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## 166 untraced, hope for survivors dims

Five more bodies found, toll touches 31 | No contact yet with 35 feared trapped in tunnel

MUKESH RANJAN  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JOSHIMATH, FEBRUARY 9  
With the recovery of five more bodies, the toll in the Uttarakhand flashflood disaster rose to 31 today even as 166 persons were still missing.

A rescue operation was on in full swing to reach 30 to 35 workers feared trapped inside a power project tunnel at Tapovan in Chamoli district.

Two bodies were extricated from the debris at Raini village in Joshimath and the rescue efforts currently remain concentrated to the tunnel of the hydel project, which was ravaged by the Sunday deluge.

The missing persons include the labourers who were working at the site of the National Thermal Power Corporation's 480 MW Tapovan-Vishnuganga project and the 13.2 MW Rishiganga Hydel Project. Some villages too were affected with houses being swept away by the floods.

Army, National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) personnel are part of the rescue effort, which is being led by the ITBP, a force equipped with trained mountaineers. "The work of clearing the second tunnel of slush and debris was underway all night. The work is going on," said ITBP

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NDRF personnel carry the body of a flashflood victim near Raini village in Chamoli district of Uttarakhand. PTI



A woman shows the photo of her missing husband in Chamoli. PTI

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### NEPAL ALERTS UP ON SHARDA RIVER SURGE

Lakhimpur Kheri (UP): Officials in Kanchanpur district of Nepal have sent an alert to the Lakhimpur Kheri district administration, informing that one of its 'under repair' lake banks has developed cracks and may cause an increase in the water level in the Sharda river, known as Mahakali in Nepal. IANS

### OPS ON WARFOOTING: HM

"Satellite data shows a landslide at 5,600 m triggered an avalanche covering 14 sq km area. This caused a flashflood in the Rishiganga. Rescue operations are on at a warfooting." Amit Shah told Parliament.



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## US-India cooperation to expand under Biden

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 9

The phone call between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Joe Biden late on Monday night indicated a widening of areas of cooperation between India and the US to include climate change and restoring global economy.

The US President also assured continuing cooperation with India in fighting global terror; but also underlined that "the rule of law and the democratic process must be upheld".

The US State Department and a member of the US Congress Foreign Affairs Committee have already underlined the need for observing democratic norms while handling

### BLINKEN: TRUMP'S TOUGH CHINA STANCE WAS RIGHT

Washington: Former US President Donald Trump was right in taking a tough stance against China, newly appointed Secretary of State Tony Blinken has said in an interview. WORLD

farmers' protests on Delhi's borders. Several prominent Democratic Party members have earlier spoken against the Kashmir lockdown and the NRC. A White House readout listed five areas where the Biden administration wanted to work closely

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India, China discuss UNSC coordination

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 9  
India and China today held consultations on cooperation on issues relating to UN Security Council in an attempt to ease tension and set the stage for a concrete LAC disengagement schedule. BACK PAGE

## 60 hrs and counting, no sign of life in tunnel

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## Pb Cong MPs to move Bill for repeal

ADITI TANDON  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

### R-DAY VIOLENCE: DEEP SIDHU ARRESTED



### SC STAYS ARREST OF THAROOR, SARDESAI & 5 OTHERS

prioritise the legislations in the interest of farmers.

The Congress effort took off on a note of disunity with-

in its Punjab ranks with Rajya Sabha MPs Ambika Soni, Partap Singh Bajwa and Shamsher Singh Dullo

missing from the picture. Bajwa said: "We had no information about the move. We were not even consulted. This is disappointing." Dullo also said he had no idea about the move.

Tewari earlier mentioned that the Bills sought repeal of laws on grounds of "illegality and unconstitutionality".

On why no plea in the SC, Tewari said, "The SC is seized of the matter. We did what we thought was best." Bittu appealed to 247 MPs, who have mentioned farming as their profession in records, to join them.

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## Adieu to Azad, PM gets emotional



### HARD FOR ANYONE TO FILL HIS SHOES

Power comes and goes but (only a few know) how to handle it... therefore like a friend, I respect him on the basis of things he has done all these years. Narendra Modi, PM

try to terminate services of 816 art & craft teachers

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 9  
Nearly 11 years after their recruitment by the Bhupinder Singh Hooda-led Congress government, 816 art and craft teachers of the Haryana Education Department are set to lose their jobs in the wake of a Supreme Court verdict.

The state government has asked the District Elementary Education Officers (DEEOs) to terminate their services. The recruitments were made in 2010 on the basis of an advertisement issued in June 2006.

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## In Lahaul-Spiti, outrage over proposed hydel projects

DIPENDER MANTA  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MANI, FEBRUARY 9  
Apprehending an Uttarakhand-like catastrophe, residents of Lahaul-Spiti district have raised their pitch against the proposed hydel projects in the ecologically fragile Chenab river basin.

Himachal has allocated several power projects in the Chenab basin to prominent

companies like the SJVN, NHPC, HPCL and NTPC. In addition, several hydropower projects are in the pipeline for Tandi, Rashil, Bardang, Miyar and Jispa in Lahaul-Spiti. Petrified by the Chamoli mishap, residents of Tandi and Goshal panchayats had a meeting to oppose the proposed projects on the Chenab banks. Tandi panchayat pradhan Virender Kumar said: "We oppose the

decision of the government to set up power projects in Lahaul-Spiti as it will adversely affect the ecology of the area. We have passed a resolution against the Tandi project."

Voice similar fears, vice-president of the NGO Save Lahaul Samiti Vikram Katoch said residents of the district were united in their opposition to setting up of more hydel projects in the

Chenab basin. He added that campaigns would be held across the district to spread awareness about the ill-effects of power projects.

Rigzin Semphel Heyreppa, president of the Jispa Dam Sangharsh Samiti, said, "In Kinnar, projects have been set up indiscriminately, causing severe damage to the ecology. People in Lahaul-Spiti will not allow a repeat of Kinnar."

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## WEATHER

## FORECAST

Fog/mist in the morning and mainly clear sky later  
SUNRISE: 7.06 am  
SUNSET: 6.06 pm

## TEMPERATURE

HISAR  
Max: 28°C Min: 8°C

KARNAL  
Max: 24°C Min: 9°C

GURUGRAM  
Max: 25°C Min: 10°C



Many local businessmen have been forced to close down their ventures and look for jobs and other sources of income to make ends meet. TRIBUNE PHOTO

## HELPLINE

Coronavirus: 8558893911

Police control room: 100

Fire brigade: 101

Ambulance: 102/108

Corruption: 1064

Women helpline: 1091

Child helpline: 1098

Accident helpline: 1073

Railway enquiry: 139

**FARIDABAD**

Commissioner of Police

0129-2438000

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Police control room

0124-2316100

**HISAR**

Superintendent of Police

881011300

**KARNAL**

Deputy Commissioner

0184-2267500

**KURUKSHETRA**

Police control room: 01744-222100

**PANIPAT**

Superintendent of Police

0180-2699100

**ROHTAK**

Superintendent of Police

0126-2228114

**SONEPAT**

Superintendent of Police

0130-2222904

**YAMUNANAGAR**

Superintendent of Police

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SUNIT DHAWAN

Tribune News Service

ROHTAK, FEBRUARY 9

The lockdown imposed to check the spread of Covid has spelt doom for a number of businessmen.

Many local businessmen have been forced to close down their ventures and look for jobs and other sources of income to make ends meet.

Several others have switched over to businesses involving food and medical services, which did not bear the brunt of the pandemic-induced lockdown.

For instance, Pankaj Dhamija, a Rohtak-based businessman who runs a school uniform manufacturing unit as well as a retail showroom, has opened an eating joint to ensure regular income.

## GOVT MUST PROVIDE BAILOUT PACKAGE

“The government has not come forward to support the businessmen. The small and medium enterprises should get some bailout package or at least low-interest loans to emerge out of the crisis.” Pankaj Dhamija, A ROHTAK-BASED BUSINESSMAN

“The schools and related sectors — like the uniform industry — were among the worst-affected ones during the lockdown. Children did not require uniforms as the schools remained closed. Most of our workers, who were from Bihar, went back to their native places as there was no work. The business has nosedived as there is no demand for uniforms. Hence, we have turned to food business,” says Dhamija.

Pawan Setia, who used to run an outlet of gift items, joined hands with Dhamija for the eating joint after he had to shut his gift shop which did not make any considerable sales during the Covid era.

“The government has not come forward to support the businessmen who suffered massive losses during the lockdown. The small and medium enterprises should get some bailout package or at least low-interest loans to emerge out of the crisis,” maintains Dhamija.

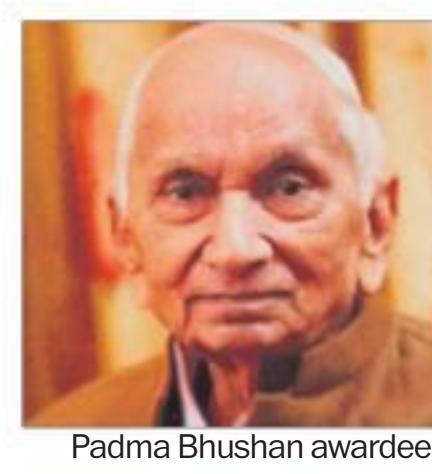
Gulshan Dang, state president of Jan-Udyog Vyapar Sangathan, has urged the government to take some effective steps to help the businessmen who have been struggling to keep afloat during the unprecedented situation owing to the Covid pandemic and lockdown imposed due to it.

## Social crusader Jain dies at 94

YAMUNANAGAR, FEBRUARY 9  
Padma Bhushan awardee and social crusader Darshan Lal Jain (94) died at his house in Jain Nagar of Jagadhri on Monday. He is survived by two sons and two daughters.

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar visited Jain's residence at Jagadhri yesterday and expressed condolences to the bereaved family members.

The President had awarded him 'Padma Bhushan' for social work at Rashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi on March 16, 2019. RSS veteran Jain had made vital contribution in the freedom movement of the country, in the fields of education and social services, especially in the rejuvenation of the Saraswati river. — TNS



Padma Bhushan awardee  
Darshan Lal Jain (94)

## EDUCATION NOTES



## KU EXAMS TO BE HELD OFFLINE

**Kurukshetra:** The theory examinations of fifth semester of under-graduate classes and third semester of post-graduate classes will commence from March 1 and will be conducted in offline mode. The theory examination of third semester of UG classes will commence from March 6 and that of first semester of UG will commence from March 10 in the offline mode. This decision was taken in a high-level committee headed by KU Vice-Chancellor Som Nath Sachdeva. Students having Covid-19 or its symptoms will have to submit a request with medical certificate/Covid report to the concerned Chairpersons/Directors/Principals of the Department /Institute/College for seeking exemption for that particular paper. Students from other states or foreign countries who are unable to take exams will have to submit a request to the Chairperson/Head/Principal of Dept/Institute.



## F'BAD VARSITY OFFERS NEW COURSE

**Faridabad:** A value-added course on transmedia storytelling organised by the Department of Liberal Arts and Media Studies (LAMS) of JC Bose University of Science and Technology, YMCA, here has begun. The inaugural session of the programme was presided over by Vice-Chancellor Dinesh Kumar. Assistant Director of All India Radio, New Delhi, Jainendra Singh and Professor of English in National Law University, Dwarka, and Director of Centre for Endangered languages Prof Prasannanand Jain were keynote speakers in the inaugural session which was also attended by Registrar Dr SK Garg and Chairperson of LAMS Dr Atul Mishra. Addressing the session, Jainendra Singh focussed on elaborating the concept of transmedia storytelling which is not very popular. He underlined the difference between cross-media and transmedia storytelling.

## Haryana board exams for Class X, XII from April 20

Tribune News Service

**HISAR, FEBRUARY 9**  
The Board of School Education Haryana (BSEH), Bhiwani, has announced to hold the examinations of Class X and XII from April 20.

BSEH chairman Jagbir Singh said on Tuesday that they had revised the mode of examination as 50 per cent of the questions would be multiple choice questions (MCQ) and the time had also been reduced to two-and-a-half hours instead of three-hour time limit for the examination.

On the lines of the Central Board of School Education (CBSE), the BSEH had reduced the syllabus for Class IX to XII for the current academic session in the schools to ease pressure on the students. Thus, the questions will be asked from the rationalised syllabus in the papers.

