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## Won't intervene on tractor rally: SC to cops

Says Delhi Police at liberty to invoke powers to decide who will enter Capital; talks tomorrow

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NEW DELHI, JANUARY 18

Noting that its intervention to resolve the deadlock over farmers' protests against agricultural laws had been misunderstood, the Supreme Court today said it was for the Delhi Police to decide if the tractor rally proposed on Republic Day should be allowed to enter the national Capital.

"Our intervention has been misunderstood... Who will come in the city and who will be allowed will not be seen by us," a Bench headed by CJI SA Bobde said, terming the proposed tractor rally a "law and order" issue.

"You are at liberty to invoke all powers under the law," the CJI, who earlier maintained that farmers had a fundamental right to protest peacefully, told Attorney General KK Venugopal while hearing the Delhi Police plea to stop the rally. The matter will now be taken up on Wednesday when the farmers and the



Women turn up in large numbers at the Ghazipur protest site near New Delhi. MANAS RANJAN BHUI

Centre hold the next round of negotiations. The talks, earlier slated for Tuesday, have been deferred by a day.

As Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said there were issues to be addressed, the court said

it was for the Delhi Police to decide whether to allow farmers to enter Delhi and if allowed, how many could enter and on what conditions.

The Delhi Police were the first authority to decide it and

not the Supreme Court, clarified the CJI. The top court, which stayed implementation of the three farm laws on January 12, said, "We said this last time that entry to Delhi has to be seen by the Delhi

### COURT'S INTERVENTION MISUNDERSTOOD

Does the Union of India need the Supreme Court to tell it what powers it has under the Police Act? CJI

### MORCHA FORGIVES AS CHARUNI CLARIFIES

Sonepat: BKU (Haryana) chief Gurnam Singh Charuni on Monday appeared before a six-member Sanyukt Kisan Morcha panel and gave an undertaking that he won't share stage with any politician till the farmers' stir was over. Charuni clarified his Sunday's meeting with Opposition leaders in Delhi was in his "personal capacity". The event had triggered talk of chinks in the farmers' camp. After hearing Charuni, the Morcha decided to close the matter. TNS



### POLICE TEAM AT SINGHU, SEEKS RALLY DETAILS

A Delhi Police team led by Joint Commissioner PS Yadav reached the protesting farmers' 'kisan andolan office' at Singhu border on Monday evening and held a meeting with the union leaders. The police sought details about the proposed January 26 tractor rally in New Delhi.

## Keeping watch: MEA on report of Chinese village in Arunachal

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NEW DELHI, JANUARY 18

In a cautious reaction to a report that China had built a village in Arunachal Pradesh, the Indian Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Monday said the government was keeping a constant watch on developments having a bearing on India's security and was taking the necessary measures to safeguard its sovereignty and territorial integrity.

A TV news channel, basing its reports on satellite imagery, claimed that China had raised a new village on the Indian side of the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Arunachal. Sources in the security establishment said the mentioned area was overrun by China in 1959. The village is said to be located on the banks of the Tsari Chu.

China has undertaken infrastructure construction in the past several years. India too has stepped up border infrastructure, including construction of roads and bridges, providing the

Village is located on the banks of the Tsari Chu



■ The India-China border dispute covers the 3,488-km Line of Actual Control

■ China claims Arunachal Pradesh is part of southern Tibet, while India contests it

much-needed connectivity.

Indian Army Chief General MM Naravane had on January 15 said the forces were maintaining a high level of operational readiness to deal with any eventuality along the 3,488-km LAC, from eastern Ladakh to Arunachal. Earlier this month, Chief of Defence Staff Gen Bipin Rawat visited forward posts near the LAC in Arunachal.

## 'Go easy,' former BARC chief cautioned Arnab

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NEW DELHI, JANUARY 18

Former Broadcast Audience Research Council chief Partho Dasgupta was acutely aware of the public perception about his closeness to Republic TV boss Arnab Goswami and asked him once to go easy on issues lest misunderstandings grew.

The leaked WhatsApp chats between Goswami and Dasgupta reveal how during one conversation with Arnab on ways to dominate TV viewership, Dasgupta told him, "Honestly please do not do that... People are seeing it differently and think you and I are joined at the hip. Better to raise issues of principles and ensure the independence of BARC, which only the government can do."

Dasgupta's remarks came on July 18, 2019, during a conversation where Arnab is asking him to moderate the landing market of a rival channel. Expressing his inability, Dasgupta says, "Unless the government

### Oppn demands JPC probe into leaked chats



**Arnab:** You moderate TV18 landing, they will come down to 7% or less given their content...

**Partho:** Unless the government helps my hands are tied. I am fighting back...

**Arnab:** I am with you, I will speak to all and galvanise more support

**Partho:** Honestly please do not do that... People think you and I are joined at the hip. Better to raise issues of principles...

**NBA WANTS REPUBLIC TV IBF MEMBERSHIP SUSPENDED**

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helps, my hands are tied. I am fighting back. No one in the board understands news..." At this, Arnab tells the then BARC chief: "I am

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## Rafale to debut in Republic Day flypast

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 18

Rafale fighter aircraft, inducted into the Indian Air Force (IAF) in September last year, will make a debut in the Republic Day flypast this year.

"The flypast will culminate with a single Rafale aircraft carrying out a 'Vertical Charlie' formation," said Wing Commander Indranil Nandi.

On the "music front", there is a unique story about three brothers in the forces' musical bands. Two of them will be at the parade this year.

Warrant Officer Ashok Kumar, who has been leading the IAF band contingent for the past 13 years, is set to make history. This is the 26th consecutive year when he will



Will fly at a low altitude, pull up vertically and conduct rolls

be making an appearance. His brother, IAF Sergeant Anil Kumar, will be part of the martial band. Their third sibling, Naik Subhash Kumar won't be part of the parade this year. — TNS

## PM Modi Somnath Temple Trust chief

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 18

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was on Monday named chairman of the Somnath Temple Trust. He is the second PM after Morarji Desai to hold the position. The post fell vacant in October 2020 after the demise of former Gujarat Chief Minister Keshubhai Patel.

The decision to appoint the PM as the temple trust head was unanimous, trust secretary PK Laheri said. Home Minister Amit Shah said: "PM's commitment towards the development of the Somnath shrine area has been unparalleled... The pride and honour of Somnath Temple would be enhanced under PM Modi's chairmanship."

