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## Citing transition, US calls off envoy's Taiwan visit

TAIPEI, JANUARY 13

The US State Department has cancelled the planned Taiwan visit by its UN ambassador that has drawn strong opposition and a warning from China.

The department announced it was cancelling all senior-level overseas travels, including Secretary of State Mike Pompeo's planned trip to Belgium, in a decision to assist with the transition to the next administration.

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### CHINA'S OBJECTION TO OFFICIAL TRIPS

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- She would have been the third high-level US official to visit Taiwan in recent months

- In August last year, US Health Secretary Alex Azar became the highest-level US Cabinet official to visit the island nation



demic to Hong Kong, China had already warned the US would pay a "heavy price" in response to the planned visit.

A week after President Donald Trump's supporters stormed the US Capitol, the House of Representatives began an emotional debate on Wednesday on impeaching him for his role in an assault on American democracy that stunned the world and left five dead.

At least five Republicans have said they would join Democrats in voting for an article of impeachment for inciting an insurrection, although just seven days remain for a Senate trial to expel Trump from office. If the Democratic-led House approves it, Trump would become the first president to be impeached twice.

The Democratic-controlled US House of Representatives has passed a resolution urging Vice President Mike Pence to invoke 25th Amendment to remove the President from office.

The resolution was voted by 223 to 205 votes on Tuesday night. The voting was mostly on party lines, with one Republican voting in

### CLAMOUR FOR REMOVAL

- The House of Representatives is moving to impeach Trump for the second time in his tenure within a span of 12 months
- His fiery speech at a rally just before the January 6 riots is at the centre of the impeachment charge against him
- The falsehoods he spread for months about election fraud are still being championed by some Republicans

favour of the resolution and another five abstaining. The resolution calls upon Pence to mobilise the Cabinet to activate the 25th Amendment to remove the president from office.

"The President of the United States instigated an attempted coup in this country," Democratic Representa-



tive Jim McGovern said on the House floor before a procedural vote on moving forward with impeachment. "People died. Everybody should be outraged. If this is not an impeachable offence, I don't know what the hell is."

Some Republicans made speeches urging the House not to impeach Trump in the inter-

est in promoting national healing. "Instead of moving forward as a unifying force, the majority in the House is choosing to divide us further," Oklahoma Republican Tom Cole said on the House floor. House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, the No. 2 Democrat, said Democrats intended to send the impeachment charge, once

### FREE SPEECH UNDER ASSAULT: TRUMP

Free speech is under assault like never before. The 25th Amendment is of zero risk to me but will come back to haunt Joe Biden and the Biden administration. As the expression goes, be careful what you wish for.

Donald Trump,  
OUTGOING PRESIDENT



approved, to the Senate "as soon as possible", and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi named nine impeachment managers who would present the House's case during a Senate trial.

The swiftness with which Democrats were moving reflects the danger that Trump poses to national security, says a Democrat. — Reuters

## UK may move patients into hotels to ease hospital strain

LONDON, JANUARY 13 England's health care system may move patients into hotels to ease pressure on hospitals struggling to handle rising Covid-19 admissions.

Health Secretary Matt Hancock said Wednesday that the National Health Service was looking at various ways to reduce the strain on hospitals, including moving patients to hotels when appropriate. Discussions about the issue were first reported by the Guardian newspaper.

"We would only ever do that if it was clinically the right thing for somebody," Hancock told Sky News. — AP

### TRACKING VIRUS

NATIONS	DEATHS
US	3,90,926
BRAZIL	2,04,980
MEXICO	1,35,682
UK	84,767
ITALY	80,326

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TILL JAN 13, 11PM



## Rights body flays China for year of violations

WASHINGTON, JANUARY 13

China had an "appalling year" for human rights in 2020, Human Rights Watch said on Wednesday, with a crackdown on dissent in Hong Kong, repression of Muslim Uighurs and the silencing of people reporting on Covid outbreak.

A Chinese court recently handed down a 4-year jail term to a citizen-journalist who reported from Wuhan on virus.

"It helps highlight to the rest of the world what the consequences of violations inside China can be," Sophie Richardson, China director at Human Rights Watch, said. — Reuters

He is unlikely to run in the next election. — PTI



### WORST REPRESSION SINCE TIANANMEN CRACKDOWN

Human Rights Watch Executive Director Kenneth Roth said China remained the biggest threat to global human rights and that President Xi Jinping had "embarked on the most intense repression" in the country since the Tiananmen Square crackdown in 1989.

### WILL DEFEND SELF OVER UK MEASURES: CHINA

Beijing: China said on Wednesday that it would defend itself against a British Government demand that companies ensure their supply chains are free from forced labour linked to the northwestern Chinese region of Xinjiang or face punishing fines. The comment came after British Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab said officials have issued guidance to British firms with ties to Xinjiang on how to carry out due diligence checks. AP

## Doval meets President Ghani in Kabul, visit unannounced

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NEW DELHI, JANUARY 13

National Security Adviser Ajit Doval on Wednesday met Afghan President Ashraf Ghani and his counterpart Hamidullah Mohib during an unannounced two-day visit to Kabul.

"Both sides discussed expansion of cooperation in countering terrorism and strengthening regional consensus on the Afghan peace process," said Afghan President's

Also holds talks with Afghan counterpart spokesman Sediq Sediqqi.

"The Afghan National and Defence Security Forces are the righteous pillars of Afghanistan's stability, the front lines against regional and global terrorism... in collaboration with NATO and the US could achieve more success in the fight against terrorism," the President said.

Doval arrived in Kabul days after US Afghan envoy Zalmay Khalilzad, followed by a top US military official, met Pakistan Army officials at Rawalpindi. "The two sides held extensive conversations on issues of strategic mutual interest, including on synchronising efforts to combat terrorism and build peace," said a statement from the Afghan NSA's office. Mohib also met Chinese Ambassador Wang Yu.

## RIL deal: HC seeks Future Retail's stand on Amazon's plea

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 13

The Delhi High Court on Wednesday sought response of Kishore Biyani-led Future Retail Ltd (FRL) on Amazon's plea challenging the prima facie observations by a single judge that the US e-commerce giant's attempt to control the Indian entity was violative of FEMA and FDI rules.

The court issued notice to FRL, Future Coupons Pvt Ltd, Reliance Retail and the Biyanis seeking their stand on the plea by Amazon against the observations made by the single judge in a December 21, 2020 interim order.

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### THE CASE FILE

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- It said the observations were inconsistent with the findings in the SIAC emergency arbitral award against FRL's asset sale to Reliance Retail

ings in the SIAC emergency arbitral order of October 25, 2020 against FRL's asset sale under a Rs 24,713-crore deal with Reliance Retail. — PTI

## Sensex snaps 3-day winning streak; M&M leapfrogs 6%

MUMBAI, JANUARY 13

Snapping its three-day record-setting run, the BSE Sensex closed marginally lower after a choppy session on Wednesday as investors pocketed gains in banking and finance stocks amid mixed global cues. Participants also kept their powder dry ahead of some key corporate results, traders said.

After gyrating over 721 points during the day, the 30-share BSE index ended 24.79 points lower at 49,492.32. It scaled a record intra-day peak of 49,795.19.

The broader NSE Nifty inched up 1.40 points to its fresh closing record of 49,564.85. The index touched a lifetime high of 14,653.35 during the day. M&M was the top gainer in the Sensex pack, rallying 6.24%, followed by SBI, ITC, NTPC, Bharti Airtel and Axis Bank.



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were among the laggards, tumbling up to 2.85%.

According to Binod Modi, Head-Strategy at Reliance

"While contraction in November 2020 HII data indicates more measures by FM in the Budget to stimulate economic activities, better than anticipated softening in CPI data for December 2020 negates the looming concerns over low interest rate scenarios. "We continue to believe that that a sharp rebound in high frequency key economic data for December 2020 indicates demand revival, which bodes well for the markets. Further, 3Q FY21 corporate earnings are progressing well and are expected to sustain growth, which along with weak dollar and soft monetary policy of global bankers should continue to attract FPIs into domestic equities," he said.

Declining vegetable prices brought down the retail inflation to a 15-month low of 4.59% in December and within the comfort zone of the Reserve Bank, government data showed post market hours on Tuesday. — PTI

## Wipro Q3 net profit up 21% at ₹2,968 cr

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 13

IT services major Wipro on Wednesday posted an about 21% increase in consolidated net profit at Rs 2,968 crore for the December 2020 quarter.

The net profit attributable to shareholders in the year-ago period was at Rs 2,455.9 crore, according to a regulatory filing by Wipro.

Its revenue from operations grew nearly 1.3% to Rs 15,670 crore from Rs

15,470.5 crore in the quarter ended December 2019.

Wipro, which gets a bulk of its topline from IT services, said it expects revenues from that business to be in the range of \$2,102 million to \$2,143 million in the March 2021 quarter.

For the December quarter, IT services revenue grew 3.9% sequentially to \$2,071 million, exceeding the forecast given by it in October. — PTI

## Infosys' Q3 net profit rises 17% to ₹5,197 cr

BENGALURU, JANUARY 13

Infosys on Wednesday reported nearly 17% YoY rise in consolidated net profit for December quarter at Rs 5,197 crore. In the same quarter last year, it reported a profit of Rs 4,457 crore. Gross revenue for the quarter rose 12.3% YoY to

Rs 25,927 crore. It was up 5.5% on a sequential basis. In constant currency terms, revenue growth was 6.6%.

The IT major also raised revenue and margin guidance band to 4.5-5% and 24-24.5%, respectively, on the back of continued strong performance. — Agencies

## IN BRIEF

CHANDIGARH

### PEDA bags National Energy Conservation Award

Punjab Energy Development Agency (PEDA) has been awarded certificate of merit by the Ministry of Power for its achievements in energy conservation. It was received by Navjot Pal Singh Randhawa, CEO, and MP Singh, director, from RK Singh, MoS (Power) through video conferencing. TNS

CHANDIGARH

### Markfed releases calendar for the year 2021

Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, Minister for Co-operation and Jails, Punjab, released Markfed's calendar for the year 2021 on Wednesday. K Siva Prasad, Principal Secretary, Vikas Garg, RCS, Punjab, and Varun Roojam, MD, Markfed, were also present. TNS

## Industry reaches out to Centre for stabilising cotton prices

VIJAY C ROY

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 13 Fabric makers and garment exporters are finding it difficult to cash in on the sudden spurt in demand for fabrics, garments and other textile products from the exports market. According to the exporters, they are facing crisis due to steep increase in cotton price.

Talking to The Tribune, the

exporters said post-Covid, global textile scenario has opened up enormous opportunities for the Indian textiles and clothing industry due to various reasons, including US sanctions on Xinjiang's (China) cotton and cotton-based textile products. However, high cotton prices are acting as a deterrent to the exporters. Since the spinning industry is left with no inventory and is

The price of cotton has increased from ₹35,000 to ₹43,000 per candy (355 kg) in a short span of time

struggling to reach the pre-Covid levels amid the continuing threat of Covid pandemic, there is a mismatch in the supply and demand.

"Cotton prices are higher this year as there is a significant

demand of yarns from the garment makers. The high demand has pushed the prices northwards," said Punjab Cotton Factories and Ginners Association president Bhagwan Bansal.

"Since the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) has become a major player in the cotton procurement, the pricing methodology is essential to make the entire textile value chain competitive," says the letter written by them.

The letter further states since fabric and garment exporters commit for orders over a longer period, the yarn prices need to be stabilised at least for a month. The CCI also needs to change the prices only on a monthly basis and ensure its stability.

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SC NOTICE TO KHATTAR GOVT OVER  
POLLUTION IN YAMUNA HARYANA

INDIA, TAIWAN TO INK LABOUR  
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## Unions burn copies of farm laws on Lohri

Tribune News Service

SONEPAT/BAHADURGARH, JAN 13 A day after the Supreme Court stayed the implementation of the three farm laws, farm leaders protesting at Singhu and Tikri borders marked Lohri today by burning copies of the laws and reaffirming their resolve to continue their protest until the laws were repealed.

One lakh copies of the three laws were burnt at the Singhu border alone, said Paramjeet Singh of the Sanyukta Kisan Morcha.

The farm leaders said they burnt the copies of the laws as a mark of protest against the Centre's adamant attitude and reiterated their decision to not appear before the four-member panel formed by the Supreme Court on Tuesday.

Several bonfires were lined up at the Delhi-Haryana stretch, the nerve centre of the farmers' agitation. The protesting farmers raised slogans, sang songs of resistance and hope as they burnt copies of the farm laws.

Earlier today, leaders of

Resolve to fight till legislations revoked

### PROTEST CALENDAR

**Jan 18:** Mark women farmers' day

**Jan 20:** Victory pledge on Guru Gobind Singh's Parkash Diwas

**Jan 23:** Gherao of Raj Bhawans across the country

**Jan 26:** Kisan tractor parade

farm unions decided to go ahead with their protest calendar and said they would gherao Raj Bhawans across the country on January 23 to demand the repeal of the laws. They said they would also mark "women farmers' day" on January 18, take a pledge of victory on January 20 (Guru Gobind Singh's Parkash Diwas) and hold kisan tractor parade on January 26.

Meanwhile, leaders of 32 farm unions from Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and other states gathered at Kisan Andolan office in Kundli near the Singhu border to burn copies of the laws.

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Union leaders mark Lohri by burning copies of the farm laws at Singhu border on Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MUKESH AGGARWAL

## Cong tears into govt affidavit

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 13

The Congress on Wednesday accused the Centre of lying to the Supreme Court on oath about holding pre-legislative consultations on the contentious farm laws.

Congress spokesperson Abhishek Singhvi cited the affidavit filed by the Centre before the court on Monday and questioned the veracity of the government claim that 20-year-long deliberations had been held with the states on barrier-free access to agricultural markets.

Questions Centre's claim of 20-year-long deliberations before enactment of laws

The Centre said it was filing the affidavit to "remove deliberate wrong perception created by non-farmer elements present at the protest site by using media and social media and to apprise this court of true facts."

It then cites the following as instances of consultations—Guru Committee in 2000 to discuss the issue; Model Agri-

cultural Produce Marketing Committee Act in 2003; empowered committee of some state ministers in 2013; working group on agricultural production in 2010 and another model law in 2017. Singhvi asked how the Centre went from "no records on farm law consultation" in late December 2020 to "20 years of dialogue". —TNS

### EXPERTS QUESTION SC MEDIATION ON STIR

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court's (SC) attempts to mediate an amicable solution to the ongoing protests against farm laws have not gone down well with legal experts who raised questions over the judiciary entering into the political thicket.