The chairman said the examination schedule had been postponed by nearly one and a half months and would begin from April 20

and conclude on May 31. He said the practical examinations would be conducted before the written examinations.

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cil of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) and principals and lecturers of the schools and colleges.

He said the reduced syllabus would ease the pressure on the students as well as teachers. “We hope that the students and teachers will be comfortable with the cut in syllabus in absence of regular schooling on account of closure of schools,” he said.

## 4 more deaths, 16,294 vaccinated

Tribune News Service

**CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 9**  
With two deaths each reported from Rohtak and Palwal, the Covid death tally was pegged at 3,033 in Haryana on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, with 16,294



more health workers vaccinated today, the total number of those vaccinat-

ed against Covid has gone up to 1,85,902.

The state's total case count was pegged at 2,68,600 with 93 fresh cases. Gurugram reported the maximum of 22 cases followed by Panipat (13) and Panchkula (10).



**TOILETS AT AMBALA COURT COMPLEX IN BAD SHAPE**

**T**HIS photo has been clicked at the office of Revenue Kanungo and Patwarkhana situated at the Court Complex, Ambala City. It is one of the important offices from the point of view that the number of people of all walk of life i.e. farmers, workers, students, women even aged people come here daily to get various reports of land record, income certificates etc. The office under the control of the Deputy Commissioner who is the first commanding authority and also looks after various development programmes, including sanitation. Moreover, two more senior officers i.e. SDM and DRO also have the administrative and functional control over the office. Despite the large number of people visiting the place, two toilets are permanently kept closed for the reason best known to the administration. The doors are jammed and sewerage choked with hard clay. It is due to this reason only that people can be seen urinating in the open. The government has been spending a huge amount of funds but state of cleanliness and required facilities at common places are missing. GIAN P KANSAL, AMBALA CITY





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# State BJP chief's SUV attacked

Leaders heckled in Ferozepur | Protest at meeting venue in Abohar

TREBINE REPORTERS

FEROZEPUR/ABOHAL, FEBRUARY 9  
Protesters today attacked the vehicle of state BJP chief Ashwani Sharma, who had come to meet party workers in connection with the upcoming civic body elections in the border town of Ferozepur.

Keeping in view the recent attacks on BJP leaders, special security arrangements had been made by the police at the meeting venue on the outskirts of the city. However, all efforts proved futile as the mob heckled the BJP leaders.

Earlier, farmers belonging to various unions reached the venue and started raising slogans against the BJP-led central government. They also tried to enter the venue.

However, the police resorted to a mild lathicharge to bring the situation under control. As soon as Sharma got into his vehicle to leave, a few unidentified persons attacked the vehicle with sticks and rods, and fled the spot. Farmer leaders said they had come only to protest and not hurt anyone.

Sharma said: "It seems a few people wanted to take the benefit of the situation on the pretext of the farmers' agitation. However,



Protesters attack the vehicle of state BJP chief Ashwani Sharma in Ferozepur on Tuesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

## NO FARMER INVOLVED

We had come here only to register protest. None of us wanted to hurt him. The attackers are not farmers and it seems that the attack was pre-planned.

Farmer leaders

## SOME USING STIR

It seems a few people wanted to take advantage of the situation on the pretext of the farmers' agitation. They will not succeed in their designs.

Ashwani Sharma, STATE BJP PRESIDENT

the matter and action against the miscreants following which the dharna was lifted.

In Abohar, Sharma faced a protest by semi-clad farmers as he reached there to meet party candidates.

Around 200 policemen from different police stations had been deployed at the venue. Farmers assembled outside Nehru Park and started raising slogans. The protesters damaged barricades on the road but were pushed back as they tried to enter the venue. Sharma was escorted inside the venue under a tight security cover.

Deputy Commissioner, demanding action against the culprits. The BJP workers also blocked the highway. The DC assured them of investigating

they will not succeed in their sinister designs."

Following the attack, the state BJP chief sat on a dharna outside the residence of the

national party were not being allowed to campaign or hold meetings, and even their

posters were being torn.

Sharma said he along with other leaders would meet the spot and pacified the protesters. —TNS



State BJP chief Ashwani Sharma holds a meeting in Bathinda.

Sharma said he along with other leaders would meet the

Governor and the DGP over the safety of BJP candidates in the MC polls. As the farmers got information about Sharma's arrival in the city, they reached the venue and protested.

Even policemen in large numbers were deployed and all roads leading to the venue were cordoned off. IGP, Bathinda Range, Jaskaran Singh and SSP Bhupinderjeet Singh Virk also reached the spot and pacified the protesters. —TNS

# Can't campaign, will meet Guv: Sharma

BATHINDA, FEBRUARY 9

Facing protests from farmers, state BJP president Ashwani Sharma did not turn up at the decided venue and instead held meeting with party leaders at an undisclosed location in Bathinda on Tuesday.

Sharma alleged the Congress government had murdered democracy as all officials were behaving like puppets of CM Capt Amarinder Singh.

He said this is the first election in which candidates of a

national party were not being allowed to campaign or hold meetings, and even their

posters were being torn.

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# Court issues arrest warrant against Saini

TREBINE NEWS SERVICE

FARIDKOT, FEBRUARY 9

While issuing an arrest warrant (bailable) against former Punjab Director General of Police (DGP) Sumedh Singh Saini in connection with a murder case, a judicial court in Faridkot on Tuesday accused the former DGP and suspended IGP Paramraj Singh Umranangal of moving frivolous applications before the court.

Both Saini and Umranangal were summoned by the court of Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Faridkot, for their appearance before the court for today to face the trial in the Bebhal Kalan police firing case of October 2015 in which two protesters were killed.

The court strongly objected to an assertion by counsels for Saini and Umranangal that the court had not complied with the High Court orders according to which in case of arrest of the accused, a seven-day prior notice was required to be given.

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A summon order pasted at Sumeedh Saini's residence.

## HC RELIEF FOR IGP

**Chandigarh:** The day suspended IGP Param Raj Singh Umranangal was expected to appear before a Faridkot court in connection with sacrifice and police firing case, the Punjab and Haryana High Court deferred his appearance. —TNS

before the court was issued for February 9, the judge said. While the directions of the High Court were already being complied with, both accused were misusing the process of law and not appearing before the court despite being given the notice of more than three weeks, the order reads. The notice issued to Saini and Umranangal was received back with the report that the security officer at the house of Saini refused to allow the process server to meet him and also refused to receive the summon. The summon was then pasted in front of his house on February 5.

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## Biden-Modi phone call

The overhang of human rights on strategic ties

ANY new leader's first lot of overseas visits and phone calls, the latter more so during the pandemic, give a realistically accurate insight into his foreign policy priorities. It is significant that India figured on the first list of phone calls only by the new US Defence Secretary and the NSA. Secretary of State Tony Blinken spoke to S Jaishankar after he had touched base with counterparts of several non-G20 countries. If the low ranking in phone calls by US principals to Indian counterparts seemed to suggest that South Asia was not a priority operational theatre for the White House, the anxiety was laid to rest by the wide-ranging topics covered in the Biden-Modi phone call.

The diplomatic bandwidth Biden has sought to cover with Modi is much wider than the security-defence straitjacket Trump imposed on India-US relations. Understandably, climate change and rebuilding the global economy are back in the mix. Quad, an informal group the US is promoting as a bulwark against China, should now embrace all the three pillars it espouses — political and commercial, in addition to military activity in the Indo-Pacific. Biden reiterated his commitment to work together against terrorism, but there are riders attached. The PM's fulsome praise for Ghulam Nabi Azad in the Rajya Sabha indicates that South Block has picked up signals from the State Department about the new US dispensation's inclination for reduction in tensions along the LoC and in Kashmir.

However, the Hindutva brigade's aggressive response to Western criticism of insensitivity in handling the farmers' protests failed to impress the White House, which has highlighted Biden's desire to 'defend democratic institutions and norms'. Democrats in the past did not appreciate the CAA and the Kashmir lockdown either. With China at the gates, it may be a bit late in the day for South Block to dial down the growing strategic reliance on Washington and walk its path at the same time. The resolution of the protesting farmers' issues may be a good cue to invigorate Indo-US ties under a dispensation with a penchant to use human rights as a diplomatic tool.

## Laid low in Chennai

Finally, India succumb on Day 5 of a Test match

AFTER the high of Brisbane comes the low of Chennai — India lost the first Test of the series against England by a huge margin of 227 runs, getting bowled out for 192 in their second innings. India last ed only 58.1 overs as they chased an improbable 420 for victory. For the third Test in a row, Indian batsmen were expected to come up with an exceptional effort on Day 5 — in Sydney, they managed to eke out a draw with great defensive play, and in Brisbane, they achieved a remarkable victory with great aggression. However, playing with either defence or aggression on a deteriorating Day 5 Indian wicket is a very different proposition, with the ball turning and keeping low and fielders lurking close by to grab a catch. India lost nine wickets on the day in only 38 overs.

England deserve credit for their clinical performance. This outfit is one of the best-prepared visiting teams to land on India's shores, having won 2-0 in Sri Lanka recently. Led by the exceptional Joe Root, they made the best possible use of the conditions after winning the toss and electing to bat first. Having piled up 578 runs on a wicket Ishant Sharma later described as flat as a 'road', with Root leading the way with a magnificent 218, England bowled India out for sub-par 337. Several Indian batsmen were guilty of playing loose strokes. After England set India a target that has never been achieved by any team in Test cricket, India's hopes lay in the batsmen putting up a great defensive effort. That was not to be, though.

India's defeat, the fourth straight under Virat Kohli, opens up the race to the final of the World Test Championship. New Zealand have already qualified for the final, and India can't afford another loss — they must win the series 2-1 or 3-1 to make it. But England, who must win the series 3-0 or 3-0 or better to reach the final, have shown that they are ready for the Indian challenge. We are in for more exciting cricket over the next few weeks.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds. — Francis Bacon

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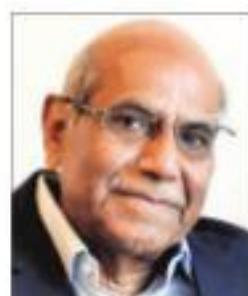
LAHORE, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1921

### The Seditious Meetings Act in the Punjab Council.

WE are sincerely pleased to find that Raja Narendranath has given notice of two questions and one resolution on the important subject of the proclamation of certain districts in the Punjab under the Seditious Meetings Act. So far as the questions, indeed, are concerned, no exception will, we believe, be taken to them by any section of the public. By the first of them, the member asks the Government to state with regard to each district in which prohibition against public meetings is in force under the Seditious Meetings Act the facts which led the Government to issue the notification under the Act, while by the second, he asks, apparently on the basis of what appeared in this journal at the time, whether the ministers were consulted before the notification under the Seditious Meetings Act about Jullundur district was issued, and if they were not consulted, what reasons led the Government to ignore the instructions contained in para. 6 of the Report of the Joint Committee. Both questions have been so framed as to give the Government an opportunity of explaining the action if they will choose to do so. On them, therefore, will lie the entire responsibility of evading the questions, if they will adopt that ill-advised course. The Government knows as well as we do how keenly their action in both respects is resented by the public, and if they desire to carry on the administration of the Province under the new regime in a spirit of sympathy with and of responsiveness to public opinion, their duty is plain. They should either lose no time in cancelling the measures they have already taken or make a genuine attempt to carry public opinion with them. But there is no doubt as to the duty of the Government themselves. Similarly, the resolution is deliberately so framed as to make it difficult for the Government not to accept it.

# The guessing game begins

Biden spells out foreign policy but does not indicate who are 'key partners'



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CENTRE OF INTEREST: The US is likely to give precedence to its military allies, Japan, South Korea and Australia. REUTERS

**I**n a major speech at the State Department on February 4, US President Biden set out his foreign policy agenda in considerable detail. The speech bears careful attention as it indicates the priorities for this administration. One may note that there is not a single mention of India. The Indo-Pacific strategy and Quad as means of dealing with the challenge of China are missing. This confirms the assessment that India may not be as key a partner for the US under Biden as it appeared to be under the Trump administration. The omission is even more telling since this administration has several top professionals who are familiar with India and have had intensive dealings with it during earlier democratic administrations. One cannot argue that there are no India hands in the administration. We may need to work harder to sustain and further develop the Indo-US partnership.

