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Unions reject laws-on-hold offer

Won't shift R-Day tractor rally route, talks with cops end in impasse

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NEW DELHI/SONEPAT, JANUARY 21

Protesting farm unions today rejected the government's offer to suspend the three contentious agri laws for a year and a half, or any mutually agreed period, and set up a joint committee to find an amicable solution to end the impasse.

The Sanyukt Kisan Morcha, an umbrella body of around 40 unions, made the announcement following a meeting at Singhu border. It appeared to be a difficult decision for the union leaders to make as they held several rounds of talks through the



TOMAR MEETS AMIT SHAH AHEAD OF 11TH ROUND OF TALKS

SC PANEL INTERACTS WITH 10 FARM BODIES

■ The Supreme Court-appointed panel on Thursday interacted with 10 farmer outfits from eight states

■ The states are UP, Karnataka, Kerala, MP, Maharashtra, Odisha, Telangana and TN

17 PUNJAB UNIONS VOTED AGAINST OFFER: SOURCES

<< Farmers during their ongoing protest at Singhu border. PTI

day and even sought opinion from the protesters gathered on Delhi's borders. The Haryana Police, meanwhile, have cancelled leave of its

personnel in view of the stir. Sources claimed 17 of the total 32 farm unions of Punjab rejected the Centre's offer, terming it as a "tactic to derail

the agitation by dividing the farmers". "Repeal of the three central laws and a legislation for remunerative MSP were

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IN BRIEF

Army jawan killed in Pak firing in Poonch

JAMMU: Havildar Nirmal Singh of the 10 JAK Rifles of the Army was killed when Pakistani troops opened fire on forward positions along the LoC in Poonch district of J&K on Thursday. The Army responded to the enemy fire in a befitting manner, sources said. — PTI

81% turnout in last phase of HP panchayat poll

SHIMLA, JANUARY 21

Around 81 per cent polling was reported in the third and final phase of voting for the panchayati raj institutions in Himachal Pradesh today.

According to the State Election Commission, polling was held in 1,137 gram panchayats with the highest 94 per cent

turnout reported at Lodhi Majra panchayat in Nalagarh development block of Solan district. Forty-nine Covid-19 patients and persons in isolation also cast their vote by following standard operating procedures across the state. The counting of votes will begin at 8.30 am tomorrow. **INSIDE**



Pb, Hry among 10 most innovative states: Niti Aayog

NEW DELHI: Haryana (6th) and Punjab (10th) find place among the top 10 most innovative states even as Karnataka ranks first, the NITI Aayog has said in its report "India Innovation Index 2020". Released by Aayog Vice Chairman Rajiv Kumar, the index places Himachal at the top among the hill and north-eastern states. Chandigarh ranks second among the UTs after Delhi. **INSIDE**



FIVE DEAD IN SII FIRE

A fire broke out at Pune's Serum Institute of India on Thursday. Adar Poonawalla, CEO, said Covishield production capacity won't be hit. PTI

PM, CMs, legislators to get vaccine in Phase-II

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 21

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, all CMs, MPs and MLAs above 50 years of age will get Covid vaccine shots in Phase-II of the national drive.

All public representatives above 50 years of age and those below 50 with underlying conditions will be covered in the subsequent phase. The Covid-19 responders hope the inoculation of top personalities will help stave off hesitancy.

Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan acknowledged hesitancy challenges for the vaccine drive, saying: "It is paradoxical that other countries are asking for access to India-made vaccines and our people are doubting it due to misinformation".



3 MILLION DOSES SENT TO NEPAL, BANGLADESH

India on Thursday handed over one million doses of Covid-19 vaccine to Nepal in sync with its Neighbourhood First policy and 2 million doses as gift to B'desh.

The Health Minister launched a communication drive to address hesitancy. After 2,33,530 inoculations today, the total number of health workers to get vaccinated stands at 10,40,014. — TNS

US REJOINS WHO

Joe Biden keeps Dems with RSS-BJP links out

SANDEEP DIKSHIT
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NEW DELHI, JANUARY 21

As strategists parse the nearly 20 Indian-Americans appointed in the Biden administration, noteworthy are those who didn't make it.

Obama administration staffer Sonal Shah as well as Amit Jani, who worked on the Biden campaign team, have so far been excluded, allegedly due to their RSS-BJP links, which has been brought into the limelight by over a dozen Indian-American organisations.

Biden's team has people like senior diplomat Uzra Zeya, who had played a role in the Devyani Khobragade case, or Samira Fazili, who had joined protest rallies in the US against the CAA,



KEY OMISSIONS

SONAL SHAH: Obama admn ex-staffer, she served in Biden's unity task force. Her father was Overseas Friends of BJP-USA chief and founded RSS-run Ekal Vidyalyaya

AMIT JANI: He was the 'Muslim Outreach' coordinator of 'Name Biden' campaign. His family reportedly has ties with PM Modi and other BJP leaders

NRC and the Kashmir lockdown. But those with RSS-BJP links have not found a

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Rehearsals on, farmers plan it big on R-Day

TRIBUNE REPORTERS

SANGRUR/PATIALA, JANUARY 21
Farm leaders across the state have backed their unions' decision in Delhi, rejecting the central government's offer to put on hold the controversial agricultural laws for next 18 months, saying now they will focus on making the proposed tractor march on Republic Day a big success.

In Sangrur, the preparations are in full swing. "Only repeal of the black laws can convince us against the tractor march. If the BJP-led central government is really serious, it must immediately repeal the laws, otherwise authorities should get ready to make proper arrangements for the tractor march," said Harjinder Singh Gharachon, a Bhartiya Kisan Union (Ugrahan) Bhawanigarh leader.

From Patiala, farmers and youth leaders are openly gathering support and reaching out to villagers to join the



Farmers hold a rehearsal for the Republic Day march in Amritsar; and protesters at the Singhu border. PH

HELD BY UP POLICE

Uttar Pradesh Police have arrested me at Bilaspur, Pilibhit. My offence — I have been raising voice for farmers rights... is that a criminal offence?



Manjinder S Sirsa, SAD LEADER



tractor rally proposed in Delhi on Republic Day. "We have asked students and employees to apply for a three-day leave, from January 24 to 27, to participate in the proposed tractor march from Tikri border to Delhi on January 26", said Youth Congress leader Mansimrat Singh Riar.

The Congress leader has joined many others in Pun-

Centre's offer a huge achievement: Farmers

jab who are making arrangements to join the protesters at Delhi borders for the tractor march against the contentious farm laws. They are disposing of their work in advance to ensure their participation in the tractor parade. "We will go there with all my friends and family members. On January 26 we will be in Delhi. I have already applied for a two-day leave from my online classes", said Rajan Verma,

a mathematics tutor.

In Jalandhar, farmers stated that people had lost trust in the government and its leaders. Satnam S Kalhon, general secretary, BKU (Doaba), said: "We have strongly opposed any proposal of the government to bury the issue by deciding to put the laws on hold. We will not settle for anything less than the repeal."

Farmers from the Majha region, too, echoed similar views. Farmer leader Rattan Singh Randhawa of Jamhoori Kisan Sabha: "It is the same government which was adamant and claimed that the laws are good for farmers. Now, if it has offered to put the laws on hold, it is an achievement of the people. Keeping in consideration the sentiments and aspirations of people, it should now repeal the Acts at the earliest."

Farmer Rawel Singh from Chahal said: "The Centre just wants to end the protest. Its offer is just a tactic to delay the decision on the laws."

₹20L relief given to kin of 4 deceased

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LUDHIANA, JANUARY 21

The district administration has provided a compensation of Rs 20 lakh to the next of kin of four farmers, who had died during the ongoing protest against the farm laws.

Deputy Commissioner Varinder Kumar Sharma today said Rs 5 lakh was handed over to each of the bereaved families on the instructions of Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh, who had allocated the amount from the CM's Relief Fund.

He said the case of the fifth farmer, who had also died during the protest, was being processed and the compensation would be handed over to his family shortly. So far, five farmers from Ludhiana district have died due to different reasons during the protest.

The farmers who had lost their lives included Baljin-

Case of fifth farmer under process

der Singh of Jhamat village in Payal subdivision, who had died in a road accident near Kurukshetra (Haryana) when he was returning home on December 1 last; Gurmeet Singh of Machhiwara who died of a heart attack at the railway station in Samrala on November 18 last; Gajjan Singh of Khatra village near Samrala who died during farmers' protest at Delhi border on November 29 last; and Harminder Singh Rai of Jangpur village who died in a road accident while returning from the protest on December 21 last.

"The Punjab Government is committed to provide relief to the farmers who are protesting against the farm laws of the Union Government on the Delhi borders," said the DC.

Centre targeting state over farm stir, says FM

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CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 21

Punjab is being asked to pay the price for the farmers' agitation, which itself was necessitated by the enactment of three farm laws that were against the interests of farmers, says Punjab Finance Minister Manpreet Singh Badal.

The withholding of the Rural Development Fund (RDF) by the Centre was directly linked to the ongoing agitation against the farm laws, said Badal. "We are being collectively targeted by the Government of India," he told The Tribune on the sidelines of the State Credit Seminar organised by NABARD here today.

On January 19, the Union Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution had written to the state government saying they would pay just one per cent RDF against the three per cent usually paid to the state. This would lead to a loss of Rs 800 crore to the state, thereby

Rural fund withheld; to cause ₹800-cr loss



HAVE A BIGGER HEART

The Union Government should have a bigger heart and not make the people of Punjab suffer by withholding money due to them.

Manpreet Singh Badal, FINANCE MINISTER

adversely affecting development works.

"Withholding of a major portion of the RDF on paddy purchase in 2020 is one such step. The Centre is also not conceding to the demand of hundreds of farmers to acquire their land beyond the border fencing. They graze the land by enduring hardship to help the armed forces keep better vigil. We have written to the Niti Aayog on this issue, but to no avail," he said.

Badal told The Tribune the funds that the Centre was withholding were being given to the state the past six

decades. "Asking Punjab to respond on how we have utilised the RDF is akin to citizens asking the government on how they utilise the income tax paid by them to the government.

"However, we responded to their letter, alleging misuse of the RDF, giving them details of fund utilisation over the past 10 years. They have still gone ahead and withheld the RDF. The government should have a bigger heart and not make the people of Punjab suffer by withholding money due to them," he said.

Farmers hold ADC captive over land acquisition

BATHINDA, JANUARY 21

Scores of farmers from different villages gheraoed ADC Rajdeep Singh Brar at Lehra Mohabbat village in Bathinda. Brar along with pollution control board officials had gone to the village to hear out objections being raised by farmers from different villages regarding the acquisition of land for the construction of expressway from Amritsar to Jamnagar.

Inderjit Singh, president, Zameen Bachao Sanghrash Committee, said, "The ADC along with other officials was held captive inside a school by the farmers from different villages for an hour. Later, on the condition of accepting a memorandum of demands from farmers and taking up the matter with the union government we agreed to release them." "District administration officials had scheduled a meeting to hear out objections being raised by farmers at Lehra Mohabbat on Thursday. — TNS



YAD activists burn an effigy of PM Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah in Bathinda. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Modi's effigy burnt over NIA notices

BATHINDA, JANUARY 21

Youth Akali Dal (YAD) members staged a protest and burnt effigies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah in Bathinda, expressing their resentment over notices being served to people supporting the farmers' agitation at the Delhi borders.

The protesting YAD members said notices and summons by the NIA were nothing but pressure tactics of the Central Government to sabotage the farmers' agitation that by now had gained unprecedented support both in the country and overseas.

YAD president Parambans Singh Romana condemned

the recent notices sent by the NIA to all those who had extended help to the farmers' agitation. He said, "Punjabis have always risen as one against repression and the more the Centre tries to suppress the peaceful agitation, the more Punjabis will bounce back to counter the aggression," he said. — TNS

Warring pledges ₹1L for family of deceased farmer

MUKTSAR, JANUARY 21

Congress MLA from Gidderbaha Amrinder Singh Raja Warring today announced that he would give Rs 1 lakh from his salary to the family of Jagdish Singh, 61, of Lunde-wala village, who died of cardiac arrest at the Tikri border on January 11.

Warring today attended the condolence meeting of the deceased, where he also handed over a cheque for Rs 5 lakh on behalf of the state govern-

SGPC, too, pitches in with ₹1L relief

ment to the family. Besides, he announced a memorial for the deceased farmer in the village. The Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC), too, gave a cheque for Rs 1 lakh to the family.

"It is our duty to pay respect to our martyr farmers. I have handed over a cheque of Rs 5 lakh to the family, also announced to give Rs 1 lakh from my own salary," the MLA said. — TNS

NABARD bats for perks to give crop diversification push

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CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 21

Development finance institution NABARD has projected a credit requirement of Rs 2.5 lakh crore during 2021-22 fiscal under priority sector lending in the state. This represents an overall increase of about nine per cent over the projections for 2020-21. Of the aggregate credit potential, the share of crop loan is pegged at Rs 98,400 crore (39% of total) and agriculture term loan at Rs 46,800 crore (19%).

This was stated by Dr Rajiv Siwach, CGM, NABARD, during the state credit seminar for the next fiscal here today.

Punjab Finance Minister Manpreet Singh Badal, the chief guest, released the State Focus Paper for 2021-22. The focus paper — Collectivisation of agricultural produce for enhancing farmers' income — is aimed at improving farm economy through promotion of farmer producers' organisation to take benefit of economies of scale.

Highlighting concern about stagnation in agriculture productivity and depleting water tables, Dr Siwach advocated incentive-based policy initiatives by state government for diversification.

The Finance Minister reminded the stakeholders of



9% rise in bank's credit need during 2021-22

"farz" (responsibility) with "fiqr" (sincerity) towards the future of the country and eradication of ills such as poverty. He called upon the people of the state to once again lead the country as they always have.

Referring to the issue of crop diversification, the minister called for an MSP component for backing farmers who shunned stubble burning and mobilise projects for harvesting biofuels rather than implementing forceful policies. He outlined the potential of goat sector and the promise of Punjab in being the goat state of the country.

Acknowledging the resource constraint induced by the pandemic, he underlined the importance for readiness to counter such pandemics in the future. Badal called out NABARD to organise more such seminars focused on startups and FPOs.

MP sings in stir's support

FARIDKOT, JANUARY 21

Folk Singer and Faridkot MP Mohammad Sadiq has lent his voice to a song in support of the farmers' agitation against the farm legislations. Sadiq, in this song, gives a call to the farmers — "jeeta ge jarur jari jang rakhio" (you will win definitely, fight on).

The 7 minute 30 seconds duration song has been written by Babu Singh Maan, also known as Maan Maraaranh Wala of Faridkot, a known lyricist of Punjabi-folk songs. — TNS

AAP plans bike rallies

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 21

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) will mobilise people by holding motorcycle rallies across the state for the 'kisan tractor parade', to be organised by farmers on January 26.

In a joint statement issued from the party headquarters, state president and MP Bhagwant Mann and Kisan Wing president Kultar Singh Sandhwan said the party would hold motorcycle rallies across Punjab on January 23. They said people would be mobilised to join the 'tractor parade' being organised by farmers on January 26.

Jakhar at Jantar Mantar



PPCC chief Sunil Jakhar joins party MPs and MLAs protesting the farm laws at Jantar Mantar in Delhi. MUKESH AGGARWAL

To garner support for R-Day march

The leaders said for the first time after the Independence, there would be a procession where youth and farmers of the country would parade together on Delhi roads.

"Today, our country is going through a very critical period and all the rights enshrined in the Constitution are being trampled upon by Narendra Modi-led central government," they added. — TNS

Centre not serious: SAD

BATHINDA, JANUARY 21

SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal today said the central government was not serious about finding solution to farmers' agitation in an amicable manner, stressing there was no need to hold several rounds of meetings when there was a unanimous view among farmers that the farm laws be repealed.

He said: "Farmer organisations are worthy of appreciation as despite the government's provocative stance they have managed to keep the agitation peaceful." — TNS

Jalalabad farmers hold rally, protest farm laws

FAZILKA, JANUARY 21

A large number of farmers held a tractor rally to motivate villagers to participate in the proposed tractor parade in New Delhi on January 26.