"The issue is essentially one of policy involving a major political decision based on the broadest national consensus and clearly a function of political rather than a judicial process," former law minister Ashwani Kumar said. INSIDE

Agitation enters 50th day

Despite casualties, farmers won't give in

GEETANJI GAYATRI

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SONEPAT, JANUARY 13

As farmers complete 50 days of their agitation at Delhi's entry points tomorrow, their struggle against the three central laws seems to be far from over despite several rounds of negotiations with the government and the Supreme Court taking it upon itself to break the impasse.

Chilled to the bone in freezing cold, they have seen it all—mornings of despair as farmers died in sleep and evenings of hope on the eve of talks. The Delhi ice, however, has shown no sign of thaw and the powers that be not warming up to them.

After pushing their way through the first barricade on November 26 last year, the



farmers appear to have adapted well to living by the roadside—not letting their anger out despite the hardships, says a farmer leader.

Bharatiya Kisan Union Haryana chief Gurnam Singh Charuni alleges the government is barbaric to let farmers suffer in harsh winter and go about its business with such "indifference" even as casualties among the protesters continue to rise.

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### FACING HEAT, HRY Dy CM DUSHYANT CALLS ON PM

Under pressure, Haryana Deputy CM Dushyant Singh Chautala on Wednesday called on PM Modi. Sources said the two discussed the prevailing political and law and order situation in Haryana vis-à-vis farmers' agitation. Chautala apprised the PM of his meeting with JJP MLAs on Tuesday and the feedback he got from them on the need for reforms. TNS

Hema Malini, BJP MP

Photo: PTI

## All-clear for 83 Tejas, biggest make-in-India deal

Tribune News Service

### WILL COST ₹45,696 CRORE

- Tejas Mk1A variant is an indigenously designed, developed and manufactured modern fighter aircraft
- The jet will have some 43 improvements over the initial version
- It will be equipped with critical operational capabilities
- These include AESA radar, BVR missile, electronic warfare suite and air-to-air refuelling



ed (HAL) will produce the jets. The first lot would be available by 2023 and last by 2027.

The jets will be an upgraded version of the existing Tejas platform. Public sector giant Hindustan Aeronautics Limited

will cost Rs 45,696 crore and include a sanction of Rs 1,202 crore for design and development of infrastructure at bases where Tejas fleets will be

based. The Tribune had, on January 10, reported that the CCS would soon take a call on the deal.

This is the biggest fighter jet deal since the govern-

ment in mid-1990s okayed the purchase of 272 Sukhoi-30MKI jets from Russia.

The IAF is presently having just 30 fighter squadrons (16-18 planes each) against the requirement of 42 squadrons in case of simultaneous two-front war with Pakistan and China colluding.

The Ministry of Defence said: "About 500 Indian companies, including MSMEs, in the design and manufacturing sectors will be working with HAL in this project."



A Covishield batch reaches the store in Kurukshetra on Wednesday.

2 days to go, Biotech begins vax shipment

Tribune News Service

### COVID-19 CASES INDIA

RECOVERED 1,01,29,111

FRESH FATALITIES 202

TOTAL DEATHS 1,51,529

COUNT 1,04,95,147

### WORLD

TOTAL 9,22,47,869

RECOVERED 6,60,43,925

DEATHS 19,76,447

### HRY GETS 2.41L DOSES

The Haryana Health Department on Wednesday received 2.41L doses of Covishield.

### 146L DOSES FOR J&K

### HP TO GET VAX TODAY

### CONG: WHY LACK OF CHOICE

By not allowing recipients to pick vaccine of their choice, the government is reducing them to guinea pigs. Congress

## Allow team to visit Valley: UK minister

SANDEEP DIKSHIT

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 13

The United Kingdom has called on India to lift all restrictions in Kashmir and also allow a team from its High Commission in Delhi to visit the Valley for a first-hand assessment of the situation, said UK Secretary of State for Justice Robert Buckland while replying to a debate on the "political situation in Kashmir" in the Westminster Hall by UK MPs.

The debate took place a day after the UK MPs discussed "Persecution of Muslims, Christians and Minority Groups in India", which elicited a strong reaction from the Indian High Commission in London. Last week, UK MPs had lobbied for repeal of India's farm laws.

The minister said Prime Minister Boris Johnson had been in touch with his counterparts from India and Pakistan to keep their communications open and manage regional tensions. "We urge India and Pakistan to exercise restraint, maintain ceasefire on the LoC and to improve communications. We welcome India's commitment to social and economic development of Kash-



Security men detected a tunnel along the IB in Samba district on Wednesday. PTI

## In Bihar, deaf-mute girl raped, eyes damaged

MADHUBANI (BIHAR), JANUARY 13

A 15-year-old deaf and mute girl has been allegedly gang-raped in Bihar's Madhubani district and her eyes damaged with a sharp object so that she couldn't identify the perpetrators, the police said on Wednesday.

Both her eyes were damaged but it was not yet known whether she had completely lost her eyesight, said doctors attending to the girl, who is in a critical condition.

Three persons have been arrested in connection with the incident that took place at Kauwaha Barhi village in the Harlakhi police station

### BUDAUN ACCUSED REMANDED

Budaun: A temple priest and his accomplices accused of raping and killing a 50-year-old woman here have been remanded to one-day police custody by a local court. PTI



area on Tuesday when she took her goats for grazing. Superintendent of Police Satya Prakash said, adding all accused hailed from the same village. The girl is admitted to Madhubani Sadar Hospital. —PTI

## HC: Notice under Special Marriage Act optional

LUCKNOW, JANUARY 13

In a judgment that is likely to bring relief to inter-faith couples, the Allahabad High Court on Wednesday declared as optional the mandatory publication of notice of

### Relief for inter-faith couples in UP

intended marriages under the Special Marriage Act, saying it violated the right to privacy.

Making such publication mandatory would invade the fundamental rights of liberty and privacy, the HC's Lucknow Bench said. —PTI

work for free. Subheg Singh (23), one of the members of

the club, said: "While we were busy supplying essential items to the protest sites on Delhi borders, we observed that farmers, especially the elderly, were having a hard time in finding locations. We then decided to have a map that could help protesters reach specific points."

"The map will also come in handy if there's a medical

emergency. For instance, if somebody suffers cardiac arrest then the initial few minutes are crucial. If the location for first aid and immediate medical support at the protest site is known, it can prove to be a life-saver."

Several club members contributed to the project by sharing information among other technical details with the cartographer to ensure accuracy.

## At Tikri, facilities mapped out for protesting farmers

SAMEER SINGH

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

BATHINDA, JANUARY 13

To facilitate agitating farmers navigate their way on the Delhi borders, the Punjab Club run by an NGO has created a map covering 20 km around the Tikri protest site.

The map offers marked locations for facilities like medical assistance, hospitals, langar, police help, library, water tankers,

### NRI CARTOGRAPHER PITCHES IN

- A club run by an NGO ropes in NRI cartographer, who worked for free
- The map offers locations of facilities such as medical aid, langar and toilets
- Another map on Singhu protest site to be out soon

portable toilets and washing machines at the protest site. To bring out the map, the club tied up with an NRI cartographer based in Germany, Tanuj Chawla, who agreed to

# Copies of farm laws go up in flames

OUR CORRESPONDENT

LUDHIANA/ABOHAL, JANUARY 13  
Protesting farmers owing allegiance to different farm organisations burnt copies of new agriculture laws and held demonstrations at many places in the state on Lohri as a mark of protest against the legislations.

In Ludhiana, activists of the Bhartiya Kisan Union (Lakhawal) celebrated Lohri by burning copies of the central farm laws at Kohara. They asserted that they were all set to take out a tractor march in Delhi on Republic Day and make their intention known to Centre that the agitation would continue till the farm laws were scrapped.

BKU general secretary Harinder Singh Lakhawal said it was perhaps for the first time in history that farmers were observing 'black Lohri' in protest against the anti-farmer policies of the BJP-led central government.

"It is also for the first time that farmers have been sitting on a peaceful protest around the national capital for the past over 50 days in freezing conditions in a momentous show of unity against the highhandedness of the Centre. All along, the



Dal Khalsa activists burn copies of the central farm laws in Amritsar on Wednesday. WISHLAL KUMAR

Narendra Modi government has been watching the situation like a mute spectator even after several farmers have lost their lives during the course of agitation," said Lakhawal.

He said the indifferent attitude of the central government had been evident from its adamant stand in all the

meetings held between the farmer unions and central ministers. He added that the government was just buying time to tire out the protesting farmers and it had no intention of accepting their demand for the rollback of agriculture laws.

Asserting that the decision of taking out a tractor march

in Delhi on Republic Day was final and non-negotiable, Lakhawal claimed there was unprecedented response to the call given by the agitating farmers' bodies to their fraternity to reach Delhi with tractors in large numbers.

Meanwhile, in Abohal, farmers burnt effigies of

## CENTRE INDIFFERENT

The indifferent attitude of the central government has been evident from its adamant stand all through the meetings with farmer unions. The government has no intention of accepting our demands.

Harinder Singh Lakhawal, BKU GEN SECY

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, corporate houses and actor Kangana Ranaut and copies of the three central agriculture laws.

The protesters assembled at Shaheed Chowk outside Sadar Bazar, raised slogans against the central government, some big corporates and actor Kangana Raut and then burnt copies of the three farm laws, besides the effigies that carried pictures of Modi and others. Farmers said more batches would leave for the Delhi border soon to join the agitation.

They said it was condemnable that actors were casting aspersions on the peaceful movement even when they didn't know about farming or the bad effect of farm laws.



Farmers conduct a rehearsal for the proposed R-Day tractor march, in Bathinda. PAWAN SHARMA

## Rehearsal for R-Day protest

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

BATHINDA, JANUARY 13

A large number of farmers today conducted the rehearsal for the proposed tractor parade on January 26 in Bathinda city on Wednesday.

On tractors, jeeps, cars and motorcycles, farmers today took out the Kisan Ekta March in which they raised slogans against the Modi government. The protesters also carried flags and placards, stating "No Farmer, No Food", on their vehicles supporting the farmers' agitation.

The march started from Model Town phase 3 and after passing through various parts of the

## MASSIVE TRACTOR RALLY IN FAZILKA

Fazilka: A large number of farmers took out a tractor rally in Fazilka town to protest the farm laws. Zila Parishad member Sidharth Rinwa said the rally began from Bareka village and terminated at Fazilka grain market after passing through more than 30 villages and covering a distance of about 55 km. oc

city, it ended at Fire Brigade.

Various organisations, employees, students and shopkeepers participated in the march held today in the

city. Even stickers supporting farmers were distributed at the spot by the organisations. Farmers also appealed to the residents to celebrate Lohri by burning the farm laws in protest.

Farmers said the tractor march was a trailer and if the central government did not repeal the laws before January 26, a large number of farmers from all over Punjab would join the protesters at Delhi borders for the march.

Various farmers unions also took out a tractor march in the district. A large number of tractors entered Bathinda city from various villages in support of the farmers' stir.

## Bathindaarhiya robbed of ₹9L

BATHINDA, JANUARY 13  
Two unidentified motorcycle-borne persons today attacked an arhtiya and robbed him of Rs 9 lakh at Goniana Mandi.

Victim Sanjeev Kumar told the police that he was opening his shop around 6.45 am when two unidentified persons attacked him. They threw chilli powder into his eyes and decamped with his bag containing Rs 9 lakh.

Nehianwala police station SHO Buta Singh said, "The accused would be arrested soon." — TNS

## Lawyers lend support to protesters

FATEHGHAR SAHIB, JANUARY 13  
Lawyers of District Bar Association, Fatehgarh Sahib, led by former Bar president Amardeep Singh Dharni, today burnt the copies of three farm laws in the district court complex today and raised slogans against the central government.

Dharni said they celebrated Lohri by burning the copies of the farm laws to express solidarity with the protesting farmers. On the Supreme Court's judgment, he said the apex court should not act as

### Say SC shouldn't play mediator

mediator and maintain its dignity. He said farmers had already rejected the committee formed by the Supreme Court as all members were pro-farm laws. He said the Union government was using all options to derail the farmer's peaceful agitation and lawyers would continue to support the cause of farmers. Meanwhile, AAP volun-

teers led by Narinder Singh Twana burnt the copies of the farm laws and termed these laws anti-farmers and pro-corporates. He also criticised the formation of a four-member committee by the SC, alleging the Modi government managed its members on the panel. He said AAP would participate in tractor rallies on Republic Day. Party workers of SADA (SAD) also burnt the copies of farm laws and raised slogans against the Modi government.

BJP leader and former vice-president of the local municipal council Jagdish Biswal and his supporters quitted the party today.

Biswal said he quit the BJP due to the agriculture laws and its anti-farmer policies. Former councillor from ward number 16, Biswal joined the Congress in the presence of Fazilka MLA Davinder Singh Ghubaya, Block Congress Committee president Surinder Kalra and Improvement Trust Chairman Ashwani Neetu Sethi. — OC

## AAP remembers 'martyred' farmers

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 13  
Dedicating Lohri to all those who lost their lives in the ongoing farmers' protest, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) today burnt the copies of the farm laws across the state.

State AP president and MP from Sangrur Bhagwant Mann said so far more than 65 of our farmer brothers were martyred in the agitation. "In this moment of farmers' crisis, all AAP workers have decided to dedicate Lohri to our martyred brothers. They burnt more than 8 lakh copies of the black laws which killed our farmer brothers, in every village, locality and cities of every district of Punjab, at more than 16,000 places," he said.

Mann said the central government should not play with the feelings of the farmers and repeal the black laws immediately. He said it was unfortunate that even the apex court could not understand the problems of the farmers properly and they could not get justice from the court.

He said AAP had been standing shoulder to shoulder with the farmers since the first day of the movement and would continue to raise the voice of its farmer brothers



MP Bhagwant Mann and AAP workers protest farm laws in Ludhiana.

### ON AN AVERAGE, ONE DEATH A DAY

In the past 50 days, more than 66 farmers have lost their lives. This clearly shows that more than one person has lost life every day... The Centre must immediately repeal these anti-farmer laws.

Raghav Chadha, PUNJAB AAP CO-IN CHARGE

from the road to Parliament.

Meanwhile, Punjab AAP co-in charge Raghav Chadha on Wednesday said: "We believe that this power (to repeal laws) is with the central government and no committee or

## 2 court panel members CM's aides: SAD

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

FAIRIDKOT, JANUARY 13  
Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) chief Sukhbir Singh Badal today alleged that the Supreme Court-appointed panel on farm laws had two members who were known for their proximity with Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh.

