required to be passed to protect the rights of Amazon.

"Respondents (FRL) and other respondents are directed to maintain status quo as on today at 4:49 PM till pronouncement of the reserved order," the judge had said. In August last year, Future had reached an agreement to sell its retail, wholesale, logistics and warehousing units to Reliance.

Amazon has approached the high court seeking direction to order enforcement of the award by Singapore's Emergency Arbitrator (EA) restraining FRL from going ahead with its Rs 24,713-crore deal with Reliance Retail.

It has sought to restrain Kishore Biyani-led Future Group from taking any steps to complete the transaction with entities that are a part of the Mukesh Dhirubhai Ambani (MDA) Group.

Amazon.com NV Investment Holdings LLC, in its plea, has also sought detention of the Biyanis, directors of FCPL and FRL and other related parties in civil prison and attaching of their properties for alleged "wilful disobedience" of the emergency arbitrator's order.

The HC reserved its order on Tuesday on the main petition and directed other authorities concerned to maintain status quo in relation to the matters which are in violation of the emergency award and to file status report with regard to the present status within 10 days. — PTI

BIYANI BARRED FROM SECURITIES MARKET

- Markets regulator SEBI on Wednesday barred Future Group chief executive Kishore Biyani and his brother Anil from accessing the securities market for a year after investigating insider trading in shares of its retail firm Future Retail in 2017
- The SEBI said the two brothers traded in shares of Future Retail through a group company on the basis of unpublished price-sensitive information before a demerger of certain businesses of Future Retail that pushed its share price high REUTERS

Airtel posts Q3 net profit of ₹854 crore

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 3

Airtel on Wednesday posted a net profit of Rs 854 crore for the third quarter ended December 2020, compared to Rs 1,035-crore loss a year ago, on the back of improved realisations and the strong customer addition.

It logged its highest-ever consolidated quarterly revenue of Rs 26,518 crore in Q3 FY21, up 24.2% over the year-ago period. Its India business witnessed "highest ever" quarterly revenues of Rs 19,007 crore. — PTI

RBI unveils internal audit norms for NBFCs, urban co-op banks

MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 3

The RBI on Wednesday unveiled the risk-based internal audit (RBIA) system for select non-bank lenders and urban co-operative banks, with a view to enhance the quality and effectiveness of their internal audit system.

All the deposit-taking non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) and the ones with an asset size of over Rs 5,000 crore, and urban co-operatives banks (UCBs) with assets of over Rs 500 crore will have to migrate to the new system, the RBI said.

The central bank said the RBIA is an audit methodology that links an organisation's overall risk management framework. It provides an assurance to the Board of directors and the senior management on the quality and effectiveness of the organisation's internal controls, risk management and governance-related systems and processes, it added. — PTI

STRENGTHENING RISK MANAGEMENT

- Currently, all entities supervised by the RBI have their own approaches on internal audit, resulting in certain inconsistencies, risks and gaps in the system, the RBI said

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Conditional NOC for IPL likely for Australian players

MELBOURNE, FEBRUARY 3
Cricket Australia today said it will grant No Objection Certificates to its Indian Premier League-bound players on a "case-by-case" basis, a day after it had postponed the national team's tour of South Africa due to fresh Covid-19 outbreak in that country.

Even though the IPL-bound Australian cricketers are sweating over their participation in the 14th edition of the league, to be held in India in the second week of April, players' agents have indicated that unless there are injury concerns, there should not be any issue in granting NOCs as the event will be organised during CA's official break.

"We have, obviously, got precedent on that from the IPL last year. We have got, obviously, the IPL, if you like, (has) proven its bio-security protocols," CA interim CEO Nick Hockley was quoted as saying by *Sydney Morning Herald*. "As and when applications are made, we will consider each of those case-by-case, on their merits," he added. — PTI

Back to being backseat boy

My job is to help Virat, says Rahane 2 days before first Test

Ajinkya Rahane and Virat Kohli take part in a catching drill; **RIGHT:** Jasprit Bumrah, Ishant Sharma, Hardik Pandya and bowling coach Bharat Arun during a practice session. PHOTOS: BCCI

CHENNAI, FEBRUARY 3
Ajinkya Rahane, who captained India with unmatched coolness in two Test victories in Australia, helping the team win the series 2-1, had raised an intriguing debate — former cricketers and analysts began to wonder if he might be better suited to the captain's job than regular captain Virat Kohli.