Gurwinder Singh Mannewala, president, BKU (Ekta-Ugrahan), Fazilka unit, said the rally commenced from the Mahmu Joiya toll plaza, where the farmers have been staging a permanent protest for the past two months. Passing through 11 villages and Jalalabad town,

200 tractors to leave for Delhi stir

the rally covered 20 km.

Farmers raised slogans against the Modi government and BJP leaders during the rally. "After two days, about 200 tractors will leave for Delhi to participate in the parade there," claimed Mannewala. He said the farmers would not end protest until the three agricultural laws were repealed. — OC

Moga artists' farm tableau in spotlight

KULWINDER SANDHU

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KILI CHAHAL (MOGA), JANUARY 21

Ahead of the proposed tractor march on Republic Day, hundreds of farmers took out a tractor march in villages of Moga district on Thursday. The main attraction of the rally was a tableau depicting a farmer ploughing a field with a pair of bullocks.

The tableau also shows Dr MS Swaminathan, with one of his hands gently placed on the shoulder of the farmer and the other holding a copy of the National Commission on Farmers' report, which was released by him, nearly 14 years ago.

The tableau is made of carbon fibre that also has gun metal, sandstone, cement, and plaster of



A tableau, depicting bullocks ploughing a field, on a tractor during a rehearsal for the Republic Day march in Moga. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Will be showcased in farmers' R-Day march

paris making it a beautiful piece of art.

Known as the father of green revolution in the country, Dr Swaminathan

submitted his report to the Centre to fix the MSP for crops after calculating the cost inputs and adding at least 50 per cent profit to it.

The protesting farmers in the tractor march urged the Centre to implement the Swaminathan report, repeal the controversial farm laws and continue with the government purchase of foodgrains in all states.

The tableau was crafted by famous artist Manjit Singh with the help of his brother Surjit Singh a few months ago. With farmers protesting against the controversial laws, the tableau is being taken to many places in Punjab and Haryana to instill confidence among the farmers to fight for their rights.

The art work, which has already drawn a considerable public attention, will also be showcased during the upcoming tractor rally in Delhi on Republic Day.

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I, Manoneet Singh Kashyap s/o Bikram Singh, Village Balouti, PO Khetpurali, Bhoj Matour, District Panchkula, Haryana -134204, have changed my name from Manoneet Singh Kashyap to Manoneet Singh. (CL20086679)

I, Loveneet Kaur D/o Balwinder Singh R/o Village Balrampur, District Ropar, have changed my name to Loveleen Kaur. (CL20086691)

I, Resham Singh Chauhan s/o Hazura Singh, 15416, Mata Jee Vee Nagar, Bathinda have changed my name to Resham Singh. (CL20086771)

I, Murari Lal Sexena s/o Late Mangal Ram r/o H.No. 20/1 Saini Building, Raipur Khurd near old Airport Chowk, Chandigarh have changed my name to Murari Lal Sexena. (CL20086899)

I, No. 6917565 Hav (Clerk) Vijay Kumar r/o VPO Chari, Tehsil Shahpur, Distt. Kangra, (HP), declare that my wife's name in my Army record wrongly entered as Bharti Gurung, whereas her correct name is Bharti Thakur. Concerned note it. (CL20086934)

I, Mehakdeep Kaur d/o Amritbir Singh Dhothar resident of Fatehgarh Sahib, have changed my name to Mehakdeep Kaur Dhothar. (CL20087020)

I, Ranjan s/o Subhash Chand r/o Village Kalehar, PO & Tehsil Dadasiaba, Distt. Kangra (HP) India, declare that I have changed my name from Ranjan to Ranjan Kumar for all purposes in future. (CL20087023)

I, 4360638N Ex. Hav. Nand Lal s/o Bishan Dass, VPO Ispur, Teh. Haroli, Distt. Una (HP), have declared that in my Army documents name of my daughter wrongly entered as Shalu Devi Saini instead of Shalu Rani. (CL20087025)

COURT NOTICE

(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)

In the Court of
Sh. Ranjan Kumar Khullar
Additional Principal Judge,
Family Court,
Hoshiarpur.
Vikas Gautam aged 30 years son of Harmesh Chander, r/o VPO Hardokhanpur, Teh. and Distt. Hoshiarpur through his attorney Sh. Harmesh Chander son of Baij Nath, r/o VPO Hardokhanpur, Tehsil and Distt. Hoshiarpur.

....Petitioner
Versus
Akankashi Gautam wife of Vikas Gautam daughter of Sh. Chander Mohan Bakshi, r/o VPO Hardokhanpur, Tehsil and Distt. Hoshiarpur.
....Respondent
Petition under Section 13 of Hindu Marriage Act 1955.
CNR No.: PBH001-004089-2019
Next Date: 10.02.2021
Publication issued to:
Akankashi Gautam wife of Vikas Gautam daughter of Sh. Chander Mohan Bakshi, r/o VPO Hardokhanpur, Tehsil and Distt. Hoshiarpur.

In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 10.02.2021 at 10.00 a.m.
For details login to
https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=hoshiarpur
Dated, this day of 06.01.2021.
Sd/- Additional Principal Judge,
Family Court,
Hoshiarpur.
CL20083605

COURT NOTICES

(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)

(Succession Case)

In the Court of

Sh. Sukhwinder Singh

Additional Civil Judge

(Senior Division),

Phagwara.

Amarjeet Kaur

Versus

General Public

CNR No.

PBKPA0-000706-2020

Next Date: 09.02.2021

Notice to:

General Public

In above titled case, the

defendant(s)/respondent(s)

could not be served. It is

ordered that defendant(s)/

respondent(s) should appear

in person or through counsel

on 09.02.2021 at 10:00 a.m.

For details login to

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kapurthala

Dated, this day of 08.01.2021

Sd/- Sh. Sukhwinder Singh

Additional Civil Judge

(Senior Division),

CL20083607 Phagwara.

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)

In the Court of

Sh. Jaginder Singh

Civil Judge (Jr. Division-2),

Phagwara.

Sewa Kaur @ Sevo w/o Lt. Malkiat

Singh s/o Lt. Chanchal Singh r/o

Village Sahni, Tehsil, District

Kapurthala.

Vs.

1. Gurdev Singh 2. Kuldeep Singh

both sons of Sucha Singh s/o Karam

Singh r/o Village Sahni, Tehsil,

District Kapurthala.

CNR No.

PBKPA0-000642-2020

Next Date: 08.02.2021

Suit for declaration, mandatory

injunction and permanent

injunction.

Publication Issued to: 1. Gurdev

Singh s/o Sucha Singh s/o Karam

Singh r/o Village Sahni, Tehsil,

District Kapurthala.

In above titled case, the

defendant(s)/respondent(s) could

not be served. It is ordered that

defendant(s)/respondent(s) should

appear in person or through counsel

on 08.02.2021 at 10.00 a.m.

For details login to

https://highcourthd.gov.in/?

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kapurthala

Dated, this day of 05.01.2021.

Sd/- Sh. Jaginder Singh

Civil Judge (Junior Division-2),

CL20083609 Phagwara.

In the Court of

Ms. Minakshi Mahajan

Civil Judge, Junior Division,

Amritsar.

CNR No.: PBAS020001882020

Next Date: 11.02.2021

1. Kawaljit Singh son of Sh. Jagjit

Singh.

2. Jaswinder Kaur wife of Sh. Jagjit

Singh, residents of 60-D,

Lawrence Road, Amritsar.

3. Jatinder Arora wife of Sh.

Tejinder Singh Arora, resident of

237, Basant Avenue, Amritsar.

Versus

Downtown Temptations Private

Limited and others

Petition under Section 13 of the East

Urban Rent Restriction Act.

Notice to:

3. Sarabpreet Kaur, Director of

Downtown Temptations Private

Limited.

4. Saroj Kumar Director of

Downtown Temptations Private

Limited.

5. Gursimran Singh, Director of

Downtown Temptations Private

Limited.

6. Simran Walia, Director of

Downtown Temptations Private

Limited.

All residents of 32, Mall Road,

known as Central Mall Suits, Mall

Road Amritsar.

In above titled suit respondent could

not be served. It is ordered that the

respondent should appear in person or

through counsel on 11.02.2021 at

10.00 a.m.

For details login to

https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=

district_notice&district=amritsar

Dated, this day of 11.01.2021.

Sd/- (Minakshi Mahajan)

Civil Judge, Junior Division,

CL20085867 Amritsar.

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)

In the Court of

Anoop Singh

Civil Judge

(Junior Division)-1,

Jalandhar.

Vs.

Varinder Kaur Kallu

CNR No.:

PBJL02-001319-2020

Next Date: 08.02.2021

Suit for declaration and grant of

decrece of permanent injunction

Publication issued to:

1. Varinder Kaur Kallu w/o

Late Amarjit Singh Kallu d/o

Late Joginder Singh, r/o 5,

Brailford Close, Wednesfield,

Wolverhampton, WV11 3BA,

U.K.

3. Baldev Singh s/o Late Joginder

Singh, ordinarily r/o Village

Paragpur, Tehsil and District

Jalandhar. Also residing in U.K.

In above titled case, the

defendant(s)/respondent(s) could

not be served. It is ordered that

defendant(s)/respondent(s) should

appear in person or through counsel

on 08.02.2021 at 10:00 a.m.

For details login to

https://highcourthd.gov.in/?

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Dated, this day of 18.01.2021.

Sd/- Addl. District and

Sessions Judge

CL20086409 Rupnagar.

Panel orders Pathankot doc to pay ₹50 lakh for negligence

SANJEEV SINGH BARIANA

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

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Farmers protest outside minister’s house

ANGER SPILLS Seek his resignation, raise anti-govt slogans

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

HISAR, JANUARY 21
Farmers staged a demonstration outside the residence of Minister of State Anup Dhanak and demanded his resignation in Hisar town today.
The group of protesters under the banner of Akhil Bharatiya Kisan Majdoor Sangharsh Samiti marched to his residence in the town raising anti-government slogans.

HE'S IGNORING US

“Farmers and the working class supported Anoop Dhanak. It is unfortunate that after becoming the minister, he is not ready to listen to farmers.”

Satbir Punia, FARMER LEADER

Satbir Punia, a farmer leader leading the procession, said that Anoop Dhanak represents Uklana segment in Haryana Assembly which has overwhelming number of farmers and working class. “These communities gave support and respect to Dhanak and he rose to become a minister. But it is unfortunate that after becoming minister, he is not ready to listen to farmers,” he said.



Farmers gherao the residence of Minister of State Anoop Dhanak in Hisar on Thursday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Stream of tractor-trailers on Karnal highway

PARVEEN ARORA

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KARNAL, JANUARY 21
The stark difference is hard to miss. Before the farmers’ protest, SUVs, cars, buses and trucks plied on the National Highway-44, one of the busiest roads in the country. Now, a tractor-trolley can be seen crossing the highway after every three to four minutes — farmers either on their way to Delhi border to join their brethren or returning home in Punjab.

The increased movement of tractor-trailers comes



Farmers on their way to the Singhu border on Thursday. SAYEED AHMED

ahead of farmers’ parade in Delhi on the Republic Day. This reporter spent an hour

on the NH-44 and found that around 100 tractors crossed Karnal today afternoon.

Potato seeds made sans soil in Karnal

PARVEEN ARORA

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KARNAL, JANUARY 21
Potato Technology Centre, (PTC) Shamgarh, in the district in collaboration with Central Potato Research Institute (CPRI) in Shimla and International Potato Centre (CIP), Peru, has started producing potato seeds in the air with the help of aeroponic technique.

In this technique, there is no need for soil and other growing media like coco-peat for production. The scientists say that in aeroponics technique, potato seeds are grown in mist environment. They claim potato seeds grown through this technology are free from soil-borne diseases.

“We have started the process of growing minituber (potato seed) plants with the help of aeroponic technique. It is a lat-



Scientists say potato seeds grown through this technology are free from soil-borne diseases. TRIBUNE PHOTO

est technique for growing plants and potato seed production in air or mist environment. There is no need for soil and this technology is free from soil-borne diseases,” said Dr Prem Chand Sindhu, Deputy Director, PTC, Shamgarh.

He maintained that they have established three units

which have the capacity to grow 10 lakh minitubers in one crop cycle which is of three months. The scientists claimed that production of seeds through this technique is much higher than conventional methods.

Dr Manish Sainger, senior consultant at PTC, said that on

an average, 30 minitubers and maximum 50-60 minitubers can be obtained from each plant. He said that through this technique, 7-10 times more minitubers can be obtained in comparison to conventional methods like net-house or open field.

About the technology, Dr Sainger stated that they planted tissue culture plants in the grow chambers which have pipes and nozzles for mist spray on the roots of the plant. “The roots of the plant hang in the air in the chamber and all the nutrients are provided through mist, which consists of all the required elements for plant growth and tuberisation, periodically. The upper part of plant remains at the top of the chamber,” he added. He said that the size of minitubers is uniform at 3-4 gm.

Minister suspends 3 officials

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 21

Co-operation Minister Banwari Lal conducted a surprise visit at the office of the Registrar Co-operative Societies (RCS) in Panchkula at 4.15 pm today and ordered the suspen-

sion of three employees for not maintaining the record.

They are Gamandeep, branch assistant, sugar mill; Kulvinder Singh, peon, auditor branch; and Sumit Dalal, peon, budget branch. — TNS

Public Notice for Hearing
Office of CALA cum DRO SAS Nagar
A notification U/s 3A; SO no 4156(E) dated 19.11.2020 for acquisition of land for 6 laning of IT city Kharar Kurali Road was published on 26-11-2020 in Newspaper "The Tribune (English)" and "Ajit (Punjab)" and S.O. No. 4678(E) dated 23.12.2020 was published on 29.12.2020 in Newspaper "The Tribune (English)" and "Jagbani (Punjab)" for villages:
1) Tehsil Kharar & Majri : Barauli, Andheri, Bajheri, Cholta khurd, Chudiala, Deh Kalan, Fatehgarh, Jhanjeri, Jhingar, Kanauran, Machhli Kalan, Machhli khurd, Mammupur, Padiala, Pir Sohana, Popsa, Rangian, Rurki Pukhta, Sahauran, Shekhpura, Soey Majra.
2) Tehsil SAS Nagar : Dhelpur, Giderpur, Gige Majra, Gobindgarh, Gudana, Nogari.
Some of the land owners/stakeholders submitted their objections U/s 3C. Accordingly, a public hearing for the same is scheduled to be held in the office of DRO SAS Nagar, Room no 318, Second floor, District Administration complex, SAS Nagar on 27.01.2021 at 12 noon onwards.
This is for the information of the general public and concerned. SD
CALA Cum DRO, SAS Nagar

Government of India
Ministry of AYUSH
Financial assistance in the form of Interest Subsidy for the establishment of AYUSH Super Specialty Hospitals/Day Care Centres under Champion Services Sector Scheme for Medical Value Travel.
Ministry of AYUSH invites application in the prescribed format under Central Sector Scheme for establishment of AYUSH Super Specialty Hospitals/Day Care Centres under Champion Services Sector Scheme for Medical Value Travel for the year 2020-21 from the eligible private entrepreneurs registered under Societies Registration Act/Trust/Companies Act.
2. The eligible private entrepreneurs may submit complete applications in prescribed format along with the required documents/information to the Ministry of AYUSH. The detail of guidelines is available on the website of the Ministry of AYUSH i.e. <https://main.ayush.gov.in/schemes/central-sector-scheme>
3. The applications in triplicate duly spiral bound and completed in all respect along with check list should reach to the Advisor (Ay.), Champion Services Sector Scheme Medical Value Travel, M/o AYUSH, Room No. 207, 2nd Floor, Ayush Bhawan, B-Block, GPO Complex, INA, New Delhi – 110023 within 45 days from the date of publishing in the newspaper.
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REQUIRED
Service Contractors: **SML ISUZU LIMITED** requires experienced Service Contractors for Raw Material, House Keeping Services, Cutting, Press Shop, Fabrication, Assembly, Painting and Plant Maintenance for Bus Body Plant. Contractor must possess his own ESI, PF & GST registration. Interested candidate having 2-3 years similar experience may apply to gurbir.bagga@smlisuzu.com or can send details by post to the below address latest by 15th February, 2021, contact No.: 9814738208.
Head-HR, SML Isuzu Limited
Vill Asron, Distt SBS Nagar, Punjab-144 533

जिला कार्यालय/District Office
कार्यवाही भविष्य निधि संगठन
Employees' Provident Fund Organization
अन्य एवं रोजगार मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार
Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India.
होम लैंड सिटी मॉल, 2nd Floor, Village-Kalyanpur, Sai Chakka Road Baddi, Distt Solan-173205 (H.P.)
दूरभाष/टेल: 01795-245559, ई-मेल आईडी: -do.baddi@epfindia.gov.in

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is brought to the notice of general public that Inquiry under section 7A of the Employees' Provident Fund & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 has been initiated for determination of dues against the establishment mentioned as under.

| Sr. No. | PF Code | Name of Establishment/ Employer | Period of 7A Inquiry | Next date of hearing |
|---------|------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. | HPSML-3704 | M/s Disha Public School, VPO-Chauntra, Tehsil-Joginder Nagar, Mandi, HP-175001. | 12/2004 to 06/2017 | 25/01/2021 |

Public at large is directed to submit their claim, objection if any on or before next date of hearing (preferably by email at do.baddi@epfindia.gov.in or by post). In case same is not submitted within due date, final order will be passed based on documents produced during inquiry only.