Alleging Capt Amarinder had a tactical understanding with the BJP, Sukhbir alleged the CM was dancing to the tune of the BJP and working overtime to implement the farm laws in the state.

Sukhbir alleged committee member Bhupinder Singh Mann headed a faction of the Bhartiya Kisan Union which had officially supported Capt Amarinder Singh and the Congress in the run up to the Assembly elections in 2017. "Mann's son Gurpartap was an official spokesperson of the Congress and was also appointed a member of the Punjab Public Service Commission," Sukhbir claimed.

He said similarly, another member Ashok Gulati had also been nominated as a member of a state committee by the Chief Minister.

## Train services to remain curtailed

LUDHIANA, JANUARY 13

Due to the ongoing agitation by farmers, the Railways has extended the cancellation, short-termination (partial cancellation) and diversion of various trains in the region till January 15.

Officials said the Darbhanga-Amritsar-Darbhanga Express special train would remain cancelled from January 13 to 15. Trains to be short-terminated and short-originated (partially cancelled) include the Nanded-Amritsar-Nanded Sachkhand Express and the Korba-Amritsar-Korba Chhattisgarh Express (at Ambala Cantt) till January 15.

The Mumbai Central-Amritsar-Mumbai Central Golden Temple Mail, Bandra Terminus-Amritsar-Bandra Trivulus-Pashchim Express, Amritsar-New Jalpaiguri Humsafar Express, Amritsar-Jaynagar Saryu Yamuna Express, Haridwar-Amritsar-Hardidwar Janshatabdi Express and Amritsar-Jaynagar Humsafar Express would remain diverted via Amritsar-Tarn Taran-Bais till January 15. — OC

## At Tikri, biting cold fails to deter elderly

PARVESH SHARMA

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

TIKRI, JANUARY 13

Amid reports of biting cold and harsh conditions making things tougher and affecting the health of the elderly farmers protesting at the Delhi borders, there are many who have proved that age is just a number.

"It is cold here, but not as much as it is in our fields where we stay at night to irrigate fields around this time of the year. I have no problem in staying here," said Mahinder Sandhu, 70, from Eralwal village. He has been at the protest site since November 27 and has not visited his house even once.

Another 70-year-old protester Karnail Singh said some politicians were spreading misinformation about cold affecting the elderly. "Even youngsters have died here recently. Age has no connection with deaths. I, along with my three other friends who are above 60 years old, have been sitting here since the protest began but we haven't faced any health issues so far," he said.



A group of elderly farmers during the protest at the Tikri border. TRIBUNE PHOTO

A visit to the 7-km area on the Tikri border reveals that the elderly farmers were determined to die at the protest site than go back without getting the central agriculture laws repealed.

"The elderly at the Delhi borders have helped us maintain discipline. You would not see even a

single youngster indulging in indiscipline. This has helped channelise the youth energy in the right direction," said Dev Singh, 70.

Though not well educated, they say they were keeping themselves updated with the latest information regarding the farm laws

## Youngsters extend help to protesters

SUKHEEM BHASIN

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

BATHINDA, JANUARY 13

Tikri and Singhu borders are witnessing a social change, where hoards of Punjabi youngsters, who were until now labeled as flamboyant, materialistic and drug dependents, are reaching out to extend all help to farmers. Brother-sister duo of Bathinda Dr Manhar Kaur and Sarvjeet Singh are one such example.

Dr Manhar a dentist by profession and is providing medical help along with Dr Swaminand Singh, a cardiologist from New Jersey. Her work starts at midnight when she gets in touch with logistic volunteers from the USA working in John Hopkins and Harvard Universities.

The next day is planned and execution starts with the first rays of sun. People come up to them with ailments and are given all help.

While talking to The Tribune over the phone, Dr Manhar said, "More than curing a



disease, they need a healing touch of words of compassion and motivation." Sarvjeet Singh, who is pursuing a degree in product design from Los Angeles, USA, is highly motivated and works for a recently started library and facilitating supplies arriving from various sources at the Tikri border. He also spends time in live caricature sketching at the camps which he lovingly gifts to people.

# Hindu leader's killing: NIA files chargesheet against 3

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE



## ARMS SUPPLIERS

Investigation has established that the accused facilitated other persons in the commission of the terror act leading to the killing of Amit Sharma by supplying illegal firearms for the crime.

Jaya Roy, NIA SPOKESPERSON

lished that the accused facilitated other persons in the commission of the terrorist act leading to the killing of Sharma by supplying illegal arms used in the crime. They had supplied illegal arms, including .32 bore pistols, which, along with other weapons/fire arms, were used in targeted killings in Punjab," the spokesperson said.

Earlier, the NIA had filed a chargesheet on May 14, 2018, against 15 accused persons in the case. They included Hardeep Singh, alias Shera; Ramandeep Singh, alias Canadian; Dhaminder Singh, alias Guguni; Anil Kumar, alias Kala; Jagtar Singh Johal, alias Jaggi; Amaninder Singh, alias Mindu; Manpreet Singh, alias Mani; Ravipal Singh, alias Bhunda; Pahad Singh; Parvez, alias Farru; Malook Tomar, Harmeet Singh, alias Happy; Gurjinder Singh alias Shastri, Gursharanbir Singh, alias Pehalwan and Gurjant Singh Dhillon.

organised conspiracy hatched by terrorist outfit Khalistan Liberation Front, she said, adding that the murder was one among eight such cases of serial killings/attempted killings that took place in Punjab in 2016-2017 with a view to create terror and communal disturbance.

"Investigation has estab-



BSF personnel along with the seized contraband in Amritsar on Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

# Heroin worth ₹60 crore seized

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**AMRITSAR, JANUARY 13** The BSF seized 12 kg of heroin, worth Rs 60 crore in the international market, near the India-Pakistan border today.

We seized 12 packets of the contraband near the border fence. The area is manned by 88 Bn, BSF, Amritsar sector. A 13-foot-long PVC pipe was also found there. It was probably used to push packets

across the border. No arrest has been made so far," a BSF official said.

On December 17, 2020, two attempts of heroin smuggling from across the border were foiled in the Amritsar sector.

# 15 years gone, Muktsar memorial yet to come up

ARCHIT WATTS

**MUKTSAR, JANUARY 13** It has been nearly 15 years since the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) laid the foundation stone of the martyrs' memorial dedicated to Mai Bhago and 40 Muktas on the Tibbi Sahib road here, but not even a single brick has been laid till date.

The foundation stone laid by the then SGPC chief, Bibi Jagir Kaur, and the then SAD chief, Parkash Singh Badal, has gone missing. In the past, the SGPC held several meetings and gave assurances to start the construction at the earliest, but the work has not started yet.

While laying the foundation stone of the proposed memorial, it was said the project would be completed within a short period. A team of experts from some universities had also visited the site.

On Thursday, at Maghi Day, a large number of people are expected to pay obeisance at the historic gurdwaras and take a dip in the holy pond. However, some monuments built in the memory of 40 Muktas are crying for repair.

## WORK TO BEGIN SOON

The proposed land is away from the main gurdwara, so we are planning to change the location of the memorial. The work is expected to start soon.

Navtej Kauni, EXECUTIVE MEMBER, SGPC

Issue warrants against BDA chief, 2 others: HC

**CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 13** The Punjab and Haryana High Court has directed the issuance of bailable warrants against Bathinda Development Authority (BDA) Chief Administrator Parminder Singh Gill, additional Chief Administrator Bikramjit Singh Shergill and Estate Officer Balwinder Kaur in a contempt case.

The directions by Justice BS Walia came on a petition filed against the three by Virdevinder Singh and another petitioner through counsel Manish Kumar Singla. Justice Walia asserted none was present on the respondent's behalf.

"Issue bailable warrants in the sum of Rs 20,000 each to secure the presence of the respondents for February 8," Justice Walia ruled. The bailable warrants were directed to be served on the respondents through Bathinda Chief Judicial Magistrate. Singla, on the petitioner's behalf, was seeking directions for punishing the respondents for defiance of the High Court orders dated October 17, 2019. The petitioners before the court in the matter had approached the court with the grievance that possession was not handed over to them within the specified period, despite their depositing requisite 25 per cent of the total plot value. — TNS

Navtej Kauni, executive member, SGPC, said, "The proposed land is away from the main gurdwara, so we are planning to change the location of the memorial. The work is expected to start soon."

Earlier too, there was a plan to change the location of the memorial, despite their depositing requisite 25 per cent of the total plot value. — TNS

# Tax inspector arrested on bribery charge

FARIDKOT, JANUARY 13

The Vigilance Bureau today arrested an inspector of the Sales Tax Department for allegedly receiving Rs 40,000 as bribe. Paramjit Singh Virk, SSP, Vigilance Bureau, Faridkot, said the accused, Vikas Kumar, was employed with the mobile wing of the department in Fazilka.

Deepak Goyal, owner of a plastic goods factory in Faridkot, had complained that his raw material worth Rs 4.5 lakh was impounded on January 6 on the suspicion of tax evasion. The complainant said the accused demanded Rs 80,000 as bribe to settle the case. However, the deal was struck at Rs 40,000. After receiving the complaint, the Faridkot team of the bureau nabbed the inspector red-handed while accepting Rs 40,000 as bribe. — TNS

# HC sets aside order giving relief to Lopoke

SAURABH MALIK

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

## DEFAMATION CASE AGAINST EX-MLA

Justice Sanjay Kumar was told that complainant-now Congress minister Sukhbinder Singh Sarkaria and accused Veer Singh Lopoke were rival candidates in the Assembly elections from Rajasansi constituency in February 2007. On the date of the election, an advertisement was published in a newspaper allegedly depicting the complainant in a negative light and the accused was stated to be responsible for its publication. He also allegedly distributed copies of the newspaper that day

were rival candidates in the Assembly elections from Rajasansi constituency held in February 2007. On the date of the election, an advertisement was published in a newspaper allegedly depicting the complainant in a negative light and the accused was stated to be responsible for its publication.

Justice Sanjay Kumar was told that complainant-now Congress minister Sukhbinder Singh Sarkaria and the accused

found sufficient evidence to convict and sentence the accused, leading to cross appeals. Justice Kumar asserted the accused filed an independent appeal against his conviction and sentence. But once the appellate court found sufficient grounds to allow additional evidence to be adduced under Section 391 of the CrPC in the complainant's appeal, it could not have decided the appeals at that stage. Both appeals necessarily

had to await the adducing of additional evidence so that the appellate court could take the same into account while deciding them comprehensively. Finding enough grounds to allow the application under Section 391 in the complainant's appeal, the appellate court was not justified in dismissing his appeal as infructuous and in setting aside the judgment dated September 18, 2013, of the Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate. "The approach of the appellate court defies law, logic and comprehension," Justice Kumar asserted.

Before parting with the case, Justice Kumar added the appellate court would dispose of both appeals on merits and in accordance with the law, duly taking into consideration the additional evidence placed before it.

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**I, Krishan Devi w/o Bal Krishan r/o Ghanaur (Patiala), have changed my name to Krishan Devi. (CL20083632)**

**I, Amarjeet Kaur d/o S. Kirpal Singh r/o 281/6, Shaheed Babu Lal Singh Nagar, Gulab Devi Road, Jalandhar declare that I have changed my name from Amarjeet Kaur to Amarjeet Kaur Dhillion. Please note. (CL20083683)**

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**I, JC 522384H Sub. Balvir Singh S/o Shri Shiv Singh of the 11 Dogra Regiment R/o Village Bering, PO Beh Khushala, Kamahi, Devi, Tehsil Mukerian, Hoshiarpur Punjab, declare that in Army record the name of my wife written Anjana Kumari which is wrong. Her correct name is Anjana Kumari. Her DoB written 21.03.1981 which is wrong. Her correct DoB is 16.05.1981. (CL20083730)**

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**23-yr-old killed at Lohri event****BATHINDA, JANUARY 13**

Lohri celebrations in Rayia village of Talwandi Sabo turned into mourning when a man fired a shot from his licensed revolver. The bullet hit a youth present in the function, which led to his death on Tuesday.

The deceased has been identified as Harjit Singh (23), a resident of Pakka Shaheeda Wala village in Sirsa district of Haryana. The police have registered a case on the complaint of Harjit's uncle. Gursewak Singh, a resident of Pakka Shaheeda village in Sirsa, said Lohri celebration of his maternal uncle Surjit Singh's grandson was organised in Rayia village. He was accompanied by his nephew Harjit. Surjit fired a celebratory shot that hit his nephew. Hunt is on to arrest Surjit. — TNS

**COURT NOTICES****(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)**

In the Court of

Sh. Jasbeer Singh

Civil Judge

(Junior Division),

Ludhiana,

Sunder Dass

Vs.

Bhagwan Dass Mago

CNR No.:

PBLD02-003150-2019

Next Date: 23.02.2021

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Bhagwan Dass

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Dated, this day of 13.01.2021.

Sd/- Civil Judge

(Junior Division),

CL20075203 Ludhiana.

**CLASSIFIEDS****COURT NOTICES****(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)**

In the Court of

Sh. Tanveer Singh

Civil Judge Jr. Div.,

Chandigarh,

Lakhbir Singh Seth

Versus

Manjit Kaur

CNR No.:

CHCH02-002774-2020

Next Date: 18.02.2021

For declaration and mandatory injunction

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**(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)**

In the Court of

Sh. Lalit Kumar Singla

District Judge, (FC),

Barnala,

Rajinder Kaur

Versus

Amarjeet Singh

CNR No.:

PBBR01-004100-2019

Next Date: 22.02.2021

Publication issued to:

Amarjeet Singh

Father: Surjit Singh s/o

Jagan Singh r/o Naar

Gurudwara Sahib Chananwali

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Dated, this day of 12.01.2021.

Sd/-

District Judge (FC),

CL20083606 Barnala.

In the Court of

Sh. Prabhjot Singh Kaleka

Additional Civil Judge

(Senior Division),

Ludhiana.

Publication notice in petition under the Indian Succession Act

1925

CNR No.

PBLD02-006028-2020

Next Date: 8.02.2021

Sita Devi and others

Versus

General Public

Notice to: General Public

Father: Surjit Singh s/o

Jagan Singh r/o Naar

Gurudwara Sahib Chananwali

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District Judge (FC),

CL20083761 SAS Nagar.

In the High Court of Punjab

and Haryana at Chandigarh.

# Women's presence strengthens stir

Inspired by Punjab counterparts, turn up in large numbers at borders

DEEPENDER DESWAL

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

HISAR, JANUARY 13

The number of women protesters from Haryana continue to swell at the Delhi borders, where farmers from Punjab and other states have been camping for more than a month demanding the repeal of the three farm laws. The unprecedented participation of Haryanvi women has come as a shot in the arm for the agitation.