The temple is believed to

### OTHER TRUSTEES

Gujarat ex-Chief Minister Keshubhai Patel held the post for 16 yrs. Other trustees include BJP leader

LK Advani, Union Home Minister Amit Shah & businessman Neotia.



be one of the jyotirlinga shrines of Lord Shiva. First PM Jawaharlal Nehru disapproved of then President Rajendra Prasad inaugurating the newly revived Somnath Temple in 1951. — TNS

### MORADABAD MAN DIES POST VACCINATION



**J'KHAND 'NO JAB, NO PAY' DIKTAT WITHDRAWN**

The Koderma district authorities in Jharkhand have withdrawn the order to suspend salaries of government staffers in case they failed to get Covid-19 shots

**AT 145, COVID CASUALTIES LOWEST IN EIGHT MONTHS**

A ward boy from UP's Moradabad died within a day of receiving the Covid-19 shot. The authorities said the vaccination had no link to it. One more such death has been reported in Karnataka. TNS

### MASK ETIQUETTES MUST: HC

The Punjab and Haryana HC wants mask etiquettes along with the vaccine to be injected into the people to beat Covid. INSIDE

### COVID-19 CASES INDIA

RECOVERED 1,02,11,342  
FRESH FATALITIES 145  
TOTAL DEATHS 1,52,419

### WORLD

TOTAL 9,56,48,775  
RECOVERED 6,83,36,246  
DEATHS 20,44,708

### IN BRIEF

#### Samsung scion in jail for bribery

SEOUL: Samsung scion Lee Jae-yong was sent back to prison on Monday after a South Korean court handed him a 2.5-year sentence for his involvement in a 2016 scandal that spurred massive protests and ousted the then-president. The court found Lee guilty of bribing then-President Park Geun-hye. — Agencies

#### Nobel nomination for Khalsa Aid

BATHINDA: UK-based NGO Khalsa Aid has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for its humanitarian work. Canadian MP Tim Uppal, Mayor of Brampton Patrick Brown and the MP for Brampton South Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria have officially nominated Khalsa Aid for the Nobel Peace Prize. INSIDE

#### Culling of birds not feasible, Hry tells Centre

GEETANJALI GAYATRI

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 18

To save 20 lakh poultry birds at Barwala farms in Panchkula district where four more suspected bird flu cases surfaced earlier this month, Haryana has decided to form a panel to suggest alternatives to culling. It has sought clarification from the Centre on the guidelines in this regard.

Sources in the Animal Husbandry say the panel will suggest alternatives so that the virus can be contained and the poultry farmers do not face any loss if their stock is not infected. "The toll is way below the average deaths due to bird flu. We need more clarity on the guidelines that say all birds within 1 km radius need to be culled," Animal Husbandry Minister JP Dalal said. "While culling will begin at farms

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# Bhagat Singh’s niece leads protesters to Singhu border

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**JALANDHAR, JANUARY 18**  
“Sade buzurg larde si. Angrezan ne sadi property zapt kar lai. Andolan vele offer ditti property vapas kar denge. Par buzurgan ne keha – property rakho, desh naal gad-dari nahi kar sakde. (Britishers seized our property. They offered to return it during the movement. But our elders told them: Keep the property, we won’t betray our nation.)”  
Gurjit Kaur Dhatt, the 68-year-old niece of Bhagat Singh, said this, reminiscing about the rich legacy of the freedom struggle, on Mahila Kisan Diwas today.  
She is leading a jatha of 150 women from Ambala Jattan, Mangarh and Garhdiwal among other villages in Hoshiarpur which set out for the Singhu border from the Ambala Jattan village as part of the nationwide initiative of women to express solidarity with the protesters.

Gurjit Kaur is the daughter of Bhagat Singh’s sister Bibi Parkash Kaur who died on September 28, 2014, the day Bhagat Singh attained martyrdom, at Toronto.  
“This is a very important occasion for us. My grandmother Mata Vidyawati (Bhagat Singh’s mother) whom I lived with until I was four, used to tell us about the charged atmosphere at home during the Pagri Sambhal Jatta movement. My *mamaji*



## HISTORY REPEATING ITSELF AFTER 100 YRS

“My grandmother Mata Vidyawati (Bhagat Singh’s mother) used to tell us about the charged atmosphere at home during the Pagri Sambhal Jatta movement... it’s after 100 years a similar movement (farmers’ protest) has risen.”

Gurjit Kaur, BHAGAT SINGH’S NIECE

Gurjit Kaur leads a jatha from Ambala Jattan in Hoshiarpur to Singhu border. TRIBUNE PHOTO

(Bhagat Singh) and *nanaji* all worked only for the country. It is after 100 years that a similar movement has risen. At that time, my family was fighting against a similar set of black laws from the British. When *mamaji* died, my mother was 10 years old, but until her last breath she remained passionate about the movement and sacrifices. If she were alive, mother would have been here.”  
Harbhajan Singh Dhatt, the husband of Gurjit Kaur, said: “I have visited the Delhi border several times. My wife too was keen on visiting the protest sites, especially on Mahila Kisan Diwas. The revolution is in her blood.”



A Khalsa Aid member works in a flood-hit area in Shahkot. FILE

# Khalsa Aid nominated for Nobel Peace Prize

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**BATHINDA, JANUARY 18**  
United Kingdom-based non-governmental organisation (NGO) Khalsa Aid has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for its humanitarian work.  
Canadian MP Tim Uppal, Mayor of Brampton Patrick Brown and the MPP for Brampton South Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria have officially nominated Khalsa Aid for the Nobel Peace Prize.

In the letter written to Berit Reiss-Andersen, Chair, The Norwegian Nobel Committee, Tim Uppal has stated that Khalsa Aid is an international NGO with an aim to provide humanitarian aid in disaster areas and civil conflict zones around the world. It also stated that Khalsa Aid became the first-ever cross border international humanitarian aid organisation based on the Sikh principle of recognising the whole human race as one.

Further, it states that it was founded by Ravinder (Ravi) Singh, who was stuck by the plight of the refugees in Kosovo in 1999. The charity has been providing support around the world to victims of natural and manmade disasters such as floods, earthquakes, famines and wars for over 20 years. Uppal also writes that Khalsa Aid, inspired by the Sikh ideology of ‘Sarbat da bhalai’ (well-being of all), has been helping all those in need regardless of race,

Canadian MP cites its humanitarian work

## DEEPLY HUMBLLED

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Ravi Singh, FOUNDER, KHALSA AID

religion and border.  
He also said Khalsa Aid represented exactly the kind of international cooperation and commitment the world needed in today’s times.  
Ravi Singh reacted on social media, saying, “We are deeply humbled by this nomination. Everything we do is because of our amazing teams and volunteers all around the globe. We are grateful for this historical nomination.”  
It is worth mentioning that Khalsa Aid has been actively serving the farmers who have been protesting at the Delhi borders for 53 days. It has also set up a Kisan Mall at the Tikri border.  
On January 16, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) issued summons to Khalsa Aid’s India director Amanpreet Singh and other trustees and asked them to depose before the agency.