When Rahane himself was asked about his role now that Kohli is back to lead the team against England, he said: "My job is to take a back seat and help Virat. My job is really easy now. When Virat asks me about anything, I will tell him. Virat was the captain and he came back for family reasons. So I was the captain in Australia."

Rahane, speaking at a video-conference today, two days before the first Test against England is to start here, also said the win in Australia was over and done with, and that it's time to focus on the task at hand.

"Australia is past. We are in present. We respect the England side which has won a Test series in Sri Lanka. We want to play good brand of cricket and we are not taking anything for granted," said Rahane.

Tough challenge

England blacked Sri Lanka 2-0 on their own grounds in their recent Test series, and their captain Joe Root is in great touch, having made 228, 1, 186 and 11 in four innings. England have triumphed on Sri Lankan wickets and would be well prepared for the Indian challenge.

So, the prudent and cautious man that he is, Rahane is not looking ahead to the World Test Championship final against New Zealand — India must beat England at least 2-1 to qualify for that match. "The WTC final is three-four (five) months from now. The focus should be on present series. New Zealand played really well and deserved to be in the final. For us, it will be about taking one game at a time," Rahane said.

India fielded a very high number of players — 20 — in the four Tests against Australia, due to the injuries suffered by first-choice players, and the series against England would give the team management headaches about who to pick up in the playing XI.

Rahane, understandably, didn't spell out anything about the team combination. However, by talking about Indian pitches helping spin bowling in general, he did give a hint about the Chennai wicket and the likelihood of multiple spinners in the Indian XI.

"We will decide on the playing combination after tomorrow's training," he said when asked if left-arm orthodox spinner Axar Patel will be handed a Test debut. "The Indian wickets always have something for spinners. We will back our strength. Let's wait and see," he said. — TNS

Already in WTC final, Williamson hails India

Their win in Australia was truly remarkable, says NZ captain

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 3
New Zealand's talismanic captain Kane Williamson has hailed India's "truly remarkable" triumph in Australia, coming in the backdrop of a disastrous first Test and injuries to innumerable players.

Shot out for a record low 36 in the second innings of the first Test, which they lost in two-and-a-half days, India staged an incredible turnaround to clinch the four-match rubber 2-1 for one of their biggest wins of all time.

The cricket fraternity took note of India's achievement and Williamson, one of the most respected players in the sport, was no exception.

"Anytime you play Australia it's incredibly tough and to play in their backyard is an added challenge. For India to go there and perform the way they did, in particular with so many injuries and players out. It was truly a remarkable victory," Williamson said in a TV interview.

"You throw in the Test Championship context that's added but I think just the challenge they faced and the way they stood up, I think their bowling unit collectively had seven or eight Tests between them going into the last game and at the Gabba as well," he added.

Williamson said the Indian team must have "got a huge buzz out of" the memorable win in the series-deciding fourth Test at Brisbane, that has been Australia's fortress for the last 32 years.

"No doubt, India would have been absolutely thrilled, the supporters watching that match I am sure the team got a huge buzz out of that as well," he said. — Agencies

Wish to play for as long as possible: Root

England's first Test against India will be Joe Root's 100th Test. PTI

England's Test captain Joe Root is on the verge of completing a century of Test matches, and the 30-year-old plans to carry on for a long time, taking inspiration from veterans James Anderson and Stuart Broad. "At the moment, the way I see things, is that I want to play as long as possible, I can't see where it's going to stop," Root said. "The way Jimmy and Broady keep going and get better and better, they are an inspiration for someone like me. Hopefully that fire, that drive stays there in me and I can keep going."