Biden laid stress on reviving alliance relationships describing them as 'our greatest asset'. He added the phrase 'key partners' in the next sentence but gave no indication as to which countries are covered in this generic category. In the Indo-Pacific, the US is likely to give precedence to its military allies, Japan, South Korea and Australia.

There is acknowledgement of the adversarial relations with China and Russia but the early extension of the START agreement for another five years reflects the willingness to remain engaged with Russia. The same approach will likely follow with China. Biden said clearly that on issues important to US interests, it will

engage with China and climate change will offer the entry point for resuming high-level engagement. But US-China confrontation will remain part of the geopolitical landscape. The subsequent phone conversation between Secretary of State Blinken and state councillor Yang Jiechi demonstrated mutual antipathy.

There are two other themes. One, the US will play a more active role on the multilateral front. This is reflected in the return to the Paris climate agreement, the resumption of membership of the WHO and a return to the UN Human Rights Commission. One should expect activism at the WTO in concert with the EU and Japan. The US may drop its opposition to the WTO appellate process by allowing fresh appointments to the appellate mechanism. It may no longer oppose the new Director General whose appointment Trump had held up. We did not see any indication of Biden's interest in rejoining the Trans-Pacific Partnership or reviving negotiations on a Trans-Atlantic trade agreement. There continues to be caution on this front even as the WTO emerges as the forum where trade and investment issues may be negotiated. Both on climate change

and multilateral trade issues, India could come under pressure. Biden obviously expects to leverage the US return to the Paris Agreement to pressure 'major emitters' to come up with more ambitious emission reduction commitments. India is already identified as a major emitter and will be expected to commit to achieving carbon neutrality, at least not later than China (2060). On the WTQ, there is a long-standing record of bitter divergences on several key issues. Unless both countries make a major effort to manage these points of conflict, other more positive aspects of relations may be impacted.

The Biden speech is notable for its stress on democratic values and human rights as guiding principles of American diplomacy. He declared that 'we must start with diplomacy rooted in America's most cherished democratic values; defending freedom, championing opportunity, upholding universal rights, respecting the rule of law, and treating every person with dignity.' There followed a long paragraph on the recent developments in Myanmar and the expectation that friends and allies will join the US in demanding restoration of the

democratically elected government. India may not be able to oblige, given its equities in Myanmar. We should expect greater scrutiny of domestic developments in India. We are witnessing some of the likely strains on relations, thanks to comments in the US Congress on the ongoing farmers' protests. There is an assumption that the US administration may remain muted on these issues, given the importance of India's role in the Indo-Pacific strategy. The speech heralds a more difficult challenge on this score.

The initial moves on India's western flank are encouraging. The US has changed its policy on Yemen. It could well engineer its return to the Iran nuclear deal. Here its allies and its adversaries, China and Russia, have a vested interest in facilitating the revival of the agreement. They will do the heavy lifting. This would be good for India.

One should expect the Indo-US partnership on defence and counterterrorism to remain strong. Despite Biden having neglected to mention it, India's role in maritime security and in Quad remains indispensable.

One is unable to see the likelihood of PM Modi and Biden developing the kind of personal chemistry that was evident with Obama and more so with Trump. Biden has announced that he would convene a summit of democracies and India would certainly be invited. The date is uncertain. Perhaps before that there would be a G-7 summit hosted by the UK Prime Minister to which PM Modi is invited. That could be an occasion for a summit with Biden and for putting in place a positive and constructive trajectory for Indo-US relations. The democratic connection had helped us in clinching the Indo-US nuclear deal. President Bush, like Biden, was invested in promoting the democratic values. India and the US had together launched the UN Fund for Democracy in 2005. Perhaps we need to revive this initiative at this juncture.

The bottom line: strengthening Indo-US partnership may require more hard work than one may have anticipated.

### OBITUARY

Bansi Kaul, THEATRE PERSONALITY (AUG 23, 1949–FEB 6, 2021)

## Put Punjabi theatre on national map

### Areet Kaur

**I**FIRST met Bansi Kaul in 1978 on a summer afternoon in Amritsar. My father Gursharan Singh and poet Amarjit Chandan had invited him to lead a month-long theatre workshop for my father's group, Amritsar Natak Kala Kendra. At the time, Bansi Kaul was on the faculty of the NSD and also a director in its repertory. These were early days in his illustrious journey.

The workshop was intended to facilitate the production of *Dhamak Nagare Di*, which went on to become a landmark in Punjabi theatre history. The storyline was decided in consultation with Amarjit Chandan, poet Shehryar and Sabinderjit Sagar

of Guru Nanak Dev University. It was agreed that the play would be a period-drama based on the peasant rebellion of Dulla Bhatti against the excesses of the Mughal empire, juxtaposed against the contemporary crisis in the agrarian sector.

One of the major challenges was the absence of professional actors. After my father was arrested during the Emergency, most of his old group of actors stopped associating with him.

Upon his release, he decided to set up a new team. These comprised school and college students, mostly from humble households. Although this young team had been doing street theatre and plays in rural areas, they had virtually no experience in participating in a large the-

atre production. Since it was a dance-drama, it also required actors with a background in music. This void was filled by Paramjit Singh, an undergraduate student who could play the harmonium. He was later to become the leading light of my father's musical projects. Some songs sung by him in the 1980s, such as *Uthana da Vela*, reverberate in the farmers' protests in Delhi even today.

Kaul would often remark in jest, 'I have never seen such a group of non-actors.' However, he was able to extract the best from this motley group. He designed unique dance steps, inspired by folk traditions and would say that we are not doing bhangra here. The dance should express the mood of the play, be it

anger, bravery or grief.

The workshop created a buzz in Amritsar. Budding artistes started pouring in. One of them was Kewal Dhaliwal, who went on to become a celebrated theatre personality. Ved Sharma, a veteran actor, also came in.

As a 14-year-old, I was so enamoured by the theatre activity at home that I dropped out of school and decided to write my class X exams as a private candidate. I began to feel that the learning I was able to get at home counted for more. Despite constraints, Bansi Kaul put on a remarkable production which is remembered by Punjabi theatre enthusiasts even today. He helped to take Punjabi theatre to the national stage.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Blasphemy law

Faruqui's unfortunate arrest and his subsequent detention in jail must force us to reconsider the tenability of Section 295 A, IPC, which criminalises 'insulting religion or religious beliefs'. It is legally antiquated and inconsonant with public morality which hails free speech. Moreover, the provision fails to make a distinction between fair criticism and malice, permitting a sensitive few to misemploy the provision. Therefore, it must either be repealed or amended to delineate what actions precisely would provoke the imposition of this provision.

NISSIM AGGARWAL, CHANDIGARH

#### Nothing new to say

Refer to 'PM's outreach'; Modi in his reply to the Motion of Thanks on the President's address in the Rajya Sabha has only reiterated what the Agriculture Minister and others have said on the contentious farm laws. The stalemate continues in the absence of any concrete proposal to resolve the issue. The government, if it is genuinely interested in resolving this issue, needs to show more empathy and minimise the trust deficit widening between the protesting farmers and lawmakers.

PREM SINGH, CHANDIGARH

#### Pendency of cases

Majority of political and legislative decisions taken by the state/Central government are being challenged in courts through PILs and other cases. A final decision may come after years. If the government and bureaucracy are sincere and consult all stakeholders before passing laws/strictures, the chances of conflict will diminish considerably, thereby obligating the need for any intervention by the judiciary. This shall go a long way in reducing the workload on the overburdened courts and save precious time and resources of the government as well as the litigants.

RAMIT BAGGA, PANCHKUL

#### Farmers need cover

The government's wise agro policies in favour of the farming community are the only way to bring desired and required changes. Any change, if it has monetary stimulus in techniques as well as for assured marketing of produce, will make the way to divert current thinking and make crop diversification easy. Eco resources and land fertility can be saved. Foreign trade on agri imports on edible oils may be put on favourable terms. All this is possible only if the government is sincere.

MUKHTIAR SINGH, BY MAIL

#### They know better

Refer to 'Give agri laws a chance'; does the government really think that the farmers don't know about the pros and cons of their profession? If they have struggled so hard and have come this far, they are very clear about their demands. The government is just making excuses to divert attention. Farmers' demands must be fulfilled. Not only are farmers disturbed but also the other citizens who have to face a lot of problems.

SIMRAN AHUJA, YAMUNANAGAR

#### Infra push at a cost

The Uttarakhand tragedy has sent a warning how infrastructural push in this ecologically sensitive region is taking place without rigorous local research. The danger here is that instead of mitigating the climate challenge, ill-conceived projects could end up multiplying the risks, and for all of India that lives along Himalayan rivers. The Kedarnath tragedy of 2013 should have been a wake-up call. All such tragedies should not be treated as an isolated incident. Pursuit of environmental and economic goods in a democracy does involve complex calculations, but the importance of expert knowledge cannot be overstated. Policy decisions shaping such projects

must be swayed by scientists, not contractors and builders.

LAL SINGH, AMRITSAR

#### Environmental disruption

Apropos of 'Himalayan tragedy', the latest tragedy is a reminder of coming close to the frontier of climate change and global warming. There is a necessity to tackle the widening mismatch between the model of development championed by governments and the need to preserve land and water resources. The village of Raini, where the disaster struck, was ironically the cradle of the Chipko Movement initiated in the 1970s to save trees. Alas, the benefit-versus-loss debate has no clear winners. The immediate economic growth at the expense of environmental disruption is a matter of concern.

TV JAYAPRAKASH, KERALA

#### Uttarakhand disaster

Large gap between sustainability and development is the bane of humankind. Climate change has a direct influence on species living on earth. Climate change itself is a slow pandemic. Rise in temperature on one side of earth impacts the other side too. The concept of sustainability needs to be applied practically to save life on earth.

ROHIT KUMAR GUPTA, SHIMLA

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

Sealed tenders are invited for Leasing out TRC-cum-Art & Craft Centre at Andretta, Tehsil Palampur, District Kangra comprising of one main building with three rooms & two toilets, one old building with two old rooms of mud and one two storeyed new building with four rooms in which door, windows and electrical works is yet to be done including total land 8 Kanal 12 Marla of the Department of Tourism & Civil Aviation Government of Himachal Pradesh. Tel. No. 01892-224430 from the interested parties on the prescribed form available in the office of Deputy Director Tourism & CA by depositing non-refundable payment of 5,000/- in each case through bank draft drawn on any Nationalized Bank in favour of **Deputy Director Tourism, Dharamshala** payable at Dharamshala.

The tender document containing bid complete in all respects should reach in the office of the **Deputy Director Tourism & CA, Kangra at Dharamshala** on or before 03.03.2021 by 5:00 P.M.

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Sr. No.	Location	Area (in Hects.)	Reserved Price
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**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

General Manager Rosin and Turpentine Factory Bilaspur invites the Expression of interest with competitive offers from all Govt. approved / Registered outsourcing agencies in Himachal Pradesh on usual terms and conditions as per duty list for providing services of 4 (Four) Security Guards on rotation basis in different shifts spread over 24 hours initially for a period of 6 months in the premises of Rosin and Turpentine Factory on monthly lump sum emoluments, in a sealed envelope on or before 24.02.2021. The Security Guards minimum qualification shall be as under:

**Minimum 10+2 and having minimum five years of experience in a reputed industry / Factory / organization. The preference shall be given to ex-serviceman/ex-paramilitary personals of India.**

The Expression of interest should also cover the other terms and conditions in details. There shall be no claim for regular employment in this organization.

**General Manager,  
HPSFDC Ltd., Rosin and Turpentine  
Factory Bilaspur (H.P)**

**PUBLIC NOTICE****GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA****EXCISE & TAXATION DEPARTMENT**

**NOTICE FOR INVITING E-TENDERS FOR ALLOTMENT OF REMAINING ZONE OF RETAIL LIQUOR VENDS OF DISTRICT SONEPAT FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC FOR THE YEAR 2020-21 IN THE STATE OF HARYANA.**

It is hereby notified for the information of general public that E-TENDERS for ALLOTMENT of Zone No. ZSNP-14 of retail liquor vends of district Sonepat are invited for the year 2020-21. Schedule for invitation and evaluation for E-Tenders for Zone No. ZSNP-14 of retail liquor vends is as under:-

1 Starting date and time for placing e-tenders. 11th February, 2021 (from 09:00 a.m. onwards)

2 Closing Date and time for placing e-tenders. 11th February, 2021 (Till 05:00 p.m.)

3 Evaluation of e-tenders. 11th February, 2021 (06:00 p.m.)

1. These e-Tenders will be submitted online as per public notice issued by the Department (**published on 07th/8th March, 2020**) in the leading newspapers inviting e-Tenders for allotment of retail liquor licenses of Zone of vend for the year 2020-21. The public notice is available on the departmental website i.e. [www.haryanatax.gov.in](http://www.haryanatax.gov.in).