# Women power to fore against farm laws

‘MAHILA KISAN DIWAS’ Thousands protest in Barnala | Stage sit-in at Jyani’s house

TRIBUNE REPORTERS

**BARNALA/FAZILKA, JANUARY 18**  
To observe ‘Mahila Kisan Diwas’, thousands of women today converged on the grain market at Dhanaula town in Barnala and raised their voice against the central farm laws. Protesters said they chose Dhanaula because BJP leader Harjeet Singh Grewal belongs to this town.

“The implementation of black farm laws will further burden the debt-ridden farmers of Punjab and impact the farming community adversely. BJP leaders like Grewal are trying to weaken our protest, and we would not allow that to happen at any cost,” said Manjit Kaur Barnala, spokesperson for BKU (Ugrahan).  
Another woman leader, Gupreet Kaur, alleged the BJP-led central government first implemented the farm laws without any consultation with farmers and now its leaders were trying to convince farmers by distorting the facts about laws.  
“The central government has been elected not by corporate houses, but the common man. It is hell-bent on



A farmer leader addresses a gathering at the grain market in Dhanaula town of Barnala on Monday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

destroying the agriculture sector,” alleged Komal Khanauri, BKU (Ugrahan) leader during the event.  
Women and other activists of BKU (Ugrahan) from Sangrur, Fatehgarh Sahib, Patiala, Ludhiana, Mansa and Barnala districts participated in protest.  
“Our protests at all venues, including New Delhi borders and Punjab, are gaining strength by the day and more and more residents are joining us. We would compel central government to roll-

back the black laws” said Jarnail Singh Badra, general secretary, BKU (Ugrahan) Barnala.  
In Fazilka, a large number of farmers, including hundreds of women, participated in a massive protest held outside the residence of BJP coordination committee chairman Surjit Kumar Jyani at his native Katehra village to observe ‘Mahila Kisan Diwas’ today.  
The protest was led by BKU (Ekta Ugrahan) general secretary Sukhdev Singh Kokri Kalan. After the failure of

several rounds of talks with the central government, all factions of the BKU have decided to observe ‘Mahila Kisan Diwas’ to honour women for their incredible contribution in the protests.  
Woman farmer leaders Gurpreet Kaur Jethuke from Bathinda and Kuldeep Kaur from Moga and Khet Mazdoor leaders Krishna Devi and Gurmel Kaur while addressing the gathering alleged that their rights were being snatched by the Centre and the three laws would ruin

the farming community.  
Kokri Kalan condemned BJP leaders Surjit Kumar Jyani and Harjeet Singh Grewal for their alleged anti-farmer stand. He said the protests against these leaders would continue. He demanded the repeal of the contentious laws, power amendment Bill and stubble pollution related ordinances.  
Meanwhile, the farmers also observed a two-minute silence to pay tributes to farmers who have lost their lives during the protests.

## BKU activists lay siege to DC office in Bathinda

**BATHINDA, JANUARY 18**  
Responding to the call given by the Sanyukt Kisan Morcha under the ongoing farmers’ agitation, women activists of the BKU (Sidhupur) today protested outside the Deputy Commissioner’s office here.  
In a show of strength, women conveyed the message that the role of women in half of the world’s population was no less than that of men in any field. He said whenever rights’ struggles were or would be waged in

## Say stir to continue until demands are met

any corner of the world, ‘*nari shakti*’ would promptly demonstrate its existence.  
Accusing the central government of adopting a dictatorial attitude, the activists urged it to give up its stubbornness and address the demands of the farmers on a priority.  
Farmer leader Angrej Singh Kalyan said the Modi government was testing the patience of the farmers through repression. He said they would continue to persevere till their objective was realised. — TNS



State AAP chief Bhagwant Mann

## Central agencies being misused, alleges AAP

**CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 18**  
The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) today condemned the notices being sent by the central agencies to farmers, social workers and organizations, and termed the development shameful.  
State AAP president and MP Bhagwant Mann said it was reprehensible to use central agencies to suppress the farmers’ movement, who were fighting for truth and

## Says Centre trying to weaken stir

justice. He said it was a disgraceful act of the government to send notices to those supporting the agitation.  
Mann said the Narendra Modi-led central government had first tried to tarnish the image of the movement by calling farmers terrorists, Khalistanis, agents of Pakistan, China and whatnot and now it was trying to weaken the agitation through government agencies.  
“The Modi government has double standards. On the one hand it is negotiating with the farmers and on the other it is sending notices through NIA to intimidate their leaders and supporters,” he said. — TNS

# NIA notices to farmers show BJP’s desperation, says Capt

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 18

Condemning the issuance of notices by the NIA to several farmers and their supporters in the midst of the anti-farm laws agitation, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh today said such arm-twisting tactics would not weaken the resolve of farmers to fight for their rights and their future.  
“Do these farmers look like secessionists and terrorists?” asked the Chief Minister, slamming the BJP-led government at the Centre for resorting to such reprehensible and oppressive tactics in their desperation to undermine the peacefully protesting farmers’ fighting spirit.  
“These measures will not succeed in destroying the resolve of the farmers, rather the Centre will only end up provoking a stronger reaction

## DON'T PROVOKE THEM

“These measures will not succeed in destroying the resolve of the farmers, rather the Centre will end up provoking a stronger reaction from them.”



from them,” Capt Amarinder said and warned that BJP’s most powerful minds would not be able to control the situation if things got irretrievably out of hand.  
It was obvious, said the Chief Minister, that the BJP-led NDA government nei-

ther cared for the farmers and their concerns, and nor understood their psyche. “Punjabis are fighters by nature. They are imbued with the fighting spirit which makes them among the best warriors in the world,” he said, adding that the Centre’s coercive actions would only provoke the farmers from Punjab to react negatively.  
Capt Amarinder expressed shock over the Government of India’s unrelenting opposition to the farmers’ genuine and justified demands and its total failure to empathise with the cause and concerns of the farmers who have been braving the cold in Delhi, with many of them succumbing to the harsh weather and prolonged exposure. — TNS



Students leave for Singhu in support of protesting farmers in Patiala on Monday. PHOTO: RAJESH SACHAR

# Ex-IAS officers to send quilts

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 18

Former IAS officers of Punjab today decided to send quilts, blankets, pillows and tarpaulins worth Rs 3 lakh for the protesting farmers at the Singhu border.

A decision to send these items was taken in a meeting held here today and presided over by SS Boparai and RI Singh. Officers expressed their apprehensions regarding the adverse

effects of the three agriculture Acts on farmers and the agriculture sector. The former officers expressed concern regarding the threat to the federal structure of the country. — TNS

## One more farmer dies in Bathinda

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MUKTSAR, JANUARY 18

Parminder Singh, 22, a farmer from Aulakh village who had returned from the Tikri border a few days ago, today died at a private hospital in Bathinda.