Saroj Devi, a farmer who drove a tractor to reach the dharna site from Khatkar village, said, "The profession of farming is not defined by gender. Our fields don't produce crops differently if tended by women and men. Many men and women from Punjab are protesting. Why should we sit at home?"

"We were inspired by women from Punjab, who halted for a night in Haryana villages on their way to the Delhi border," she added.

Women from Khatkar, Pokhri Kheri, Baroda, San-



## WHY SIT AT HOME?

“The profession of farming is not defined by gender. Our fields don't produce crops differently if tended by women and men. Many men as well as women from Punjab are protesting. Why should we sit at home?”

Saroj Devi, KHATKAR VILLAGE RESIDENT

gatpura, Barodi and Jangh Kalan Jangh Khurd had cooked meal for nearly 20,000 farmers from Punjab during their halt last month. They also played host to women farmers from Punjab.

Sikkim Sheokand, a resident of Safa Kheri village, said Haryanvi women were quick in composing folk songs in accordance with events.

In this case, they could be heard singing songs like “Ambani ke gahne dhare tha e bebe”, “paati se jaan” and “hum tractor leke aaye Delhi ke beech”, she said, adding

“We were impressed by the determination of

that one of their self-made lyrics, “Dhokhe me bharat lootya e bebe, vadyan ki jhooth (Bharat) is being betrayed by false promises o sister” was much appreciated by one and all.

She added that they had long juggled the demands of field and family, making sure both were tended to, and now hundreds of women from Haryana as well as Punjab had added another dimension to their busy lives — the protest sites at the Delhi borders.

“We were impressed by the determination of

women from Punjab. We, too, decided to take out time from our daily routine at home and fields and form jathas to reach the dharna site on tractor-trailers,” said another woman from Haryana.

Phool Kumar, a khap leader, said, “The presence of women points towards their awakening. Apparently, they are inspired by women from Punjab,” he said, adding when women worked shoulder to shoulder with men in fields, why should they hesitate from joining the protest.

The former Chief Minister further said the Congress had been opposing the laws ever since the Centre introduced them.

The Leader of Opposition also appealed to the state government to withdraw

# Back no-trust motion, SC notice to Hry over pollution in Yamuna

OUR CORRESPONDENT



GURUGRAM, JANUARY 13

Leader of Opposition Bhupinder Singh Hooda has said INLD leader Abhay Chautala should not resign from the Assembly and instead vote against the BJP-JJP government during the no-confidence motion that, he said, the Congress would move when the House would be convened.

“Farm laws will not only affect farmers, but also every consumer. This is why the movement has received support from all sections of society. The Centre should accept the demands of farmers and end the impasse,” he told the media here today.

The former Chief Minister further said the Congress had been opposing the laws ever since the Centre introduced them.

The Leader of Opposition also appealed to the state government to withdraw

cases registered against protesting farmers. “It should not act with malice or vengeance,” he added.

Bhupinder Hooda, LEADER OF OPPOSITION



NEW DELHI, JANUARY 13

Taking cognisance of the pollution in the Yamuna, the Supreme Court on Wednesday issued notice to the Haryana Government after the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) alleged that water containing high pollutants was being released in the river from the state.

“We are issuing notice without argument. We are taking suo motu cognisance of pollution in the entire Yamuna river,” a Bench headed by Chief Justice of India SA Bobde said as the DJB pointed out that the water released by Haryana into the Yamuna had pollutants, including high ammonia content which becomes carcinogenic after mixing with chlorine.

The DJB usually halts water supply in Delhi when the ammonia content in water rises. It has moved court seeking a direction to Haryana to ensure that pollutant-free water was released in the river.

They have to have an ammonia treatment plan in Haryana. The National Green Tribunal had said that their STP at Sonepat is not working, Arora said.

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## CORRIGENDUM

In continuation to the advertisement published in Times of India (Delhi Edition), The Tribune (Chandigarh Edition) & Dainik Bhaskar on 03.12.2020, the Walk-in Interview for the engagement of Guest/Adjunct Faculty in the departments of Design, FTV and FFP (Soft Skills-Hindi) will now be held on 18th, 19th & 21st, January, 2021 as per the schedule placed on the university website i.e. [www.plcupsva.ac.in](http://www.plcupsva.ac.in).

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# HC: Trial courts can award life term without remission

SAURABH MALIK

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 13

Just about six months after the Punjab and Haryana High Court held that trial courts have no power to impose penalty of lifelong imprisonment without remission or parole, another Division Bench has asserted that it is unable to understand under what circumstances the Judges of a coordinate Bench gave such a finding.

The assertion came in a petition by Anil Dass challenging the order dated August 28, 2020, whereby the

Gurugram division commissioner rejected his application for four-week parole. The Bench of Justice SN Satyanarayana and Justice Archana Puri was told that the Hisar Additional Sessions Judge had recorded the finding that the petitioner, among other accused, was responsible for homicidal death of several persons before finding them guilty of murder and other offences punishable under Sections 302, 342 and 120-B of the IPC. The petitioner was subsequently sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for life without

remission, pursuant to which he was undergoing sentence in the Gurugram district jail.

The counsel for the petitioner, during the course of arguments, argued that the order passed by the Hisar Additional Sessions Judge in sentencing the petitioner to imprisonment for life without

remission was wrong. The counsel pointed out that there was already a finding to that effect by a coordinate Bench in another matter, wherein it was held by the Division Bench that putting such a restriction was incorrect.

After taking note of the contentions, the Bench asserted

that it went through the judgment threadbare and considered the manner in which the petitioner and 14 other accused were involved in causing homicidal death of innocent persons, including women and children.

The petitioner and other similarly placed accused had supported another hardcore criminal, whose arrest was opposed by them by using these persons as a shield.

The Bench added: “When that was looked into, we really felt that the Additional Sessions Judge was right in giving careful consideration with reference to the manner in which all accused in the case behaved.”

son that he felt leaving these people out in society even for a minute at any time, after they were found to be guilty of these offences, was not in the larger interest of society and they could be threat to the society at any point of time in any manner.”

Appreciating the findings of the Additional Sessions Judge, the Bench added that he did not come to such a conclusion in a whimsical or fanciful manner, but after giving careful consideration with reference to the manner in which all accused in the case behaved.

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**TENDER NOTICE**

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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB**

Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Divn. No. 2, Bathinda on behalf of Chairman of concerned GPWSC of following Village Lelewala, Block Talwandi Sabo, District Bathinda invite online bid for the following work (Under Punjab Rural Water & Sanitation Sector Improvement Project- Sub Component 2A(i)).

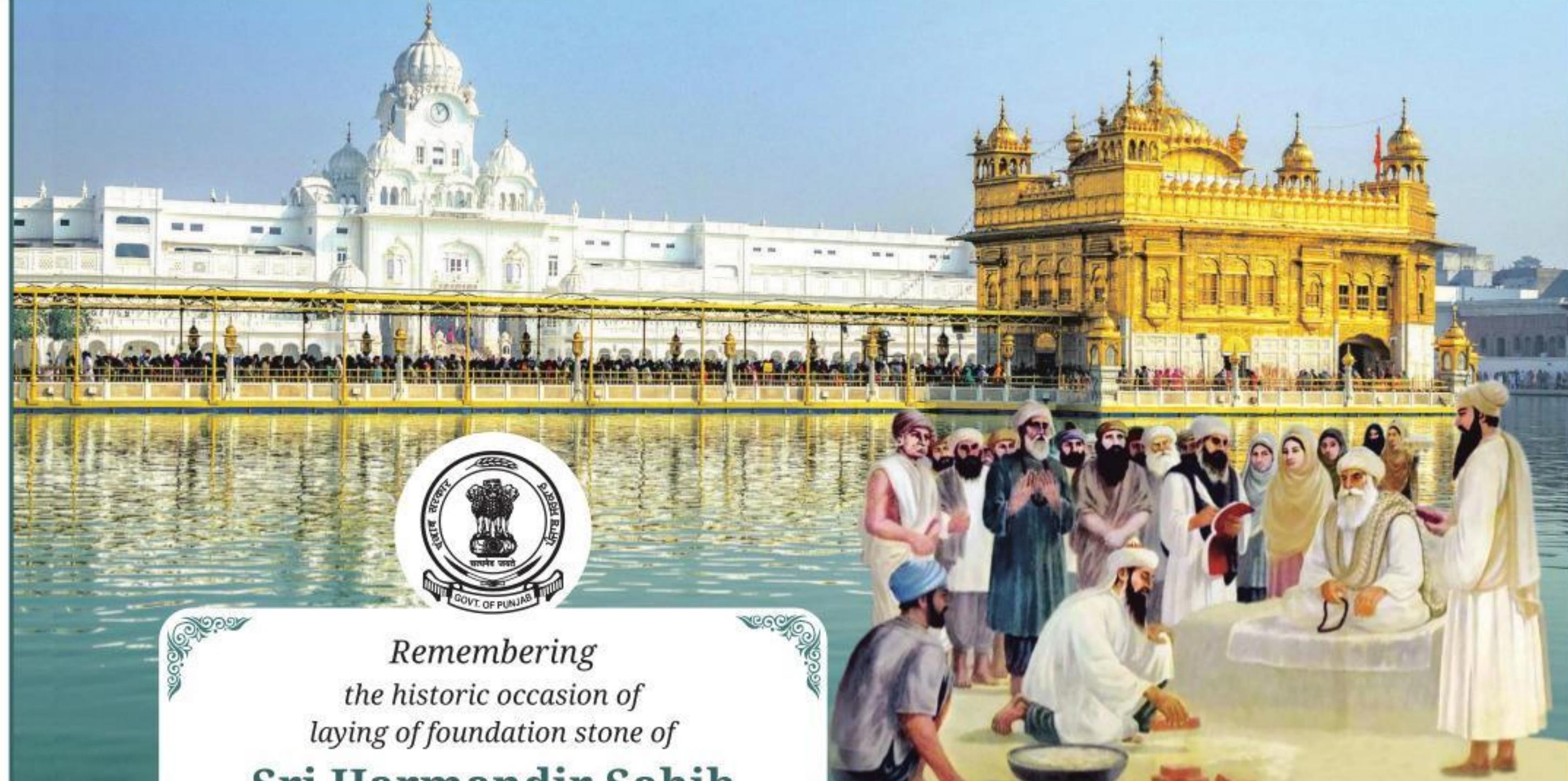
Sr. No.	Item	App. Cost (Rs in Lacs)	Bid Security	Date and Time of Technically Opening
1	Improvement of W/S Scheme Lelewala Block Talwandi Sabo, District Bathinda (Under Programme 2a(i))	13.29	26,573/-	28.01.2021 at 11:00 a.m.

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On behalf of Chairman, GPWSC, Village Lelewala, Block Talwandi Sabo Sd/- Executive Engineer, W/S & Sanitation Division No. 2, Bathinda.



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Capt. Amarinder Singh  
Chief Minister, Punjab



Department of Information and Public Relations, Punjab

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## Unveiling secrets

At least one policy Biden shouldn't dump

**S**ECRETARY of State Mike Pompeo is following a scorched-earth approach to foreign policy in the dying days of the Trump government. He has sanctioned umpteen Iranian, Russian and Chinese officials in the past fortnight, read the Riot Act to Venezuela and declared null and void all restrictions on US relations with Taiwan. But of acute interest to India is the declassification of an American strategy paper on the Indo-Pacific after just two years, instead of the mandatory 35 years. There is some amount of political haymaking as Pompeo is aiming to run for President in 2024. But this muddying of the waters is also aimed at ensuring that Biden will find it difficult to reverse the changes that Pompeo has rung in.

But as far as the Indo-Pacific is concerned, there is a bipartisan consensus in America. After all, it was the Democratic Party's Barack Obama who gave up on China, 14 years after another Democrat, Bill Clinton, ventured to engage China rather than contain it. Besides, much water has flown in India since the Doklam standoff in 2017 and the Galwan Valley clashes in 2020. India's appetite for a rapprochement with China has severely diminished, if not vanished. The US military-industrial complex too would push the Biden team to continue with what the paper promises — provide military, intelligence and diplomatic support to India — for obvious reasons.

The die has been cast. Even if Biden would want to turn the clock back, the other actors — India, Australia and Japan — will obviously point to the document and ask if China has not become more aggressive with each passing year. India, on its part, much like Australia and Japan, has taken a strategic decision on the Indo-Pacific. The speed at which this relationship has developed is not just stunning but also irreversible. By 2030, the world's top economies, including the US, India, Japan and Indonesia, will be from the Indo-Pacific. With growing economic power will come strategic weight. The course has been set and this is one act of frenzy by Pompeo which will be hard for Biden to reverse.

## Avian flu mishandled

Transparent scientific approach missing

**T**HE spread of avian flu in the Barwala belt of Haryana's Panchkula district is particularly distressing. For, unlike the other states — Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Kerala — where crows or wild and migratory birds have been infected with the disease, in Haryana, it is the farm-bred poultry birds that have fallen prey to the virus. That the belt is home to hundreds of lakhs of birds in the nearly 150 poultry farms located in the area made it a sitting duck, blowing up the crisis. The highly contagious pathogen soon engulfed the chickens packed in cages. While over 4.50 lakh birds are reported to have died, affected farmers claim that the fatalities are much higher.

This mismatch in the figures is just one of the symptoms of the ailment afflicting the animal husbandry sector. This was brought to the fore as the authorities went about managing the situation. Firstly, the deadly delay caused by the botched-up testing of the initial samples to determine the cause of the birds' deaths by farm owners and authorities responsible for averting such a disaster. It was a fertile ground for the breeding of rumours around the multi-crore poultry industry. In the absence of a clear message by the animal husbandry and health departments regarding the culling of birds and the safety of consuming chicken and eggs, the industry suffered a crippling blow. The prices nosedived in a season (winter) that is their peak period. Making matters worse, the compensation rates for culling have not been revised for seven years, even as input costs have risen.