Root, who made his Test debut in India during England's memorable series triumph in 2012, recalled his first day in the game in Nagpur. "Once I walked out, I completely forgot the situation of the game and the magnitude of it," he said. "I was just so overwhelmed and happy and enjoying that moment, to get opportunities for England, play Test cricket, to be walking up to Kevin Pietersen at the other end, I just couldn't stop smiling. I just took a little bit time to refocus, to stop thinking that Sachin Tendulkar stood at mid-off, and Kevin Pietersen watching at the other end, just really focussed on the job in hand, and thankfully, I managed to stay there for some time and help us get across the line," he added.

"It feels like yesterday, walking around in Nagpur. Hopefully, it's not the end of the journey, and there are plenty of games to come, and plenty of fantastic memories to make," he added. PTI

BRIEFLY

CHATTOGRAM
Bangladesh edge ahead against Windies on Day 1
After losing four wickets in the first two sessions, Bangladesh held firm at the end of the first day against West Indies to score 242/5 today. Left-arm spinner Jomel Warrican picked up three wickets, conceding 58 runs, to pose a strong challenge to the hosts. Left-handed opener Shadman Islam was the best batsman for Bangladesh with 59 runs, his second half-century in Tests. It is Bangladesh's first Test since the Covid outbreak last year, while West Indies has played five matches since then.

NEW DELHI
Ajay Singh re-elected Boxing Federation of India president
Incumbent Ajay Singh was today re-elected as the president of the Boxing Federation of India, comfortably defeating challenger Ashish Shelar in the polls which had an observer from the international boxing association (AIBA) in attendance. Ajay prevailed 37-27 in the elections held at Gurugram for a fresh four-year term.

KOLKATA
Naocha's double helps Sudeva drub Chennai 4-0
Debutants Sudeva Delhi FC dished out their best performance of the I-League season so far, drubbing former champions Chennai City FC 4-0 to grab their second win here today. With the win, the Delhi-based side jumped to the top half of the league table.

MARGAO
ISL: Mumbai beat Kerala to extend lead
Mumbai City beat Kerala Blasters 2-1 to open up a five-point lead at the top of the Indian Super League points table. This was Mumbai's 10th win in 15 matches.

COLOMBO
Lanka's tour of WI in doubt after positive Covid-19 tests
Sri Lanka are looking to reschedule their tour of West Indies after head coach Mickey Arthur and opening batsman Lahiru Thirimanne tested positive for Covid-19, the country's cricket board (SLC) said today. Tests were carried out on the provisional 36-man squad on Tuesday ahead of the series in the Caribbean that was scheduled to start on February 20. AGENCIES

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Serena sizzles to victory

Serena Williams hits a backhand against Tsvetana Pironkova. REUTERS

MELBOURNE, FEBRUARY 3
Serena Williams sounded a warning for her fellow Australian Open contenders with a sleek 6-1 6-4 victory against Bulgarian Tsvetana Pironkova to reach the quarterfinals of the Yarra Valley Classic here today.

After top two seeds Ash Barty and Sofia Kenin faced steep challenges to keep their preparations on course, Williams put up a contrasting show at Melbourne Park's Margaret Court Arena in the evening session.

World No. 1 Barty, who won 6-0 4-6 6-3, showed no signs of fatigue from having played a late match on Tuesday and started in top gear against Marie Bouzkova at the Margaret Court Arena before her Czech opponent staged a fightback.

Australian Open champion Kenin, seeded second, appeared headed for an exit against fellow American Jessica Pegula when she fell 0-3 back after losing the first set but the feisty 22-year-old found her range and rallied for a 5-7 7-5 6-2 win.

Williams, a 23-time Grand Slam winner and a seven-time Australian Open champion, moved well, looked composed and mixed power with poise against Pironkova, who had won a set off her during last year's US Open quarterfinals.

Kenin set up a last-eight clash against two-time Major winner Garbine Muguruza, who defeated Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 6-1 6-2.

Danielle Collins ousted third seed Karolina Pliskova 7-6(5) 7-6(3) in a battle of attrition while Nadia Podoroska edged two-time Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova 5-7 6-1 7-6(7).

Simona Halep after beating Laura Siegemund. AP/PTI

Osaka, Halep into Gippsland last-eight
US Open champion Naomi Osaka extended her winning streak to 13 matches today but only after riding out a stiff challenge from Katie Boulter to beat the Briton 3-6 6-3 6-1 and reach the quarterfinals of the Gippsland Trophy.