Villagers said the deceased farmer had gone to the Delhi border on January 8. He was taken ill while protesting at the Tikri border. On his return, he was first taken to a hospital in Muktsar and then shifted to a Bathinda hospital where he breathed his last.  
The deceased is survived by his brother, father and mother. Parminder’s family owns nearly three acres and owes money to private lenders as well.

## Allow farmers’ march on R-Day, SAD urges Centre

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 18

The SAD today asked the Centre not to deny the constitutional right for a peaceful march in Delhi to law-abiding farmers of the country on January 26. The call came at the end of a three-hour meeting of the core committee of the party held at the party headquarters here today.  
Harcharan Singh Bains, Principal Adviser to the SAD president, said the meeting considered the government’s dragging of its feet over permission for the

peaceful democratic march as “grossly violative of the very Constitution which the Republic Day symbolises”. “The farmers of the country have already declared that their peaceful march will be a celebration of the spirit of the Constitution for which the nation celebrates Republic Day. The march by farmers will in fact be a reminder that India is a democratic Republic and is neither a monarchy nor a dictatorial set-up,” said a resolution passed at the meeting. — TNS

# Ensure cancellation reports filed timely, DGP told

SAURABH MALIK  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 18

Expressing “strong disapproval” over the non-filing of cancellation report despite the lapse of several years, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has directed the state Director-General of Police to issue instructions to “all concerned” for appropriate time-bound action on decisions to submit untraced/cancellation reports before the court concerned.  
The direction by Justice BS Walia came in a case where a cancellation report was not submitted more than eight

## HC directs top cop to fix responsibility for non-filing of cancellation report in a 2012 case

years after the decision. Justice Walia directed the DGP to also take appropriate action in the matter to fix responsibility for non-filing of the cancellation report before the trial court, after observing that the decision was taken in the matter on October 3, 2012.  
“Compliance report with regard to directions to the DGP, Punjab, be submitted to this court within six

weeks from today,” Justice Walia said.  
The matter was brought to the High Court’s notice by Gurwinder Singh and other petitioners. In their plea against the state of Punjab and another respondent, they were seeking the quashing of FIR dated June 29, 2012, registered for voluntarily causing hurt by dangerous weapons or means under sections 323, 324, 148 and 149 IPC at the

Maqsudan police station in Jalandhar, along with all consequential proceedings, on the basis of compromise.  
The state counsel, on instructions from a police official, said a cancellation report was prepared by the SHO concerned on October 3, 2012, but was not submitted before the trial court to date. In case time was granted by this court, the same would be filed before the trial court within two weeks.  
Justice Walia added the statement was to the satisfaction of the counsel for the petitioners, who stated that

the petition in the circumstances might be disposed of as such. “In view of the position, the instant petition is disposed of by directing the Senior Superintendent of Police, Jalandhar (rural), to ensure the filing of the cancellation report before the trial court, in accordance with law, within two weeks from today,” Justice Walia added.  
Before parting with the case, Justice Walia asserted the petitioners would be at liberty to move an application for enforcing compliance in case the needful was not done within the stipulated time period.



IN BRIEF

Woman, 2 sons asphyxiated

Ferozepur: A woman and her two children died due to asphyxia at Hamadwala village in Mallanwala block on Sunday night. Victim Harpreet Kaur, 35, had reportedly placed a hearth in the bedroom to keep it warm. However, she along with sons Sahilpreet Singh, 12, and Ekamjot Singh, 5, died of suffocation caused by carbon monoxide. Her husband Jagjit Singh is currently settled in Malaysia. Father-in-law Kewal Singh said the matter came to light when he woke up in the morning and looked out for Harpreet. oc

Drug addict 'kills' granny

Tarn Taran: A drug addict along with an unidentified accomplice allegedly killed his grandmother by slitting her throat at Chaunk Bhan Singh late on Sunday. The victim, identified as Surinder Kaur, 70, was residing with her widowed daughter Kuldeep Kaur. The suspect, Gobinda, 22, of Sangojla in Kapurthala, and his associate allegedly visited their house on Sunday and demanded money to buy drugs. On being refused, the suspects allegedly struck her in the neck with a sharp weapon several times. The victim was taken to the local Civil Hospital, where the doctors declared her brought dead. oc

CM popular, 'survey incorrect'

Ludhiana: The Punjab Congress on Monday rejected a survey conducted by a TV news channel, saying it was far from reality at the ground level. The party reiterated that Capt Amarinder Singh continued to remain the most popular CM and was set to return for another term. Minister for Food and Civil Supplies Bharat Bhushan Ashu ridiculed SAD chef Sukhbir Singh Badal for trying to gloat over the survey that "deliberately and mischievously seemed to have shown Congress CMs, including Capt Amarinder, in poor light". The minister questioned the very purpose of the survey at this stage. TNS

# Mining mafia targets new sites; Oppn demands ED probe

AMAN SOOD

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GHANAUR, JANUARY 18

Following reports by *The Tribune* highlighting illegal mining in Ghanaur and nearby villages, the police and mining department officials are now visiting the sites being targeted by the mafia. Senior officials in the mining department confirmed that new sites, from where illegally dug sand worth crores was missing, were being reported. Besides Rajgarh, Nanhera, Chamaru and Bathonian, residents of many new villages were now reporting illegal mining in the area. "The miners have left deep pits in the area, which can lead to mishaps," said a villager in Ghanaur. "The modus operandi is simple. The politically inclined owner would allow mining on his land. Miners will dig deep pits, sometimes over 25-ft deep, to take out sand worth lakhs from an acre. Later, it would be shifted to construction sites. Mining officials, police and even villagers would pocket bribe to turn into mute spectators," said a mining official of the irrigation department who had recently been given charge to check illegal mining. An official team visited Mardanpur village today. Sources said the role of all officers deputed to check mining in the past three years needed a thorough probe. "All this sand worth crores of rupees did not vanish in just few months. It was plundered for years and no one acted," a source said. Ramandeep Singh Bains, XEN, Drainage (cum-mining officer), Patiala and Fatehgarh Sahib, said following complaints, a team visited Mardanpur village and took

measurements of the total mining done illegally. "We have already fined the land owner in Chamaru and Bathonia Kalan villages and will now fine Mardanpur land owners too," he said, adding that they had now been provided a separate police team to carry out raids. Leader of Opposition in Vidhan Sabha Harpal Cheema said he was surprised why the Enforcement Directorate had not taken any cognisance of the matter. "We will raise the issue in Vidhan Sabha and also write to ED officials to probe the matter," he told *The Tribune*. An ED official confirmed that they were keeping an eye on all such illegal mining-related developments. "I can't comment more," he said.