The unsavoury developments have also raised the issue of legalising the vaccines for birds. Despite the regularity with which the flu has been striking in the past one-and-a-half decades, a level playing field is missing. The market is flush with smuggled vaccines, but it is the big farmers who allegedly corner the illegal shots. With time being of essence in perishable goods, they make a killing as their birds escape the lens in the initial days of the outbreak that are clouded by confusion.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The budget is not just a collection of numbers, but an expression of our values and aspirations. — Jack Lew

### ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

# The Tribune.

LAHORE, FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 1921

### SIR MICHAEL O'DWYER, THE INCORRIGIBLE

SIR Michael O'Dwyer is, indeed, incorrigible. Neither the execration of a whole nation which has followed him across the seas, or the rebuke administered to him by the more fair-minded among his own countrymen, one of whom told him only the other day that if his policy had been consistently followed in India, the consequences would have been disastrous both for India and England, deters this spoiled child of the Anglo-Indian bureaucracy from pursuing his discredited tactics. A disaster in India is preciously what he wants as an alternative to the perpetuation of the present order of things, and he cannot be satisfied until he has done everything in his power to bring it about. His latest essay in this direction is in the shape of a letter contributed to the *Daily Telegraph* which, as we have said already, has now taken the place of *Morning Post* as the journalistic protagonist of the anti-India movement in England. In the course of this letter, the late Lieutenant-Governor criticises the Government of India's "tolerant attitude" with regard to Mahatma Gandhi, Lala Lajpat Rai and the Ali brothers whose careers he outlines. It ill suits the mouth of one who has profited more by the "tolerant attitude" of His Majesty's Government than any other individual in our generation to complain of this attitude in the case of others, even if there were nothing more to be said for it. As a matter of fact, the attitude of the Government towards Mahatma Gandhi and his associates is one of the few silvery streaks in an otherwise dark cloud, and not only the Indian press and the Indian public as a whole but even the more responsible section of the Anglo-Indian Press have said again and again that so far as it goes, the Government could not have followed a better or more expedient policy.

# The path to high growth

Budget must ignore fiscal deficit to sustain recovery



SUBIR ROY

SENIOR ECONOMIC ANALYST

**T**HE Union Budget is being looked forward to with a greater than usual anxiety in view of the severe toll that the economy has taken because of the Covid-induced lockdown. The freezing of economic activity put India in the throes of a recession, with the official forecast anticipating a contraction of 7.7 per cent in the current financial year.

But the silver lining is that growth in the October-December quarter is seen to have already turned positive and various analysts expect a V-shaped recovery with growth in the coming financial year (2021-22), seen to be in the vicinity of 10 per cent. But this is a forecast and such estimates keep getting revised. So the policy challenge is to ensure that the nascent recovery is sustained. The most powerful policy instrument in the hands of the government for this is the coming Budget.

The single biggest challenge before the Finance Minister is to stimulate consumption at the bottom. This will revive the micro, small and medium sector which will restore jobs and reinforce consumer demand. Plus the sector's output will revive the supply chain for the corporate sector.

But the most obvious restraint that the Finance Minister is subjected to is the need to go back to a reasonable path of fiscal restraint as the deficit has tended to run away in the current year. Compared to the Budget estimate of 3.5 per cent for 2020-21, at mid-year, the fiscal deficit was running at 115 per cent of the budgeted figure, and, according to one rating agency, could touch 7 per cent at the financial year-end.

If expenditure is reined in as part



DO-OVER: The single biggest challenge before the Finance Minister is to stimulate consumption at the bottom. PTI

The country's immediate economic future is in the hands of the government and the RBI, and their understanding of economics.

of the Budget to correct the fiscal deficit, it will mean saying goodbye to sustained growth. So the Budget must both put cash in the hands of the poor and some working capital in the hands of the small units which have run out of cash and had to close down.

But there is a way of not breaking the fiscal deficit rules — changing the rules. An idea being mooted is to stop looking at the safe level of fiscal deficit in terms of the Budget and start focusing on public debt as a percentage of GDP. This will give some headroom to the government, as by this measure, India is much better off at 62 per cent compared to other large economies like Japan (246 per cent), the US (106 per cent) and Germany at 89 per cent (all 2019 calendar year-end figures).

Related to this is the notion that the sustainable level of fiscal deficit is that which ensures the system is able to service the level of government debt. So long as you can do that, as the size of the economy goes up and yields robustly grow-

ing revenue, you are all right.

The creditor is of course the central bank or the government's banker, Reserve Bank of India. The outlook here is mixed. Central banks across the world have followed hugely expansionary policies to counter the Covid-19 disruption and the RBI has been well behind them. This gives it a good bit of headroom.

But here again, the outlook is mixed. News reports indicate that the RBI is thinking of reining in the purse strings now that economic recovery seems on the way. But that will be a mistake. If right now credit gets costlier, we can say goodbye to sustained recovery.

Matters are not helped by the state of the financial sector, with public sector banks carrying a huge load of non-performing assets and pretty much the entire NBFC sector being in the doldrums. The NBFCs must continue to be given a lifeline so that they can keep extending a reasonable amount of credit and public sector banks must be recapitalised so that they can keep doing the same

## Nasir Kazmi, Ambala's gem of a poet

GURUPDESH SINGH

**M**OST of us know Nasir Kazmi by his ghazals, not by name. Very few among us would have missed his famous Ghulam Ali ghazal, 'Dil mein ik lehar si uthi hai abhi', or Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan's 'Gham hai ya khushi hai, tu meri zindagi hai tu'.

It is difficult to say who established Nasir Kazmi as a niche poet — the critics or the musicians. It is no mere coincidence that this Pakistani poet is the darling of almost every celebrated ghazal singer on both sides of the border. His poetry instantly strikes a responsive chord with a delicate mind: 'Dil dhadakne ka sabab yaad aaya; vo

teri yaad thi ab yaad aaya', sung beautifully by Asha Bhosle.

Born in December 1925 at Ambala to a Subedar Major of the British Indian Army, he finished his matriculation from Muslim High School, and moved to Lahore for his college education. He came back to Ambala in 1945 and continued living there until 1947, when his family decided to migrate to Pakistan, where they settled in Lahore. Until his death in 1972, Lahore remained his favourite haunt, where he enjoyed the company of other men of letters and nightly sojourns in its historic streets: 'Gali gali meri yaad bichhi hai, pyare rasta dekh ke chal; mujh se itni valhat hai teri meri hadon se door nikal'.

Nasir is downright romantic, melancholic, a brooding loner in his poetry. He is like a child who loses his sand castle in the evening tide and hopes to find it with the rise of the sun. In his nostalgia, he is a bridge that connects

A contemporary of such Pakistani stalwarts as Faiz Ahmed Faiz and Ahmed Nadeem Qasmi, he succeeded in keeping himself on the sidelines of progressive poetry, yet making a distinct place for himself with his simple diction and lilting lyricism. Partition, nostalgia, grief and fickle love are some of the recurrent themes in his poetry: 'Shahr-dar-shahr ghar jalaa gaye; yoon bhee jashn-e-tarab manaaye gaye'.

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us to our pre-Partition past, a mirror that reflects our age-lines, a voice that we love to hear after the thunder of the day is done: 'Eh dost hamne taraq-e-mohabbat ke bawjood; Mehsoos ki hai teri zaroorat kabhi kabhi'.

Nasir also wrote a nazm recalling his days in Ambala and rues the huge loss and grief that his departure from the town left in him: 'Ambala ek shahr tha sunte hai ab bhi hai, Main hun usi mitte hue karne ki roshni' (I hear there's still that town Ambala, the source whose light I am).

Nasir died young. The government of Pakistan issued a postage stamp in his honour in 2013. May this poet of our common heritage live forever!

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### In queue, please

It is a harsh reality that we Indians take pride in flouting rules and getting the things done on *sifarish*. The same is expected for the vaccination process of Covid-19. The writer is rightly worried whether the vaccine will reach the needy and vulnerable. In India, rules and laws are framed, but their proper execution seldom takes place. We are fortunate enough to get a vaccine, but the streamlined process of administering it is a Herculean task. If foolproof planning is not made, the mere aim of making the vaccine will be defeated. India is the world's second most populous country. It is not possible to vaccinate such a large number of people in one go. We need to wait for our turn with patience and be in the 'queue' till then.

BIR DEVINDER SINGH BEDI, SANGRUR

#### Review of agri laws

Refer to 'Farm laws put on hold'; it is wisely asserted that the court's intervention lends an opportunity to come out with possible solutions. The court has given a commendable decision to suspend the implementation of the farm laws till further orders. The new committee should try to explore widely acceptable points of amendments

to the laws. Hopefully the committee will analyse the flaws of the agricultural laws and present a new format. In view of the decision of the Supreme Court, the farmers' organisations should scale down their protest at the NCR borders. The tractor rally programme needs to be deferred in view of Republic Day.

YUGAL KISHORE SHARMA, FARIDABAD

#### Prolonged stir

Right to protest is a fundamental right. The SC has given two months to the committee to submit a report on farm laws. In that case, the agitation will linger on for another two months. Already, so many protesters have died of cold. The report shall be duly considered by the court, the stakeholders shall be called and arguments from every side will be heard. Will it be right to carry on with the agitation? Kisan leaders have voiced their discomfort with members of the committee. It seems like a long haul.

LALIT MOHAN SHARMA, DHARAMSALA

#### Need a solution, fast

The steps taken by the Supreme Court to ensure early end to the agitation do not seem to bear any fruit, at least for the time being. The farmers' unions have rejected

the formation of the committee by the court and have raised questions on the fairness of its members. The stir has already upset the whole economic structure. The prices of many items required in the construction of homes have skyrocketed. Industry in Punjab has been hit hard. When such are the circumstances, an amicable solution of the problem is the crying need of the hour.

SANTOSH JAWAL, HAMIRPUR

#### Not convincing

Is it not strange that while the BJP has been trying hard to convince farmers that the new laws are for their benefit, it failed to convince even the highest court? A seemingly confused court had to form a committee to understand the issue. Are these laws really that difficult to understand?

BALVINDER, BY MAIL

#### Strong Opposition vital

Apropos of 'Needed, a strong Opposition', our country should have a strong vigilant opposition which is needed in a vibrant democracy. Today's Congress certainly lacks vision for the country and has failed to strengthen the party at the state level, where weak chiefs were imposed. On the

contrary, the BJP believes in a brigade of strong leadership, even at the smallest platform.

PANKAJ MADAN, ZIRAKPUR

#### Dynastic politics

Refer to 'PM: Dynastic politics weakening democracy, youth can prevent it'; if it is so, why is Dushyant Chautala part of the BJP-led government in Haryana? In the recent past, the Badals, Thackerays and Miftis had been BJP's political partners. Dynasties have nothing to do with democracy, as the Mahabharata and Ramayana are based on dynastic rules. For a successful democracy, ethics, moral values and independence of all wings and institutions are important.

NARESH MOHAN JOHAR, AMRITSAR

#### Illegal hotels

Order for the demolition of an unauthorised hotel on the forest land at McLeodganj by the Supreme Court would go a long way in checking the menace of illegal constructions. It is a common sight around national and state highways and such razed structures have become eyesores and won't allow nature to rejuvenate. Now, it must be ensured by the executing authority to get the task accomplished in letter and spirit.

RS KISHTWARIA, PALAMPUR

# Court order has confirmed farmers' fears



YOGENDRA YADAV

PRESIDENT, SWARAJ INDIA

In rejecting the Supreme Court-appointed expert committee to mediate between farmers and the Narendra Modi government, the farmers' organisations have not only wisely sidestepped a possible trap, but have also reaffirmed a basic principle of democratic accountability and responsible governance.

Let there be no confusion about it. The expert committee appointed by the SC is not meant to advise the court on technical matters of agricultural marketing or on the implications of the disputed agricultural laws. The order of the Supreme Court makes it clear that the committee is to facilitate negotiations between the government and farmers' organisations: "The negotiations between the farmers' bodies and the government have not yielded any result so far. Therefore, we are of the view that the constitution of a committee of experts in the field of agriculture to negotiate between the farmers' bodies and the government of India may create a congenial atmosphere and improve the trust and confidence of the farmers."

The court goes on to specify that the committee has been "constituted for the purpose of listening to the grievances of the farmers relating to the farm laws and the views of the government and to make recommendations." Presumably, the committee

will try to find a middle ground and advise the government on how the laws should be tweaked in a way so as to satisfy both the government and the protesting farmers.

That is precisely why the farmers' organisations had resisted, right from the beginning, the idea of any such committee. They have objected to being forced into binding mediation, questioned the instrument of a committee and suspected the composition of such a committee. On all three counts, their assessment has been proven right.

First of all, the farmers have been suspicious of being pushed into mediation that they never asked for or consented to. They have never said no to negotiations with the government. Sure, the talks with the government have been frustrating. The Modi government has been intransigent. Yet, that is the only site for negotiations in a democracy. In the last instance, elected representatives are there to speak to the people. They are accountable to the people and to the farmers. The courts are there to adjudicate between right and wrong, legal and illegal. The courts are not there to engage in give and take, which is part of any negotiation. That is why the courts are responsible to the Constitution and not accountable to the people. That is the logic of democratic governance. Any attempt to shift the site of negotiation from the government to the judiciary amounts to overturning this basic democratic logic.

The government's keenness to shift this 'headache' and the Supreme Court's alacrity to take over have strengthened the resistance of the farmers. It needs to be underlined that the protesting farmers did not approach the court. Nor did the gov-



ON GUARD: The farmers have been suspicious of being pushed into mediation that they never asked for or consented to. REUTERS

ernment, at least not on paper. The initial petitioners were third parties who wanted the court to evict the farmers from their protest site. The other set of petitioners questioned the constitutionality of the three laws and wanted these scrapped. None of the petitioners prayed for mediation from the court. Yet, from day one, that is what the court was interested in. The court dismissed, and rightly so, the pleas asking for eviction of the protesting farmers. It recognised, again rightly so, the democratic rights of the farmers to engage in a peaceful protest. As for the pleas, regarding the constitutional validity of the three laws, the court put this on the back

burner, saying that it will consider these at an appropriate time.

The Supreme Court could have expedited this process by setting a time frame within which it will decide upon the constitutional validity of these three laws. That would have been most appropriate. But it chose not to do so. Instead, the court chose to focus on a third issue beyond what was asked for by any party and beyond its legal remit. Farmers' organisations were smart enough to resist this move from the beginning.

The second objection of the farmers' organisations was to the very mechanism of a technical committee of experts. This idea was proposed by the

Modi government in the very first round of negotiations held on December 1, and the farmers rejected it then and there. Such a committee would be very useful to clarify a point of law or to work out policy or fiscal implications of the proposed laws. Such a committee could also help work out the details of a compromise formula, once the basic framework is agreed to. But a technical committee cannot possibly work out the basic framework itself. Mediation is not done by technocrats. It is done by non-specialists who have some familiarity with the subject, but more importantly, who enjoy the trust and confidence of both parties. The Supreme Court appoint-

ed committee of experts was never going to be that mechanism.

Dushyant Dave and the other three lawyers representing just eight out of 400-plus farmers' organisations involved in this protest were wise to keep away from the court's deliberations on this issue.