ISSUED BY
Ajit Kumar Mishra (Compliance)
Regional P.F. Commissioner-II
District Office, Baddi, HP

CENTRE MUST ACCEPT DEMANDS: HOODA
■ Former CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda has said the Centre must accept the demands of farmers in the next round of talks on Friday
■ Farmers have been protesting for the past two months against the recently enacted farm laws
■ “The Centre is pretending to be unaware of the demands of farmers, but the country knows that they are demanding withdrawal of the laws,” Hooda said
■ The Leader of the Opposition was in Rohtak on Thursday; he said the farmers were also demanding a law on the MSP
■ The former CM visited the families of deceased farmer Jayabagwan of Pakasma village to offer condolences
■ He demanded grant of martyr status to the farmers who lost their lives during the stir, financial aid to their families and jobs to their dependents
■ “Around 150 farmers have lost their lives. Rather than accepting the demands of the farmers, the Centre is using tricks to end the movement,” he said
■ Hooda promised that the Congress would provide relief to bereaved families on coming to power. TNS



Players fight it out during a kabaddi match at Kundli on Thursday.

Kabaddi meet to raise funds for farmers’ kin

MUKESH TANDON

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SONEPAT, JANUARY 21
Members of a Germany-based club organised a kabaddi tournament at Kundli near Singhu border today. Hundreds of agitating farmers, especially youth and elderly enjoyed the tourney.

Besides, the farmers’ protest against the three farm laws continued on the 56th day on Thursday. The tournament was organised by Sher-e-Punjab Maharaja Ranjeet Singh Club of Germany, said Mandeep Singh, a member of the organising committee, adding that president of the club Kuldeep Singh and Inderjeet Singh Josan from Germany had arrived at Singhu border for the tournament.

The motive behind organising the tournament was to collect funds to provide financial help to

Six teams from Punjab, two from Haryana participate in event

the families of the farmers who died during the ongoing protest here, he said.

Eight teams — six from Punjab and two from Haryana — comprising of various national and international players of kabaddi participated in the tournament, said Mandeep Singh.

“It has been around two months that we are protesting against the three farm laws, but the government is paying no heed to our demands,” said Sanjampreet Singh, a farmer from Moga. Deep Singh, an elderly person from Samrala, said kabaddi tournaments were famous in Punjab and most players belonged to the families of farmers.

Six wanted criminals arrested


GURUGRAM, JANUARY 21

Six wanted criminals were arrested from Dwarka Expressway. The accused are

Hitesh, Rahul, Lalit, Rohit, Neeraj and Neeraj Singh. They belong to ‘Tota’ gang, led by Sunil alias Tota. — OC

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
NOTIFICATION
New Delhi, the 15th December, 2020
S.O. 4554(E).—In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.), maintenance, management and operation of NH70 in the stretch of land from Km 224 to Km264.96 (Sub Divisional Officer (Civil), Mandi) in the district of MANDI in the state of HIMACHAL PRADESH, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.
Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section (1) of section 3C of the said Act.
Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, Sub Divisional Officer (Civil), Mandi in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.
Any order made by the competent authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.
The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.

SCHEDULE
Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling NH70 in the stretch of land from NH70 (Sub Divisional Officer (Civil), Mandi) in the district of MANDI in the state of HIMACHAL PRADESH

| State: HIMACHAL PRADESH | | | | District: MANDI | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| S. No | Survey/Plot Number | Type of Land | Nature of Land | Area (in Local Unit) | Area (in Hectare) |
| Taluk: Kotli | | | | | |
| Village: Buhnli Sarwari (27) | | | | | |
| 1 | 871/1 | Government | Jangal Mehfuja Mehduda | 0.0674000(Hectare) | 0.0674000 |
| 2 | 872/1 | Government | Jangal Mehfuja Gair Mehduda | 0.1157000(Hectare) | 0.1157000 |
| Village : Sai (52) | | | | | |
| 1 | 1102 | Government | Gair Mumkin Sadak | 0.0732000(Hectare) | 0.0732000 |
| Taluk: Sadar | | | | | |
| Village: Chadyara/346 | | | | | |
| 1 | 137/1 | Private | Gair Mumkin Makaan | 0.0020000(Hectare) | 0.0020000 |
| Total | | | | 0.2583 | 0.2583 |

[F. No. RW/NH-12014/853/2014/HP/NH-I/3A]
RAJESH GUPTA, Director

The Tribune

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Victory for farmers

Centre's seen reason, protesters should return triumphant

FINALLY, the Union government has seen reason and agreed to keep the contentious farm laws on hold for a year and a half. This is a moment of triumph for the farmers, who braved one of the worst winters in recent times to sit in the cold amidst a raging pandemic to demand what they believed was just. One of the negotiators from the government's side — minister Som Parkash — reportedly agreed to the suspension of the laws for two years, but Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar announced a moratorium for six months less. The farmers can seek a longer period of suspension and engage with the government in an effective dialogue through their own committee to put forth their fears and conditions; but, meanwhile, this is a victory as definitive as it comes and the farmers should savour it in the winter sun on their farms.

The government had taken a maximalist position when it rammed the farm Bills through the Rajya Sabha without a proper division as propriety demanded. Parliamentary democracy has built-in mechanisms to evolve consensus through committees; and laws that impinge on the livelihoods of millions of farmers ought to have been discussed thoroughly in those consultative and standing committees before being rolled out like bulldozers on standing crops. The protests that ensued have taken a huge toll on the people of Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh and Himachal Pradesh in terms of over 60 lives lost, six farmers committing suicide, disruption of traffic and livelihood; yet, the farmers were remarkably restrained, not letting emotions override the philosophy of non-violence.

The whole nation should salute these farmers for their fortitude, discipline, tenacity and endurance. They taught a few lessons in community living, langar and sewa to the rest of the nation, making this protest unique. Now, they should not repeat the government's mistake by taking an extreme position. They should return triumphant to their villages. The planned tractor rally should now be a joyous victory parade celebrating the Republic and the farmer-citizens, who send their children to fight and die for the Republic.

The Biden-Kamala era

India needs to sidestep the eddies

THE most-used words in Joe Biden's inaugural speech were 'America, American and Americans' and 'nation, people and democracy'. The message to heal a badly-split America, its apogee reached in the mob assault on the Capitol barely a fortnight back, is understandably Biden's top-most priority. But apart from some intense navel-gazing, Biden also declared that 'America is back'. Hopefully, this will not be an America that under Trump was nickel-and-dime even close allies. India was robbed of zero-duty access to over Rs 40,000 crore worth of exports to the US and PM Modi mocked for high import duty on Harley Davidson motorcycles.

Though India has been a bipartisan success story so far, this is more because the US still has to make further ingress into its markets and defence sectors. But like all of Washington's other partners, India will be hoping the Biden-Kamala team will usher in predictability and sensitivity to the needs of others. Unlike in the Obama administration, the Left has a firm hook into the White House this time. Several of Biden's appointees are instinctively ranged against ill-liberalist and majoritarian tendencies. Trump's free pass to the Modi government on the CAA, lynchings and the communal riots was facilitated due to New Delhi's enthusiastic over-identification with Washington's China-baiting in the Indo-Pacific.

With Kamala Harris as Vice-President, human rights issues will not get overlooked. The farmers' agitation will be the latest on the list. The Modi government has to instead get the US more interested in non-military areas of cooperation that have been marked by friction and apathy. The shifting of supply chains away from China ought to start with pharmaceuticals and move on to other areas of high dependency. In the military field, India and the US must move to higher-level strategic discussions that lead to a division of labour in the Indian Ocean. India will also need elbow room in its foreign choices — to source oil from Iran and Venezuela and defence platforms from Russia. The Modi government will need to sidestep eddies to carve out a more meaningful relationship with the new US administration in the post-Covid, post-Galwan Valley world.

The might of kisan & jawan

Farmers, together with veterans, should celebrate Republic Day



TRYSTS AND TURNS
JULIO RIBEIRO

THE protesting farmers of Punjab and Haryana have threatened to organise a tractor procession through well-trod streets of Delhi on Republic Day. This procession should not clash with the government's Republic Day parade or other celebrations. The farmers will lose public support if they do that. In fact, they should be alert lest saboteurs try to provoke them to violence.

The best solution would be to have a celebratory parade of their own in another part of the city after prior notice to the Delhi Police and obtaining its permission to celebrate the sacred day. If they can muster the support of armed forces veterans, it would be a sort of coup! The armed forces are studded with soldiers, sailors and airmen from kisan families, who will surely be sympathetic to the cause of the farmers.

'Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan' is a cry that is extremely popular with the common man and that cry has reverberated through the ages. No political party can afford to belittle it. So, if service veterans are added to the parade of tractors with farmers' families atop tractors, a memorable supporting parade can be organised in another prominent area of Delhi, distant from Rajpath.

If given due publicity, it will draw sufficient attention. There will be no antagonist feelings floating around — in truth, the atmosphere created should be deliberately fraternal. No political slogan should be raised that day. All sections of the populace, even those that the ruling party dubs anti-national, should be one on this day.

After all, the Prime Minister and Home Minister Amit Shah have



NO LAPSES: Farmers will lose public support if they disrupt R-Day celebrations. REUTERS

No political slogan should be raised that day. All sections of the populace, even those that the ruling party dubs anti-national, should be one on this day.

both repeated often that their sole intention in introducing the three farm laws is the good of the farmers. They affirm that farm incomes will double. The farmers do not think so! They feel that the big industrial houses will fatten themselves on the farmers' sweat and blood! Who is right? Can or will the farmers wait to find out? Or is it that they know better since it is they who till the fields and sow and harvest the crops. The politicians and experts' knowledge, according to the farmers, is based on theories that have not been tested, though genuine research should never be brushed aside.

The Supreme Court has dared to enter the arena where wiser men had feared to tread. There was no constitutional or legal adjudication involved, and yet it rushed in with eyes wide open. By doing so, the court gave the government some breathing space. More importantly, it gave the government time that could weaken the

resolve of the protesters. The latter cannot afford to neglect their fields for such prolonged periods. And that is the possible gamble that seems to be enfolding.

As of now, both sides are adamant. Our Prime Minister is a man of steel, like his role model, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. He refuses to budge, though he is willing for a compromise. The farmers fear that the government's experiment will fail, like demonetisation did. They refuse to take part in an experiment that may leave them ruined permanently.

But let us leave this political debate to the politicians and the object of their supposed largesse, the farmers, and revert to the issues that propelled me to write in the first place. I was influenced by an email I received from an old friend, a committed Modi supporter and a lady paediatric cardiac surgeon, who once was a co-trustee with me in the Public Concern for Governance Trust (PCGT) in Mumbai. Dr

Lost & found in the maze of Bhakra

MOHAN SINGH

SOON after Mr Slocum of Coulee Dam fame in the US took over in 1953 as the chief engineer of Bhakra Dam, there was a spate of vacancies for engineers. Like others from across the country, my brother-in-law, a graduate from BHU, joined as a temporary engineer. I was a college student at Amritsar then, but the romance of having a periodic glimpse of the construction of the then highest straight gravity concrete dam of the world often sent me to Nangal township, a well-laid small city on the banks of the Sutlej, to provide first-class family accommodation to the workers and officers.

The tapering V-shaped RCC monolith, 325 ft across the river at the base

and 740 ft high from the riverbed, was to acquire a length of 1,700 ft across at the top. The conspicuous horn of the diesel locomotive plying between the dam and the city, a distance of about 13 km, to transport the staff, still rings in my ears as a time signal. About 13,000 workers and 300 engineers worked for almost 10 years in three shifts. Rake after rake of quality cement would be unloaded into humongous silos to ensure an uninterrupted supply for the concrete mixture from the cooling plant. That was why cement was available to people only on ration cards.

Mr Slocum had also demanded a school and healthcare centre to serve the populace. Even a primary school student would spell out the salient

features of the dam, as if it was in the syllabus. A picture of neatness and orderliness, the foothill township had a natural drainage, and a plethora of slopes. You saw youngsters running their toy water turbines wherever there was a sloping drain. 'SLOCUM' (he used to sign in capital letters) was a household name and a role model. No wonder, many of those boys later became civil engineers.

Passes were issued to the visitors for seeing the dam on the ground floor of the overhead water tank, just in front of our house. Cameras or binoculars were banned. For us, it was easy to get a pass. I remember with awe when my nephew and I, then only about 12, went to see the dam without informing anyone at home. The boy was

Ratna Magotra felt that the CCG, a group of retired IAS, IFS and IPS officers who write to the PM and other constitutional authorities on things that matter, should also write to the farmers' leaders not to disturb the Republic Day celebrations, in particular, and not to defy the PM and his government in the manner they were now doing.

Since I agree with her view that Republic Day should be treated as sacred by every Indian, I had made my stand clear in one of my previous articles which had escaped her attention. I cannot in any conscience agree with her that no one should disagree with the PM, for that would mean that I agree that he is the repository of all knowledge. For instance, his calculations about demonetisation were proved wrong. I believe that a dose of humility in every human bosom will make the world a much better place to live in.

I understand my friend's frustration when she finds that her hero is being balked on his way to achieving stardom and a place in history. But even normal mortals face obstacles to success. In the case of world leaders, like Modiji, the tests will be infinitely more difficult. That is to be expected. The felicity and ease with which he tackles these difficulties will determine his place in history.

I do not pretend to know who is right in this debate between the government and the farmers. Will the three new farm laws double the income of the farmers? The government is certain they will. The farmers think just the opposite. If they were just playing a political game, they would have given up their protest long before. The government will require to think out of the box to cut this Gordian knot.

Staunch followers of Modiji should find a way to advise their idol to convince intended beneficiaries in advance that laws they intend to ram through Parliament, without much debate, are truly for the good of the beneficiaries, and not for the benefactor's financiers.

“THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
Revolution is the festival of the oppressed.
— Germaine Greer

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

LAHORE, SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 1921

“The White Supremacy Religion.”

THE rousing address which Mr Andrews delivered to the Calcutta students, a telegraphic summary of which appeared in these columns yesterday, is an example of the loftiest idealism coupled with a burning love both for India and England. No man can love another country with that passionate ardour with which Mr. Andrews loves India if he is not inspired with like feelings for his own native land. The converse, however, of this proposition is unhappily not always true. And it is exactly for this reason that one so often comes across the spectacle of Englishmen combining in themselves the highest patriotism for England with feelings of self-complacent superiority towards their Indian fellow-subjects. The generic name for this attitude of mind which regards the domination of one nation by another as a matter of right is Imperialism. Its most recent instance was supplied by the Peace Conference under the presidency of Mr. Wilson. The Japanese delegates proposed the famous amendment to the text of the Covenant in regard to the question of the races. It secured in its favour a majority of votes, but Mr. Wilson as President declared that unanimity was essential for the adoption of an amendment of this kind. On this flimsy pretext, the motion of the Japanese delegates was rejected and a great opportunity — one that we are afraid will not recur for many a year to come — of establishing in the eyes of the Asiatic people the bona fides of the heads of Western Governments was thrown away. The Japanese proposers of the amendment were shrewd people, but their European conference were shrewder inasmuch as they perceived in time that the acceptance of the proposal would be tantamount to making a breach in the citadel of Western Imperialism. This spirit of Imperialism is pre-eminently a disease of the West so that in this respect England's case is in no way peculiar.