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# Barnala hospital dumps 'free' drugs; 2 probe panels in 3 days

Locals warn of indefinite agitation if officials fail to conduct fair, prompt inquiry

PARVESH SHARMA

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

BARNALA, JANUARY 18

Three days after a huge pile of medicines meant for free distribution among patients was found dumped on the Dhanaula civil hospital premises, the Barnala Civil Surgeon today formed another committee to look into the issue. Earlier being conducted by a panel of government doctors of the same hospital, the probe will now be carried out by district immunisation officer Dr Rajinder Singla, assistant civil surgeon Dr Neera, a drug inspector and the chief pharmacist. On January 15, residents spotted piles of medicines — reportedly sent by the government for free distribution among patients — dumped on

STAFF TAMPERING WITH RECORD, SHIFT THEM

“ We want the hospital staff transferred immediately as they are tampering with the official record to show that the medicines were actually distributed among patients. It's really shocking that such costly medicines were dumped and patients were forced to purchase those from outside. Mahinder Pal Singh Dangarh, SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT, LOK INSAF PARTY

DETAILED REPORT SOON

“ Earlier, a committee was constituted for preliminary inquiry. But, the new committee will prepare a detailed report after analysing all aspects. Dr Harinderjit Singh Garg, CIVIL SURGEON

CULPRITS WON'T BE SPARED

“ It's a serious issue as medicines were dumped on the hospital premises instead of being distributed among the needy patients. Nobody will be spared. TPS Phoolka, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

Residents collect the dumped medicines at Dhanaula civil hospital.



the hospital premises and reported the matter to Barnala Deputy Commissioner TPS Phoolka and Civil Surgeon Dr Harinderjit Singh Garg.

received information that they were tampering with the official record to show that the medicines were actually distributed among patients.

It's really shocking that such costly medicines were dumped and patients were forced to purchase from shops outside the hospital,"

said Lok Insaaf Party senior vice-president Mahinder Pal Singh Dangarh. Local residents warned of an agitation if the authorities

failed to conduct a fair and fast inquiry. "Various organisations want to launch an agitation in front of the hospital. We will wait for some days. If the inquiry committee tries to save the accused, we will start an indefinite protest," Dangarh said. Civil Surgeon Dr Garg said: "Earlier, a committee was constituted for preliminary inquiry. But, the new committee will prepare a detailed report after analysing all aspects." Deputy Commissioner TPS Phoolka confirmed that he had directed Dr Garg to conduct a thorough inquiry. "It's a serious issue as medicines were dumped on the hospital premises instead of being distributed among the needy patients. Nobody would be spared," he added.

# Varsities, colleges to fully open in state from Jan 21

Strict compliance of Covid norms must | Exams through offline medium only

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 18

The Punjab Government has decided to reopen all government, aided and non-aided colleges, including government and private universities, from January 21. All higher educational institutes have to follow the guidelines issued by the Punjab Government regarding Covid-19 from time to time. The Higher Education Department has issued a detailed letter to all universities and colleges in this regard. An official spokesperson for the state government said

STUDENTS CAN OPT FOR OFFLINE CLASSES

■ Institutions to conduct classes via both offline & online modes; exams to be held through offline mode only

■ Students to attend classes as per their choice, institutes can't compel them to attend classes physically

■ Hostels, mess/canteens, etc. to be opened in universities and colleges after taking all safety measures

as per the guidelines, in the interest of students, the educational institutions should conduct classes through both offline and online medium and conduct semester/annual examinations through offline medium only. At the same time, students would be allowed to take classes as per their choice

and no institute should compel them to attend the classes physically. The spokesperson further said hostels should be opened in universities and colleges after following the Covid-19 instructions. Hostel rooms should be allotted per student or according to the size of the room

# Drive called off in two dists on Day 2

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 18

The second day of the Covid-19 vaccination drive yet again drew lukewarm response from state healthcare workers. At some vaccination centres, the Health Department had to cancel the drive on account of poor response. In Moga, only 16 came forward against targeted 200, while in Barnala, only 39 persons were vaccinated at its three centres. At one of the centres, not a single worker was ready to get the dose. The response was even worse in Mohali and Gurdaspur, where the drive had to be called off. A senior medical officer said they were pressurised by state health officials to do forceful vaccinations on Saturday. "However, today we refused to do so," he said. In the first phase, frontline

Healthcare workers reluctant to take vaccine

healthcare workers are being given the vaccine. The workers, especially from the government sector, are showing reluctance, with some questioning the efficacy of the vaccine. On the first day of the drive on Saturday, 5,853 healthcare workers were to be administered the vaccine at 59 dedicated sites in the state. However, only 1,286 (21%) workers came forward. At some places, even doctors refused to take the shot questioning the efficacy of the vaccine. Hussan Lal, Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, could not be contacted for comment. — TNS

# Ensure food to ex-cop, kin warned

JALANDHAR, JANUARY 18

A day after *The Tribune* highlighted the plight of a 91-year-old former constable who complained of not being fed by his relatives, the Kapurthala police today visited Sat Prakash's home and directed his relatives to provide him proper food, shelter and adequate facilities. City police station SHO Surjit Singh Pattar directed the family to clean up his room regularly, and give him proper food and clean clothes, failing which action would be initiated against them. "His room was found dirty and he was wearing soiled clothes. We warned the family against action if he was not taken care of. He is now being given proper food and warm bedding. I have given my contact number to Prakash and will check on him every week," he said. — TNS

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Dated: 18.01.2021

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GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA

HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

In compliance of orders dated 09.09.2010 passed in C.W.P No. 8604 of 2007 titled as 'Surendra Kumar Mishra and Others Versus State of Haryana and Others' subsequently upheld by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The Higher Education Department is in the process to implement the Hon'ble Court directions in true spirit, but for want of complete service record of the eligible candidates the same could not be finalized since the matter is very old and number of the claimant has already been retired from the service.

Through this public notice all the candidates whose claim regarding benefits of adhoc service towards seniority is involved in the above matter are requested to assist the department to settle the above claim by providing the relevant record of the service which is available with you within 10 days from the publication of this notice to this office, on the e-mail address i.e. [hechrycollege5@gmail.com](mailto:hechrycollege5@gmail.com). Sincere efforts are being made by the department to implement the above order and to avoid unnecessary harassment to the eligible candidates. Thus, co-operation of the eligible candidates whose right is involved in this matter is awaited. It is necessary to mention here, the claim of the candidate will be settle in light of the final gradation/seniority list dated 26.11.2020 as stood on 01.09.1997 of Lecturers now designated as Assistant/Associate Professors (College Cadre), which was published on 26.11.2020 and is available on <https://www.highereduhry.com>.