Finally, a committee is only as good as its members. It is no secret that the farmers' organisations were apprehensive about the composition of a committee appointed by the court. The process by which the court arrived at these four names left a lot to be desired, to put it mildly. The same court that chided the government for passing the farm laws without consulting the farmers adopted an even less transparent process to decide upon this committee. Names like P Sainath and ex-CJIs were thrown around and quietly dispensed with. No one knows who suggested the four names that the court came up with. Little surprise then that the four names have invited disappointment and ridicule. Not because the four members are not respectable, but because these are arguably the four best advocates for the government's position and the laws. That the court chose such a partisan committee to mediate between the farmers and the government has cast a shadow on itself.

Someone might ask: Forget the technicalities, but what's wrong in the top court stepping in to resolve a deadlock? Well, that is possible, provided the Supreme Court were to enjoy moral authority over and above its legal and constitutional powers. Such moral authority is commanded, not demanded.

*Views are personal*

## All set for vaccine rollout amid probing questions



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SCIENCE COMMENTATOR

Both Covid-19 vaccines are being rolled out in an emergency situation. Vaccine manufacturers are asking the government to grant indemnity from claims that may arise due to serious reactions. For serious side effects during a clinical trial, the regulatory authority has procedures and protocols. In the case of a vaccine injury, trial participants are liable to seek compensation under clinical trial rules. But companies often contest such claims.



NO ROOM FOR LAXITY: Even a few cases of adverse events, if not addressed quickly and adequately, may become a reason for vaccine hesitancy to grow. PTI

Biotech vaccine is still on and it has been given the go-ahead in the 'clinical trial' mode. Bharat Biotech has claimed that its vaccine is not a 'backup' but a fully ready one. The government, too, has placed a huge order on a par with that of the SII vaccine. It is unclear if the Bharat Biotech vaccine will be rolled out along with the SII one or the government will wait for results of the ongoing Phase 3 clinical trials. Since the government has placed an order of 5.5 million doses with Bharat Biotech, it needs to clarify if all these doses will be administered in the 'clinical trial mode' as per the regulatory approval.

During the upcoming vaccination drive, one crore healthcare workers will

be covered, followed by two crore frontline workers. Then will come the turn of an estimated 27 crore citizens above 50 years of age and those with co-morbidities. In all, the plan is to vaccinate 30 crore people in the extended first phase of the drive. At its peak, the polio campaign had covered 17 crore children.

One of the most challenging tasks during mass vaccination drives is to monitor adverse events post vaccination. These adverse events could range from mild fever, rashes at the injection site and headache to allergic reactions. Vaccines will be given to people across age groups, ethnicities and those with underlying conditions. Adverse events are bound to occur as no vaccine is ever

perfect, and there are a lot of unknowns about all Covid vaccines. The challenge is to have a mechanism for timely detection, reporting and follow-up of adverse events and a system to address them satisfactorily. This is a major point of concern as the Bharat Biotech vaccine will be administered as if it is in the 'clinical trial mode'. The World Health Organisation has advised countries to develop surveillance systems for identifying and responding to 'adverse events following immunisation' (AEFI) as well as 'adverse events of special interest' (AESI).

Both Covid-19 vaccines are being rolled out in an emergency situation. Vaccine manufacturers are asking the government to grant indemnity from claims that may arise due to serious reactions. For serious side effects during a clinical trial, the regulatory authority has well-laid-out procedures and protocols. In the case of a vaccine injury, trial participants are liable to seek compensation under clinical trial rules. But companies often contest such claims, as it happened with a volunteer participating in a clinical trial of the SII vaccine. Bharat Biotech has also denied that the death of a volunteer during the Phase 3 trial of its vaccine in Bhopal was related to the trial dose. Bharat Biotech and Indian Council of Medical Research (the co-developer of the vaccine) must state clearly how they intend handling such events when the vaccine is given to lakhs of people in the 'clinical trial mode'. This is critical because the government's past

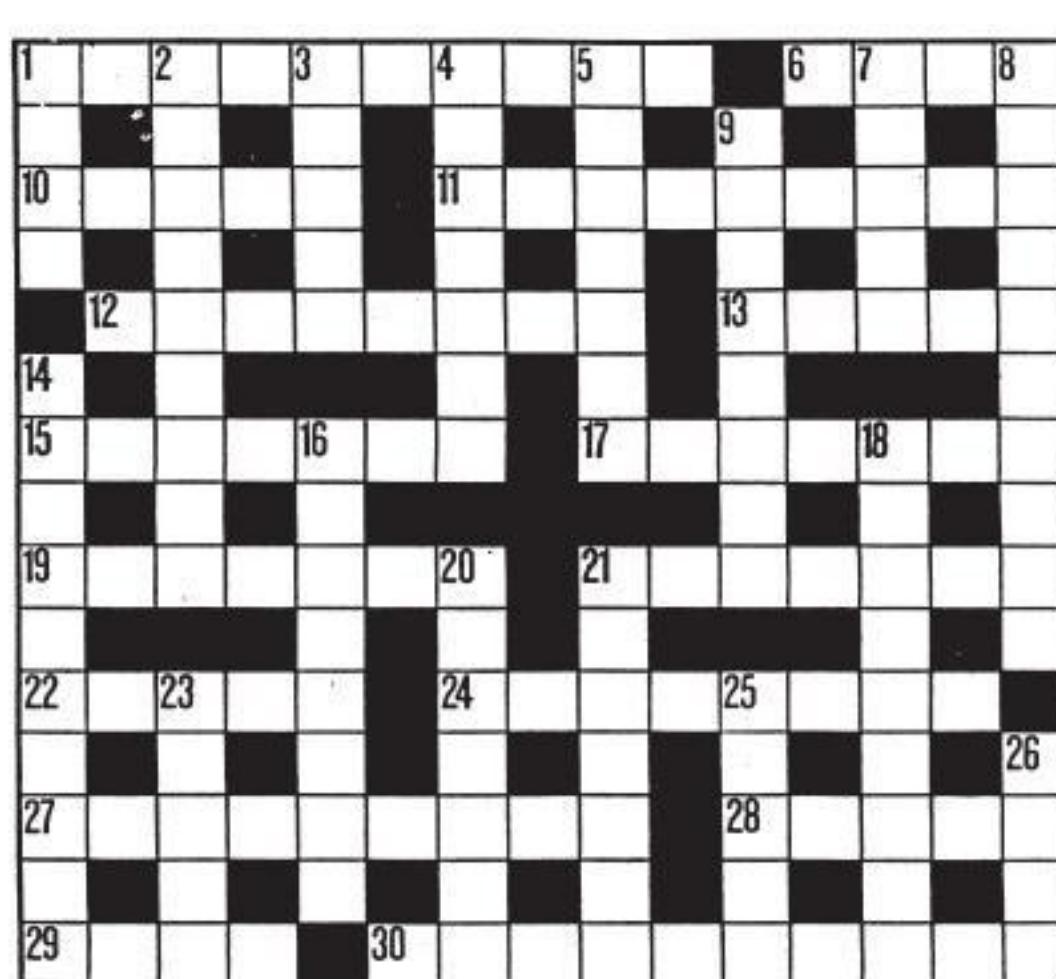
record in dealing with cases of polio occurring due to vaccine-derived polio strain has not been clean.

Addressing all such issues is vital as an inadequate response may lead to vaccine hesitancy among people. The discourse on truncated regulatory approval given to the Bharat Biotech vaccine has already led to anxiety among people, including healthcare workers. There are some pockets where vaccine hesitancy may emerge, going by experience with childhood vaccination in the past. Even a few cases of adverse events, if not addressed quickly and adequately, may become a reason for hesitancy to grow. In addition, too much focus on the vaccine may breed complacency in the general population regarding preventive measures like wearing masks and practising social distancing.

The number of new infections is on the decline in India, but the threat of new strains and another surge can never be ruled out. Communication strategies relating to the pandemic need to take care of this issue as well.

At present, the two Indian vaccines are being rolled out in the public sector as far as healthcare and frontline workers are concerned. There is no clarity on who will fund the phase covering 27 crore people — the Centre, states or the people themselves. The clamour for making available vaccines in the private sector for those who can afford to pay will grow in the months to come. This should be done only after enough production becomes available and when all those in the vulnerable groups have been vaccinated.

### QUICK CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Across: 1 Cologne, 5 Appal, 8 Pigheaded, 9 Pun, 10 Ruse, 12 Underlie, 14 Shadow, 15 Acquit, 17 Biennial, 18 Plug, 21 Ego, 22 Sacred cow, 24 Titan, 25 Economy.

Down: 1 Caper, 2 Lug, 3 Glen, 4 Ending, 5 Audience, 6 Papal bull, 7 Lenient, 11 Scapagoat, 13 Going-on, 14 Subject, 16 Gauche, 19 Gawk, 20 Veto, 23 Coo.

### ACROSS

- 1 Weak in character (5-5)
- 6 Balance of advantage (4)
- 10 Edge (5)
- 11 Giving wide view (9)
- 12 Book with stiff covers (8)
- 13 General rule (5)
- 15 Noble (7)
- 17 Expertise (4-3)
- 19 Portend (7)
- 21 Outburst of anger (7)
- 22 Deep chasm (5)
- 24 Unequalled (8)
- 27 Lifelike (9)
- 28 Unsupported assertion (3-2)
- 29 Short letter (4)
- 30 In direct confrontation (4-2-4)
- DOWN
- 1 Central part of church (4)
- 2 Citrus fruit preserve (9)
- 3 Amount produced (5)
- 4 To clap (7)
- 5 Capital of Thailand (7)
- 7 Evil spirit (5)
- 8 Renewed energy (6,4)
- 9 Much prized (8)
- 14 Enticement (10)
- 16 Communicate (8)
- 18 Coiffure (9)
- 20 Atoned for (7)
- 21 Make believe (7)
- 23 A fermenting agent (5)
- 25 Rope with noose (5)
- 26 State of mind (4)

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### CALENDAR

JANUARY 14, 2021 THURSDAY

■ Vikrami Samvat	2077
■ Shaka Samvat	1942
■ Posh Shaka	24
■ Magh Parvishtha	1
■ Hijri	1442
■ Shukla Paksha Tithi 1, up to 9.02 am	
■ Vajra Yoga up to 10.05 pm	
■ Shravan Nakshatra up to 5.04 am	
■ Moon in Capricorn sign	
■ Magh Sankranti	

### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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### FORECAST

SUNSET: THURSDAY 17:42 HRS  
SUNRISE: FRIDAY 07:21 HRS

SUNNY	PARTLY CLOUDY	Cloudy	Rainy	Foggy
Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy	Rainy	Foggy
15	16	17	18	19
04	04	04	07	07

CITY	MAX	MIN
Chandigarh	15	06
New Delhi	17	04
Amritsar	15	03
Bathinda	17	04
Jalandhar	15	03
Ludhiana	17	04
Bhiwani	17	04
Hisar	16	04
Sirsia	17	04
Dharamsala	17	05
Manali	16	09
Shimla	19	07
Srinagar	06	-07
Jammu	15	07
Kargil	-06	-13
Leh	-06	-13
Dehradun	18	07
Mussoorie	18	07

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GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE					
Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./AUTH.	NAME OF WORK NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE/CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/CORP./AUTH.
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## 1st consignment of Covid vaccine to arrive today

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SHIMLA, JANUARY 13

Himachal will receive its first consignment of Covid-19 vaccine prepared by the Serum Institute of India, on Thursday. "The vaccine will be airlifted from Pune to Chandigarh. Our team will bring it by road from Chandigarh," said National Health Mission (NHM) director Nipun Jindal. Though the state will get 93,000 doses in the first consignment, only around 40,000 healthcare workers will be vaccinated. "It's so because the beneficiaries will be given the second dose after 28 days. The doses for the second round will be saved from this consignment," said Dr Jindal, making it clear that people will be given both the doses of the same vaccine. "We need to factor in around 10 per cent wastage, too, which happens during all vaccination drives," he said.

While talking to *The Tribune*, Sudhir Sharma said that he was away for the past about one month as the party had deputed him in Bihar and West Bengal. "I came to Dharamsala today and found that my name has been deleted from the list of voters", he said. The former minister said that he was consulting his lawyers and would move Himachal High Court against removal of his

# Name missing, ex-minister alleges bungling in voter list

## 'Was enlisted as voter for Assembly, LS poll'



"My name is there in the list of voters for the Assembly and Lok Sabha elections but it has been deleted in the list for panchayat elections. In the last panchayat elections, I had voted from Rakkar panchayat near Dharamsala where I have my permanent residence. However, this year, my name was not in the list." Sudhir Sharma, FORMER MINISTER

name from the voter list.

He also threatened to launch an agitation over the matter. "My name is there in the list of voters for the Assembly and Lok Sabha elections but it has been deleted in the list for panchayat elections. In the last panchayat elections I had voted from Rakkar panchayat near Dharamsala where I have my permanent residence. However, this year, my name was not

there in the list," he said.

"I have made inquiries from people and supporters in many villages in Kangra district. They have told me that in many villages over 100 to 200 people are finding their names missing in the new voter lists for panchayats poll. It was clear that the present government has tried to rig the panchayat elections by deleting names of Congress work-

ers from the voters list," Sudhir alleged.

Inquiries made by *The Tribune* revealed that while the elections for Parliament and Himachal assembly were conducted by the Central Election Commission the elections for panchayats, zila parishad and block samitis were conducted by the state election commission that comes under the jurisdiction of the state government. The state election commission maintains separate voter lists for panchayat elections which are not in synchronization with the voter lists of Central Election Commission.

Earlier, Bharmaur residents had alleged that names of a number of voters had gone missing from the voters list.

## NORTHERN RAILWAY

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Tender Opening Date : 11.01.2021

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A. Tentative Time Table : Parcel Cargo Express Train Ex. Moga to Changsari on round trip.