Top seed and world No. 2 Simona Halep later had a more routine passage into the last-eight of the Australian Open warm-up with a 6-2 6-4 win over German Laura Siegemund.

French Open champion Iga Swiatek crashed out of the tournament with a 6-4 6-2 loss to Russian Ekaterina Alexandrova, while British fifth seed Johanna Konta was edged 4-6 6-7(10) 6-7(4) by Romanian Irina-Camelia Begu.

Italy seal spot in ATP Cup semifinals
Italy sealed a place in the semifinals of the ATP Cup by winning both singles matches against France, while Germany did their chances of progressing no harm by taking an unassailable 2-0 lead over Canada at the Rod Laver Arena.

Victory for Fabio Fognini and Matteo Berrettini in the singles combined with Tuesday's 2-1 win over Austria ensured Italy would top Group C. — Reuters

Covid scare 5 days before Aus Open

Hotel worker tests positive, tuneup events matches cancelled

MELBOURNE, FEBRUARY 3
Up to 600 players and support staff connected to the Australian Open will have to isolate until they have been tested for Covid-19 after a hotel quarantine worker in Melbourne returned a positive result for the virus today.

Play at the six warm-up events for the Grand Slam at Melbourne Park was heavily disrupted with organisers Tennis Australia cancelling all matches for Thursday.

"Those associated with the AO who quarantined at the hotel now need to be tested and isolate until they receive a negative test result," the organisers of the February 8-21 Grand Slam said in a statement. "We will work with everyone involved to facilitate testing as quickly as possible. There will be no matches at Melbourne Park on Thursday. An update on the schedule for Friday will be announced later today."

Victoria Premier Daniel Andrews said the positive case should not impact the Australian Open itself and testing of contacts will start from Thursday.

"There is a number of about 500, 600 people who are players and officials and others who are casual contacts," Andrews said at a news conference late today.

Victoria, of which Melbourne is the capital, reintroduced the compulsory wearing of masks in indoor public places from tomorrow while private gatherings were reduced from 30 people to 15.

About 1,200 players, coaching staff and officials arrived in Australia at the middle of last month for the year's first Grand Slam and went into a mandatory 14-day isolation.

The players were allowed five hours outside for training but 72 of them were confined to hotel rooms for the two weeks after passengers on three charter flights taking them to Australia tested positive for Covid. — Reuters

Kyrgios rants over time violation

Australia's Nick Kyrgios frowned and fumed at the chair umpire during today's Murray River Open match with Harry Bourchier and needed assurance from a tournament supervisor that he would not be fined by the ATP before agreeing to play on. The mercurial 25-year-old, playing his first tournament in nearly a year due to Covid-19 pandemic, walked off and refused to play after the chair umpire called a time violation when he was in his service motion late in the second set. A meeting with the supervisor followed, in which Kyrgios called the chair umpire a "smart arse", adding: "Tennis is not about the umpires. He's an extra to make sure all this... goes smoothly". "I didn't want to play until I made sure I wasn't going to get fined, because the ATP does me pretty rough all the time, they fine me too much money," Kyrgios, who has been fined several times for his meltdowns, said. REUTERS

Ronaldo nets 2 as Juve beat Inter

MILAN: Cristiano Ronaldo scored twice to help Juventus fight back to win 2-1 at Inter Milan in the first leg of their Italian Cup semifinals. Ronaldo netted a penalty and took advantage of a horrendous defensive error on Tuesday to give his side the advantage ahead of the second leg. Lautaro Martínez had given Inter an early lead. AP

Juventus' Cristiano Ronaldo scores their first goal from the penalty spot. REUTERS >>