Unethical journalism

The contents of the leaked WhatsApp chats involving Arnab Goswami are symptomatic of a larger malaise in television media, wherein journalism has become a profit-driven venture, devoid of any sort of public interest. This brand of rabble-rousing journalism is not just limited to Republic TV. Competing channels follow the same form of journalism and should stop being sanctimonious as they are equally responsible for the sad state of affairs. The leaked chats show that the motto of media networks has become twofold: gain access to corridors of power and get the highest TRPs. Journalists who use nationalism for TRPs are no different from petty politicians who demand proof of nationalism from patriotic citizens. Both the Radia tapes and the Arnab chats are a severe indictment of the media and call for a complete overhaul, which however, seems to be a distant dream in the present circumstances.

SHIVAM JAIN, BATHINDA

Myth of privacy

Today, the world has entered a new era of data, where privacy is at stake. The journey from a post office letter to WhatsApp and other social media platforms has played a significant role in bringing about the changes.

The apps take all our necessary information; what remains in our hand is nothing but a smartphone. The era has come where data is more valuable than money. But on the other hand, we have no security of our own data. The day is not far when our every activity will be under the omnipresent camera. Privacy will only be a myth. Therefore, it becomes our duty to be conscious about every change. New media has also played a significant role in spreading fake news. It is the need of the hour to strengthen laws to save people from false information.

AMAN JAISWAL, DELHI

Data privacy

Apologies of 'Cyber data privacy in peril', the government must come up with constructive policies and amendments to elude the coming privacy threat. Had the government amended the outdated Indian cyber law, it would not have generated such a situation. But comprehending the recent WhatsApp incident as a warning, the government must take stringent steps. Passing of the Personal Data Protection Bill and strengthening of legal frameworks by the government could be a remedy to protect the cyber sovereign interests.

YUVIKA, KURUKSHETRA

Withdraw agitation

Apologies of 'Govt offers to put farm laws on hold for 1.5 years', it is a wise and calculated offer of the Central government to the agitating farmers. The farmers from Punjab are spearheading the agitation. Politics and power struggle is behind the agitation in Punjab. The time limit of 1.5 years has been suggested, keeping in view the state elections. Farm laws will be a major issue during the elections and people will give their verdict on the new legislations. The farmers should accept the offer and withdraw the agitation which is causing hardships to their own community as well as to the general public.

ASHOK BAHL, KANGRA

Promote other games, too

The BCCI's announcement of Rs 5-crore bonus for the Indian cricket team that created history by winning a thrilling match (and series) in the absence of star players is a welcome step to boost the morale of the players. But what about other games like hockey, football, basketball etc? Everyone wants to be a cricketer to earn money and fame, but only 11 players can be adjusted in the cricket team. Where would the others go? The government should promote other sports also to attract talented youth.

SUKHDEV SINGH MINHAS, MOHALI

Budget objectives

Apologies of 'Budget expectations', the main aim of the Budget should be to repair last year's economic damage. Most forecasts for the next fiscal anticipate a sharp rebound as normalcy returns. That may not necessarily answer the more important question. What will the economic trajectory beyond that look like? Rating agency Fitch anticipates that the economy will grow around 6.5% in the next four years up to 2025-26. Given the sense of urgency because millions enter the job market annually, that can be a disappointing trajectory. India had lost economic momentum for at least two years before the pandemic struck. Some problems like banks struggling with bad loans and manufacturing losing productivity have been around longer. India's long-term performance will be significantly influenced by the quality of human capital available. Even as the government crafts a strategy to get out of last year's recession, it needs to simultaneously unclog pathways to build human capital. Education and healthcare are areas which deserve serious policy attention. The emphasis on deregulation in agriculture, industry and services is praiseworthy. But it needs to be complemented by similar measures in education and healthcare.

SK SINGH, BY MAIL

Budget should prioritise health, education



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SENIOR FINANCIAL JOURNALIST

THE forthcoming Budget is the first to be presented since Independence under the shadow of a worldwide pandemic. The Finance Minister has described it as a Budget that will be like none before. This may not be true as budgets have been presented in the past in times of great global distress such as the 2008 financial crisis. But it is perhaps the first time that the government's financial accounts will be presented to revive an economy battered by a disease, rather than by global or domestic economic developments. The Budget is, therefore, being awaited anxiously this year. Just as in the US after the presidential election, the public was looking forward to a generous stimulus package, citizens here too are waiting for a comforting recovery plan. The difference, of course, is that the US is a superpower with huge resources while India is an emerging economy facing a grave revenue shortfall in the current fiscal.

Even so, it is time for the Finance Minister to loosen the purse strings beyond the roughly one per cent of the GDP that has been expended in the relief packages unveiled in 2020. Sev-

eral sectors need special attention. The first is small business. The package for small and medium enterprises that was unveiled last year was simply not enough to rescue companies that were struggling from loss of income and unable to pay employees or restart operations after the lockdown. The economic revival now being witnessed is largely an impetus coming from bigger corporates which had the resources to bear the stresses of a pandemic. The services segment, especially the hospitality sector including hotels and small restaurants, also continues to be badly hit. This sector encompasses millions of small enterprises with a vast number of formal and informal workers. Estimates are that the entire small and medium business segment employs 110 million workers but many have either closed down or reduced their workforce. No wonder the CMIE data is showing job losses at an all-time high in recent months despite the apparent economic recovery.

The credit package unveiled last year helped some small businesses, but those in the micro category and the informal segment have been overlooked completely. Units trying to avail of relief under the new scheme as well as those seeking fresh loans are facing bureaucratic hurdles, according to industry associations. A more meaningful relief package needs to be worked out for a segment that contributes as much as 30 per cent of the country's GDP.

The second area that needs to be paid special attention in the Budget is



Even without any stimulus, the economy will revive if the country is able to achieve herd immunity to the Covid virus. As soon as people feel confident enough to move around without any fear, demand will rise and industrial growth will step up. Though India is a hub of vaccine producers, all is not well with the healthcare sector.

VITAL VIAL: A successful vaccination drive could be the biggest boost to economic growth. PTI

health. It is clear that even without any stimulus, the economy will revive if the country is able to achieve herd immunity to the Covid virus. A successful vaccination drive could actually be the biggest boost to economic growth. As soon as people feel confident enough to move around without any fear, demand will automatically rise and industrial growth will step up. While it has to be said that the vaccination drive has begun well and India is lucky to be a hub of vaccine producers so that sufficient stocks are available, all is not well with the healthcare sector.

The pandemic exposed the infirmities of healthcare infrastructure, especially

in smaller towns and rural areas. The dismal fact is that this country spends only 1.5 per cent of its GDP on health; Niti Aayog member Dr VK Paul concedes this is low by any standards. China's spend on health is 5 per cent while for European countries it is 7 to 8 per cent. The result is that despite the much-vaunted pharmaceutical industry base in the country, the actual availability of healthcare services to the common man is abysmal. The Budget needs to start shifting the focus back to this basic element of development. One of the priorities should be to take care of key frontline health workers, the accredited social health activists (ASHA). During the pan-

demic, reports have come about these workers spending their own funds for gloves, masks and sanitisers. They were not supplied with adequate protective equipment despite being involved in contact tracing, nor were they given priority or free testing facilities. The very least that can be done is to raise the compensation and improve facilities to these critical frontline workers who have been standing in for doctors in small towns and rural areas throughout the pandemic.

The third area that merits attention is education. Here too, spending as a percentage of the GDP is only around 2.8 per cent. This is another sector

where many lacunae have been exposed during the pandemic. The need for online learning has revealed that most children here do not have digital education facilities. Though India may be touted as a software superpower, the majority of school-children do not have access to mobile phones, televisions or laptops to help them through the learning process. The reliance on mid-day meals as a source of nutrition has also emerged starkly as many states found that the closure of schools was affecting the health of children.

The 2021-22 Budget may end up with a wider than expected deficit and is bound to give incentives for investments in large infrastructure projects. But the time has come to pay attention to small businesses which are the biggest employers and need the maximum handholding to survive. The focus also needs to be on health and education as the pandemic has revealed the glaring shortfalls in these basic areas of development. The crisis showed that the country's hospital infrastructure is inadequate to meet the needs of an emergency. It also showed that health workers need far more support than ever before if even the basic modicum of healthcare is to be provided to the common man. As for education, an entire generation of children will lose out unless the digital gap is bridged sooner rather than later. This Budget, thus, has to be more than just an accounting exercise; it needs to completely shift the direction of developmental goals.

Draw from past lessons for new science policy



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FORMER BUREAUCRAT

The draft policy acknowledges earlier initiatives like the Scientific Policy Resolution (1958), Technology Policy Statement (1983), Science and Technology Policy (2003) and Science, Technology and Innovation Policy, 2013. What have been the inadequacies of the 2013 policy that another one has been necessitated in seven years? If the pandemic is making us rethink our approach, we would like to understand the departures from earlier documents that address such concerns.

GOVERNMENT policies are often marked by characteristics that normally stem from the processes followed. First, the draft is prepared in the ministry concerned by its officials or a committee formed for this purpose. It is then circulated to other ministries, which examine it from their own perspective. Based on such feedback, the draft is modified and placed in the public domain for comments. On receipt of responses from individuals and institutions, the draft is further refined and placed before the Cabinet for approval.

The process appears to be appropriate and consultative, and therefore, the product, i.e., the policy document, widely acceptable.

However, in the bureaucratic method adopted, questions that arise include: Was there a need for a new policy? Does it highlight the failures of earlier approaches and seek to resolve them with a forward-looking vision in sync with the times ahead? If an expert committee is formed to prepare a report, how are the members selected? Does the committee represent diverse and sometimes contradictory views? Once the draft is placed in the public domain for eliciting views, how does the committee or the ministry process such responses? Does it alter the draft on the basis of the favourable ones and ignore the opposing suggestions?

Clearly, this is not an easy task. Consequently, most policies end up seeking more funds, creating new institutions and structures, and accommodating concerns of other ministries. The final document reads like a list of pious intentions, sometimes with no linkages established between them, and couched in a lan-



CRUCIAL DOCUMENT: The draft Science, Technology and Innovation Policy (STIP) should spur discussion in the scientific and non-scientific communities. PTI

guage that sounds right but is too terse to penetrate into. No wonder, informed public debate on such documents is rare to come by.

Whilst the summary and some key features of the draft Science, Technology and Innovation Policy (STIP), recently unveiled by the Ministry of Science and Technology, have been covered by the media, STIP has not created any ripples so far.

The problems ailing Indian science — and, by implication, technology and innovation — have been underscored over the past few decades. In *Whodunit — Pathology of Modern Indian Science: Genesis of its Ecosystem* (2019), Rajiva Bhatnagar has raised pertinent questions about the centralisation of science and technology and the way the epicentre of research has moved away from our university system.

The National Education Policy-2020 (NEP) seeks to address this

question, inter alia, through the establishment of a national research foundation, the overarching goal of which “will be to enable a culture of research to permeate through our universities.” How the measures proposed in the STIP synchronise with the relevant ones in the NEP should be dealt with in greater detail. This draft “fully endorses the new NEP” and wishes to ensure the synergistic efforts of both policies! But how?

The STIP acknowledges earlier initiatives like the Scientific Policy Resolution (1958), Technology Policy Statement (1983), Science and Technology Policy (2003) and Science, Technology and Innovation Policy, 2013. What have been the inadequacies of the STIP (2013), for example, that another policy has been necessitated in seven years begs a clear answer.

If the current pandemic is making us rethink our approach and the demands of an *Atmanirbhar Bharat*

have prompted this move, the people would like to understand the departures from earlier documents that specifically address such concerns.

Ideationally, this draft has many progressive features. Promoting ‘open science’ that would empower the public to access outputs of research funded by the governments, is one such. Setting up a national STI observatory as a ‘central repository for all kinds of data related to and generated from the STI ecosystem’ and a dedicated open-access portal for this purpose are important points delineated.

Similarly, to ensure all students and researchers access journal articles, ‘one nation, one subscription’ has been recommended in which the Central government would negotiate with and pay the journal publishers. Equally important are sophisticated software requiring periodic renewal. Besides journals, therefore, such software should also be brought under its umbrella. These initiatives, as many others, appear laudable, provided they avoid duplicity of efforts and are cost-effective, with security of data fully protected.

It is proposed that a Research Excellence Framework for higher educational institutions be evolved aiming at assessment of research. Would it conflict with the role of the assessment architecture of the NEP? Similarly, the ideas to establish higher education research centres in reputed research-focused universities/institutes, and to transform the existing R&D institutions to research universities require to be fleshed out in detail. Shouldn't converting a scientific R&D institute to a research university negate the liberal idea of a university espoused in the NEP?

The draft recommends the expansion of the STI funding landscape and

various measures to achieve the desired level of funding from the public and private sources.

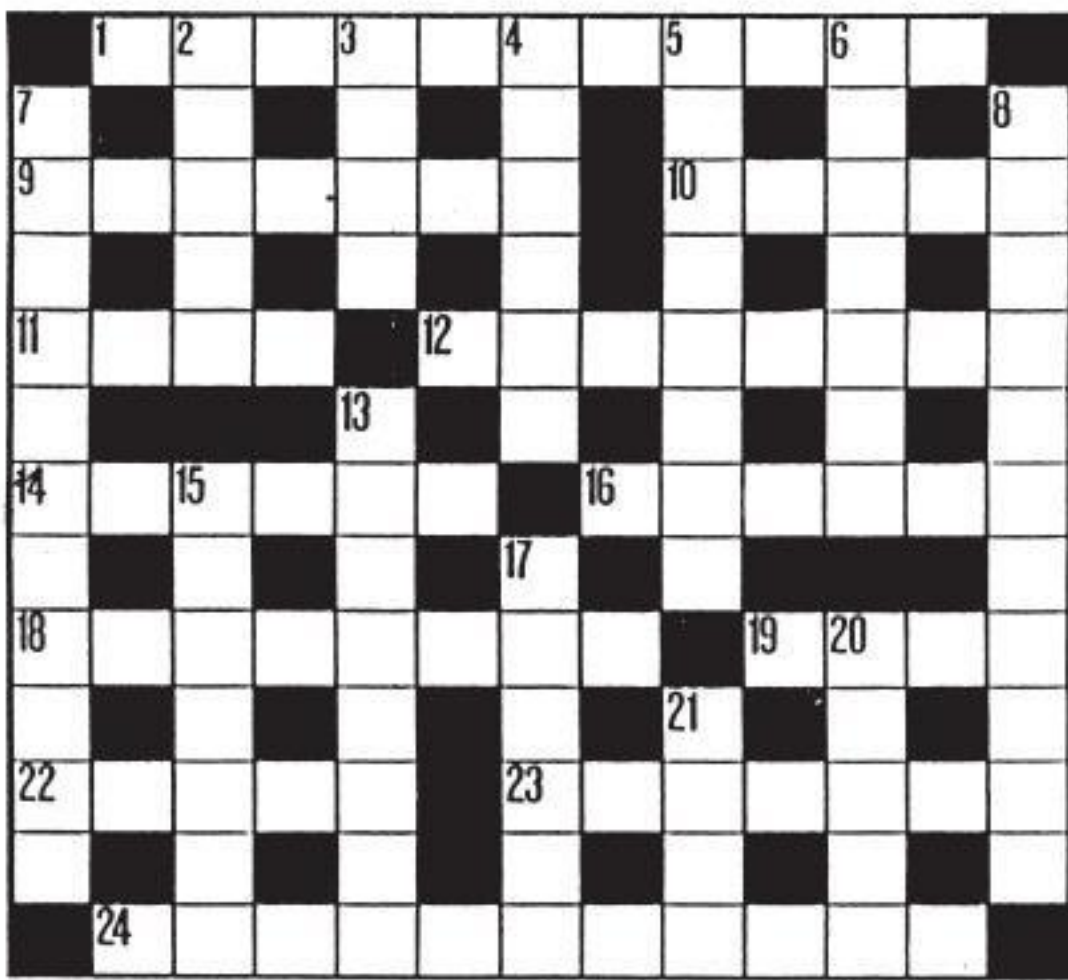
Our R&D investment being sub-optimal by every conceivable standard, enhancement of funding is a fundamental necessity. But is there a need to set up a national STI financing authority and an STI development bank? Modifying/waiving the General Financial Rules for large-scale programmes and projects of national importance is also problematic. While bureaucratic and audit requirements often dampen innovation, they are also meant to ensure discipline and public accountability. This is an area where public consultations can provide meaningful solutions.