2. The detail of remaining Zone of vends in the District and venue for evaluation of e-Tenders shall be conspicuously displayed in the office of DETC (Excise) & DTEC (ST) concerned. The detail of remaining Zone of vends shall also be available on the departmental website i.e. [www.haryanatax.gov.in](http://www.haryanatax.gov.in).

3. The process of inviting tenders shall be continued by reducing the original reserve price as per Excise Policy 2020-21 and as decided by ETC, Haryana.

4. The e-Tenders shall be received and the Zone of vends shall be allotted in the manner prescribed in the Excise Policy for the year 2020-21 and the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 (as applicable to the State of Haryana), the rules framed thereunder.

5. The allotment shall be subject to the approval of the Excise and Taxation Commissioner, Haryana. He may reject, without assigning any reason, any allotment in public interest as the case may be within 10 days of the date of allotment.

Excise & Taxation Commissioner,  
Haryana.

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**NOTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 3 (D) READ WITH SUB-SECTION (3) OF SECTION 3G OFFICE OF CALA CUM SDO (C) SADAR, MANDI (H.P.)****NOTIFICATION**

The Central Government, in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, declared its intention to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the Notification bearing **No. 2659 (E) dated 7 August, 2020** published in the Gazette of India. Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, issued under sub-section (1) of Section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) hereinafter referred to as the said Act) for building (widening/ four-laning, etc), maintenance, management and operation of NH No-70 (New 03) on the stretch of land from Km 224 to Km 264.960 in the district of Mandi in the state of Himachal Pradesh.

And whereas, the substance of the said notification was published in "Amar Ujala" and "The Tribune" dated 13 August, 2020 under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act.

And whereas the Competent Authority has received objections filed under Section 3-C, considered and settled the same appropriately;

And whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Competent Authority has submitted its report to the Central Government; And whereas, upon receipt of the said report of the competent authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government has declared that the land specified in the said Schedule should be acquired for the aforesaid purpose;

And whereas, the said declaration has been published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part-II bearing **No. 513 (E) dated 3 February, 2021** as required under Section 3D of the said Act;

And further, in pursuance to sub-section (2) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the said Schedule shall vest absolutely in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances.

Now, therefore, in compliance of sub-section (3) of Section 3G, the Competent Authority hereby invites all the landowners or persons interested in the land being acquired under these proceedings to submit their claims in respect of the land mentioned in the Schedule given here-in below within a period of 15 days from the date of publication of this Public Notice in the office of the Competent Authority for Land Acquisition cum-Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil) Sadar, Distt. Mandi (H.P.).

All the persons interested [owner of the lands and other interested persons (s)] in the lands specified in the Schedule given below are hereby called upon to submit their claims in the said land (their share, area of land, any assets attached thereto e.g. structures/ trees etc, and state the nature of the respective interest in such lands along with relevant records. The said landowners or persons interested therein shall also furnish the particulars of their Bank Accounts to which they would like their compensation amount to be credited. The claims may be submitted in the following indicative format:

Name of village/ Town	Name of the Land owner/ Interested Person	Field Survey No.	Area of land in his share	Any structures/ trees/ tubewell attached to the land	Name of Bank & Branch in which he/she holds the account No. IFSC Code of the Bank Branch

**SCHEDULE**

Brief Description of the land to be acquired, with or without structures, falling within jurisdiction of CALA cum SDO (C) Sadar in the district of Mandi in the state of Himachal Pradesh was published in Amar Ujala dated and in The Tribune dated 6 February, 2021.

Competent Authority for L.A.  
cum-Sub-Divisional Officer (civil), Sadar, Distt. Mandi (H.P.)

**GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA****TENDER NOTICE**

SR. NO. NAME OF DEPARTMENT NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER OPENING DATE AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/ E-MAIL

1 DIRECTORATE OF INFORMATION, PUBLIC RELATION AND LANGUAGES, HARYANA PROCUREMENT OF LIGHTS FOR VIDEO CONFERENCING 11.02.2021 24.02.2021 https://etenders.hry.nic.in 0172-5059105

2 PWD B&R, KARNAL CONSTRUCTION OF 2 NO. ROAD GHOLPUR TO BHOLA KHLSA TO MORI JAGHIR LENGTH OF 5.320 KM. AND JANGHARI TO KURAK ROAD KM.6.300 IN (UNDER NABARD SCHEME) 09.02.2021 02.03.2021 333.94 LACS https://etenders.hry.nic.in 9050620000 pwd-eepd-karnal@hry.nic.in

3 PWD B&R, FARIDABAD SPECIAL REPAIR ESTIMATE FOR WORK OF SPECIAL REPAIR OF 14 NOS. JUDICIAL HOUSES IN NEW JUDICIAL ENCLAVE IN SECTOR 15-A FARIDABAD 08.02.2021 01.03.2021 14.45 LACS https://etenders.hry.nic.in 9911722787 pwd-eepd-faridabad@hry.nic.in

4 PWD B&R, KARNAL INSTALLATION OF 1 NO. 12.5 MTR HIGH MAST LIGHT UNDER D-PLAN (GENERAL COMPONENT) AT VILLAGE BINJOL (NEAR ARYA SAMAJ) DISTRICT PANIPAT + 1 OTHER WORK 08.02.2021 17.02.2021 5.72 LACS https://etenders.hry.nic.in 01822465696 pwd-eed-karnal@hry.nic.in

5 PWD B&R, KAITHAL WD.G OF ROAD AND PDG. ALUMINUM CABIN AT TOLL PLAZA AT RD 96.05KM ON KAITHAL KHANOURI ROAD (SH-08) (ROAD ID 7084) IN KAITHAL CONSTITUENCY (IN KAITHAL DISTT.) 12.02.2021 18.02.2021 13.69 LACS https://etenders.hry.nic.in 9896070157 pwd-eepd-kaithal@hry.nic.in

6 PANCHAYATI RAJ, REWARI CONSTT. OF AYURVEDIC DISPENSARY IN VARIOUS DISTT. REWARI 12.02.2021 17.02.2021 94.04 LACS https://etenders.hry.nic.in 9416421261 prexeeng.rwr@hry.nic.in

7 PANCHAYATI RAJ, JHAJJAR CONST. OF VETERINARY HOSPITAL AT VILLAGE KHARHAR, BLOCK BAHADURGARH, DISTT. JHAJJAR 08.02.2021 15.02.2021 23.95 LACS https://etenders.hry.nic.in 9416484910 prexeeng.jr@hry.nic.in

8 PANCHAYATI RAJ, ROHTAK CONSTRUCTION OF IPB RASTA DOB HIGHWAY NO. 203 TO BANIYAN PHIRNI AT VILLAGE BANIYAN, BLOCK KALANAUJ, DISTRICT ROHTAK 10.02.2021 23.02.2021 97.56 LACS https://etenders.hry.nic.in 9467725150 prexeeng.roh@hry.nic.in

9 PANCHAYATI RAJ, PANIPAT (RE-TENDER) REPAIR & CONST. OF ROOM IN G.P.H & 8 OTHERS BLOCK , PANIPAT, DISTRICT PANIPAT 08.02.2021 15.02.2021 125.71 LACS https://etenders.hry.nic.in 9355815400 prexeeng.pnp@hry.nic.in

10 IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, HARYANA, REWARI SUPPLY, ERECTION AND COMMISSIONING OF 3 NO. 3 CS. AFVT PUMP (P1, P2, P3) ALONGWITH 15 HP MOTOR AND LD PANEL AT PUMP HOUSE RAJPURA MR AND 14 NO. OTHER WORKS 06.02.2021 23.02.2021 EMD 3.76 LACS https://etenders.hry.nic.in 01274256466 xenmech@yahoo.com

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# 7 from Rampur, 3 others missing in Chamoli

**BHANU P LOHUMI**

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, FEBRUARY 9

Ten persons, including seven from Rampur subdivision of Shimla district, working in Chamoli district of Uttarakhand are missing, following flash flood caused by sliding of glacier in Joshimath.

Himachal Urban Development Minister Suresh Bhardwaj, who was in Rampur, said today that president of Shingla gram panchayat informed about seven missing persons. He said that Shimla administration is in touch with its Chamoli counterpart and all efforts are being made to trace the missing persons.

Shimla Deputy Commissioner Aaditya Negi told

Most of them were working in the tunnel of the Rishi Ganga hydropower project

The Tribune that seven missing persons were from Rampur subdivision of Shimla and a majority of them were reportedly working in the tunnel of the Rishi Ganga hydropower project in Chamoli and their whereabouts are not known.

Diwan Singh S/o Sagar Das (Jakdhara village), Devender Singh S/o Maher Singh (Dhuwa Ghati village), Kailash Chand S/o Ram Lal (Kinnu village), Ashish S/o Kundan Lal (Runpoo village), Amit Kumar S/o Sadh Ram (Bagawat village) and Pawan Kumar son of Mangat Ram and Rakesh Kumar (both from Shingla village) are from Rampur subdivision of Shimla district and feared trapped in the tunnel of the project, Negi told The Tribune.

The other three missing are Rakesh s/o Robin Singh, hailing from Vandla village of Palampur, Gurmeet Verma s/o Ganga Ram, resident of Purana village in Karsog subdivision, Mandi district, working in Kundan Power Project and Jeet Singh Thakur s/o Man Singh from Majra village in Poanta Sahib.

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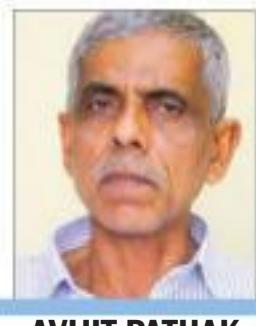
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### फर्म पंजीकरण हेतु सूचना (नोटिस)

विद्यालय की अधिकृत वाली मात्र जो मात्र सामग्री आपूर्तिकर्ता ही है न हो क्योंकि GST पंजीकृत हो, से के, वि. पालमपुर, मात्र 2021-22 के लिए इनके अपूर्तिकर्ताओं एवं सेवा प्रदाताओं से मैलिंग सेवाएँ / मार्ड उत्पादक कराने हेतु गोपनीयता / पंजीकरण आवेदन आपूर्तिकर्ता करता है।</

# Craving for power and fetish for nationalism



**AVIJIT PATHAK**  
SOCIOLIST

HERE is something paradoxical about the discourse of power. The more powerful you are, the more fearful you become. Yes, the craving for or blind attachment to power causes terrible insecurity. It sees conspiracy everywhere; it cannot trust and communicate; and it only erects walls of separation.

What else do you see at the Ghazipur, Singhu and Tikri borders? Those barricades and iron nails reveal how the ruling regime, despite its messiah and huge propaganda machinery, functions with almost neurotic fear, anxiety and insecurity. Yes, whoever is not in tune with its policies, as it is argued, is necessarily a conspirator. Hence, the farmers who have been fighting for their rights are either 'misguided' (influenced by a bunch of Maoists, Khalistanis or *tukde-tukde* gang) or 'anti-national'. In fact, these days, any critical voice is seen as a threat to the 'unity' of the nation.

As we find ourselves amid the epidemic of FIRs and sedition charges, the 'enemies' of the nation are discovered every day. A journalist with conscience (not like those noisy television anchors who seem to have monopolised the absolute right to

'love' the nation), a human rights activist, a young student guided by the ideals of equity and justice, or a leader of the farmers' movement trying his best to retain the practice of non-violent resistance or *satyagraha*: don't spare anybody, stigmatise them, harass them through court cases, and if necessary, send them to prisons.

Yes, this toxic culture filled with fear, suspicion and surveillance is an inevitable consequence of the discourse of power that has made the ruling regime terribly afraid of losing its authority. No wonder, even a tweet by Greta Thunberg or Rihanna can unsettle the government. And, some of our spineless celebrities were required to demonstrate their 'nationalist' spirit through what is being regarded as a Twitter war. Yes, this is the story of our moral, intellectual and cultural fall. And everything is justified in the name of 'nationalism'.