**Dated: 15.01.2021**

Sd/- (GULZAR AHMED),  
Joint Director Administration,  
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(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)

In the Court of  
Sh. Ranjan Kumar Khullar  
Additional Principal Judge,  
Family Court,  
Hoshiarpur.  
Sandeep Kaur daughter of Buta Singh age 34 years, r/o Village Bham, Tehsil and District Hoshiarpur.  
...Petitioner

Versus  
Hardeep Singh son of Joginder Singh r/o Village Mehatpur, Tehsil & District Hoshiarpur presently residing at VIA SANI CASA NO 2, BROGO HARMADA, 04019 TARA CINA (LT) ROMA, ITALY & Another  
...Respondent

Petition under Guardianship and Wards Act 1890.  
CNR No.: PBHO01-004071-2019  
Next Date: 10.02.2021  
Publication issued to:  
Hardeep Singh  
Father: Joginder Singh/ r/o Village Mehatpur, Tehsil & District Hoshiarpur presently residing at VIA SANI CASA NO 2, BROGO HARMADA, 04019 TARA CINA (LT) ROMA, ITALY.

In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 10.02.2021 at 10.00 a.m.

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Dated, this day of 07.01.2021.

Sd/-  
Additional Principal Judge,  
Family Court,  
Hoshiarpur.  
CL20085864

**In the Court of**  
Kanwaljit Singh  
Judicial Magistrate First Class,  
Phillaur.  
Jeetan  
Versus  
Harpreet Singh  
CNR No. PBILB1-003893-2018  
Next Date: 18.02.2021  
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1. Harpreet Singh s/o Late Balvir Singh 2. Rashpal Kaur w/o Late Balvir Singh 3. Gurpreet Singh s/o Balvir Singh all R/o Village Dosanjh Kalan, Tehsil Phillaur, District Jalandhar presently in England. 4. Ranvir Kaur w/o Gurpreet Singh R/o Village Chak Miglani, Tehsil Nakodar, District Jalandhar presently in England. 5. Mandeep Kaur d/o Balvir Singh & w/o Sukhjinder Singh R/o Village Gunachaur, District S.B.S. Nagar. 6. Baljit Kaur w/o Gurpal Singh, r/o Village Chak Miglani, Tehsil Nakodar, District Jalandhar 8. Sewa Singh s/o Mehanga Singh R/o Village Dosanjh Kalan, Tehsil Phillaur, District Jalandhar. 9. Tiratho w/o Narinder Pal R/o Village Dosanjh Kalan, Tehsil Phillaur, District Jalandhar presently in England.

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## Robber killed in gunfight, 4 held

Trapped after chase following series of heists; two cops injured

## OUR CORRESPONDENT

TARN TARAN, JANUARY 18

A robber was killed and four of his accomplices were nabbed by the police after an hour-long encounter near Pat-ti, 25 km from here, today.

Two policemen—Bikramjit Singh and Sarabjit Singh—both from Home Guard, sustained bullet injuries in the cross-firing and were taken to a private hospital in a serious condition. The slain robber, Gurpreet Singh, alias Gopi, of Jatta village allegedly consumed some poisonous substance after being surrounded by the police. Those arrested were identified as Jagjit Singh Jaggi of Naushehra Pannuan, Gurpreet Singh Fateh of Bhullar, Gurjinder Singh of Manakpura and Sukhwinder Singh of Gandiwind Dhattal village. All of them sustained injuries and were admitted to the Pat-ti Civil Hospital, where their condition was stated to be stable.



SSP Dhruvan H Nimbale addresses the media in Tarn Taran.

## GANG INVOLVED IN 30 CASES

- Police had been looking for the gang after it committed seven robberies at petrol stations in Tarn Taran district on Sunday
- SSP Dhruvan H Nimbale said the gang was involved in 30 robberies in Tarn Taran, Jalandhar, Ropar and Ludhiana

According to the police, the gang had robbed seven petrol stations in the border areas on Sunday evening.

Tarn Taran SSP Dhruvan H Nimbale said police teams had been looking for them after seven back-to-back robberies at petrol stations in the district on Sunday.

The gang equipped with firearms carried out more robberies today—a chemist was shot at during a hold-up at Naurangabad village, while another man was fired upon at Dhotian village, before a petrol station was looted at Jamarai village. After their Swift Desire car ran out of

fuel, they snatched a car at gunpoint from a motorist, Kultar Singh, at Dehra Sahib. Alerted by the victim, police from different stations engaged them in a pursuit. The car was signalled to pull over at a checkpoint near the Sarhali Mandan railway crossing, but the occupants reversed it and tried to speed away. In the process, the car landed in the fields.

The occupants opened fire at the police, injuring one of the cops. The police retaliated, injuring Jagjit, while his accomplice Gupreet also fell to the ground. Later, Gupreet allegedly consumed some poisonous substance and died. The three others fled towards the fields and entered a marriage palace. The police teams surrounded the palace and asked them to surrender, said the SSP. The accused, however, continued to fire injuring another cop. After an hour-long cross-fire, the accused surrendered.

## HC: Adjourn case against Sukhbir beyond March 23

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 18

The Punjab and Haryana High Court today directed the trial court to adjourn a defamation case against Punjab's former Deputy Chief Minister Sukhbir Singh Badal beyond March 23—the next date of hearing before the Bench.

The direction by Justice Jaishree Thakur came after advocate RS Dhaliwal, appearing before the Bench on behalf of respondent-complainant Rajinder Pal Singh, sought time to file a reply. A spokesperson for religious organisation Rajinder Pal Singh had filed a complaint alleging defamation and other offences.

Sukhbir, through senior advocate Ashok Aggarwal and counsel HS Brar, was seeking quashing the complaint. Directions were also been sought for quashing the summoning orders and non-bailable warrants. Brar, in the petition, submitted the complaint under Sections 499, 500, 501 and 502 of the IPC, dated January 31, 2017, and the subsequent orders, were an abuse of the process of law. — TNS

## 3 dera men declared PO in sacrilege case

FARIDKOT, JANUARY 18

The court of Judicial Magistrate Suresh Kumar on Monday declared three Dera Sacha Sauda followers proclaimed offenders in a sacrilege case.

As accused Harish Dhuri, Pardeep Kaler and Sandeep Bareta, reported to be the central committee members of the dera, did not appear before the court even today, the court declared them proclaimed offenders.

To procure their appearance before the court, the police had pasted the copies of proclamation of the accused at the bus

## Had failed to appear before Faridkot court

stand and Satnam Shah Chowk in Sirsa and the notice board of the court on December 18, 2020. However, they did not appear before the court today.

All these office-bearers in the dera are accused in connection with the theft of 'bir' of Guru Granth Sahib from a gurdwara in Burj Jawahar Singh Wala on June 1, 2015.