Other interesting features include fostering S&T-enabled entrepreneurship and mainstreaming grassroots innovation and traditional knowledge systems. While indigenisation of technology has been pursued for decades, it is not evident how a strategic technology development fund would be helpful. Including equity and inclusion “as a sub-text to all STI policies and programmes”, expanding women's reservation to at least 30 per cent in all decision-making bodies, including in selection and evaluation committees, and promoting the representation of LGBTQ+ community are progressive measures, per se.

While the importance of scientific communication and public engagement has been duly highlighted, the significance of doing so in regional languages deserves to be highlighted.

Despite some inadequacies, the draft STIP is a crucial document that should spur wide discussion in the scientific and non-scientific communities. The final document should also begin with the vision and not have it at the end, as in the draft.

QUICK CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Across: 1 Freely, 4 Open door, 9 Income, 10 Forceful, 12 Tape, 13 Vixen, 14 Bolt, 17 Old wives' tale, 20 Run-of-the-mill, 23 Once, 24 Tarot, 25 Dely, 28 Marginal, 29 Manila, 30 Schedule, 31 Unreal.
Down: 1 Friction, 2 Escapade, 3 Lame, 5 Protestation, 6 Nice, 7 On foot, 8 Relate, 11 Ride for a fall, 15 Mix-up, 16 Elver, 18 Likewise, 19 Play ball, 21 Cosmos, 22 Scorch, 26 Mild, 27 Dawn.

ACROSS

- 1 An attack with artillery (11)
- 9 Obsolete (7)
- 10 Think fit (5)
- 11 Class of things (4)
- 12 Flowering spiny shrub (8)
- 14 To estimate (6)
- 16 Precisely limited (6)
- 18 Publicly known (2,6)
- 19 Chief (4)
- 22 Happen again (5)
- 23 Appearance on the scene (7)
- 24 Function very successfully (2,5,4)

DOWN

- 2 Freely available (2,3)
- 3 Sudden shock (4)
- 4 Take-off and landing strip (6)
- 5 Reflect upon (8)
- 6 Kenyan capital (7)
- 7 Academic cap (11)
- 8 Concisely expressed (2,1,8)
- 13 Wizard (8)
- 15 Bitter orange liqueur (7)
- 17 Fleet of warships (6)
- 20 Large crow (5)
- 21 Haul with difficulty (4)

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The vehicle that met with an accident on the Nalagarh-Ropar highway.

Two Rohtak residents killed in road mishap

SOLAN, JANUARY 21

Two Haryana residents were killed and four others injured when the SUV they were travelling in rammed into a tanker coming from the opposite side near Bela temple on the Nalagarh-Ropar national highway last night.

Rohit Malpani, SP Baddi, while confirming the news said the deceased had been identified as Shakti (25) and Virender (36), both of whom hail from Rohtak in Haryana. They were on way to Manali when the mishap occurred. Shakti was driving the SUV.

According to the police, the accident occurred due to

rash driving by the driver of the Innova. Tanker driver Gurpyar Singh, who hails from Bathinda in Punjab, told the police that the mishap occurred when he was returning back to Nalagarh from Bhatinda and the Innova, which was over-speeding and being driven in the wrong direction, hit the tanker near Bela temple on the highway. The occupants of the SUV were rushed to the community health centre at Nalagarh where two were declared dead. Those injured are Sunil Kumar (38), a Gurgaon resident, Sagar (26), Azad (30) and Mukesh (26), all from Rohtak.— TNS

Police verification for passports in one day

SHIMLA, JANUARY 21

Being ranked at the sixth position in completing police verification for passport in 11 days, the state police have brought down this period to mere one day.

Himachal Pradesh, where annually 50,000 passports are made, could now be ranked amongst the top performer with this new achievement by the police department in the month of January 2021. Himachal had stood sixth among the best states in completing police verifications in 2019-20.

Police verification is an important component of passport issuing process and as per the Himachal Pradesh Public Service Guarantee Act (PSGA) -2011, police verification has to be completed within 15 days. The Ministry of External Affairs had advised state governments to complete police verification within 21 days.

A police spokesperson said the Himachal Pradesh Police completed verification with an average of 11 days in 2019-20. In the current financial year, as a result of a special drive by HP Police since June 2020, the average days taken for police verification had come down to three days. During January 2021, it has further come down to single day.— TNS



Voters stand in a queue to exercise their franchise during the panchayat election near Shimla on Thursday. PHOTO: AMIT KANWAR

81% cast vote in final phase of rural poll, counting today

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, JANUARY 21

Heavy polling of 81 per cent was reported in the final and the last phase of voting for the Panchayati Raj Institution polls, which were peaceful with no untoward incident taking place anywhere in the state today.

According to the State Election Commission (SEC) around 81 per cent polling was registered in the third and final phase of the elections. Polling was held in 1,137 gram panchayats with the highest 94 per cent polling being reported in Lodhi Majra panchayat of Nalagarh development block in Solan district.

A total of 49 Covid-19 patients and persons in isolation also cast their votes by following standard operating procedures across the state. The polling for the urban local bodies took place on January 10 while panchayat polls took place in three





State BJP president Suresh Kashyap gets his finger inked at a polling booth at Bajga gram panchayat in Sirmaur district.

phases on January 17, 19 and 21. The counting of votes for all panchayat Samiti and Zila Parishad wards will begin at 8.30 am tomorrow with the votes for the Panchayat Samitis to be counted first.

In Shimla district, the polling percentage was reported to be 72.40 per cent at 4 pm when voting came

to an end. In Shimla district, the polling percentage in Theog was 78.6 per cent, Rohru 67.3 per cent, Narkanda 67.6 per cent and Jubbhal Kotkhai 69.2 per cent. A total of six Covid persons cast their vote in Shimla district. These were five in Chopal block and one in Rampur.

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|  | 83.1% women voters |
|  | 79.2% men voters |
| 94% The highest voter turnout witnessed in Lodhi Majra panchayat of Nalagarh development block | |
| 49 Covid -19 patients and isolation voters cast votes | |
| District | Polling %age |
| Bilaspur | 80.3 |
| Chamba | 82.8 |
| Hamirpur | 78.1 |
| Kangra | 78 |
| Kinnaur | 70.6 |
| Kullu | 84 |
| Mandi | 82.7 |
| Shimla | 82 |
| Sirmaur | 85.4 |
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| Una | 81.1 |

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| 1 | Society for IT initiative fund for e-Governance, an autonomous body under the administrative control of Information Technology Electronics & Communication Department Haryana | e-Tender for Supply, Installation & Commissioning of IT Infrastructure for Haryana State Data Centre | 20.01.2021 12.03.2021 | 25 CRORE | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | Sh. Sanjay Kumar Verma (Chief IT Officer) 0172-2708285 sanjaykumar.ditech@hry.gov.in |

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in PRDH/13/2021/48/151/1/31/4

ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL UNCHI BASSI


P.O. LAMIN, TEHSIL DASUYA, DISTRICT HOSHIARPUR (PUNJAB)
E-MAIL ID: armyschoolub@gmail.com Tele.: 01883-292936

Applications are invited for selection/panel for following posts on contractual basis for Fixed Term (03 yrs) as specified against each:-

| Category/Subjects | Qualifications Required | Salary per month |
|---|--|---|
| TGT in Science (PCM), Hindi, Maths, English (Fixed Term 03 years) | Graduation in relevant subject & B.Ed., with minimum 50% marks in both. CSB & TET/CTET qualified | BP: Rs. 33,360/-+ DA as applicable (Approx Gross: Rs. 36,196/-) |
| PRT (General) (Fixed Term 03 years) | Graduation & B.Ed., with minimum 50% marks in both. CSB & TET/CTET qualified | BP: Rs. 32,400/-+ DA as applicable (Approx Gross: Rs. 35,154/-) |

- Application forms may be downloaded from school website: www.armyschoolunchibassi.org
- Fluency in English and Computer literacy are mandatory.
- The school reserves the right to fill all or none of the vacancies given above.
- Only shortlisted candidates will be called for interview telephonically and by e-mail.
- Application forms along with all academic & experience certificates to be submitted at APS, Unchi Bassi by hand or by registered post alongwith DD of Rs. 100/- in favour of Army Public School Unchi Bassi by **05 Feb 2021**.
- All fixed term appointments will be on contractual basis for maximum three academic sessions.

DI-180707 **Principal**



CANCELLATION NOTICE

Reference Haryana Power Utilities (HPUs) Advt. No. Rectt./HPUs/GATE-2019/2020 dated 04.12.2020 hosted on the website of respective HPUs i.e. www.hvpn.org.in, www.hpgcl.org.in, www.ubnvn.org.in and www.dhbvn.org.in in and newspaper Public Notice dated 04.12.2020 vide which online applications were invited for recruitment of Assistant Engineers (Electrical, Mechanical & Civil) in HPUs viz HVPN, HPGCL, UHBVNL & DHBVN.

As conveyed by the Haryana Power Generation Corporation Limited (HPGCL) vide letter memo No. Ch-140/HPG/Genl-139/Vol.-II dated 08.01.2021, the undermentioned posts against Advt. No. Rectt./HPUs/GATE-2019/2020 dated 04.12.2020 are hereby cancelled:-

| Sr. No. | Name of Post | Name of Utility | Gen | SC | BC | Economically Weaker Section (EWS) | Ex-Serviceman (ESM) | Eligible Sports Person (ESP) | Total No. of Posts | Posts reserved for Persons with Disability (PwD) already included in total posts at Column No. 16 |
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| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) | (10) | (11) |
| I. | Assistant Engineer (Electrical) | HPGCL | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| II. | Assistant Engineer (Mechanical) | HPGCL | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| III. | Assistant Engineer (Civil) | HPGCL | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

Place: Panchkula Date: 21.01.2021 Sd/- (Ashok Kumar Sharma) Under Secretary/HR-II, HVPN, Panchkula.

PRDH/1052/11/2/2021/1509/31/4

Administration of Union Territory of Chandigarh (Electricity Wing of Engineering Department) CORRIGENDUM FOR SELECTION OF BIDDER FOR PURCHASE OF ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) SHARES IN DISTRIBUTION COMPANY RESPONSIBLE FOR DISTRIBUTION AND RETAIL SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY AND HAVING DISTRIBUTION LICENSE IN THE UNION TERRITORY OF CHANDIGARH.

The following amendments in dates are issued on notice inviting Tender published on dated 15.01.2021:

| | |
|---|---|
| 1. Cost of RFP Documents | INR 5,00,000.00 + GST |
| 2. Bid-Security | INR 10,00,00,000.00 in the form of Bank Guarantee as per RFP |
| 3. Bank Details | Account Name: EXEC ENGG ELECTY (OP) DIVN NO. 2, CHD. Account Number: 0000038677374645 IFSC Code: SBIN0000628 |
| 4. GST details | GST Number: 04PTLE10623E1D6 |
| 5. Sale of RFP | Start Date: 10.11.2020 End Date: 01.02.2021 |
| 6. Date of second pre-bid meeting | 22.01.2021 at 11:00 a.m. Venue: Conference Hall, Ground Floor, UT Secretariat, Deluxe Building, Sector-9D, UT Chandigarh – 160009 Authorization: Contact person designated at the time of purchase of RFP may email the list of participants to elop2-chd@nic.in . Alternatively, the Participants may carry an authorization letter. |
| 7. Last date of bid submission (same as notified earlier) | 08.02.2021, 4.00 p.m. |

Note: The other terms and conditions of RFP shall remain the same.

The bidders who have already attended the earlier pre-bid meeting on 1.12.2020 may like to attend the pre-bid meeting at their discretion if any new point is to be raised. Advance submission of queries is mandatory before the pre-bid meeting.

Bidders are advised to visit <http://chdengineering.gov.in/pages/privatisation.html> from time to time to keep themselves updated.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Electricity OP Division No. 2 Industrial Area Phase 1, Union Territory of Chandigarh. Phone: 0172-2655531, Email: elop2-chd@nic.in

| GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE | | | | | | |
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| Sr. No. | NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./ AUTH. | NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/ TENDER | OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME) | AMOUNT/ EMD (APPROX.) in Rupees | WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/ CORP./ AUTH. | NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/ E-MAIL |
| 1 | J.C. BOSE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY YMCA, FBD. | SUPPLY OF COMPUTERS AND OTHER TENDERS (FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE REFER TO THE WEBSITE) | 25.01.2021 26.02.2021 | 89.75 LACS | www.jcboseust.ac.in | 0129-2310164 dr.purchase@jcboseust.ac.in |
| 2 | HSIDC | CONSTRUCTION OF BALANCE NEW ROADS IN SECTOR-34 & 35, GURUGRAM, INCLUDING 36 MONTHS DEFECT LIABILITY PERIOD | 25.01.2021 09.02.2021 | 431.35 LACS | https://etenders.hry.in | 0124-2398418 ia.gurugram@hsidc.org.in |

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in PRDH/13/2021/40/1501/1/31/4

HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION

Bays No. 67-70, Sec.-2, Panchkula — 134151
(Website: www.hssc.gov.in)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO THE CANDIDATES FOR THE POST OF ART & CRAFTS TEACHER AGAINST ADVT. NO. 06/ 2006, CAT. NO. 22, EDUCATION DEPTT. HARYANA

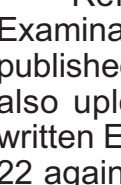
Reference Haryana Staff Selection Commission Written Examination (OMR Based) Notice Dated: 28.12.2020 which was published in various Leading Newspapers of Hindi & English and also uploaded on the Commission's website for holding the written Examination for the Post of Art & Crafts Teacher Cat No. 22 against Advt No. 06/2006 for which the written examination is to be held on 31.01.2021 (Sunday).

Candidates who had applied against advertisement No. 06/2006, Cat No. 22 (list available on website of Commission) shall fill/upload their required details including Photograph and signature on the link i.e., 'click here for Art & Crafts Teacher' available on website of Commission from **22.01.2021 to 25.01.2021** after which link will be disabled. Candidates shall enter their personal mobile number wherever asked for as without OTP admit cards will not be generated.

Candidates must upload their recent photograph and signature using the above mentioned link failing which admit cards cannot be downloaded.

Place:- Panchkula Sd/- Secretary
Dated:- 21st January, 2021 Haryana Staff Selection Commission, Panchkula.

PRDH/1159/13/10/2021/1510/31/4



ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL, YOL CANTT (H.P.)

(CBSE AFFILIATION NO : 630040)
Ph No. 01892-235269, Email: apsyolcantt@gmail.com
Website: www.apsyol.org

LSB INTERVIEW - 2021 (FOR FIXED TERM APPOINTMENTS)

APS Yol Cantt is conducting Local Selection Board (LSB) for the following subjects/ vacancies on fixed term (as per AWES Rules) for the academic session **2021-22**. Desirous candidates may apply on prescribed application form available in the school office costing **Rs 100/-** or same may also be downloaded from school website and submit the application form in the school alongwith the requisite fee in the form of **bank draft** in favour of **Army Public School, Yol Cantt, payable at Yol Cantt till 12 Feb 2021 with testimonials.**

Vacancies

- TGTs: English, Hindi, Math, Science, Social Science, Physical and Health Education/PET & Counsellor on TGT scale.
- PRTs, Computer Science teacher, PET & Special Educator on PRT scale.
- Computer Lab Tech & Sc. Lab Attd.
- Driver (ESM only).

Note: No TA/DA admissible. Candidates must be fluent in English and good in computer.