Well, nationalism as a psychic emotion is immensely powerful. As history shows, it can inspire a defeated nation to fight the tyranny of colonial power; it can arouse a positive life energy for collective welfare (imagine the emphasis Gandhi put on constructive work); and it can activate the spirit of selfless work and courage to strive for a higher goal (think of a martyr like Khudiram Bose or Bhagat Singh).

However, the discourse of nationalism, as we are witnessing right now, can be completely distorted for a purely divisive and partisan purpose. For instance, when the ruling regime speaks of nationalism, what



**TOXIC CULTURE:** Whoever is not in tune with the Central government's policies is perceived to be a conspirator. PTI

it means is essentially majoritarian 'Hindu' nationalism.

It does three damages. First, it marginalises and stigmatises the minorities; it is like saying that a 'Hindu' nationalist has to continually suspect his/her 'other' — a 'Muslim traitor'. In fact, this stimulant nationalism, far from generating a positive/altruistic life energy, activates negative emotions and psychology of hatred. In the cacophony of *Jai Shri Ram*, there is no religiosity of love and tenderness; it looks like a noisy slogan of war — a warning that the 'enemies' of the nation must be careful.

Second, as our moral/ethical sensibilities decline, this sort of nationalism becomes terribly compulsive and exhibitionist. It doesn't matter even if one is corrupt, brute and insensitive. The only thing that you need to do is to hate Pakistan, see all Kashmiri Muslims as potential terrorists, demonise humanistic values, and celebrate all sorts of hyper-masculine militaristic gestures to prove your 'loyalty' to the nation. Hatred — not silent and honest work for collective welfare — is its fundamental characteristic.

Third, even though it rests on 'Hindu pride', it does a great damage to

the pluralistic/syncretic spirit of Hinduism. There is no *bhakti* or love of Kabir or Surdas in the Bajrang Dal variety of Hinduism; there is no culture of debate that characterises different schools of Hindu philosophy in the prevalent monologue; and it is not easy for the likes of Savarkar to appreciate Gandhi's experimental Hinduism and cross-religious dialogue.

In other words, the prevalent nationalism corrupts Hinduism (even though it cleverly appropriates Swami Vivekananda, Sri Aurobindo and even BR Ambedkar) by transforming it into an exclusivist/hierarchical/fundamen-

talist doctrine. This logic of nationalism is used, time and again, to condemn, silence and punish all those — farmers, students, teachers, struggling masses — who critique the policies of the ruling regime. In other words, through this discourse of nationalism, democracy seems to have been degenerated into some sort of totalitarianism.

Yes, this is the time to question this fetish of nationalism, and strive for something higher and nobler. Let us acquire the courage to say that nationalism as an ideology can prove to be a monster if it is not elevated to a higher stage through the spirit of love, compassion, universalism and true cosmopolitanism. Only then is it possible for us to sharpen the faculty of self-critique, and see an ugly thing as ugly. And then, we should not be offended if Greta Thunberg expresses her anguish over how the government has dealt with farmers.

It was the same reason that once led us to critique America's imperialistic policy, and stand for Vietnam. Or, these days, many of us, irrespective of our nationalities, critiqued the notorious phenomenon called Trumpism. No, this should not be seen as interference into the 'internal' matter of the nation. Love transcends all borders and boundaries. Globalisation should not be seen as mere McDonaldisation of the world; there is no meaning in globalisation if we do not acquire the courage to expand our horizon, and overcome the psychic boundaries that militant and toxic nationalism creates.

## A revival of Chipko spirit needed in Chamoli



**DINESH C SHARMA**  
SCIENCE COMMENTATOR

Ironically, at the centre of the latest disaster is Raini village, which was the site of the Chipko movement that sowed the seeds of people-centric environment activism in India. In the past two decades, local movements against large hydel projects have sprung up in Uttarakhand. Several public interest petitions, court orders and fast-unto-death by environmentalists have not had any impact on the attitude of governments at the Centre and in Uttarakhand towards hydropower.



**CATASTROPHIC:** Proponents of hydropower projects keep inventing new ways of circumventing environmental norms which can amplify the impact of a disaster. PTI

THE Himalayas once again witnessed a massive disaster on Sunday morning. The analysis based on satellite imagery of the region from Planet Labs, a company formed by former NASA scientists, shows that the flash flood was triggered by a rock slope that got detached from a large glacier, resulting in an avalanche of rocks and ice which moved downwards at a high speed.

According to some Indian experts, the avalanche was caused by the detachment of a hanging glacier from the bedrock hosting it, some 20 km upstream of the Rishiganga hydel power project. Yet another explanation is that the detached rock slope slipped into a glacial lake or accumulated melt water held together by natural rocks and debris.

Irrespective of whether it was a massive landslide or a Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF), the event caused colossal destruction downstream and nearly washed away two hydroelectric power projects.

While the exact sequence of events will become clear over the next few days following field surveys, the connection of any such disaster with climate change and environmental destruction is inevitable. In the past six decades, the entire Himalayan range has recorded a rising trend of extreme warm events, drop in extreme cold events and increasing variability in Western disturbances as well as snowfall in certain regions in the western Himalayas, according to report of climate change in the Hindu Kush region prepared by the Kathmandu-based International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development.

These climatic changes affect availability of water in glacier-fed rivers and also result in formation of lakes of glacier melt water. Warming temperatures play a role in glacial destabilisation and help in basal melt which can trigger 'wasting' events like the one seen on Sunday morning. Both the number and size of glacial lakes has shown an increasing trend in the past three decades, enhancing the risk of GLOFs. The melting of high mountain permafrost due to warming too is increasing the probability of rock avalanches from steep slopes. Such avalanches can reach glacial lakes and trigger GLOF. Studies have put the number of glacial lakes between 4,000 and 8,000 spread across the entire Hindu Kush Himalayan region. In the central Himalayas, this number has risen from 644 in 1990 to 796 in 2010.

In view of this scenario of climate

change and increasing threat of landslides and GLOFs occurring due to it, a two-pronged policy response is required. First and foremost, we need to study and monitor glaciers and glacial lakes on a continuous basis. A beginning has been made in this regard. Some glacial lakes are being monitored. For instance, the south Lhonak glacial lake in Sikkim has been ballooning. It has spread to 126 hectares from 18 hectares in 1976. The size of the Geepang Gath glacial lake in Chandrabhaga basin in Himachal Pradesh is estimated to be expanding by 0.025 square kilometre every year.

The number of glacial lakes in the Ravi, Chenab, Sutlej and Beas basins has also gone up between 2013 and 2015. Such monitoring studies have to be intensified and made widespread. It can happen under the overarching existing framework of

the National Mission for Sustaining Himalayan Ecosystem.

India has gained considerable experience in polar research through multiple research laboratories in the two poles: the Arctic and the Antarctic. This can be leveraged to develop permanent research bases and stations in the third pole — the Himalayas. A beginning has been made in this direction by the National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research of the Ministry of Earth Sciences which has established a high-altitude station, Himansh, in Spiti, at an altitude of 13,500 ft. The third pole research endeavour should cover all aspects of climate change, glaciology, hydrology, livelihoods, agriculture and so on.

For the mitigation of natural disasters such as glacial lake bursts and landslides, early warning systems have to be developed and implemented. Engineering solutions such as siphoning water from identified glacial lakes is also an option, as experimented in the south Lhonak glacial lake in Sikkim. It is a logically challenging task involving the transport of pipes etc to points in inhospitable terrain. In Himachal Pradesh, scientists are monitoring changes in the Parechu glacial lake.

The evidence coming from research should form the basis of policymaking and planning of development projects in the hills. For this, climate change and environmental concerns will have to be mainstreamed in all development activities, be it the construction of hydroelectric power projects or grand projects like the Char Dham Pariyojana.

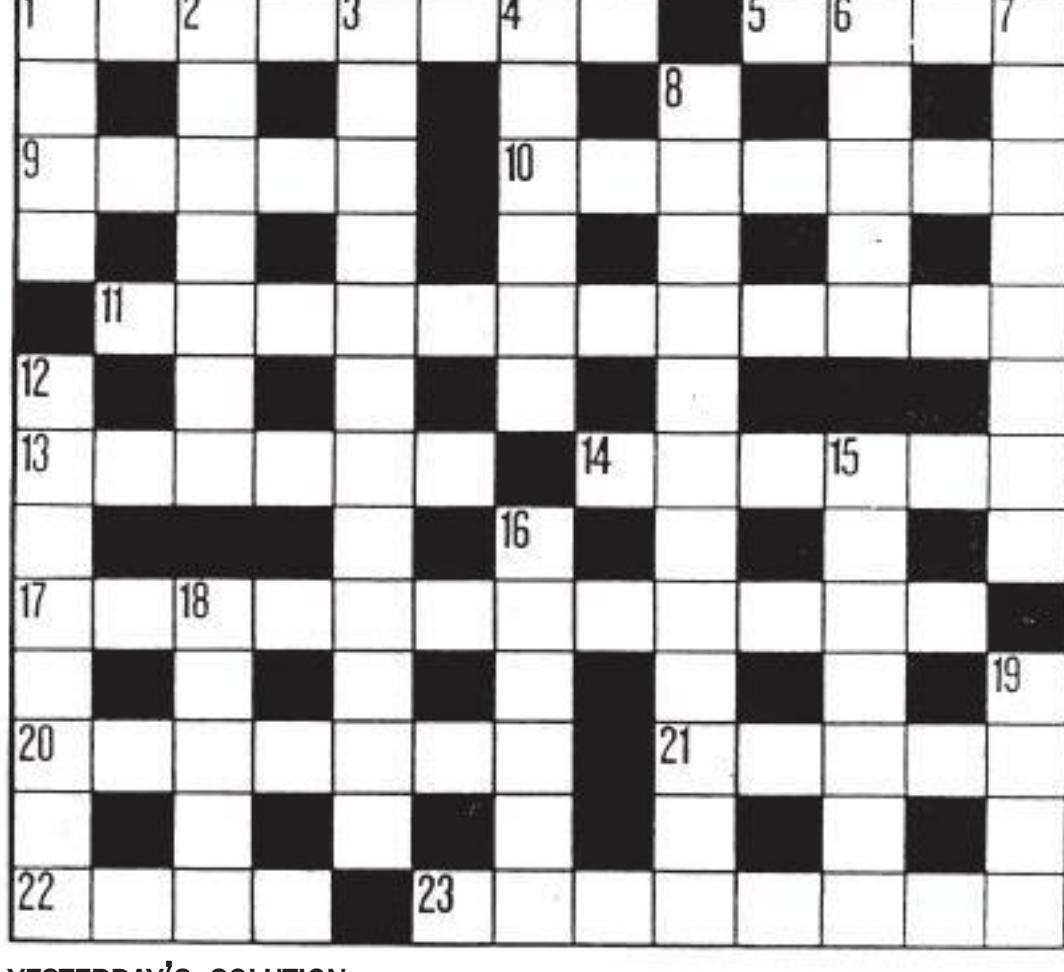
It has been observed that hydropower projects can amplify the impact of

catastrophes such as the one that occurred this week, besides disturbing ecological conditions in the construction phase. Proponents of projects keep inventing new ways of circumventing environmental norms. The Char Dham project was broken into 53 smaller projects just to evade the mandatory environment impact assessment (EIA) studies.

A series of smaller hydropower projects is proposed in one valley for the same reason. While the EIA process may be fudged, the cumulative environmental impacts of such projects can't be avoided. For instance, springs are getting dried as the natural hydrology that brings water to them is disturbed. Landslides have been more common. Projects are sanctioned, subject to observance of certain environmental conditions, but compliance is not monitored. For instance, muck from the construction of roads and other development works is routinely dumped on slopes and riverbeds.

Ironically, at the centre of the latest disaster is Raini village, which was the site of the Chipko movement that sowed the seeds of people-centric environment activism in India. In the past two decades, local movements against large hydropower projects have sprung up in Uttarakhand. Several public interest petitions, court orders and a fast-unto-death by environmentalists like Prof GD Agrawal have not had any impact on the attitude of governments at the Centre and in Uttarakhand towards hydropower, irrespective of the party in power. It is time to revive the spirit of Chipko in the hills to prevent cascading disasters from happening in future.