United hit nine, Saints and Arsenal end with nine

LONDON: Manchester United reignited their title challenge in spectacular fashion with a record-equalling 9-0 thrashing of hapless Southampton on a night of goals, red cards and yet more VAR controversy in the Premier League on Tuesday. Seven different players were on the scoresheet for United as they ran riot after Southampton's teenaged midfielder Alexandre Jankewitz was shown a straight red card after two minutes. Southampton ended with nine men, as did Arsenal whose revival hit the buffers with a 2-1 loss at Wolverhampton Wanderers for whom Joao Moutinho secured victory with a second-half wonder strike. Like Wolves, Crystal Palace and Sheffield United also registered come-from-behind wins. REUTERS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Through this notice it is to inform that Smt. Sangita Dahiya, Ayurvedic Dispenser, Government Ayurvedic Dispensary Nandrampurwas (Rewari) is wilfull absent from her duty since 25.01.2014 as per official record. She has been chargesheeted under Section 7 of Haryana Civil Services (Punishment and Appeal) Rules, 1987 vide this office letter 30182 dated 10.11.2017. She has neither replied the said chargesheet letters nor present herself for duty till date. Now, she is informed through this publication that she may appear before the undersigned on 22.02.2021 for personal hearing in my office otherwise one sided action will be taken in the matter.

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MAKING SKY THEIR CANVAS: Indian Air Force's C-17 Globemaster along with Sukhoi Su-30MKI fighter jets fly past during the Aero India 2021 at the Yelahanka airbase in Bengaluru on Wednesday. REUTERS

₹48K-cr Tejas deal sealed

BENGALURU: Public sector giant Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) on Wednesday was handed over the contract documents to manufacture 83 Tejas Mark 1A fighter jets. The contract for Rs 48,000 crore was handed over by the officials of the Ministry of Defence to HAL Chairman and Managing Director R Madhavan on Wednesday. The first LCA Tejas Mark 1A will be supplied three years from contract — by February 2024. — TNS

Warfare more challenging with new technologies: IAF Chief

AERO INDIA

BENGALURU, FEBRUARY 3

Air Chief Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria on Wednesday said the nature of warfare had changed significantly in the last few years. Advent of new technologies and cross linking of 'physical', 'digital' and 'cognitive' domains had complicated war fighting.

He was addressing military delegates of more than 50 countries at the Aero India here at special conclave.

The topic of the conclave was to address technological advances, changing threat matrix and evolution of air power.

The exponential technological progress made in the last few years has made the realm of warfare more complex. "The low cost and easy availability of simple disruptive technology like drones with small state and non-state actors have made them more lethal, agile and capable of generating disproportionate effects," the IAF Chief said. The IAF was closely observing unmanned, manned-unmanned teaming and anti-drone technologies, he said. — TNS

"Low cost and easy availability of simple disruptive technology like drones have made warfare more lethal
Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria

SPICE NOW HAS AN EXTENDED RANGE

MIG SERVICING IN INDIA

Parl panel endorses DNA profiling Bill, but with riders

Allows creation of national, regional banks to store biological info

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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 3

The parliamentary standing committee on science and technology on Wednesday endorsed The DNA Technology (Use and Application) Regulation Bill-2019 that seeks to regulate the use of DNA in solving heinous crimes, finding missing persons and identifying disaster victims, but proposed key riders.

In its report to Parliament, the committee headed by Congress' Jairam Ramesh differed with the government on the definition of DNA profiling and the composition of DNA Regulatory Body which it said must be headed by an independent genetic expert rather than a union secretary, as currently proposed in the Bill.

The panel has recommended deletion of government's definition of DNA profile – "DNA profile is the result of analysis of a DNA sample for establishing human identification" – and proposed a new definition that says "DNA profile means a DNA pattern that establishes only the genetic identity of offenders, missing persons or unknown deceased persons, and not their characteristics such as physical appearance, behaviour or health status".

The panel's major suggestions include rephrasing the Bill as The DNA (Use and Application in Justice Delivery System) Regulation Bill, 2021; deleting clauses for establishing regional data banks (panel says National DNA databank is enough for DNA storage); DNA collection from arrested persons only after they are personally heard by a magistrate rather than on written consent as currently proposed.

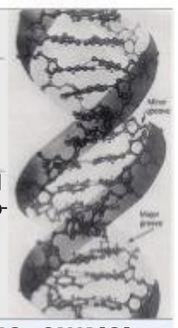
The Bill allows creation of national and regional DNA banks to store biological information of persons under five indices — crime scene index; suspects or undertrials index; offenders index; missing persons and unknown deceased persons index.