Salary as per AWES Rules. Appointments will be on fixed term. This interview is for selection/panel of teachers/staff for the academic session **2021-22**. Written/apptitude test may be conducted in case 20 or more candidates applied for same post. Qualifications required are strictly as per CBSE/AWES rules. Please visit school website for application form and necessary qualifications pertaining to educational/CSB/CTET requirements. Candidates need to mention email ID and existing phone/whatsApp number in application form.

Sd/- Principal

GOVT. OF PUNJAB DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION

PUNJAB RURAL WATER & SANITATION SECTOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB), THROUGH E-TENDERING SYSTEM (eproc.punjab.gov.in)

The Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Divn No. 2, Ferozepur on behalf of Chairman, GPWSC, Thara Singh Wala Uttar Block Guruharsahai & Attu Wala Hithar, Block Mamdot Distt. Ferozepur invites, bid from eligible bidders for the works detailed in the following table, the bids shall be on lumpsum/term rate basis.

| Sr. No. | Name of Work | Approx. value of Work (in Lacs) | Bid Security (Rs.) | 1. Tender Processing Fee | Period of Completion |
|---------|---|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Providing Water Supply Scheme Attu Wala Hithar, Block Mamdot, Distt. Ferozepur Under Head 1a(iii)/JJM | 38.77 | 77539/- | As per website | 10+3 Months |
| 2 | Providing Water Supply Scheme Thara Singh Wala Uttar, Block Guruharsahai, Distt. Ferozepur Under Head 2a(i)/JJM | 7.64 | 15275/- | As per website | 3 Months |

1. Availability of bidding document on website from **21.01.2021 at 10.00 to 31.01.2021 at 16.00 HOURS.**
2. Pre-bid Meeting at Superintending Engineer, WSS Circle, Ferozepur Office on dt. **25.01.2021 at 11.15 A.M.**
3. The deadline for submission of bids online is **31.01.2021 at 16.00 HOURS.**
4. Part I bid named Technical Qualification part of bid will be opened on **01.02.2021 at 11.00 HOURS.**

Note: 1) Other details including eligibility criteria of bidders can be seen in the bidding documents on websites: <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>. Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the User ID and Password for participating in e-tendering may obtain the same by registering in the e-procurement portal (<https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>). The contractors once registered can participate in any of the department tenders of Government of Punjab. All other details can be seen in the bidding document. For any clarification/difficulty regarding e-tendering process flow, please contact on our helpdesk numbers **0172-2791326, 2791226.**
2) Bidder have to pay the bid security through online must be furnished through e-payment facility available at website.
3) Corrigendum, if any, will be given on above website & will not be advertised in newspapers.

On behalf of Chairman, GPWSC
Vill. Attu Wala Hithar & Thara Singh Uttar, Block Mamdot & Guruharsahai, Distt. Ferozepur
Sd/- Executive Engineer, W/S & Sanitation Division No. 2, Ferozepur.

DPR/Pb/999

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Information

Public is informed that facilitation service for filling online applications related to Driving Licence, Registration of Vehicle and other related services are available at **516 Sewa Kendras and 3500 Common Service Centres (CSC)/Village Level Entrepreneurs** in the State. The nearest CSC/VLE can be located by visiting www.csclocator.com or visit www.punjabtransport.org. Transport Department Helpline **1800-1800-222** is also active to assist the public.

State Transport Commissioner Punjab

DPR/Pb/990

INDIAN RAILWAYS GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(INDIAN RAILWAYS ORGANIZATION FOR ALTERNATE FUELS)

Corrigendum-2

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) in order to develop Technical specifications for development of fuel cell/battery based hybrid power train along with associated control and suitably designed Energy Management Strategy (EMS) and storage module for retrofitment on 700 HP Narrow Gauge ZDM3 Diesel- Hydraulic Locomotives running on Kalka- Shimla section, EOI (IROAF/CME/BD/FUEL CELL POWERED LOCO) is invited on 29.10.2020.

The date of submission of EOI in the prescribed Format is extended from 21.01.2021 to 01.02.2021

Please visit website of IROAF <https://iroaf.indianrailways.gov.in/> → IROAF Tenders → Expression of Interest.

Contact person:
Chief Mechanical Engineer/BD,
Indian Railways Organization for Alternate Fuels (IROAF),
Government of India, Ministry of Railways
4th Floor, Railway Office Complex, Tilak Bridge, New Delhi-110002
Telephone no.: -011-23379107, Fax no.: -011-23379083
Email: cmebdiroaf@gmail.com

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SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

All-round development of J&K Centre’s goal, says House panel

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 21
The all-round development of J&K is a major goal of the Centre, a parliamentary delegation, which is on a three-day visit to the Valley, said on Thursday as it began consultations with stakeholders on how to resolve problems being faced by the residents of the UT.

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture delegation, led by chairman TG Venkatesh, also held meetings on the promotion of transport, tourism and culture in the Union territory, an official spokesman said.

He said Union Minister of State in the Prime Minister’s Office Jitendra Singh and member of Parliament from Srinagar Farooq Abdullah also attended the meetings.

The visit was a first of its kind after the Covid-19 outbreak, the spokesman said.

Speaking on the occasion, Venkatesh, who is the member of the Rajya Sabha, said the all-round development of the UT was a major goal of the Central Government.

The committee was on a visit to understand the problems of the residents of J&K and to resolve them, he said.

“The committee is here to listen to the stakeholders about constraints specifically being faced by them in sectors like road, transport and what measures are needed to be



The parliamentary delegation during a meeting with officials of the Tourism Department and other stakeholders in Srinagar. PTI

HIGHWAYS TO MATCH INT’L STANDARDS

“The committee is here to listen to the stakeholders about constraints specifically being faced by them in sectors like road, transport and what measures are needed to be taken to ensure that the highways in J&K match international best standards.

TG Venkatesh, PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE DELEGATION CHAIRMAN

taken to ensure that the highways in J&K match international best standards,” he said.

The chairman said the committee would also take stock of the promotion of the tourism sector vis-a-vis tapping domestic tourism, promotion of rural and adventure tourism, hotel infrastructure and development of highways for better connectivity.

The spokesman said the delegation held meetings with the stakeholders to review and examine the status of national and state highways, potential and promotion of the tourism sector and preservation of archaeological and heritage sites in Jammu and Kashmir.

He said the committee also held a threadbare discussion on the development of road,

railway and air connectivity during the meeting.

During the meeting, various representatives from tour, travel and hospitality sectors representing several organisations raised various issues related to better connectivity and promotion of the tourism sector, the spokesman said.

He said other issues and demands raised by the stakeholders included lifting of travel advisories, cultural and adventure sports and medical tourism promotion, preservation of cultural and heritage, enhancement in Central Government funds, revival and restoration of lakes and other water bodies and better road connectivity across all tourist destinations.

He said the committee also

held a meeting with officials of the Union Ministry of Culture and Tourism, the ASI and the UT Government on the promotion and preservation of archaeological sites and artefacts in J&K. The officers concerned briefed the delegation on measures taken for the promotion of archaeological sites, monuments, and artefacts through a power-point presentation, he added.

The other MPs of the delegation included Prassana Acharya, Vinay Dinn Tendulkar, Margani Bharat, Rahul Kaswan, Ramesh Chandra Majhi, Chhedi Paswan, Kamlesh Paswan, Sunil Kumar Pintu, Tirath Singh Rawat, Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Ramdas Chandrabhanji Tadas and Krupal Balaji. — PTI

Mercury dips across Valley

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 21
The intense cold wave conditions continued unabated in Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday as the minimum temperature stayed several degrees below the freezing point.

Srinagar city recorded a low of -7°C, down from -6°C the previous night, a Met Department official said.

The minimum temperature in the city last night was nearly five degrees below the normal for this time of the year, he said.

The Gulmarg skiing resort in north Kashmir’s Baramulla district recorded -7.8°C last night, down from -6.5°C the night earlier.

Pahalgam tourist resort recorded a low of -9.3°C, down from the previous night’s -8.3°C, the Meteorological Department said.

Qazigund — the gateway town to the Valley — recorded a minimum of 8.8°C, it said.

Kupwara in north Kashmir recorded a low of -5.9°C, while Kokernag recorded -6.9°C.

Several water bodies in the Kashmir valley have frozen due to the bone-chilling cold. A thick layer of ice has



Youngsters play in snow on the outskirts of Srinagar. PTI

formed over several roads in the city and elsewhere in the Valley, making it difficult for motorists to drive in the early hours. However, the situation may improve as the Valley is experiencing unusual winter sunshine.

The Met Department has forecast that a western disturbance will affect the Union territory for a few days from January 22.

Kashmir is currently under the grip of ‘Chillai-Kalan’ — the 40-day harshest winter period when cold wave grips the region and temperature drops consid-

erably, leading to freezing of water bodies, including the famous Dal Lake here as well as water supply lines in several parts of the Valley.

The chances of snowfall are the maximum during this period and most areas, especially in the higher reaches, receive heavy snowfall.

While ‘Chillai-Kalan’, which begins on December 21, will end on January 31, the cold wave will continue even after that in Kashmir, with a 20-day-long ‘Chillai-Khurd’ (small cold) and 10-day-long ‘Chillai-Bachha’ (baby cold). — PTI

Police denying our youth govt jobs: Refugees

JAMMU, JANUARY 21
West Pakistan refugees on Thursday held protests across the city against the J&K Administration alleging that they are being denied government jobs, despite abrogation of Article 370 and the community being granted citizenship rights.

They claimed that a few days back police officials turned them away, despite some youth of their community passing all the required mandatory tests for selection in the J&K Police.

Led by West Pakistan Refugees Action Committee president Laba Ram Gandhi, over 300 West Pakistan refugees held protests demanding justice by providing government jobs to their wards and benefits of the Central Government schemes to their families as is applicable to the citizens of the UT.

“We are holding protests today in support of our demand for government jobs as per the due process of being citizens of J&K,” Gandhi told reporters here.

He said a few days back, there was a recruitment drive in the J&K Police. “Our boys passed all required mandatory physical and written tests. They passed both of them. When they went to the Police Lines to submit their documents, they were pushed out by saying that they should get a state subject certificate,” he alleged. — PTI

Farm unions reject offer

reiterated as the pending demands of the movement, which will be communicated to the Union ministers tomorrow,” said Joginder Singh Ugrahan of BKU (Ekta-Ugrahan).

Ugrahan alleged the government was trying to buy peace for the time being by suspending the laws for 18 months, but the farmers would not relent till these were repealed. “The Centre is testing the patience of the farmers. The unions unanimously rejected the Centre’s offer. We won’t return till the laws are abolished,” he said.

BJP leader RP Singh, meanwhile, condemned the farmers saying such “adamant attitude” wasn’t good for democracy.

Earlier, the unions also rejected the Delhi Police’s proposal to shift their proposed Republic Day tractor rally from Delhi’s Outer Ring Road.

Biden keeps out Dems with RSS-BJP links

place as secular Indian-American organisations have maintained the pressure on the Biden-Harris transition team to keep such individuals on the sidelines, said sources.

The Democrats may have been more circumspect over accommodating pro-BJP-RSS elements in the government following renewed activism by organisations opposed to the Hindutva project and also after witnessing the fate of such candidates, added the sources.

Congressional candidate Sri Preston Kulkarni lost the elections after strident opposition from Indian-American organisations and former US Congressperson Tulsi Gabbard also lost political ground because of this reason.

Sonal Shah has served on

Biden’s unity task force but her father was the president of Overseas Friends of BJP-USA and is the founder of RSS-run Ekal Vidyalaya for which she has raised funds.

Jani’s may have been the case of lax vetting. Name Biden campaign’s ‘Muslim Outreach’ coordinator, he was re-appointed National Asian American and Pacific Islander Director after it was pointed out that his family had ties with PM Modi and other BJP leaders.

To ensure the Biden administration does not backtrack on excluding those with RSS-BJP links, 19 Indian-American organisations have written to Biden pointing out that many South Asian-American individuals with ties to far-right Hindu organisations in India are affiliated with the Democratic Party.

GAW KADAL ANNIV Shutdown in Srinagar markets

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 21
Markets in parts of Srinagar city on Monday observed a complete shutdown to mark the anniversary of the 1990 Gaw Kadal incident, officials said.

Shops and business establishments in Gaw Kadal, Bassant Bagh, Maisuma, Lal Chowk and its adjoining areas remained closed to mark the day when dozens of persons were killed in alleged firing by security forces during a protest march at Gaw Kadal, they said.

The march was taken out to protest alleged molestation of women by the forces a day before in nearby areas during search operations. — PTI

One dies, 117 test +ve in UT

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 21
The Covid-19 death toll in Jammu and Kashmir rose to 1,924 on Thursday with one more fatality, while 117 new cases pushed the infection tally to 1,23,764, officials said.

Of the new cases, 42 were from the Jammu division and 75 from the Kashmir division of the Union territory, they said.

Srinagar district recorded the highest 46 cases, followed by 33 in Jammu district. While six districts — Rajouri, Doda, Samba, Poonch, Reasi and Ramban — did not report any new cases, 12 districts had cases in single digits, the officials said.

The number of active cases rose to 1,111 in the UT, while 1,20,729 patients had recovered from the infection so far, the officials said.



One death was reported due to Covid-19 in the past 24 hours in the Jammu region, officials said, adding that the death toll had risen to 1,924. — PTI

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

Bid No.: 99 Date: 21.01.2021

On behalf of the Governor of Punjab, Executive Engineer, Provincial Division No. 1, PWD, B&R, Patiala invite the following bid from eligible bidders enlisted with Punjab PWD B&R for the work of-

- Construction of 80' Wide Road of Lehal Mandal Site, Residential Colony Under OUVGL Scheme Model Town, Patiala.

For detail terms & conditions of notice inviting bid, refer to punjab.gov.in and <http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in> w.e.f. 22.01.2021 at 01:00 p.m. to 15.02.2021 up to 04:00 p.m. Date & Time of opening of Technical Bid 16.02.2021 at 11:00 a.m.

Note:- Corrigendum, if any, will be issued on website only.

(On behalf of Governor of Punjab.)
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Prov. Divn. No. 1, PWD B&R Br., Patiala.

DPR/Pb/1002

REGISTRATION OF DEALERS FOR REPAIR OF MILITARY VEHICLES, GENERATOR SETS, COMPUTER AND PERIPHERALS

1. Applications are invited from reputed firms/vendors for the purpose of 'Registration of Dealers' for repair of vehicles and equipment as mentioned below in respect of Military Station Chandimandir :-

| Ser No | Type of vehicle/equipment |
|--------|---|
| (a) | Ashok Leyland Stallion Trucks - 228, Maruti Cars & Gypsies - 182, Tata Trucks - 88, Army Bus (Tata) - 17, Motor Cycle Hero Honda - 39, Motor Cycle Royal Enfield - 40, Car Ambassador - 11, DCM Toyota - 4, Eicher Canter - 2, Indigo - 3, Innova Crysta - 4, Tractor - 3, Tata Strome Safari - 19. |
| (b) | Generator and Charging Sets 2 to 75 KVA - 106, Air Compressor- 02 & IFLT 2 to 5 Ton-05. |
| (c) | Computers -1474. |
| (d) | Computer Peripherals such as Printer, UPS CVT etc — 3448. |
| (e) | Medical and Dental equipments. |

2. Desired OEM authorized dealers/ local vendors are requested to submit applications to Station Headquarters Chandimandir by 10 Feb 2021. For any queries, please contact Mobile No. 9704314005 and 9501787824.

Station : Chandimandir
Dated : 22 Jan 2021

Sd/- (Administrative Commandant)
Station Headquarters, Chandimandir

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB DEPARTMENT OF EXCISE

Tender for Installation of CCTV Cameras in the bottling halls at all the Distilleries, Bottling Plants and Breweries.

There are 15 distilleries, 24 bottling plants and 4 breweries in the State of Punjab. Department of Excise & Taxation, Punjab invites bids from Companies registered under Indian Company Act for Installation of CCTV Cameras in the bottling halls at all Distilleries, Bottling Plants and Breweries for monitoring the production of PML, IMFL and Beer.

The detailed qualification criteria, scope of work and terms and conditions of the tender are contained in the RFP which may be downloaded from Excise Department Website www.excise.punjab.gov.in

Sealed bids superscribing 'Tender for Installation of CCTV Cameras in the bottling halls at Distilleries, Bottling Plants and Breweries' addressed to the Excise Commissioner, Punjab should reach by 05.02.2021 till 4.30 P.M. at the address given below.