### QUICK CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

**Across:** 1 Sumptuous, 8 Trace, 9 Tarnish, 10 Ragged, 11 Permit, 12 Top-notch, 15 All the go, 18 Morbid, 20 Remove, 21 Stunted, 22 Spurn, 23 As a result.  
**Down:** 2 Usage, 3 Panama, 4 Unsettle, 5 Strain, 6 Haughty, 7 Dead ahead, 11 Put across, 13 Promoter, 14 Clamour, 16 Havana, 17 Uranus, 19 Ideal.

### ACROSS

- 1 Incapable of accomplishment (8)
- 5 Feeling dejected (4)
- 9 Personal point of view (5)
- 10 Forbear (7)
- 11 Virtually (2,3,7)
- 13 Small boat for sailing (6)
- 14 Scold (6)
- 17 The purest embodiment (12)
- 20 Severely simple (7)
- 21 Detestation (5)
- 22 A duelling sword (4)
- 23 Heavy stick as weapon (8)

### DOWN

- 1 An expectant silence (4)
- 2 A military unit (7)
- 3 Petty tyrant (6,6)
- 4 Ignoble (6)
- 6 Commit to memory (5)
- 7 Clergyman (8)
- 8 Not to be made public (3,3,6)
- 12 Sufficient (8)
- 15 Impute (7)
- 16 In addition (2,4)
- 18 Amount given out (5)
- 19 Portent (4)

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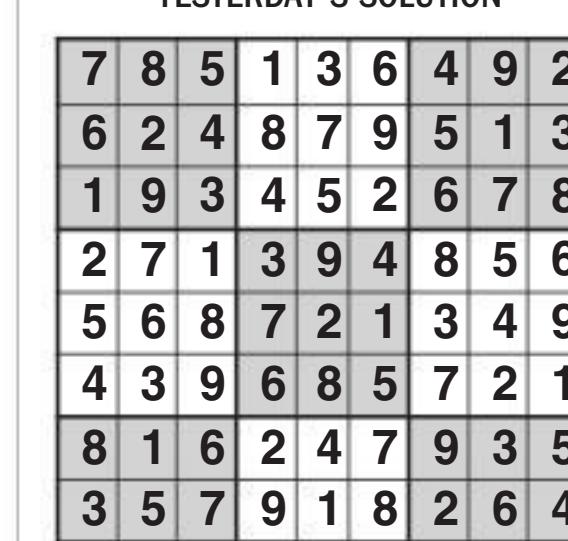
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### CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 10, 2021, WEDNESDAY

■ Vikrami Samvat	2077
■ Shaka Samvat	1942
■ Magh Shaka	21
■ Magh Parvishtha	28
■ Hijri	1442
■ Krishna Paksha Tithi 14, up to 1:09 am	
■ Vyatrapata Yoga up to 5:07 am	
■ Uttrashadha Nakshatra up to 2:12 pm	
■ Moon in Capricorn sign	

### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



### FORECAST

SUNSET: WEDNESDAY 18:07 HRS  
SUNRISE: THURSDAY 07:06 HRS

CITY	MAX		MIN		
	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy	Rainy	Foggy
Chandigarh	25	11	8	5	2
New Delhi	27	10	5	3	1
Amritsar	23	8	5	3	1
Bathinda	26	7	4	2	1
Jalandhar	23	8	5	3	1
Ludhiana	24	9	6	4	2
Bhiwani	26	9	6	4	2
Hisar	28	8	5	3	1
Sirsia	25	8	5	3	1
Dharamsala	18	6	3	1	0
Manali	16	3	1	0	0
Shimla	16	9	6	4	2
Srinagar	12	-02	0	-05	-10
Jammu	21	8	5	3	1
Kargil	0	-09	-06	-12	-18
Leh	-02	-12	-08	-15	-22
Dehradun	27	9	6	4	2
Mussoorie	17	8	5	3	1

TEMPERATURE IN °C

# Fresh spell of snow expected in higher reaches of Valley

SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 9

The minimum temperature increased in Kashmir, except in Gulmarg, on Tuesday, even as the Meteorological Department has forecast a spell of light rain or snowfall at a few places in the higher reaches of the Valley, officials said.

Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, recorded a low of minus 1.2 degrees Celsius on Monday night against the previous night's minus 2 degrees Celsius, the officials said.

Qazigund, the gateway town to the Valley, recorded a low of minus 4.3 degrees Celsius, up from the previous night's minimum of minus 5.5 degrees Celsius, they said.

Pahalgam tourist destination, which also serves as a base camp for the annual Amarnath Yatra in south Kashmir, recorded a low of minus 2.2 degrees Celsius — up over three notches from minus 5.3 degrees Celsius the previous night.

The minimum temperature at Gulmarg in north Kashmir's Baramulla dis-



SRINAGAR HIGHWAY SHUT AFTER LANDSLIDE

■ **Jammu:** The Jammu-Srinagar national highway was blocked on Tuesday due to a landslide in Ramban district, traffic officials said.

■ Hundreds of vehicles have been stranded following the landslide in the Marog area on the highway. PTI

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Kupwara town in north Kashmir recorded a low of minus 1.6 degrees Celsius, while Kokernag, in

the men and machines are engaged in the landslide clearance operation and efforts are afoot to ensure early restoration of traffic, they said. There is only one-way movement of traffic from Srinagar towards Jammu. PTI

the south, minus 2.5 degrees Celsius.

The MeT office has said there is a possibility of a spell of light rain or snowfall at a few places in the higher reaches of the Valley on Tuesday, while the weather in the plains is expected to remain mainly dry. — PTI

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**(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)**  
In the Court of Ms. Megha Dhaliwal Civil Judge Junior Division-1, Abohar.

**Two employees among 3 held for Gurugram warehouse theft**

**OUR CORRESPONDENT**

**GURUGRAM, FEBRUARY 9**

The Gurugram police have nabbed three persons for allegedly stealing goods worth Rs 35 lakh from a warehouse of a transport company. They committed the crime while they worked in the company. The police have recovered Rs 9 lakh from the possession of accused and are interrogating them.

**Fled with goods worth ₹35 lakh; cops recover ₹9 lakh**

Two main accused identified as Rakesh Kumar of Rewari and Shahid of Gurugram were nabbed on February 2 and the police took them on five-day police remand. On Monday, the police nabbed the third accused, Jahid of Delhi. The police have recovered Rs 3 lakh from Rakesh and Rs 6 lakh from Shahid.

According to the complaint filed by Dinesh Puri, area manager of Safeexpress Private Limited, 1,872 pieces of autocatalyst were stolen from the warehouse of the company located in Binaula village on January 6. Shift in charge Rakesh Kumar and machine operator Shahid had stolen the items and both stopped coming to the duty from January 8.

An FIR was registered and the police nabbed them and the third accused, who purchased the stolen items from them.

"We are questioning the accused and hope anyone else involved in the crime will be nabbed soon," said Preet Pal Singh Sangwan, ACP, crime.

Due to Covid, the passenger trains were stopped last year. As per information, the division has proposed to restore 26 passenger trains that cover the entire division to facilitate the local passengers and increase fare revenue of the Railway.

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A railway official said the passenger trains were much popular among the people who travel on local routes, daily passengers and also for the labour class as these are much cheaper as compared to mail express or superfast trains. Besides, there are several small stations where only the passenger trains make a halt.

In its proposal, the division has mentioned that due to the Covid crisis, the train operations were completely paralysed but now that the

nation is heading towards normalcy there is a need to restore trains, particularly passenger trains, for the convenience of daily commuters, including students, businessmen, employees and labourers.

As per information, Saharanpur-Ambala Cantonment (54758) from Shri Ganganganagar, Doraha-Ambala Cantonment (74646) from Jalandhar city, Kalka-Shimla (52457), Bathinda-Fazilka (54559), and Firozpur Cantonment to Bathinda (54564) are among the trains proposed for restoration.

A senior official said, "At present limited mail express and superfast trains are being run but we have sent a proposal to the headquarters for the restoration of some passenger trains that have high occupancy figures. The selected trains cover the entire division hence the restoration of trains will facilitate the local passengers throughout the division and generate fair revenue for the Railway."

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According to the police, the three were friends and used to consume liquor together. The victim, who was hit on the head, died on the spot.

His body was put in a wooden kiosk and set afire. The body was

No more Day 5 heroics, India beaten by 227 runs in 1st Test

CHENNAI, FEBRUARY 9  
Against all hopes, India failed to put up a fifth-day resistance against England in the first Test, getting bowled out for 192 to lose by a record margin of 227 runs.

The return of captain Virat Kohli did not prove auspicious for the team as India lost their fourth consecutive Test under him, having lost two in New Zealand in early 2020 and one in Australia in December.

James Anderson, who turns 39 in July and is on his fifth Test tour of India, put up an excellent spell of reverse-swing bowling, ending up with 3/17 in 11 overs. Kohli showed some grit but as wickets kept falling at the other end, the challenge of batting out the whole day proved too much for him as well as he was the eighth man out after making 72 runs.

A target of 420,381 of it to be made on Day 5 on a worn-out track, was always going to be too much by any cricketing logic, and Anderson's mid-morning burst blew away the Indian middle-order. That spell ensured that India could not replicate the Day 5 heroics of their recent Tests in Sydney and Brisbane.

Kohli (72 off 104 balls) seemed like a lonely general standing on the burning deck as he showed his colleagues how to bat on a difficult track. He covered the swing and shuffled towards the off-stump to counter Anderson, ran purposefully and scored his runs against spinners. But eventually, he also got an unplayable ball from Ben Stokes, which

# Down to earth!



James Anderson bowls out Ajinkya Rahane on the final day in Chennai. BCCI

## BIGGEST DEFEAT @ HOME

The 227-run loss is India's worst defeat (by runs) against England at home. Worst defeats by runs:

Margin	Winner
342	Australia (Nagpur, 2004)
333	Australia (Pune, 2017)
329	S Africa (Kolkata, 1996)
295	W Indies (Chennai, 1959)
267	W Indies (Bengaluru, 1974)
243	W Indies (Mohali, 1994)
227	England (Chennai, 2021)

Virat Kohli is bowled by Ben Stokes for 72. PHOTO: BCCI >

kept low and burst through his defences.

India now need to win two out of the next three Tests to qualify for the World Test Championship final in June.



## Early reverses

Courtesy Anderson, the match became a mismatch within an hour in the morning, but left-arm spinner Jack Leach (4/76), who had

been harshly punished in the first innings, finished with the best figures.

Leach removed Pujara with a ball that was identical to the one with which he got Rohit

## SCOREBOARD

### England 1st innings 578

#### India 1st inning 337

### England 2nd innings 178

#### India 2nd innings (Overnight 39/1)

R Sharma b Leach	12
S Gill b Anderson	50
C Pujara c Stokes b Leach	15
V Kohli b Stokes	72
A Rahane b Anderson	0
R Pant c Root b Anderson	11
W Sundar c Buttler b Bess	0
R Ashwin c Buttler b Leach	9
S Nadeem c Burns b Leach	0

Man of the Match: Joe Root

## INDIA DOWN TO FOURTH ON WTC TABLE

India are now 4th on the World Test Championship table and must win 2-1 or better to qualify for final vs N Zealand

Team	Series	Won	Matches	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	% Points
ENG	6*	4	18	11	4	3	442	70.20
NZ	5*	3	11	7	4	0	420	70.00
AUS	4*	2	14	8	4	2	332	69.20
IND	6*	4	14	9	4	1	430	68.30

\* Due to disruptions caused by Covid, standings are determined by percentage of points out of total points contested by a team.

England played far more professionally. You need your bowling unit to step up and perform more collectively. It's okay, lack of execution is understandable. We're always learning as a side. Test cricket is a grind. England were ready for the grind and were far more equipped. Virat Kohli, INDIA CAPTAIN

It was a crucial toss and we posted a very good score and to score 20 wickets in alien conditions... huge credit to the bowlers. Joe Root, INDIA CAPTAIN

Sharma yesterday — bowled from around the wicket, it was angled in and spun across him from leg to off, and Pujara could only edge it to Ben Stokes at slip.