Justifying the draft law, the government says DNA technology has the potential of wide application in the justice delivery systems and investigation of crimes through biological evidence — semen in rape cases, blood in murder cases, saliva in case of anonymous threats. "Several crimes are committed by repeat offenders. Their apprehension will be aided by comparison of biological evidence at the scene of crime with DNA profiles stored in a DNA Data Bank. In civil cases, DNA evidence helps in identifying disaster victims besides aiding in finding missing persons," the draft Bill states.

The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) reports 40,000 unidentified bodies per year and 1,00,000 missing children annually. The Bill seeks to regulate DNA labs and penalise unauthorised sharing of DNA information with jail up to three years and Rs 1 lakh fine. Destruction of evidence can attract jail up to five years and Rs 2 lakh fine.

GOVERNMENT TAKE

- DNA profiles to be stored are not for an entire population but for specified categories — convicts and suspects of major crimes and relatives of missing persons.
- The information to be stored does not reveal race, caste, facial features of individuals. Profiles from living individuals shall be stored after their informed consent except in case of profiles from offenders and suspects.



CAN'T RULE OUT CASTE PROFILING: OWAISI

- Two panel members AIMIM's Asadudin Owaisi and CPI's Binoy Viswam dissented with the panel questioning the Bill in the absence of data protection law.
- "With the criminal justice system disproportionately incarcerating Dalits, Muslims and tribals, targeted discrimination will be encoded into this law.
- The panel should have recommended deletion of references to the inclusion of DNA data of non convicts, including suspects and undertrials," Owaisi said.

Southern Air Command gets new chief

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 3

Air Marshal Manavendra Singh has been appointed the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the IAF's Southern Air Command. He takes over from Air Marshal Amit Tiwari, who has been posted as chief of the Central Air Command.

Prior to assuming his present assignment, Air Marshal Manavendra Singh was serving as the Director General, Inspection and Safety at Air Headquarters, according to an official statement. He was commissioned in the Flying Branch of Indian Air Force in December 1982. — TNS

Jeff Bezos to step down, Jassy next Amazon head

NEW YORK, FEBRUARY 3

Jeff Bezos, who founded Amazon as an online bookseller nearly three decades ago, will step down as the CEO of the $1.7 trillion global e-commerce giant and will become the executive chairman, a move he said would give him "time and energy" to focus on his other ventures and passions.

Amazon, which announced on Wednesday that 2020 net sales increased 38% to $386.1 billion, compared with $280.5 billion in 2019, said Bezos will transition to the role of executive chair in the third quarter of 2021 and Andy Jassy, CEO of the company's cloud business, Amazon Web Services, will become CEO at that time.

Bezos has been Amazon's CEO since its founding in 1995. "If you do it right, a few years after a surprising invention, the new thing has become normal. People yawn. That yawn is the greatest compliment an inventor can receive. When you look at our financial results, what you're actually seeing are the long-run cumulative results of invention. Right now, I see Amazon at its most inventive ever, making it an optimal time for this transition," he said in a statement. — PTI

Jeff founded Amazon as online bookseller nearly 3 decades ago

93,000 cyber crimes in three years: Govt

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 3

The government today informed Parliament that over 93,000 cyber crimes registered so far in the country between 2017 and 2019 concerned financial fraud, sexual exploitation and spreading of hate.

Replying to a written question in Rajya Sabha Minister of State (MoS) for Home G Kishan Reddy said due to the enhanced use of Internet, the number of cyber crimes was increasing. As per data maintained and published by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), 21,796 cyber crimes were registered in 2017, 27,248 in 2018 and 44,546 in 2019. "The motive behind cyber crimes in the country include personal revenge, fraud, sexual exploitation, inciting hate, spreading piracy, stealing information etc," Reddy said. — TNS

Kovind to visit Andhra, Karnataka today

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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 3

President Ram Nath Kovind will visit Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh from February 4 to 7. A Rashtrapati Bhavan communiqué said on February 4 evening, the President will leave for Bengaluru and on February 5 he would address the valedictory function of the Aero India-21 at the Air Force Station, Yalehanka, Bengaluru.