Days	Arrival	Departure	Station	Arrival	Departure	Days
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	04:25	05:50	Ambala City	19:15	19:45	
	11:20	12:50	Moradabad	12:40	14:10	
Wed	22:00	23:50	Alamnagar	01:35	03:20	Mon
Fri	05:30	-	Changsari	-	17:30	Sat

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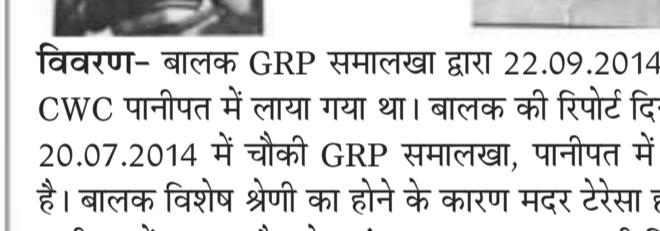
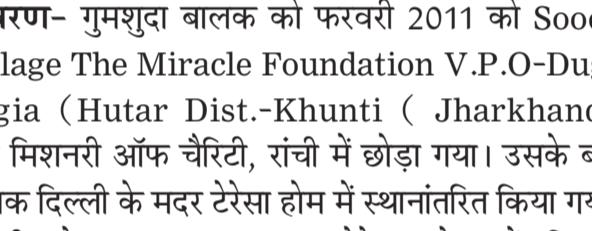
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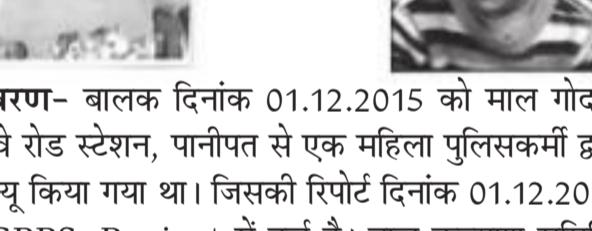
पानीपत में रह रहा है।

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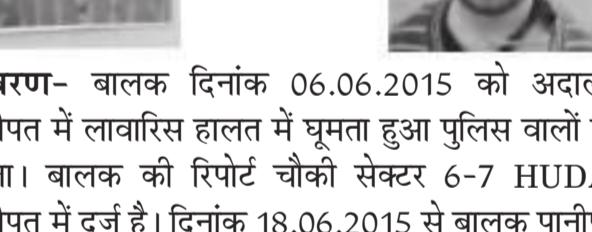
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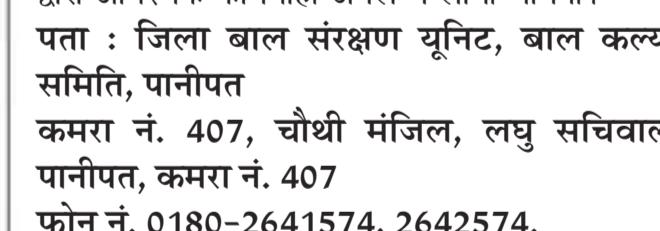
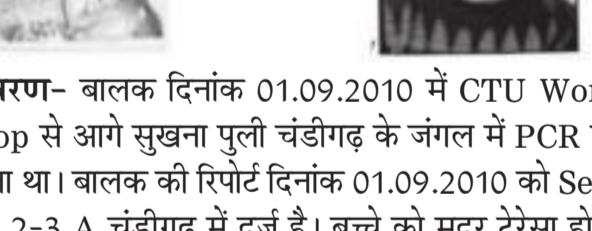
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3. बालक का नाम- विजय अंकुर S/o नामालूम पता- नामालूम पुरानी तस्वीर वर्तमान तस्वीर



विवरण- बालक दिनांक 06.06.2015 को अदालत पानीपत में लावारिस हालत में घूसता हुआ एक पुलिस बालों को मिला। बालक की रिपोर्ट चौकी सेक्टर 6-7 HUDA, पानीपत में दर्ज है। दिनांक 18.06.2015 से बालक पानीपत से मदर टेरेसा होम, पानीपत में रह रहा है।

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## DEMONETISATION FRAUD

**NEW DELHI, JANUARY 13** Anti-corruption federal probe agency CBI today said it had booked the executive manager of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) Bank, three firm proprietors and two persons for depositing Rs 12.84 crore in banned currency after over four years of demonetisation exercise, which was later transferred to different accounts through net banking as legitimate money.

Officials in the CBI said, on the basis of "source information", which was received on December 10 last year, the agency had filed an FIR saying Rahul Chaudhary and Dushyant Chaudhary were operating accounts of Shiva Trading Company, Divyanshi Sales Corporation and Shyama Trading company in the J&K Bank's Ghaziabad branch.

■ Taking advantage of their proximity with executive manager Neta Sabharwar, the Chaudhary duo were allegedly operating the accounts in place of their proprietors, who are also named accused in the FIR, the officials said.

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of their proprietors, who are also named accused in the FIR, the officials said.

The CBI has alleged that the accused duo in connivance with proprietors — Pankaj Kumar of Shiva Trading, Vikas Rathi of Divyanshi Sales and Ghanshyam Patel of Shyama Trading — and

Sabharwar changed registered phone numbers in the companies' accounts for SMS alert service to be able to use them for fund transfers, the CBI said in the FIR.

After the government declared Rs 1,000 and old Rs 500 notes as illegal tender on November 8, 2016, Sabharwar allegedly allowed Rahul and Dushyant Chaudhary to make Rs 12.84 crore cash deposit in the three companies' accounts in violation of bank norms and RBI instructions related to cash deposits, it said, adding that using the changed phone numbers, the duo transferred the amount to various bank accounts through Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS).

The officials said the vaccination would begin on Saturday at 30 centres across the Union territory.

Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday received the first consignment of 1.46 lakh doses of Covid vaccine from Pune-based Serum Institute of India (SII), officials said.

While 79,000 doses were received here for vaccination of nearly 60,000 healthcare workers in the Kashmir valley, 67,500 vaccines were received in the Jammu division, they said.

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The first consignment of Covid vaccination arrives at a storage facility in Jammu on Wednesday.

"To begin with, inauguration ceremonies will be held at SKIMS hospital, Sora, in Srinagar and Government Medical College, Jammu, where Lt-Governor Manoj Sinha will be present," they said.

Besides these two, there are 14 immunisation centres each in the Kashmir valley and the Jammu division.

The officials said in the first phase, healthcare workers across the Union territory would be given shots while frontline workers would be covered in the second phase. — PTI

## 121 new cases in J&K, 13 in Ladakh

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 13

Jammu and Kashmir did not record any death due to Covid in the past 24 hours but 121 new positive cases took the number of infected people to 1,22,885, officials said on Wednesday.

Out of the fresh cases, 55 were from the Jammu division and 66 from the Kashmir division of the Union territory, they said.

The officials said Jammu district recorded the highest of 47 cases, followed by 35 in Srinagar district.

Anantnag, Kulgam, Poonch, Ramban, Reasi and Kishtwar did not report any fresh case, while 12 districts recorded fresh cases in single digits, the officials said.

The number of active cases dropped to 1,629 in the Union territory, while 1,19,344 patients had recovered so far, they said.

As no fresh death due to Covid was reported in the past 24 hours, the death toll in the Union territory

stayed at 1,912.

**Leh:** Thirteen persons tested positive for Covid in Ladakh, where one person died of the infection, taking the fatalities in the Union territory to 128 and the virus caseload to 9,634, officials said on Wednesday.

The latest Covid-related death was reported from Kargil district on Tuesday, they said.

Of the 128 deaths so far, Leh district has accounted for the highest 84 deaths and Kargil 44.

According to officials, 12

people tested positive for Covid-19 in Leh and one more in Kargil, while 15 patients were discharged after successful treatment, bringing down the active cases to 180 — 175 in Leh and five in Kargil.

A total of 9,326 patients had recovered from the infection in the Union territory since the outbreak of the disease, which is 97 per cent of the total cases, they added. — PTI

**ICAR - NATIONAL BUREAU OF ANIMAL GENETIC RESOURCES, KARNAL**

**WALK-IN-INTERVIEW**

Walk-in-interviews will be held at ICAR - NBAGR, Karnal (Haryana) for contractual positions as per following details under DST funded Project:-

S. No.	Name & No. of Positions	Date & Time of Walk-in-Interview
1.	Research Associate-III - One	29.01.2021 Time 10.30 AM
2.	Senior Research Fellow - One	29.01.2021 Time 2.30 PM

For detailed information regarding requirements, emoluments, age limits and other details etc., the candidates must visit announcement tab on <https://nbagr.icar.gov.in> positions can be increased or decreased

Asstt. Administrative Officer

## JAWAHAR NAVODAYA VIDYALAYA, SANDHUAN DISTT. ROPAR (PUNJAB)

Telephone-01881-260177 (Email: [jnvpopar1988@gmail.com](mailto:jnvpopar1988@gmail.com))

### Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are invited through registered post only for the supply of i) Dry Ration ii) Fresh Vegetables & Fruits iii) Washing & Ironing of student uniform iv) Tuck Shop v) Bedding items vi) Shoes & Chappals vii) Toilet items viii) Confectionery & Bakery items ix) Building material x) Sports Items, xi) Repair of Electrical items xii) Service of Barber xiii) Medicines xiv) CCTV's Camera's and its installation xv) AMC of CCTV camera's, Computer & printers xvi) Electrical items for the period of 01.02.2021 to 31.05.2021.

The tender forms along with terms & conditions can be obtained from Vidyalaya office on any working day by paying Rs. 250/- in cash or through Demand Draft for Rs. 300/- in favour of Principal, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Sandhu Distt. Ropar payable at State Bank of India, Chankaur Sahib Distt. Ropar (Pb.). The tender forms can be downloaded from the Vidyalaya website <https://www.navodaya.gov.in/nvs-school/Ropar/en/home> and cost of tender can be deposit through E-banking in Vidyalaya account 55056097769, IFSC Code No. SBIN0050083, State Bank of India, Chamkaur Sahib and attach the original receipt with the tender form.

The tenders will be issued up to 01.02.2021 at 02.00 p.m. The last date for the receipt of sealed tenders will be 01.02.2021 at 04.00 p.m. through registered post only. The tenders will be opened on 02.02.2021 at 11.00 a.m. in the office of Principal, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Sandhu Distt. Ropar (Punjab) by the Purchase Advisory Committee of the Vidyalaya. Decision of the Purchase Advisory Committee will be final.

No tender will be received by hand or through courier.

DI-18144

## Srinagar sees coldest night in 8 yrs

**SRINAGAR, JANUARY 13** The Kashmir valley reeled under severe cold, with Srinagar city — the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir — recording its lowest minimum temperature in eight years, the Meteorological Department said here on Wednesday.

Srinagar recorded a low of -7.8°C, which was the lowest temperature recorded in the city in eight years, an official of the Met Department said.

He said the exact same minimum temperature was recorded in the city in 2012 on January 14.

The rest of the Valley was also reeling under intense cold.

Pahalgam, which also serves as a base camp for the annual Amarnath yatra in south Kashmir, recorded a low of -11.7°C — down from

the previous night's -5.6°C. The resort was the coldest recorded place in Jammu and Kashmir.

The minimum temperature in Gulmarg tourist spot settled at -10°C — up from -11.2°C the night earlier.

Qazigund — the gateway town to the Valley — recorded a minimum of 9.3°C compared to -1.4°C a day earlier. Kupwara in north Kashmir recorded a low of -5.6°C, while Kokernag, in south, -9.9°C.

The sudden plunge in minimum temperature resulted in freezing of water supply pipes. A thick layer of ice had frozen over many stagnant water bodies, including Dal Lake. — PTI



A boatman cuts ice to steer his way on the frozen Dal Lake in Srinagar on Wednesday. PTI

## ਮੁਹਾ ਨੋਟਿਸ

ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਸਿਹਤ ਸੁਸਾਇਟੀ, ਜਲੰਧਰ ਅਧੀਨ ਆਉਂਦੀਆਂ ਸਿਹਤ ਸੌਨਸਥਾਵਾਂ ਲਈ Hospital Material, lab Material ਆਦਿ ਲੱਗੇ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਟੈਂਡਰ ਫਾਰਮ 1,000 ਰੁਪਏ ਦਾ ਭਾਗ ਸਿਵਲ ਸਰਜਨ, ਜਲੰਧਰ ਤੋਂ ਮਿਤੀ 15.01.2021 ਤਕ ਦ੍ਰਾਪਰਿਤ 5 ਵਜੇ ਤਕ ਪ੍ਰਤ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹੋ।

ਸਰੀ/- ਸਿਵਲ ਸਰਜਨ, ਜਲੰਧਰ।

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ਗਰਮ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ, ਪਿੰਡ ਉਦੇਕਰਨ, ਬਲਾਕ ਤੋਂ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਸੀ ਮੁਕਤਸਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਵੱਲ 388 ਸ਼ਹਿਰਾਂ ਦੇ ਦਰਬੱਤਾਂ ਦੀ ਛੱਲੀ ਮਿਤੀ 20.01.2021, ਫਿਲ ਬੱਧ ਵੱਲ ਨੂੰ ਸਵੇਰੇ 11.00 ਵਜੇ ਪਿੰਡ ਦੀ ਸੰਘ ਵਿਚ ਕਰਵਾਈ ਜਾ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ। ਚਾਹੀਦਾਨ ਬੇਕੀਕਰ ਉਤੇ ਮਿਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਬੇਲੀ ਤੋਂ ਪੁਰੋਚਣ ਦੀ ਸ਼੍ਰਾਵਲਤਾ ਕਰਨਾ ਸਰਤਾਂ ਮੌਕੇ 'ਤੇ ਦੱਸੀਆਂ ਜਾਣਗੀਆਂ।

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## POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH

Advertisement No. PG/RC/019/2021/158 Dated: 13.01.2021

### RECRUITMENT NOTICE

The Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh invites ONLINE applications from Indian Nationals for filling up of various posts of Group 'A', 'B' and 'C' on regular basis for All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh. Important timelines will be as under:-

ITEM(S)	OPENING DATE FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR FILLING UP OF ONLINE APPLICATION ON PGIMER'S WEBSITE <a href="http://www.pgimer.edu.in">www.pgimer.edu.in</a> (Recruitment link at Home Page)	REMARKS
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The candidates can deposit the above application fee through online payment gateway available at the ONLINE APPLICATION portal w.e.f. 15.01.2021 to 14.02.2021 using Debit/Credit Card/Net Banking.

IMPORTANT: The candidates willing to apply may visit the Institute's website i.e. [www.pgimer.edu.in](http://www.pgimer.edu.in) (Recruitment link at Home page) for detailed guidelines/information, number of posts, eligibility criteria, etc. All applicants are required to visit the website regularly since all subsequent Corrigendum/Addendum/updates will be uploaded on the Institute's website only.