Anderson then showed his artistry with a semi-new ball and the Indian batting line-up, save Kohl, struggled against him. Shubman Gill looked dazzling as long as he was at the crease, hitting seven fours and a six, dealing with spinners comfortably. But then Anderson was brought into the attack for the first time today, in the day's 14th over. Second ball, to Gill, was perfect — angled in, it also reverse-swung and Gill was late to close the gap between bat and pad and was

bowled. Three balls later, Ajinkya Rahane got the same treatment — the ball reverse-swung and breached the vice-captain's defence to knock back his stumps.

Rishabh Pant, with knocks of 91, 89\*, 23, 97 and 23 in his five previous innings, got a four off Anderson and Leach, but was deceived by the wily fast bowler — Anderson came around the stumps at him and bowled a slower one, and Pant could only lob the ball off the leading edge to Joe Root at short cover.

From 92/2, Anderson's burst had reduced India to 110/5 and it was only a matter of time before the rest of the batsmen succumbed. — TNS, agencies

## BRIEFLY

### GUWAHATI

#### Munita erases national U-20 record in women's 1000m

Uttar Pradesh's Munita Prajapati broke the national record in the under-20 women's 1000m race walk event on way to winning a gold on the penultimate day of the 36th National Junior Athletics Championships here today. Prajapati clocked 47 minutes 53.58 seconds to erase the earlier national record of 48:25.90.

### NEW DELHI

#### IOA wants vaccination of Olympics-bound athletes

The Indian Olympic Association has written to Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan, requesting him to consider vaccinating the Tokyo Olympics-bound athletes on a priority basis to give them sufficient time before leaving for the Games. As of now, 74 Indian athletes have qualified for the Olympics.

### MARGAO

#### ATK Mohun Bagan beat Bengaluru FC 2-0

ATK Mohun Bagan beat struggling Bengaluru FC 2-0 to take themselves just a point adrift of leaders Mumbai City FC in the Indian Super League.

### NEW DELHI

#### Chinki, Gaayathri, Shiva and Pankaj win in shooting trials

The likes of Chinki Yadav and N Gaayathri won their respective finals even as the more established names, such as Saurabh Chaudhary and Manu Bhakar, fell behind on the first day of the trials for India's rifle and pistol shooters. Haryana won the men's 10m air pistol T3 trials through Shiva Narwal, while Tokyo Olympics quota holder Chinki helped Madhya Pradesh prevail in the women's 25m pistol. Tamil Nadu's Gaayathri emerged triumphant in the women's 50m rifle 3 positions (3P) T3 final. Army's Pankaj Kumar topped the men's 10m air rifle T3 final. AGENCIES

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# Nadal sprints into second round



there is always a chance to improve, and that's why I'm here playing and fighting to try to get better and then give myself a chance."

A slight change to his service motion was among the precautions he took "survive" for the first round.

He'll next play American qualifier Michael Mmoh, who outlasted Viktor Troicki 7-6(7) 3-6 7-6(3) 7-5.

## Double bagel

While Sofia Kenin struggled with nerves in her first match as a defending champion at a Grand Slam tourna-

ment before beating 133rd-ranked wild-card entry Madison Inglis 7-5 6-4, top-ranked Ash Barty dominated in her first Grand Slam

match in more than a year, dropping only 10 points in a 6-0 6-0 rout of Danka Kovinic.

Barty lost to Kenin in the semifinals last year and then skipped the US Open and her title defense at the French Open because she stayed in Australia during the Covid-19 pandemic. After her 44-minute opener on Rod Laver Arena, Barty said she'd missed tennis "every single day" during her time away from the sport.

Garbine Muguruza, the Australian Open runner-up last year, defeated Margarita Gasparyan 6-4 6-0. — AP



## DAY 2 HIGHLIGHTS

### RUSSIAN POWER

Russia's ATP Cup-winning teammates were on a roll. Fourth-seeded Daniil Medvedev extended his winning streak to 15 matches with a 6-2 6-2 6-4 win over Vasek Pospisil and seventh-seeded Andrey Rublev beat Yannick Hanfmann 6-3 6-3 6-4.

### NAGAL BLOWN AWAY

India's Sumit Nagal exited the Australian Open with a first-round defeat, struggling to cope with the power-packed game of Lithuanian Ricardas Berankis. Berankis' powerful ground strokes proved to be too good for the Indian, who lost 6-2 7-5 6-3 in two hours and 10 minutes.

### KONTA RETIRES HURT

Slovenian qualifier Kaja Juvan advanced after world number 15 Johanna Konta retired hurt with an abdominal strain in the second set. The Briton was leading 6-4 0-2.

### TSITSIPAS BEATS SIMON

Greek fifth seed Stefanos Tsitsipas beat France's Gilles Simon 6-1 6-2 6-1 to reach the second round.

### AZARENKA MAKES EARLY EXIT

Victoria Azarenka, the 12th seed, was dumped out in the first round after being beaten 7-5 6-4 by American main draw debutant Jessica Pegula. Azarenka needed a medical timeout midway through the second set after appearing to have trouble breathing. "...the biggest impact for me personally has been not being able to have fresh air. That really took a toll," said Victoria Azarenka on preparing for a event while in quarantine.

### SHERIF MAKES HISTORY

Qualifier Mayar Sherif became the first Egyptian woman to win a main draw match at a Grand Slam with a 7-5 7-5 win over French qualifier Chloe Paquet.

### PLISKOVÁ STORMS THROUGH

Czech sixth seed and 2019 semifinalist Karolina Pliskova made short work of Italy's Jasmine Paolini, winning 6-0 6-2 in just 47 minutes.

### Other results

**MEN:** Matteo Berrettini bt Kevin Anderson 7-6(9) 7-5 6-3; Fabio Fognini bt Frenchman Pierre-Hugues Herbert 6-4 6-2 6-3; Radu Albot bt Robert Bautista Agut 6-7(1) 6-0 6-4 7-6(5); Alexei Popyrin bt David Goffin 6-3 4-6 7-6(4) 6-7(6) 6-7(6).

**WOMEN:** Olga Danilovic bt Petra Martic 7-5 3-6 6-4; Elina Svitolina bt Marie Bouzkova 6-3 7-6(5); Coco Gauff bt Jill Teichmann 6-3 6-2; Belinda Bencic bt Lauren Davis 6-3 4-6 6-1.

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### H.P. STATE HANDICRAFTS & HANDBOOM CORPORATION LIMITED (A.H.P State Govt. Undertaking) D-2, SOA Commercial Complex, Kasumti, Shimla-171009

**EXTENSION OF TENDER DATE**  
 Reference to Tender Notice published in Indian Express (Delhi), The Tribune (Chandigarh) and Divya Himachal (Shimla & Chandigarh) on 29th January, 2021 for inviting bids for allotment of 'Sale Counters' in different emporia of the Corporation. The last date and time of receipt and opening of tenders is hereby extended up 15th February, 2021 at 1.00 PM due to administrative reasons. The technical bids and financial bids will be opened on the same date at 1.30 PM and 4.00 PM respectively. The other terms and conditions of tender document will remain unchanged.

Managing Director

### KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA NO. 1 CHANDIMANDIR CANTT.

#### Auction Notice

It is hereby informed to the general public that there will be an Auction of the Vidyalya Premises at 12:30 p.m. on 15.02.2021 in the presence of Auction Committee for the Computers and its Peripherals in the condition as in which they are kept and as on where basis. (List of articles can be viewed from website [www.no1chandimandir.kvs.in](http://www.no1chandimandir.kvs.in)). All interested can inspect the items on 15.02.2021 between 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

#### Terms and Conditions:-

- The preference will be given to the bidder having E-waste recycler certificate.
- The bidder will bid for entire articles (no individual item will be auctioned).
- The bidder will deposit valid ID proof before bid.
- The bidder shall abide by the rules to be declared at the time of auction.
- Reserved price will be revealed only at the time of auction.
- Bidder will deposit an EMD Rs. 5000/- (in cash).
- If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, their EMD will be forfeited and the item shall be sold to the second highest bidder.
- The successful bidder will have to deposit the money against the auctioned items immediately and vacate the premises within 02 days by taking out the auctioned items with them by their own transport.
- This Vidyalya is under Chandimandir Cantonment. All interested must register their names through under mentioned numbers up to 12.02.2021 (12:00 noon) for gate pass. Unregistered will not be allowed to enter in Cantonment. Landline Number 0172-2589274, 9779112449.

PRINCIPAL

### TENDER NOTICE

The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Rampur invites tenders on behalf of the Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following works(s) through offline process:-

Job No.	Name of Work	Estd. Cost	Earnest Money	Cost of Form	Time
1.	Providing GWSS to PC Hab. Kutharu, Sur Nallah 7 suru in GP Kiao in Tehsil Rampur Distt. Shimla (HP) (SH- C/O RCC Intake spring source intake chamber 1 No. & L/J of GI pipe 40mm dia at Node No. 1-2 to provide FHTC to Household)	Rs. 49836/-	Rs. 9967/-	Rs. 250/-	Six Months
2.	Providing FHTC and Improvement of GWSS to various in GP Kinoo in Tehsil Rampur Distt. Shimla (HP) (SH- L/J of GI Pipe various dia at different node to provide FHTC to Household)	Rs. 314716/-	Rs. 6294/-	Rs. 250/-	Three Months
3.	Providing Household Connection to individuals in GP Addu, Gahan, Jahoo, Khunni Panoli, Kharahan under Jal Shakti Section Gahan in Tehsil Nankhatri Distt. Shimla (HP) (SH- RCC intake chamber 1 No. & L/J of GI Pipe 15mm dia at different Node No. 16-17, 19-20, 18-21, 29-30 & 33-37 to Provide FHTC to Household) Phase 3rd Job 2nd	Rs. 198626/-	Rs. 3972/-	Rs. 250/-	Three Months
4.	Providing GWSS to PC Habitation DPF Sandhan in GP Sarahan Tehsil Rampur Distt. Shimla (HP) (SH- C/O 1 No. RCC Intake, Laying & Jointing of GI pipe of different Dia at Node 2-5, 2-3, 4-6 to Provide FHTC to Household ) Phase 1st Job No. 1	Rs. 453938/-	Rs. 9079/-	Rs. 250/-	Three Months
5.	Providing GWSS to PC Habitation DPF Sandhan in GP Sarahan Tehsil Rampur Distt. Shimla (HP) (SH- C/O 1 No S/Tank 10000 Lit. cap, Laying & Jointing of GI Pipe of different Dia at Node No. 1-2-4 to provide FHTC to Household) (Phase 1st ) Job No. 2	Rs. 336667/-	Rs. 6733/-	Rs. 250/-	Three Months
6.	Providing FHTC and Improvement of various GWSS in GP Badhal in Tehsil Rampur, Distt. Shimla (HP) (SH- C/O RCC storage tank 5000 Lit. Cap. 1 No. & L/J of GI pipe various dia at different Node to provide FHTC to Household) (Sdhikarana & Mata) Job No. 3	Rs. 388608/-	Rs. 7772/-	Rs. 250/-	Six Months
7.	Providing FHTC and Improvement of various GWSS in GP Chandi Branda in Tehsil Rampur, Distt. Shimla (HP) (SH- L/J of GI Pipe 15mm dia at different Node to Provide FHTC to Household )	Rs. 245695/-	Rs. 4914/-	Rs. 250/-	Three Months
8.	Providing WSS Kasha in GP Kashapal Tehsil Rampur Distt. Shimla (HP) (SH- P/L GI Pipe 15=1935 Rmt. at various RDs	Rs. 240255/-	Rs. 4805/-	Rs. 250/-	Three Months
9.	Providing Household Connection individuals in GP Thalay Chakti, Sholi, Kaleda Majhote under Jal Shakti Section Thalay Chakti in Tehsil Rampur Distt. Shimla (HP) (SH- L/J of GI Pipe 15mm dia =1760 Rmt. at Node No. 42-45, 43-44, 49-54 & 50-52) .Phase-4th	Rs. 236398/-	Rs. 4727/-	Rs. 250/-	Three Months
10.	Improvement of FIS Karangla in GP Karangla Tehsil Nankhatri Distt. Shimla (HP) (SH- C/O Anchor block /Piller at various RDs C/O R/Wall /Edge wall at RD 510 and 2830 to 2830 in PCC 1:5:10 with 15% plumb and C/O wire crante wall at RD 5160 to 5170 to protect the main channel	Rs. 336967/-	Rs. 6794/-	Rs. 250/-	Six Months
11.	Improvement of GWSS Gartola & Lahri in GP Kharahan Nankhatri Distt. Shimla (HP) (SH- C/O Site Development & Barbed wire fencing, C/O 1 No. RCC S/Tank 18000 ltr. cap, Laying & Jointing & testing of GI Pipe of 32mm dia =386 Rmt at Node No. 9-14) Job No 2	Rs. 426361/-	Rs. 8527/-	Rs. 250/-	Six Months
12.	Improvement of FIS in GP Duttanagar Tehsil Rmapur Distt. Shimla (HP) (SH- C/O CC Lining in Main Channel at various RDs	Rs. 474648/-	Rs. 9493/-	Rs. 250/-	Three Months
13.	C/O Rain water Harvesting Structure at Khanog Khad in GP Thalay Chakti Tehsil Nankhatri Distt. Shimla (HP)(SH- C/O Diversion weirs RHS for FIS Shia Ropa in GP Thalay Chakti	Rs. 375658/-	Rs. 7513/-	Rs. 250/-	Three Months
14.	C/O Rain water Harvesting Structure at Uchi Khad in GP Dofda Tehsil Nankhatri Distt. Shimla (HP)(SH- C/O Diversion weirs RHS for GWSS Maghara Majholi Kosghar	Rs. 379175/-	Rs. 7584/-	Rs. 250/-	Three Months
15.	STOCK STORAGE:- Loading & Unloading of Cement, Steel etc. at Divisional store Nogli)	Rs. 488812/-	Rs. 9776/-	Rs. 250/-	Six Months
16.	A/R & M/O I&PH Lab at Sub-Division Rampur Distt. Shimla (HP) (SH- Providing and Supplying of Laboratory Chemical, Reagent & other Materials	Rs. 267244/-	Rs. 5255/-	Rs. 250/-	One Month