The technical bid received within the time limit will be opened on 08.02.2021 at 11.00 A.M. in the presence of Bidders who may remain present and the Financial/Commercial Bid will be opened on 08.02.2021 at 04.30 P.M.

Excise Commissioner, Punjab Excise & Taxation Bhawan, Sector- 69, SAS Nagar (Mohali)

DPR/Pb/988

| Municipal Committee, Pataudi | | | | | | | | |
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| PUBLIC NOTICE/RE-INVITING TENDER NOTICE | | | | | | | | |
| SR. NO. | NAME OF DEPARTMENT/ BOARD/ CORP./AUTH. | NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER | OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME) | | AMOUNT/ EMD/ (APPROX) In Rupees | WEBSITE OF THE DEP. | NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL | TENDER REF. NO./TENDER NO. |
| | | | Tender Publish Date | Tender Closing Date | | | | |
| 1 | Municipal Committee, Pataudi | Construction and Development of Small Park in Front of Ex-MLA Rambir, Ward No. 1, Pataudi | 21.01.2021 at 9:00 AM | 31.01.2021 at 5:00 PM | 3330/6660 | https://etenders.hry.nic.in/nicgeapp | 0124-2672869 | 2021_HRY_157106_1 |
| 2 | | Const of Road from Platinum Workshop to Farm of Amit Khurana, Ward No. 15 | 21.01.2021 at 9:00 AM | 31.01.2021 at 5:00 PM | 3070/6140 | | | 2021_HRY_157106_2 |
| 3 | | Const of Road and Drain from Sonu to Mahesh Sehgal Ward No. 7, Pataudi | 21.01.2021 at 9:00 AM | 31.01.2021 at 5:00 PM | 2330/4660 | | | 2021_HRY_157106_3 |
| 4 | | Const of Road and Drain from Khem Chand to House of Shri Permanand | 21.01.2021 at 9:00 AM | 31.01.2021 at 5:00 PM | 1120/2240 | | | 2021_HRY_157106_4 |
| 5 | | Const Road and Drain 4 Nos. street along with Sanjay Chhanna House, Ward No. 7, Pataudi | 21.01.2021 at 9:00 AM | 31.01.2021 at 5:00 PM | 4070/8140 | | | 2021_HRY_157106_5 |
| 6 | | Const of Road opposite from Jai Shree Factory to Ramavtar Saini Rajasav Rasta Kharsa No. 365 on Bilaspur Road, Ward No. 5 | 21.01.2021 at 9:00 AM | 31.01.2021 at 5:00 PM | 1330/2660 | | | 2021_HRY_157106_6 |
| 7 | | PROVIDING AND FIXING OF TIN SHED AND REPAIRING WORK IN AMBEDKAR BHAWAN, WARD NO. 3, PATAUDI | 21.01.2021 at 9:00 AM | 31.01.2021 at 5:00 PM | 6970/13940 | | | 2021_HRY_157106_7 |
| 8 | | P F of Tin Shed and earth filling in Chaupal, Ward No. 3, Pataudi | 21.01.2021 at 9:00 AM | 31.01.2021 at 5:00 PM | 15000/30000 | | | 2021_HRY_157106_8 |
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| 1 | FOREST DEPARTMENT, YAMUNA NAGAR | CONST. OF RETAINING WALL AT VILLAGE POND NEAR MANDIR MILKRA IN MUJALWALI BEAT IN RAMNIPUR BLOCK SADHURA RANGE (LABOUR CHARGES TENDER) IN YAMUNANAGAR DISTRICT | 18.01.2021 26.01.2021 | 4.29 LACS | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 1732237821 dto_tynn@rediffmail.com |
| 2 | PANCHAYATI RAJ, HISAR | TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF 302 NOS RIKSHAW REHARI (TRY CYCLE) FOR VARIOUS VILLAGES OF DISTT. HISAR | 21.01.2021 03.02.2021 | 30.02 LACS | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 9467251500 prexeeng.hsr@hry.nic.in |
| 3 | PANCHAYATI RAJ, AMBALA | PDG E.I. IN FIRST FLOOR ZILA PARISAD BUILDING DISTT. SONIPAT | 19.01.2021 25.01.2021 | 2.09 LACS | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 9467251500 prexeeng.hsr@hry.nic.in |
| 4 | PANCHAYATI RAJ, SONIPAT | CONSTRUCTION OF ANGANWADI CENTRE AT VILAGE MAHRA + 1 OTHER WORK | 19.01.2021 26.01.2021 | 29.85 LACS | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 9896021072 prexeeng.snp@gmail.com |
| 5 | PANCHAYATI RAJ, FATEHABAD | CONST. OF GOBAR DHAN PROJECT AT VILLAGE KAJAL HERI BLOCK FATEHABAD, DISTT. FATEHABAD | 25.01.2021 08.02.2021 | 70.97 LACS | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 01667230855 prexeeng.ftb@hry.nic.in |
| 6 | PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING, SIWANI | GHANGALA VILLAGE ESTIMATE FOR AUGMENTATION OF WATER WORKS AND LAYING OF PIPELINE UNDER JJM CATEGORY-II (JJM). "CONSTRUCTION OF BRICK LINING 1 NO. S&S TANK, RCC 1 NO. HLT, 1 NO. FILTER BED, 1 NO. CWT, SUPPLY AND ERECTION OF PUMPING MACHINERY AND LAYING OF PIPELINE AND ALL OTHER WORKS CONTINGENT THERETO". | 15.01.2021 03.02.2021 | 45.60 LACS | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 8221012343 eesiwanl@phedsiwani.gov.in |
| 7 | IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA, NARNAUL | LAYING RCC PIPELINE 450MM I/D NP-2 FOR CONNECTING EXISTING PIPELINE FOR FILLING KHERKI GAUSHALA POND AT KM 5.920/L OF MAJ DISTY. + 4 OTHER WORKS | CLOSING DATE 01.02.2021 | 27.88 LACS | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 01282251214 xen-wswnl.ir@gov.in |
| 8 | DIRECTORATE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH PANCHKULA | OUTSOURCING OF MANPOWER SERVICES INCLUDING SANITATION AND SECURITY SERVICES FOR O/O DIRECTORATE MEDICAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH, HARYANA, PANCHKULA | 19.01.2021 02.02.2021 | — | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | dgmer.haryana@gmail.com |
| 9 | DIRECTOR GENERAL PRISONS, DEPARTMENT HARYANA PANCHKULA | SUPPLY OF DIETARY ARTICLES TO VARIOUS JAILS OF HARYANA | CLOSING DATE 09.02.2021 | 3 CRORE | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 01722585721 office_dg_prisons@hry.nic.in |

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Security forces at the site of twin blasts in Baghdad. REUTERS

Twin suicide blasts in Iraq kill 32, injure 110

BAGHDAD, JANUARY 21

Twin suicide blasts ripped through a busy market in Iraq's capital Baghdad on Thursday, killing at least 32 persons and wounding over 110, officials said.

The rare suicide attack hit the Bab al-Sharqi commercial area in central Baghdad amid heightened political tensions over planned early elections and a severe economic crisis. No one immediately took responsibility for the attack, but Iraqi military officials said it was the work of the Islamic State.

Iraq's Health Minister

Hassan Mohammed al-Tamimi said some of the wounded were in a serious condition.

Maj Gen Tahsin al-Khafaji, spokesman for the Joint Operations Command, said, "This is a terrorist act perpetrated by a sleeper cell of the Islamic State. The IS wants to prove its existence after suffering many blows in military operations." The suicide bombings were the first in three years to target Baghdad's bustling commercial area. A suicide bomb attack took place in the same area in 2018 shortly after then-PM Haidar al-Abadi declared victory over the IS. — AP

Merkel: Will vaccinate all citizens by summer

BERLIN, JANUARY 21

Covid-19 vaccines show a way out of the pandemic as they can be adapted for new variants of the virus and Germany should be able to vaccinate all citizens by the end of summer, German Chancellor Angela Merkel said on Thursday.

The German Government would do everything to protect vaccine supply chains even if it cannot control production, Merkel told a news conference, adding that the country should



have enough surplus vaccine in the third quarter to give some of it away. — Reuters

Biden sends immigration Bill to Congress

Thousands of Indian IT professionals to benefit | Launches Covid initiatives on 1st day in WH

WASHINGTON, JANUARY 21

US President Joe Biden on the first day of his presidency sent a comprehensive immigration Bill to Congress. The Bill proposes a major overhaul in the immigration system, including granting legal status and a path to citizenship to tens of thousands of undocumented immigrants and other groups and reduce the time that family members must wait outside the US for the green card.

Called the US Citizenship Act of 2021, the legislation modernises the immigration system and proposes to eliminate the per country cap for the employment-based green card, a move that would benefit thousands of Indian IT professionals, whose current wait period for legal permanent residency runs into several decades.

"Today, President Biden sent an immigration Bill to Congress. The US Citizenship Act modernises our immigration system. It provides hard-working people who have enriched our communities and lived here for decades an opportunity to earn citizenship," White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki told reporters at a news conference.

"The President's priority reflected in the Bill are to responsibly manage the border, keep families together, grow our economy, address the root causes of migration from Central America and ensure that America can remain a refuge for those fleeing prosecution," Psaki said.

The Bill would stimulate America's economy while ensuring that every worker is protected. The Bill creates an earned path to citizenship for immigrant neighbours, colleagues, parishioners, community leaders, friends, and loved ones, including



GRAND WELCOME: Fireworks over the National Mall during the "Celebrating America" event; and (right) Vice-President Kamala Harris with her husband at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington. REUTERS

JOINT VIDEO MESSAGE BY 3 EX-PRESIDENTS

Washington: Former US presidents Bill Clinton, George W Bush and Barack Obama have recorded a rare joint video through which they sent their wishes to President Joe Biden. "Inaugurations signal a tradition of a peaceful transfer of power that is over two centuries old," said Obama. PTI



CHINA WARMS UP TO NEW PREZ

Beijing: A visibly relieved China on Thursday warmly congratulated new US President Joe Biden and urged him to heal and rebuild the severely damaged bilateral ties by his predecessor Donald Trump. Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying, known for fiery retorts against the US, said, "We hope Biden will be successful in governance." PTI

LEADERS LAUD RETURN TO CLIMATE FIGHT

Berlin: World leaders breathed a sigh of relief that the United States under President Joe Biden is rejoining the global effort to curb climate change, a cause that his predecessor had shunned. British Prime Minister Boris Johnson and French President Emmanuel Macron were among those welcoming Biden's decision to rejoin the Paris climate accord, reversing a key Trump policy in the first hours of his presidency Wednesday. AP



"Dreamers" and the essential workers who have risked their lives to serve and protect American communities, the White House said.

According to the White House, the Bill clears employment-based visa backlogs, recaptures unused visas, reduces lengthy wait times, and eliminates per-country visa caps.

It makes it easier for graduates of US universities with advanced degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) stay in the US, improves access to the green card for workers in

lower-wage sectors, and eliminates other unnecessary hurdles for employment-based green card.

Biden also launched initiatives on Thursday to rein in the raging Covid-19 pandemic, tackling his top priority on his first full day in the White House as he tries to turn the page on Donald Trump's tumultuous leadership.

His administration plans a coordinated federal coronavirus response aimed at restoring trust in the government and focused on boosting vaccines, increasing testing, reopening schools and

addressing inequalities thrown up by the disease.

"We can and will beat Covid-19. America deserves a response to the pandemic that is driven by science, data, and public health... not politics," the White House said in a statement outlining the administration's National Strategy on for the Covid-19 Response and Pandemic Preparedness. — Agencies



Your faith brought me here: Harris credits her Indian mom

New York: Kamala Harris, who scripted history by becoming the first-ever woman Vice-President of the US, has credited her Indian mother for showing faith in her and always reminding her two daughters that "though we may be the first, we should not be the last". Harris remembered her late mother Shyamala Gopalan, a cancer researcher and civil rights activist from India, saying she had always carried that

lesson from her mother with her throughout her career. "My story is the story of millions of Americans. My mother Shyamala Gopalan arrived in the US from India. She raised my sister Maya and me to know that though we may be the first, we should not be the last," Harris said at the Presidential Inaugural Committee's official Asian American inaugural ball. "Your continued faith in me has brought me to this moment," she said. PTI

US REJOINS WHO, UN HAILS DECISION

United Nations: The US rejoined the World Health Organisation (WHO) in one of the first official orders of the Joe Biden presidency, reversing a key foreign policy decision his predecessor Donald Trump took last year. Biden, in a letter to UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres on Wednesday, said, "The US intends to remain a member of the WHO." PTI

PRaise for INAUGURAL ADDRESS WRITER

Washington: US President Joe Biden's powerful inaugural speech, penned by Vinay Reddy, has received glowing tributes. Reddy — an Indian-American from Telangana who wrote the speech that outlined Biden's goals for his administration, focusing on healing from the current state of division in national politics — has been praised for his "calming" and "inspiring" words. PTI

22-YR-OLD POET TURNS BESTSELLER

Washington: After a powerful reading at the US inauguration, 22-year-old Amanda Gorman reached the top of Amazon's bestseller list. Hours after Gorman's electric performance at the swearing-in of President Joe Biden and Vice-President Kamala Harris, her two books, neither out yet, topped Amazon sales list. REUTERS

BUSINESS

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Economy poised for glorious summer: RBI

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 21

The RBI has promised a 'glorious summer' on the basis of recent high frequency indicators.

The recent shifts in the macroeconomic landscape have brightened the outlook, with GDP in striking distance of attaining positive territory and inflation inching closer to the target. Financial markets remain ebullient with strong portfolio inflows and India is on track for receiving record annual inflows of foreign direct investment, noted the apex bank's monthly statement. If these movements sustain, policy space could open up to further support the recovery," it said.

It noted the New Year began with countries across the world in a massive vaccination drive, and felt "the worst is behind us."

"Recent high frequency indicators suggest the recovery is getting stronger in its traction and soon the winter of our discontent will be made glorious summer," said the RBI, quoting William Shakespeare.

"In fact, the number of e-way bills issued during December 2020 was the highest, suggesting that the recovery is no longer aloft on the fleeting tailwinds of festival spending but is rising Phoenix-like on the wings of an intrinsic momentum," said the central bank.

Sensex breaches 50,000-mark, closes lower on profit-booking

MUMBAI, JANUARY 21

The BSE Sensex scaled the 50,000-mark for the first time on Thursday on growth optimism and global cues, but succumbed to profit-booking in fag-end trade to finish in the red.

Weighed by selling in banking, finance and IT counters, the Sensex ended 167.36 points lower at 49,624.76. Similarly, the Nifty slipped 54.35 points to close at 14,590.35.

ONGC was the top loser, followed by Airtel, SBI, NTPC, Sun Pharma and ITC.

On the other hand, Bajaj Finance, Bajaj Auto, RIL, Bajaj Finserv and Asian Paints were among the gainers, climbing up to 2.72%.



BSE employees celebrate near the bull's statue after the Sensex crossed 50,000-mark for the first time, in Mumbai on Thursday. PTI

"Sensex at 50K is great news not only for the market and investors but for the economy also. Markets are barometers of the economy with the potential

to discount the future. If this is true, the Indian economy is on a strong recovery path. If the recovery in growth and corporate earnings gather momen-

turn, the markets may further surprise on the upside," said V K Vijayakumar, chief investment strategist at Geojit Financial Services. — PTI

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- Similarly, the NSE Nifty slipped 54.35 points to close at 14,590.35
- ONGC was the top loser in the Sensex pack, shedding 4%, followed by Bharti Airtel, SBI, IndusInd Bank, NTPC, Sun Pharma and ITC

100-million milestone



Hero MotoCorp chairman Pawan Munjal and Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan at the launch of the company's 100 millionth motorcycle in Gurugram on Thursday. S. CHANDAN

Future-RIL deal gets SEBI nod

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 21

Future Retail's Rs 24,713-crore deal to sell its retail assets to Reliance Industries (RIL) has got approvals from stock exchanges with certain riders.

The indebted group will have to seek shareholders' nod for the deal and get an approval from the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT).