DI-18152 DIRECTOR

### e-tender Notice Inviting online Bids

1. On behalf of the Managing Director, PSIEC, Executive Engineer-IV, Jalandhar reinvites tender notice bids from eligible bidders for the Project/Work detailed in the following table. The bids shall be on Percentage basis. The bidders may submit bids for the following Project:-

Sr. No.	Name of Project/ Work/Works	Bid Security/ Earnest Money (Rs.)	Cost of document/ Tender Fee (Rs.)	Period of completion	Approx. Value of the Project/ Work (Rs. in lac)
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
1.	Up-gradation of roads (concrete pavement) at IGC Pathankot	401800/-	23600/-	6 Months	Rs. 200.89 Lakh

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</th



## BRIEFLY

**Sarnobat, Sheoran, Rajeshwari win trials**

Asian Games champion and Tokyo Olympics bound Rahi Sarnobat won the women's 25m pistol event at the national shooting trials today. Rahi shot 36 out of a possible 50 in the final to outgun Madhya Pradesh's Chirki Yadav (34). Haryana's Manu Bhaker, who had topped qualification with 582, finished third with a score of 27 in the final. Haryana's Lakshay Sheoran and Rajeshwari Kumari of Punjab won the men's and women's T1 Trap competition, respectively. Rajeshwari topped qualifying with 110, and beat Shreyasi Singh of Bihar by seven points in the final.

## BENGALURU

**Ridhima, Amandeep share lead after Round 1**

Ridhima Dilawari overcame a disappointing start to card a 1-under 71 to share the lead with Amandeep Drall in the first leg of the Hero Women's Professional Golf Tour here today. Ridhima began with a double-bogey but by the time the first round of the first leg ended, she had a share of the lead. Ridhima struck five birdies against two bogeys and a double-bogey at the Prestige Golfshire.

## MELBOURNE

**Australian F1 postponed over quarantine**

Formula One postponed the Australian Grand Prix from March to November because it would not have been possible for hundreds of team staff to quarantine for 14 days upon their arrival, the sports minister of Victoria state, Martin Pakula, has said. The Melbourne race is normally the season-opener but was given a new date of November 21 due to the Covid-19 crisis.

## CHANDIGARH

**PlayWrite signs up Saaniya**

Professional golfer Saaniya Sharma, the current No. 3 on the Hero Women's Professional Golf Tour Order of Merit, has signed up with PlayWrite Foundation as part of the company's player management project. AGENCIES

## TODAY ON TV

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# After Srikanth nosebleed row, BWF steps in

BANGKOK, JANUARY 13

Badminton's governing body BWF has said it will work with Thai health authorities to ensure "comfortable" Covid-19 testing conditions at the Thailand Open after Indian shuttler Kidambi Srikanth was left with a bloody nose following a test.

The world No. 14 had described tests conducted at the event as "unacceptable" in a tweet that was accompa-

nied by an image of blood dripping down his face following a fourth mandatory test on Tuesday.

The BWF said Badminton Association of Thailand (BAT) had explained that Srikanth's issue arose due to his most recent test "possibly causing irritation and fragility of the capillaries".

"When the swab was repeated on Tuesday, and factoring in the athlete's tense nature, the position of the



Srikanth said none of the four tests he underwent in Bangkok was comfortable. PHOTOS: SRIKANTH/TWITTER

## UNACCEPTABLE: SRIKANTH

"We take care of ourselves for the match not to come and shed blood for THIS. However, I gave 4 tests after I have arrived and I can't say any of them has been pleasant. Unacceptable!"

stick in the nasal passage was misaligned, which

caused the slight bleeding noticed from the tip of the swab," BAT said in statement.

"The Covid-19 staff member didn't notice bleeding from the athlete's nose and there was no complaint from Kidambi... It's not known whether he had blown his nose or stuck tissue up his nostrils which could have caused more blood vessels to rupture," it added. — Agencies.

# Ankita falls at last hurdle of Aus qualifiers

MELBOURNE, JANUARY 13

Ankita Raina's bid to qualify for a Grand Slam singles main draw failed yet again when she lost the final round of the Australian Open qualifying event to Serbian Olga Danilovic today.

In the women's singles qualifiers being held in Dubai, Ankita lost the third and final round 2-6 6-3 1-6 to her Serbian opponent in almost two hours. Not being able to win points on her first serve hurt Ankita.

It was the Indian's sixth attempt to qualify for a competition at the grand stage.

Her defeat means that Sumit Nagal will be the only Indian to compete in the singles event in the first Grand Slam of the season.

Nagal has been awarded a wild card entry into the men's singles.

Ramkumar Ramanathan had lost in the first round of the men's singles qualifying event while Prajesh Gunnswaran lost his second round to French player Constant Lestienne 2-6 3-6. PTI

# Langer defends Smith action

BRISBANE, JANUARY 13

Australia coach Justin Langer has defended Steve Smith against allegations that he had erased/changed the batting guard of Indian batsman Rishabh Pant on the final day of the Sydney Test.

"Absolute load of rubbish. If anyone knows Steve Smith, he's a bit quirky and we've all laughed about it for the past couple of years," Langer said about the allegations.

"Anyone who suggests for one millisecond he was trying to do something untoward, they are way out of line. Give me a break!" added Langer. — Agencies



Footage from stump-cam showed Steve Smith scuffing the crease, and Rishabh Pant had to take a fresh guard.

Ankita Raina

# Ravaged Indians at Fort Gabba

Indians start training at venue where Australia haven't lost a Test since 1988

BRISBANE, JANUARY 13

The injury-ravaged Indian team today underwent its first training session at the Gabba here, hoping to field 11 fit players in the series-deciding fourth Test against Australia.

Ruled out of the last Test with an abdominal strain, pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah accompanied the visiting team for its training session.

However, India's fast bowlers were rested from training. An India team spokesman confirmed that the squad's fast bowlers did not train today.

With seasoned quicks Mohammed Shami (broken arm), Ishant Sharma (side strain) and Umesh Yadav (calf) out of the series, Bumrah's absence would mean calling up either one-Test paceman Shardul Thakur or giving left-arm T. Natarajan an unlikely Test debut.

Two-test Mohammed Siraj, who bowled in Sydney with Bumrah and debutant Navdeep Saini, could end up being the most experienced mem-



LEFT: Bowling coach Bharat Arun has a chat with Shardul Thakur and Jasprit Bumrah at Gabba and (above) Rohit Sharma explains something to his teammates. PHOTOS: BCCI

## Langer sees IPL link to injuries

BRISBANE, JANUARY 13

Aussie coach Justin Langer has suggested that the IPL may have been the cause of the injuries to the players.

Immediately after the IPL ended on November 11 in the UAE, Indian and Australian players reached Australia.

Chinaman bowler Kuldeep Yadav was seen bowling at the nets and there is a chance that he could be picked for the match, with all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja ruled out due to a fractured thumb. — Agencies

the white-ball series and (India) through the Test series. We'll review this, but I can't help think that the IPL this year probably wasn't ideal timing for anyone..."

Rohit Sharma, Ishant Sharma and Bhuvneshwar Kumar were injured during the IPL. In Australia, India lost Mohammed Shami and Umesh Yadav, KL Rahul, Ravindra Jadeja, Hanuma Vihari and Jasprit Bumrah due to injuries. — Agencies



It was good tennis from both of us... I'm proud of the fighting spirit I showed today. — Ankita Raina

## Hairdressers protest players' haircuts!

BRISBANE, JANUARY 13

German hairdressers are protesting that the country's football players look suspiciously well groomed amid the lockdown. They say that many players have had recent trims despite salons being closed since December 16, which is encouraging people to convince barbers to cut their hair illicitly. — Reuters

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Dated: 11.01.2021

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF BUS TERMINAL AMRITSAR

Online e-tenders are invited in two bid system (Technical & Financial bid) for "Operation & Maintenance of Bus Terminal Amritsar. The detailed RFP documents can be seen/downloaded w.e.f. 15.01.2021 onwards from the website www.eproc.punjab.gov.in. The Technical Bids as well as Financial Bids should be submitted/uploaded online at www.eproc.punjab.gov.in on or before 09.02.2021 up to 4:00 p.m. The Technical Bids will be opened on 10.02.2021 at 12:30 p.m. Pre-bid meeting will be held on 21.01.2021 at 12:15 p.m. For any query please contact on helpline No. 0172-2791326, 0172-2791226 and 7973667526.

Note:- Corrigendum/Addendum etc., if any, shall be uploaded on the website only.

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Sd/- MANAGING DIRECTOR

**Sports Authority of India (Personnel Division)**

Regional Centre, Patiala Road, Near Gurudwara Sri Nabha Sahib, Zirakpur (Mohali), Punjab — 140603

## SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANT CHEF ON CONTRACT BASIS

Sports Authority of India an autonomous organization under the Administrative control of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports with its Regional Centre invites application from the eligible candidates for engagement as Catering staff on contract basis for NOCO Dharamshala, H.P.

2. The details of the posts and eligibility criteria are as under:

Sr. No.	Particular	No. of Person required	Monthly Remuneration (Rs.)	Age Limit	Qualification and Experience Required
1.	Assistant Chef	01	30,000 to 50,000	Not more than 50 years	1. Diploma in Hotel Management or Equivalent. 2. Certificate Chef course that last 6-12 months. 3. Relevant experience in the field for 2 years. Desirable 1. Qualification from National Council of Hotel Management and Catering Technology, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India. 2. Work experience in the field of sports.

The requirement can be increased/decreased at the discretion of SAI.

## 2.1 ABOUT SAI

SAI is an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, with the mandate of development and promotion of Sports in the country. SAI's main objective today is to achieve excellence in sports and train & prepare sportspersons to participate in international competitions. It has international standard sports infrastructure spread across the country along with trained coaches to achieve its objectives.

## 3. Terms & conditions of contractual engagement.

a) Tenure:- Initially contractual engagement will be for a period of three years extendable by another three years. At the end of every year, performance will be evaluated for annual increment. However, periodic evolution shall be made on performance and if found not satisfactory contract shall be terminated at any time by giving one month notice.

b) Age Limit:- The maximum age shall not be more than 50 years on the last date of receipt of applications. Candidate should note that only the Date of Birth as recorded in the Matriculation/Secondary Examination Certificate or an equivalent certificate as on the date of submission of application will be accepted and no subsequent request for its change will be considered or granted.

c) Remuneration:- Will be finalized based on performance and experience.

d) Tax Deduction at source:- The Income Tax or any other Tax liable to be deducted, as per the prevailing rule will be deducted at source before effecting the payments, for which the SAI will issue TDS certificates/Service Tax, as applicable.

e) Other Allowances:- No TA DA shall be admissible for joining the assignment or its completion. No other facilities like DA Accommodation Residential Phone Conveyance/Transport, Personal Staff Medical reimbursement, HRA and LTC etc. would be admissible to them.

f) Leave:- They will be entitled for 30 days leave in a calendar year on pro-rata basis. Therefore, the contract employee shall not draw any remuneration in case of his/her absence beyond 30 days in a year. Also un-availed leave in a calendar year will lapse and will not be carried forward to the next calendar year.

4. Selection Process:- The candidates who fulfill the eligibility criteria may appear for walk-in interview at the following address along with application form duly filled in and documents in original (with photocopy) on the following dates.

Venue Date of Interview Name of the post Timings

SAI RC ZIRAKPUR 22.01.2021 Assistant Chef 10:00 a.m.

## 5. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

a) Candidates should ascertain, before appearing for walk-in interview, that they satisfy all the eligibility conditions as stipulated in the advertisement.

Candidates

## Tackling bird flu



A worker disinfects a poultry farm in Karad, Maharashtra. PTI

The Centre has asked states to issue advisories on dos and don'ts on consumption of poultry and eggs.

Cases of bird flu have been confirmed in 10 states and mortality in Ganderbal district of J&K and four districts of Jharkhand. TNS

## Crores of farmers benefited from insurance scheme: PM

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On the completion of five years of Centre's flagship insurance scheme for farmers — the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) — Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the scheme had benefited crores of farmers by mitigating farming risks against the vagaries of nature.

The Agriculture Ministry urged the farmers to avail benefits of the scheme. Former Agriculture Secretary Siraj Hussain said: "It is a good

scheme. In several states, including Haryana, claims have exceeded the gross premium. Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar called for a need to raise awareness, citing examples where the scheme was able to safeguard the interests of farmers.

"A sum of Rs 90,000 crore has been paid as claims to the farmers till now. The scheme was fully operational during the lockdown, distributing claims of over 8741.3 crore to 69.70 lakh farmers across India, which is highly commendable," Tomar said.

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## Don't decriminalise adultery in armed forces: Centre to SC

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More than two years after the Supreme Court decriminalised adultery by declaring Section 497 of the IPC unconstitutional, the Centre has moved the Supreme Court with a plea that the historic verdict shouldn't apply to the armed forces as it may cause instability among personnel who stay away from family.

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tion as it treated them as chattels. The top court had, however, said adultery would be a ground for divorce in matrimonial proceedings and cautioned that the verdict should not be taken as a licence to indulge in such acts.

Striking down the adultery law, the top court had said, "This (Section 497 IPC) treats the woman as a chattel. It treats her as the property of man and totally subservient to the will of the master. It is a reflection of the social dominance that was prevalent when the penal provision was drafted."

"The enforcement of forced female fidelity by curtailing sexual autonomy is an affront to the fundamental right to dignity and equality," said the top court. It treated a married woman as a property of the husband," the Bench had said.

It had said, "In treating a woman as chattel for the purposes of this provision, it is clear that such provision discriminates against women on grounds of sex only, and must be struck down on this ground as well."



India sees an opportunity to make Taiwan a destination for its workers.

## India, Taiwan to ink labour mobility pact

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India and Taiwan are negotiating a labour mobility pact that will institutionalise the movement of professionals from here to Taipei, said sources.

With falling demographics like its East Asian peers Japan and South Korea — Taiwan last year recorded more deaths than births — India senses an opportunity to make the island nation a destination for its skilled workers. "We are looking at every sector," said the sources.

Taiwan currently employs about 7 lakh foreign workers and feels the need for more. There are 10,000 Indians living in Taiwan, the biggest group being of students.

There are also several very rich Indians based in Taiwan with business in gems and jewellery but the labour mobility pact would ensure many more could become expatriates in a country that by law prohibits different wage scales for local and foreign workers. With a minimum pay of \$24,000 annually, Taiwan is an attractive destination for Indian workers, said the sources.

Thailand, which began sending workers to Taiwan 20 years ago, and Vietnam have an advantage because of their huge ethnic Chinese community. As a result, there are no language barriers. After the Galwan clash, the die has been cast for a prolonged chill in Sino-Indian ties, giving the idea a second life. But the mobility of Indian workers to Taiwan could run aground on the language issue as there are a few Mandarin speakers.



## MAKING A LIVING

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## INDIA NEEDS TO MOVE FAST

■ The idea of a labour mobility pact began making the rounds of South Block three years ago. But the Wuhan and Chennai informal summits between Chinese President Xi Jinping and PM Narendra Modi put it on the back burner.

■ Sources said India will have to move fast on a labour mobility pact because Taiwan has already signed one with Malaysia but has not activated it.

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