The President will visit Madikeri, Kodagu in Karnataka on February 6 to inaugurate a museum at the erstwhile ancestral house of General Thimayya.

On February 7, he will grace the 23rd annual convocation of the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences in Bengaluru. On the same day, he will visit the Ashram of Satsang Foundation in Madanapalle and Peepal Grove School at Sadum in Andhra Pradesh before returning to New Delhi.

President Ram Nath Kovind

140 lawyers write to CJI for restoration of Net at protest sites

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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 3

A group of 140 lawyers have written to Chief Justice of India SA Bobde against suspension of Internet services at various entry points to Delhi where thousands of farmers have been protesting against farm laws for more than two months.

Mobile Internet services were temporarily suspended following unprecedented violence on Republic Day during farmers' tractor rally that left one farmer dead in an accident. A large number of vehicles were also damaged. Thereafter, violent clashes between "local" residents and protesters were reported at Singhu Border on January 29.

"This must be done immediately in order to stop the gross injustice which is tarnishing the fabric of our Constitution and causing colossal damage to the sheen of a democratic nation… History will not pardon us if we remain mute spectators to this violation of human rights," they submitted.

The letter urged the court to set up a Commission of Enquiry to probe into the alleged police inaction in controlling the violence and the role of the Delhi Police in allegedly facilitating the mob attack on 29 January on farmers. They demanded strict action against journalists and TV news channels for allegedly disseminating provocative content about farmers' protest.

THAROOR, SARDESAI, OTHERS MOVE SC

- Congress MP Shashi Tharoor and senior journalists Rajdeep Sardesai, Mrinal Pande, Zafar Agha, Paresh Nath and Anant Nath have moved the Supreme Court, challenging multiple FIRs lodged against them over their "misleading" tweets on the violence in the national Capital during farmers' tractor rally on Republic Day.
- The Noida Police had booked Tharoor and six journalists for sedition, hate speech and other charges over the violence.

SC refuses to entertain PIL against UP 'love jihad' ordinance

India's image has taken a hit: Rahul on farmer stir

BJP hits back, says he's conspiring against country

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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 3

The Congress and the BJP on Wednesday clashed over internationalisation of farmers' protests, with Rahul Gandhi saying India's image had taken a hit and BJP's Sambit Patra hitting back accusing the Wayanad MP of conspiring against India during his foreign trips.

A combative Rahul asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi to do his job and heed farmers' concerns rather than "sell India to one per cent people". He said, "The farmers do not want suspension of farm laws, they want repeal and will not retreat. The government will have to retreat, the sooner the better." Patra attacked Rahul for "firing from the farmers' shoulders and inciting them" and said Rahul and Rihanna spoke out of ignorance and both were clueless about rabi crops. Rahul earlier attacked the PM asking him to "do his job".

"Your job is to protect farmers. Give them a hug and ask what you can do for them," he said, noting that India's global reputation had taken a hit because of the government's attitude towards farmers and journalists."Our strength, our soft power has been shattered by the BJP and the RSS," said Rahul, asking why the Centre had fortified Delhi.

"Are you afraid of farmers?" he posed saying "India is lacking in leadership," a charge Patra retorted with another jibe: "If anyone is lacking in leadership it is the Congress."

The Congress ex-chief also attacked the government for allegedly branding farmers as anti-nationals.

'GOVT WILL HAVE TO RETREAT'

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Vaccination: India reaches 4-mn mark

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 3

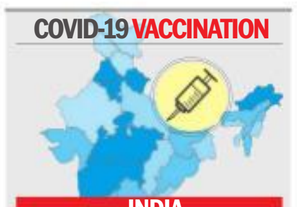
India has become the fastest country in the world to reach the four million Covid-19 vaccination mark in 18 days as against 20 days taken by the US and 39 taken by the UK and Israel.

As on February 1, India was among the top five countries in terms of number of Covid-19 vaccine doses administered to people.As on today, 41,38,918 beneficiaries had received vaccinations. In the last 24 hours, 1,88,762 healthcare workers were vaccinated across 3,845 sessions. In all 76,576 sessions have been conducted so far.