Markets regulator SEBI has also given a go-ahead to Future Group's scheme of arrangement and sale of assets to Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL). — PTI

Realtors seek GST waiver for under-construction houses

VIJAY C ROY
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 21

The real estate sector, which is one of the major employment generators, expects major reforms in the upcoming Budget to bolster demand. Given the depth of pain in the sector, mainly because of slowdown due to the pandemic, this year the demand has gone beyond

the industry status. To mitigate the negative impact, the developers are of the view that the Centre will have to go the extra mile to stimulate growth. Let's have a look what the realtors expect in the Budget:

Hike rebate on home loan

The government should hike rebate on home loan under Section 24 of the Income Tax Act from Rs 2 lakh to at least Rs 5 lakh to generate demand, especially in the affordable and mid-segment housing.

GST waiver

"At present, the GST on



under-construction properties is 5% for premium homes (above Rs 45 lakh) and 1% for affordable homes (below Rs 45 lakh). To generate the demand, the government should provide GST waiver for limited period or the price

cap for affordable houses should be increased from Rs 45 lakh to Rs 60 lakh," said LC Mittal, director, Motia Group.

Ease liquidity

"The liquidity crunch had a cascading effect across sec-

tors, including the real estate. "Developers need a rational capital flow to maintain the supply pipeline, especially for the ready-to-move-in houses. Increased supply also helps to keep property prices range-bound," said Anuj Puri, chairman, ANAROCK Property Consultants.

More stress funds

"Establishing the SWAMIH Investment fund of Rs 25,000 crore to help the realty sector is appreciated. However, allowing more such stress funds will help facilitate the last mile funding for stressed and stalled

projects," said Dr Niranjan Hiranandani, national president, NAREDCO.

Fractional ownership

"The government should look at encouraging concept of fractional ownership as it can bring turnaround in India's investment scenario. The government should allow tax exemptions for investment through fractional ownership. There should also be conducive policy reforms and infrastructural development which can boost commercial real estate," said Shiv Parekh, founder, hBits.

It's curtains for Scooters India Ltd

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 21

The company that manufactured famous scooters like Lambretta and Vijai Super will be shut down after the Cabinet gave its nod to close the loss-making firm, sources said.

The CCEA is believed to have given consent to shutting down of Lucknow-based firm at its meeting on Wednesday, they said. The Scooters India brand name shall be sold separately as the company holds famous brands such as Lambretta, Vijai Super, Vikram and Lambro. — PTI

Dhols for Rahane, chariot for Natarajan

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 21
In cities, towns and villages across India, the national cricket team players, having made history in Australia, were given a hero's welcome as they returned to the country. Some of them got back home after nearly five months away, having left for Dubai in August to play in the IPL, then flown directly from there to Australia.

In Mumbai, chants of "Aale re aale Ajinkya aale" — "Here comes our Ajinkya!" — welcomed Ajinkya Rahane at the residential complex he lives in in suburban Matunga, amid the beating of the traditional dhol and showering of flower petals on him.

In Hyderabad, the mood was sombre as Mohammed Siraj headed straight to the grave of his father, who died when the young cricketer was in Australia.

In his native village Chinnappampatti in Tamil Nadu, Thangarasu Natarajan — who made his international debut in all three formats of the game in Australia — was given a great welcome, complete with garlands and a chariot ride through the streets.

Besides stand-in captain Rahane, also arriving in Mumbai were coach Ravi Shastri, star batsman Rohit Sharma, pacer Shardul Thakur and opener Prithvi

Indian players given hero's welcome back home



T Natarajan receives a grand welcome at Chinnappampatti in Tamil Nadu. PTI



Shaw. Brisbane Test hero Rishabh Pant landed in New Delhi early this morning.



The Chennai contingent, including Ravichandran Ashwin, Washington Sundar

and bowling coach Bharat Arun, are currently in Dubai and are expected to reach the country early morning on Friday. — TNS, agencies

BRIEFLY

MARGAO
Williams earns ATK Mohun Bagan full points vs CFC
Australian forward David Williams struck a stoppage-time goal coming in as a substitute to hand ATK Mohun Bagan a dramatic 1-0 win over Chennaiyin FC in the Indian Super League here today.

MADRID
3rd-division club upsets Real Madrid in Copa del Rey
Third-division club Alcoyano came from behind to eliminate Real Madrid 2-1 in the Round of 32 of the Copa de Rey. The small club from eastern Spain scored in the 80th minute to force extra time and again in the 115th to make it to the last-16. Alcoyano had gone a man down because of a red card just minutes before Juan Casanova scored the winner from close range after a quick counterattack.

MILAN
Ronaldo helps Juventus win Italian Super Cup
Cristiano Ronaldo scored to help Juventus win a record-extending ninth Italian Super Cup by beating Napoli 2-0. It was Juve's ninth Super Cup title, taking them two above AC Milan.

LONDON
Man United beat Fulham 2-1, back on top
Paul Pogba scored a long-range winner for the second time in a week as Manchester United came from behind to beat Fulham 2-1 and move back to the top of the Premier League. Leicester - by beating Chelsea on Tuesday - and Manchester City - with a 2-0 win over Aston Villa hours before kickoff of the Fulham-United match - had moved to the summit in the past 24 hours, but United responded to pull two points clear and tie the club record of 17 Premier League away games without defeat, which was set by the treble-winning side of 1999.

BERLIN
Lewandowski's penalty keeps Bayern 4 points clear
Robert Lewandowski's penalty was enough for Bayern Munich to consolidate their Bundesliga lead at the halfway stage of the season with a 1-0 win at Augsburg. AGENCIES

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STAR SPORTS 7:30PM

BADMINTON
THAILAND OPEN
STAR SPORTS 9:30AM

Stokes, Archer back for India Tests

LONDON, JANUARY 21
Inspirational all-rounder Ben Stokes and fast bowler Jofra Archer returned to a 16-member strong England squad named for the first two Tests of the upcoming four-match series against India. The England selectors also named six travelling reserves for the first two Tests, to be held at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai from February 5. Both Stokes and Archer were rested for the ongoing two-match Test series in Sri Lanka, while Rory Burns

was at home for the birth of his child. The team will continue to be led by Joe Root. Surrey's Ollie Pope will travel to India and will be added to the squad when passed fit. Pope is recovering from a shoulder injury sustained in September during the Test series against Pakistan. The national selectors have rested Jonathan Bairstow, Sam Curran and Mark Wood, who are currently in Sri Lanka. Subject to fitness of the rest of the squad, Craig Overton will return home after the Sri Lanka series. — Agencies

Junior team stuns Chile

SANTIAGO (CHILE), JANUARY 21
The Indian women's junior hockey team rallied from a goal down to script a stunning 3-2 win over the Chilean senior side here. Deepika (39th minute), Sangita Kumari (45th) and Lalrindiki (47th) scored for India after Fernanda Villagran (21st) had given the hosts the advantage. Chile's Simone Avelli (56th) pulled one back late in the match, but it was not enough to force a comeback. It was India's third consecutive victory on the tour. They had defeated Chile's junior side twice earlier this week. — PTI

After abuse, umpires offered us option of going off: Siraj

HYDERABAD, JANUARY 21
India pace bowler Mohammed Siraj today revealed that the on-field umpires had offered his team the option of leaving the field during the third Test against Australia after he was subjected to racial abuse by the crowd in Sydney. Siraj and his senior pace colleague Jasprit Bumrah faced racial abuse for two days at the Sydney Cricket Ground, forcing the Indian team management to lodge an official complaint with match referee David Boon. Cricket Australia later offered an unreserved apology for the abuse.

Siraj, called a "brown monkey" by some spectators, had reported the matter to skipper Ajinkya Rahane, who brought it to the notice of on-field umpires Paul Reiffel and Paul Wilson.

"I faced abuses in Australia. The case is going on, let's see whether I get justice or not. My job was to report the incident to the captain," the 26-year-old, who was India's highest wicket-taker with 13 scalps in the 2-1 series win, said on his arrival here. "The umpires offered us to leave the game but

Rahane bhai said we won't leave the game. We did no mistake, so we will play," said Siraj. The game was halted for a few minutes on the fourth day and ended in a thrilling draw. He said the unruly crowd behaviour acted as a morale-booster for him during his debut Test series. "The abuses which I faced in Australia made me mentally stronger. I didn't let them affect my game," Siraj said. Six spectators were expelled from the stadium after play was held up during the match. Cricket Australia has promised to take strong action against those found guilty.

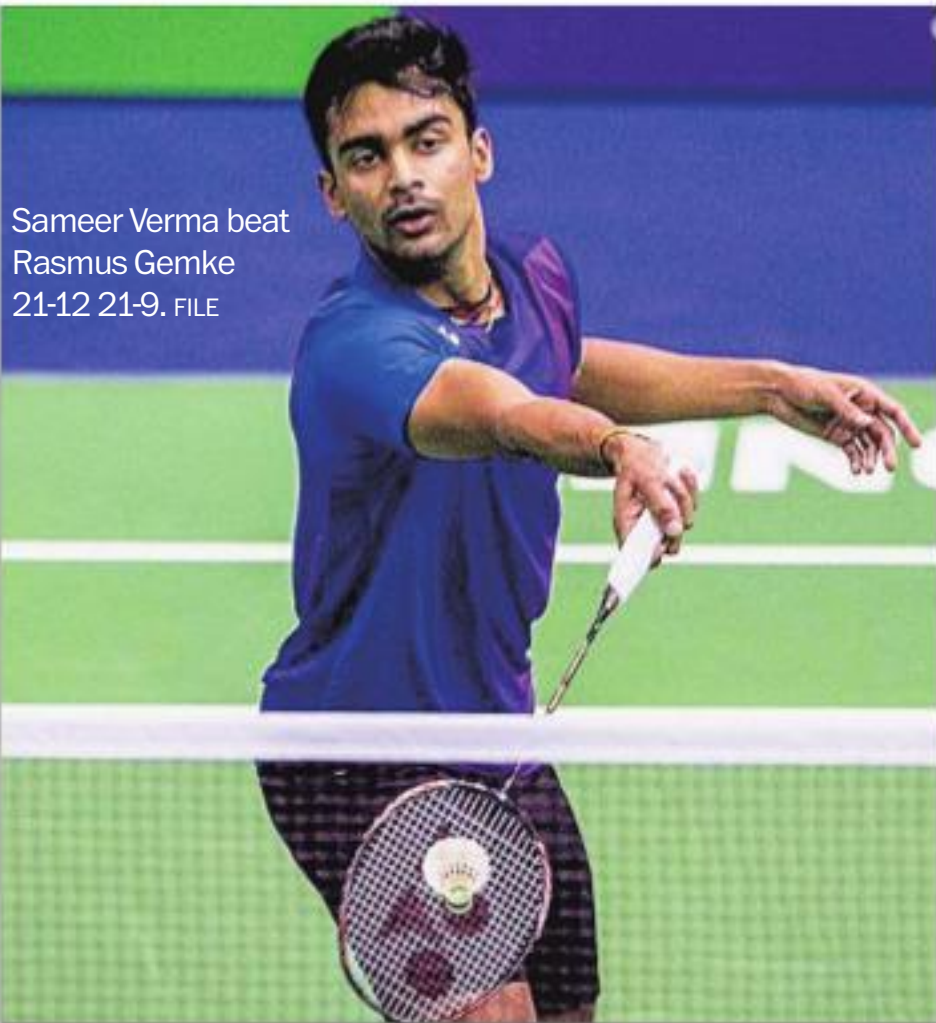
Dhoni comparisons feel amazing: Pant
New Delhi: Rishabh Pant, the hero of Brisbane, said while comparisons with MS Dhoni are flattering, he wants to carve his own identity in the game. "You feel amazing when you are compared to someone like MS Dhoni and you compare me with him," Pant said after landing here. "It's amazing but I don't want to be compared with anyone, I want to make myself as a name in Indian cricket." — PTI

Sindhu, Sameer sail into quarterfinals

BANGKOK, JANUARY 21
PV Sindhu and Sameer Verma stormed into the quarterfinals of the Thailand Open Super 1000 badminton tournament after registering straight-game wins but HS Prannoy bowed out here today. Olympics silver medalist Sindhu expectedly outclassed Malaysia's world No. 92 Kisona Selvaduray 21-10 21-12 in a second-round contest that lasted just 35 minutes. She will face Thailand's Ratchanok Intanon next. "I was remembering last week's tournament and each point was really important for me," Sindhu said. World No. 31 Sameer also continued his impressive run, stunning world No. 17 Rasmus Gemke 21-12 21-9 in just 39 minutes for his third victory over the Danish player. The Indian, who had shocked Malaysia's eighth seed Lee Zii Jia in the opening round, will face third seed Anders Antonsen of Denmark in the quarterfinals. "I was very confident before the match. I came prepared. I'm feeling very confident, so let's see. It will be tough (against Antonsen) but I will play my best," Sameer said. The mixed doubles pair of Satwicksairaj Rankireddy and Ashwini Ponnappa also made it to the quarterfinals with a stunning 22-20 14-21 21-16 win over world No. 17 Mark Lamsfuss and Isabel Herttrich of Germany in a match that lasted close to an hour.



PV Sindhu beat Kisona Selvaduray 21-10 21-12. FILE



Sameer Verma beat Rasmus Gemke 21-12 21-9. FILE

Satwicksairaj also paired up with Chirag Shetty in the men's doubles to notch up an upset 21-18 23-21 win over the seventh-seeded South Korean combination of Choi Solgyu and Seo Seung Jae. Prannoy, however, failed to cross the second-round hurdle, going down 17-21 18-21 to

Malaysia's Daren Liew, a day after battling through pain to upstage Asian Games champion Jonatan Christie in a gruelling three-game match. Also bowing out were MR Arjun and Dhruv Kapila after losing 9-21 11-21 to English pair of Ben Lane and Sean Vandy. — PTI



India's players celebrate after a goal. PHOTO: HOCKEY INDIA

Need to spread boxing throughout India, says Shelar

DEEPANKAR SHARDA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 21
There is a need to make top-level training facilities available across the country to increase the spread of the sport, said Ashish Shelar, who is one of the candidates in India's (BFI) presidential elections. "Boxing, or any sport, can only thrive when good training facilities are easily available. Unfortunately, such facilities are not spread across the country," Shelar said. "There should be at least one National Boxing Academy in each of the eight zones of the country. There is a lot of talent in the northern and eastern states. Southern India used to have some of the best boxers. Unfortunately, the South is now being ignored," he added. Shelar also said that there should be more inter-district or inter-zonal tournaments. "State units are crucial for the success of any national federation. The more we empower them with strong infrastructure and financial stability, the more all-round development we will see," he said.

Corporate attention
Shelar said that boxing has not been able to attract the kind of corporate attention it deserves. "Boxing is one of the top six priority disciplines in the country. It is one of the most entertaining too, if the ratings of the Big Bout are

any indication. Sadly, it has not been able to attract the kind of corporate attention it deserves," he said. "The Central Government is contributing its share, which goes towards mainly the elite boxers of the country. The BFI has to play an active role and spread the game by empowering the state units, ensuring there are lucrative national-level events in each zone by attracting local sponsors and corporate entities," he added.

Experienced
Shelar, who has been attached with cricket and football, said his relationship with boxing in Mumbai and Maharashtra went a long way back. "I could not pursue my initial interest in boxing during my college days due to a change in profession. But I have always kept in touch with my friends in boxing and appreciated its steady growth in Maharashtra over the years," said Shelar. "It was only a few months back that my friends from the Maharashtra Boxing Association requested me to contest. They felt that my experience in cricket as president of MCA and as Maharashtra's Sports Minister will help." "My immediate aim would be to bind all state units together by enhancing their financial status, so that sport becomes an attractive career option for the youngsters," he said.



First-time parents Virat Kohli and Anushka Sharma at Bandra in Mumbai. PTI

We have to be at our absolute best against India: Root
GALLE: England will have to be at their "absolute best" to challenge India in India, captain Joe Root said. England will tour India to play four Tests, beginning on February 5. "I expect India to be full of confidence. They are a very good team and know how to get the best out of their conditions. We are going to have to be at our absolute best but that is an exciting prospect for us," Root said. PTI

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