As per the investigation by it the SIT. — TNS

with dera head Gurmeet Ram Rahim were the part of conspiracy in the theft of the 'bir', which led to Behbal Kalan and Kotkapura police firing incidents.

The SIT claimed to have conducted searches in Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan to nab the accused but failed.

The Faridkot court's order on Monday came about two weeks after the Punjab and Haryana High Court directed the CBI to hand over all evidence gathered by it to the SIT. — TNS

## Saini chargesheeted in attempt-to-murder case

## TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

FARIDKOT, JANUARY 18

The special investigation team (SIT) probing the Kotkapura and Behbal Kalan police firing incidents of October 14, 2015, today filed another chargesheet against former DGP Sumedh Singh Saini in the court of the judicial magistrate here.

Saini has been chargesheeted in a case of attempt to murder. The case was registered under Sections 307, 323, 324, 326, 341, 201, 218, 120B and 34 of the IPC and Sections 27, 54 and 59 of the Arms Act at the Kotkapura police station on August 7, 2018.

Earlier, on January 15, the SIT had filed a chargesheet against the former DGP and IGP Paramraj Singh Umranganal in connection with the Behbal Kalan firing incident. In the Kotkapura police firing case, Saini was nominated as an accused on October 10 last year.

While two anti-sacrilege protesters were killed in the Behbal Kalan police firing incident, many protesters were allegedly maimed and injured in the Kotkapura police firing incident on the same day.

The FIR in the Kotkapura incident was registered about 3 years after the happening. This case was registered on the recommendation of the Justice Ranjit Singh (retd) Commission. In this FIR, the police had registered the case against unknown persons on the complaint of Ajit Singh, one of the



Sumedh Singh Saini

## 'PART OF CONSPIRACY'

As per the chargesheet, the police action on protesters was an outcome of the conspiracy between high-profile politicians and police officers of senior ranks in connivance with the head of Dera Sacha Sauda and his followers. The court summoned Saini for appearance on February 18

injured persons in the firing. Later, the SIT had nominated many police officers, including IGP Paramraj Singh Umranganal and former SAD(B) MLA Mantar Singh Brar as accused in the case.

The SIT has already filed three chargesheets in the Kotkapura firing incident. The first chargesheet was filed against Umranganal and former SSP Charanjit Sharma in May 2019.

The second chargesheet (supplementary) was filed in June 2019 in which six persons, including former Akali MLA Mantar Singh Brar, were named as accused. In the third chargesheet, the SIT had named then SHO and Kotkapura DSP for the offence of tampering with the evidence in the case.

**Antim Ardaas**  
**Rajbir Singh Grewal**

A soul with a heart of gold, spreading love and happiness in all the lives he touched. A loving son, doting husband and a perfect father left for his heavenly abode on 12th January 2021.

Will be deeply missed.

**Kirtan & Ardaas will be held on Thursday 21st Jan 2021, From 1.00pm - 2.00pm followed by guru ka langar, at Lalji residence, village Waring Khara, Distt Muktsar.**

**In Grief**  
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**Teg Pratap Grewal** (Son)  
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**जिन आदर्शों पर चलाया तुमने,**  
**वही अब अविलम्ब बने हैं,**  
**तुम्हारी मधुर यादों के दीप जलें हैं।**

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## Cong hears out dissenting voices

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 18

With the State Election Commission announcing the schedule for the civic body elections, the Congress has stepped up efforts to woo various pressure groups before finalising the final list of candidates.

Amid reports of a large number of contenders staking claim to the party ticket in Batala, Jaito, Moga and Pathankot, the state-level election committee has started hearing out

## Jakhar holds meetings to sort out differences



Sunil Jakhar

defiant voices. The elections are being held in 109 municipal councils/nagar

panchayats and eight municipal corporations.

Sources in the party said PPCC Chief Sunil Jakhar and chairman of party's state-level election committee Lal Singh held a series of meeting with party leaders from Batala, Pathankot and Moga to sort out differences.

Jakhar said a meeting was held today with observers appointed by the party. He said the candidates would be finalised in the coming days. — TNS

## NGO official feted for road safety work

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 18

Ravee Singh Ahluwalia, chief functionary of the Patiala Foundation, was awarded for his work in road safety by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways in New Delhi today. The National Road Safety Month was inaugurated today at the Vigyan Bhawan.

Ahluwalia received appreciation for designing innovative 'Children Challan Book' for school-children. The Patiala Foundation has been accorded the 'special consultative status' by the United Nations Economic and Social Council. — TNS

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Gurnam Singh Charuni

## Charuni issue settled, says farmer morcha

MUKESH TANDON  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SONEPAT, JANUARY 18

Ending the controversy around hosting opposition parties, BKU leader Gurnam Singh Charuni today admitted that the political meeting had been held in his personal capacity. He announced that he would not share the platform with any political party till the farmers' agitation was on.

He said this while appearing before the six-member inquiry committee constituted by the Sanyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM). After Charuni made the admission in writing, the coordination committee decided to close the matter.

Earlier, the SKM constituted the committee comprising Darshan Pal Singh, Shiv Kumar Kakka, Yogendra Yadav, Hanan Mollah, Balbir Singh Rajewal and Jagjeet Singh Dallewal to conduct the inquiry.

Charuni clarified his stand before the committee. He gave in writing that the meeting on Sunday was organised in his personal capacity and the SKM was not associated with it in any manner.

Charuni assured the committee he would not attend any political meeting till the farmers' agitation continued. He assured the committee that he would continue to be associated with the SKM.



To mark 'Women Farmer Day', women observe fast at the Bastara toll plaza in Karnal on Monday; and (right) protesters raise slogans against the new farm laws at the Singhu border. SAYEED AHMED & PTI

# Women farmers in command, observe fast, burn IMF effigy

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JHAJJAR/KARNAL, JANUARY 18

Women protesters observed a day-long fast, burnt the effigy of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), which has backed the three farm laws, and sung songs against the Centre on "Women Farmer Day" at the Tikri border today.

Social activist Medha Patkar also joined the dharna and boosted the morale of farmers.

A group of more than 100 women from Punjab reached the Rohad toll plaza to join Haryana women staging dharna against the three laws.

Woman activist Jagmati Sangwan sung a Haryanvi song describing the plight of farmers.

"Women play an important role in farming. Hence, they are participating in a large number to strengthen the agitation. Women power will also be seen during the proposed Delhi march on January 26," said Patkar.

Inderjit Singh, vice-presi-

## YOUTH DECORATE TRACTORS

■ Young farmers at the Singhu border have started decorating their tractors for the forthcoming parade in New Delhi on January 26

■ They said tractors would be driven at a uniform speed during the parade with patriotic songs blaring out of the music system

■ Posters describing the contribution of farmers to the nation's development will be pasted on tractors

■ Besides, tableaux are being prepared for the parade

■ Farmers Charanjeet Singh and Jasmer Singh said all tractors would bear the Tri-colour and flags of unions.