Last date of submission of tender 12.02.2021 up to 11:00 a.m. and will be opened on same day on 11:30 a.m.

Last date of sale of tender from Divisional Office 11.02.2021 up to 3:00 p.m. The tender forms and other detailed conditions can be downloaded from the website [www.ipb.org](http://www.ipb.org) or from office of above Executive Engineer up to date specified above.

(Er. R.S. Negi)  
 Executive Engineer  
 Jal Shakti Division Rampur  
 Ph. No 01782-233125

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[www.pshrc.net](http://www.pshrc.net)

#### SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE

Punjab State Human Rights Commission invites short term tender notice for Commissioning of Local Area Network at their new office SCO 220-221, Sector-34A, Chandigarh. In all 70 plus desktops/servers/switches are required to be connected (lying of cable and connectivity) etc. In this regard tenders may be sent by post or handed over personally in a sealed cover to the office of Secretary Punjab State Human Rights Commission by 22-02-2021 before 4.00 pm. The details of all the items/work can be downloaded from the website of the Commission i.e. [www.pshrc.punjab.gov.in](http://www.pshrc.punjab.gov.in). These tender will be opened at 11.00 am on 23-02-2021 in the presence of representatives of the firms in the office of the Commission.

Sd/-Secretary

### PUNJAB WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT & DEVELOPMENT CORP. LTD.

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#### Tender Notice

E-Tendering Notice No. 07/2021/PWRMDC/SAS NAGAR/ Dated 09.02.2021

E-Tender Notice on agreement basis are hereby invited on behalf of the Governor of Punjab by Divisional Engineer, PWRMDC&DC, SAS Nagar from eligible contractors/Agencies registered with any Central or State Govt. Dept./PWRMDC/PSUs's & L/C Societies enlisted with PWD (B&R) under new eligibility criteria/latest Govt. instructions Preference will be given to L&C Societies as per Punjab Govt. Instructions for the Sinking and Installation of 02 No. (Alt. Deep T/Well) (Under 72 No. Alt. Deep T/Well Scheme) Works as per following schedule:-

Sr. No.	Description	Date	Time
1	Issue of Notice Inviting Tender	09.02.2021	---
2	Start of Sale of Tenders	10.02.2021	12:30 hrs
3	Closing of Sale of Tenders	24.02.2021	11:30 hrs
4	Last Date and Time for receipt of bids	24.02.2021	11:30 hrs
5	Opening of Technical Bid for scrutiny	24.02.2021	12:30 hrs
6	Opening of Financial Bid	Will be uploaded on eproc website	---

All Tendering process such as sale of tender documents, submission of bid documents etc shall be carried out online through website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.

Sd/- Divisional Engineer,  
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NO. S.E. (O&M)/NIT-546/CE/WS/G DATED 8.2.2021

### MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, JALANDHAR LOCAL GOVT. DEPTT. PUNJAB

#### NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS (O&M Branch)

(Website: [eproc.punjab.gov.in](https://eproc.punjab.gov.in))

E-tender No. MCJ/OM/2020/62

Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar invites e-tenders on Two Bid System, for the O&M works mentioned at [www.eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in), from the contractors enlisted with Local Government Department Punjab & Co-Op L/C Societies (Registered in Punjab State). Time to time instructions issued by Govt/CVO will be followed for bidding as well as execution of works. All the bidders should comply with the latest instructions issued vide Notification No. 5/82/2018-214/982 dt 02.08.18.

03 Works related to Sewer & Water Supply.

#### SCHEDULE OF TENDERS FOR CO-OP L/C SOCIETIES

Availability of E-tenders online for bidding	Last Date & Time for online submission of E-bids	Date & Time of opening of Eligibility/ Tech. Bid.	Date & Time of opening Financial Bid of Qualified bidders
From 12.02.2021 up to 14:00 Hrs	08.03.2021 up to 14:00 Hrs	09.03.2021 12:00 Hrs	Notify Later On.

If in case after opening Tenders the department observes that the tenders quoted by Co-op L/C Societies do not qualifies as per norms, then the same tenders can be quoted by the contractors along with balance tenders (which will be notified on website) per schedule.

#### SCHEDULE OF BALANCE TENDERS FOR GENERAL CONTRACTORS

Availability of E-tenders online for bidding	Last Date & Time for online submission of E-bids	Date & Time of opening of Eligibility/ Tech. Bid.	Date & Time of opening Financial Bid of Qualified bidders
12.02.2021 14:00 Hrs	22.03.2021 up to 14:00 Hrs	22.03.2021 15:00 Hrs	Notify Later On.

Other terms & conditions can be seen at e-tender website [eproc.punjab.gov](http://eproc.punjab.gov.in)

**Mumbai inferno**

Smoke billows out after a major fire broke out in a chemical factory at Taloja in Navi Mumbai on Tuesday. PTI

**India, China discuss UNSC coordination**

SANDEEP DIKSHIT  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 9**  
India and China on Tuesday held consultations on cooperation on issues relating to UN Security Council in an attempt to cool tensions and set the stage for substantial talks on a concrete disengagement schedule in the border areas of eastern Ladakh, said sources here.

The Chinese delegation was led by Yang Tao from the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Indian team by Prakash Gupta, Joint Secretary in MEA. Both sides discussed a wide range of issues on the UNSC agenda. The Indian delegation briefed the Chinese side on India's priorities during its

UNSC tenure. Both sides agreed to continue their engagement on key issues on the UNSC agenda, stated a MEA release. India will occupy a seat on UNSC for two years till the end of 2022 while China is one of the five permanent members.

India and China could shortly turn the corner in their 10-month-old standoff along the Line of Actual Control in the Western sector by pursuing disengagement to reduce the hardships suffered by the deployment of a large number of troops, said the sources. If need be, the 10th meeting of Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination on India-China Border Affairs could be held in the coming days, suggested the sources.

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**India inks pact to build dam in Afghanistan**

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**NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 9**  
India on Tuesday signed an MoU with Afghanistan for the construction of a dam that will provide safe drinking water to 20 lakh people of Kabul city. The MoU was signed by Foreign Ministers S Jaishankar and Hanif Atmar in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Afghan President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani.

However, it does not mean the final word has been said on the dam. The \$250 million Shatoot Dam project has been pending for two years following objections from Pakistan as it fears impediment to the regular flow of water.

Last November, Jaishankar had announced an



PENDING FOR TWO YEARS

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■ The dam is proposed to be built on the Maidan river, a tributary of the Kabul river which flows into Pakistan from Afghanistan.

agreement with Afghanistan for building the Shatoot Dam was close at hand, while speaking at an international conference on Afghanistan.

In tandem, India will launch the fourth phase of the high

impact community development projects in Afghanistan involving over 100 projects. This is the second major dam being built by India in Afghanistan, after the India-Afghanistan Friendship Dam (Salma Dam).

**Twitter seeks dialogue with govt over notice**

**NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 9**

Twitter on Tuesday said it was seeking formal dialogue with the Information Technology Minister after the government ordered it to take down 1,178 accounts for allegedly spreading misinformation around farmers' protests.

The microblogging platform also noted that safety of its employees is a "top priority". "We continue to be engaged with the Government of India from a position of respect and have reached out to the Minister, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, for a formal dialogue," a Twitter spokesperson said.

The spokesperson added

Says safety of staff top priority



that an acknowledgement to the receipt of the non-compliance notice had also been formally communicated. The government, on February 4, had ordered Twitter to block 1,178 accounts with links to Pakistan and Khalistan supporters that were spreading misinformation and provocative content on farmers' protest.

Previously, too, the government had ordered Twitter to take down handles and hashtags that suggested a farmer genocide was being planned.—PTI

**Bill on cryptocurrency soon**

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**NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 9**

Minister of State for Finance and Corporate Affairs Anurag Thakur on Tuesday told the Rajya Sabha that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) lack a legal framework to regulate cryptocurrencies which are not currencies nor securities or commodities.

Taking note of the inadequacy of the laws to deal with the subject, the government formed an inter-ministerial panel to enact legislation, Thakur said during Question Hour. He said the panel had submitted its report. The committee of secretaries formed for

**1 in 1,400 recipients show vax side-effects**

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**NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 9**

Only one in 1,400 Covid vaccine beneficiaries in India have so far reported mild side effects such as pain or rash since the inoculation drive began on January 16.

Out of 63,10,194 healthcare and frontline workers vaccinated till 2 pm today, 4,303 had mild adverse events following immunisation (AEFI). This means 1 in 1,400 beneficiaries had any side effect.

"Indian AEFI rate is only 0.07 per cent. This means Covishield and Covaxin are superbly safe. The fact that over 6.3 million people have accepted the vaccines shows we have overcome the challenge of vaccine hesitancy," Member Health, NITI Aayog VK Paul said today noting that India was on course to cross one crore vac-

cinations in a few days.

The government has asked every state to schedule each healthcare worker and frontline worker once for vaccination before February 20 and March 1, respectively, and hold mop-up rounds for them by February 24 and March 6, respectively. Those who miss mop-up rounds would be covered later in age appropriate listing, Health Secretary Rakesh Bhushan said.

Meanwhile, the National AEFI Committee met this week to discuss eight AEFIs (two deaths and three hospitalisations). Those hospitalised have recovered. Two deaths were found unrelated to Covid jabs. India has also emerged as the fastest country to reach six million vaccinations in 24 days as against the US which took 26 days and the UK which took 46.

**Minority status: Notice to govt on transfer of pleas**

SATYA PRAKASH  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 9**  
The Supreme Court on Tuesday issued notice to the Centre on a PIL seeking transfer of petitions pending in various high courts challenging the validity of Section 2(c) of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992.

A Bench headed by Chief Justice of India SA Bobde asked the Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Minority Affairs and Ministry of Law and Justice; and petitioners before various high courts to respond to the transfer petition filed by Delhi BJP leader and advocate Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay.

He wanted the top court to hear all cases on the issue to avoid the multiplicity of litigation and conflicting views on the interpretation of Articles 29 and 30 of the Constitution that deal with the protection of interests of minorities, and the right of minorities to establish and administer educational institutions.

Currently, various high courts, including Delhi, Guwahati, and Meghalaya, were seized of petitions challenging the validity of Section 2(c) of the NCM Act, 1992.

Section 2(c) simply says, "minority", for the purposes of this Act, means a community notified as such by the Central government. The Centre issued a notification on October 23, 1993, declaring Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Parsis and Buddhists as minorities. Jains were added to the list in 2014, based on their demographic numbers. Upadhyay has questioned the validity of this notification.

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