India's fight against Covid-19 is also progressing well.

As many as 14 states and UTs have not reported any deaths in the past 24 hours. These states are Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu, Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura, Mizoram, Nagaland, Lakshadweep, Ladakh, Sikkim, Manipur, Puducherry, Goa, Odisha and Assam. The country's active cases have declined further to 1,60,057 in the past 24 hours. — TNS

COVID-19 VACCINATION



INDIA	
TOTAL	41,38,918
DAY'S COUNT	1,88,762

Unicef signs up with Serum Institute for 1.1 bn jab doses

HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LTD.
(a State Govt. Undertaking)

Disclosure of the Multi Year Tariff Generation Petition filed by the Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Ltd. (the HPSEBL) before the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission for the 4th Control Period, from FY 2019-20 to FY 2023-24 for determination of Generation Tariff for the own generating stations of the HPSEBL and True-up for 2nd Control Period for Generation Business.

In accordance with section 62 and 86 of the Electricity Act, 2003, the Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Ltd. (the HPSEBL) has submitted a Petition for determination of generation tariff for its own Hydro Generating Stations for the fourth Control period from FY 2019-20 to FY 2023-24. The salient features of the Petition are as under:

Details Annual fixed charges for each of the Generating Station:

Generating Station	2019-20 Proj. (Rs in crores)	2020-21 Proj. (Rs in crores)	2021-22 Proj. (Rs in crores)	2022-23 Proj. (Rs in crores)	2023-24 Proj. (Rs in crores)
Andhra	18.14	19.07	20.18	21.34	22.59
Baner	14.91	15.49	16.11	16.78	17.50
Bassi	43.23	44.03	45.03	46.14	47.28
Binwa	10.37	12.12	14.93	19.75	30.39
BS Chamba	0.33	0.34	0.35	0.35	0.35
Chaba	3.33	3.59	3.76	3.93	4.12
Gaj	13.82	14.34	14.91	15.53	16.18
Giri	31.15	35.70	40.16	44.56	49.99
Larji	137.93	140.32	142.77	145.34	148.02
Nogli	4.42	4.67	4.92	5.18	5.46
Rongtong	2.89	2.98	3.07	3.17	3.27
Rukti	1.88	1.97	2.00	2.02	2.05
SVP Bhaba	71.52	74.25	77.09	80.33	83.98

Details of Annual fixed charges for each of the Generating Station for 2nd MYT Control Period (FY 2011-12 to FY 2013-14):

Generating Station	2011-12		2012-13		2013-14	
	Approved (Rs in crores)	Actual (Rs in crores)	Approved (Rs in crores)	Actual (Rs in crores)	Approved (Rs in crores)	Actual (Rs in crores)
Andhra	5.82	6.09	5.82	8.19	5.82	11.04
Baner	7.98	8.12	7.97	9.27	7.97	10.03
Bassi	22.23	17.29	22.13	43.33	21.29	33.55
Binwa	3.95	4.10	3.95	4.70	3.95	5.36
BS Chamba	0.36	0.12	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.55
Chaba	1.39	1.35	1.39	1.75	1.39	2.01
Gaj	7.62	7.55	7.61	9.80	7.61	8.85
Giri	13.85	12.51	13.85	21.01	13.85	21.19
Larji	150.75	146.23	140.89	143.52	132.68	136.06
Nogli	2.14	2.17	2.14	2.76	2.14	3.68
Rongtong	1.12	1.53	1.12	1.12	1.12	2.50
Rukti	0.57	0.45	0.57	0.40	0.57	3.65
SVP Bhaba	20.27	20.99	20.27	31.44	20.27	25.10

Apart from above, the following information can be directly viewed at the official website of the HPSEBL at **www.hpseb.in:**

(i) Complete Generation Petition for the 4th MYT Control Period along with the additional submissions.
(ii) Hard copies of the petition along with supplementary submissions can be obtained from the offices of the Chief Engineer (Commercial), Chief Engineer (Operations) and Chief Engineer (Generation) for sale to interested parties on payment of Rs. 1500/-.

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