## 'MASHAL' PROCESSION IN ROHTAK

**Rohtak:** Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Sehyog Manch activists took out a 'mashal' (torchlight) procession on 'Women Farmer Day' here on Monday. They raised slogans against the BJP government at the Centre and in the state, and sang songs and recited poems to spread the message against the farm laws.

dent, All-India Kisan Sabha, exhorted women to establish their identity as a farmer more assertively as they were carrying out more than 70 per cent of farming activities and cattle-keeping. "Not merely one day, but every day should be celebrated as 'Women Farmer Day'."

On the proposed tractor rally on the Republic Day, Singh said: "Celebrating the Repub-

lic Day is our right and we will do it peacefully at several place, including Delhi."

In Karnal, women in large numbers participated in dharnas at the Bastara toll on the NH-44 and the Peont toll plaza on the Karnal-Jind NH-709-A.

They raised slogans against the state and the Union governments, demanding repealing of the three laws.

Meanwhile, Gagsina vil-



## ...to lead R-Day parade

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SONEPAT, JANUARY 18

Women at the Singhu border today announced that they would lead the tractor march scheduled for the Republic Day in Delhi. The announcement was made on the "Women Farmer Day" from the main stage.

To mark the occasion, 11 elderly women sat on fast for 24 hours. One of them, Sarvjeet Kaur, said she had no problem in fasting for a day.

Meanwhile, thousands of women from Punjab and Haryana reached the Singhu border to celebrate the "Women Farmer Day".

Several women, who addressed the protesters, had one message for the Centre: "Our role is not limited to kitchen. We also know how to fight for our rights."

They said they would not step back till members of their families were protesting in the bone-chilling cold and the Centre repealed the three new farm laws.

Events as part of 'Women Farmer Day' were held at various places, including Hisar, Jind and Bhiwani districts

## BACKBONE OF PROTEST

“Women play an important role in farming. Hence, they are participating in a large number to strengthen the agitation. Women power will also be seen during the proposed Delhi march.”

Medha Patkar, SOCIAL

ACTIVIST



lage residents Anju, Sheela, Kamlesh, Krishna and Kamla observed fast at the Bastara toll plaza in continuation of the relay fast being observed by farmers.

Rajni, one of the protesters, said: "Women came here today to show the Centre that they are also farmers. Our contribution to farm-related work is not hidden to anyone."

## State assures help in Ambience Mall case

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 18

The state government on Monday assured the Punjab and Haryana High Court of providing necessary assistance to the Central Bureau of Investigation in its probe in the Ambience Mall case.

The assurance came less than six months after Haryana Development and Regulation of Urban Area Second Amendment and Validation Act, 2020 came into being. Already, a petition is pending in the High Court alleging that the Act was enacted with the sole purpose of nullifying judgment in the mall case.

As the issue came up for resumed hearing before the Bench of Justice Rajan Gupta and Justice Karamjit Singh, CBI counsel Sumeet Goel pointed out that difficulties were being faced by the CBI in tracing some witnesses and documents as the matter pertained to 1992.

Goel added this had also

been stated by the CBI in the status report submitted during the proceedings before the Bench in a sealed cover.

He added the investigation, being carried out in a right earnest, was under the supervision of superior officers of the premier investigating agency and the court would be apprised of further progress in the matter on the next date of hearing. He also prayed for two months' time for the purpose.

Taking a note of the submissions, the Bench asked Haryana Additional Advocate-General Ankur Mittal whether necessary assistance could be rendered to the CBI. Before parting with the case, the Bench granted the CBI time till March last week for submission of fresh status report. Ordering a CBI probe, the Bench had earlier quashed an order paving way for construction of Ambience Mall in Gurugram on area initially earmarked as residential. — TNS

## Mask etiquette must, says High Court

SAURABH MALIK  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 18

The Punjab and Haryana High Court wants mask etiquette to be injected to the public, along with the vaccine, to beat Covid. "If a mass drive is launched, along with the vaccine process already under way, it can be of great help to rein in the disease completely," the Bench of Justice Rajan Gupta and Justice Karamjit Singh ruled today.

As a petition filed by a Covid-infected jail inmate came up for resumed hearing, the Bench asserted that it was of the feeling that a general drive was required to be launched to make the public aware of the mask etiquette.

The Bench noted that the responsibility of generating awareness by launching the drive was not required to be limited to the domain of law-enforcement agencies and organisations

## BENCH FOR MASS CAMPAIGN

“If a mass drive is launched along with the vaccine process already under way, it can be of great help to rein in the disease completely. The responsibility of generating awareness by launching the drive was not required to be limited to the domain of law-enforcement agencies and organisations equipped to educate the public in such exigencies could also be entrusted with the responsibility. Punjab & Haryana High Court

equipped to educate the public in such exigencies could also be entrusted with the responsibility.

Taking cognisance of the fact that the public was not properly masked up to fight Covid, the Bench had all along been asserting that the purpose of issuing instructions and imposing penalty for not putting on a mask stood defeated due to improper wearing.

"Though the state has provided for penalty for not wearing masks in public, it has not taken into consideration the fact that mere wearing of masks

will not suffice if the nasal area is exposed," the Bench observed during the course of hearing.

Agreeing with the Bench suggestions, Haryana undertook to rope in anganwadi workers, Gram Sachiv employees and similarly placed organisations. The state counsel also undertook to supply a list of other government and non-governmental organisations on the next date of hearing.

He placed before the Bench an affidavit filed by Home and Administration of Justice Department

Secretary TL Satyaprakash stating, among other things, that instructions dated January 14 had been issued to make the public aware about Covid appropriate behaviour through advertisement in the electronic and print media.

"The state government has issued instructions dated January 14 for following basic preventive measures, which include not only mandatory use of face covers and masks, but also use of face covers and masks in a proper manner by not exposing the nasal area and also levying of fine and penalty on defaulters for not wearing mask or face cover or not wearing mask or face cover properly by exposing the nasal area or for not following physical distancing norms," the affidavit stated. The case would now come up for hearing in the last week of January.

## Weekly Covid cases lowest since May

98% dedicated oxygen support beds, 97% with ventilator lie vacant

SUSHIL MANAV  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 18

With weekly new infections lowest since May last year, nearly 98 per cent of oxygen support beds and 97 per cent of ventilator beds dedicated for Covid patients across the state are lying vacant today.

As per the list of the dedicated Covid hospitals in Haryana uploaded on the Health Department's official website, the state has 3,397 isolation beds (excluding ICU beds), 2,164 oxygen support beds, 602 ICU beds and 263 ventilator beds.

On Sunday, out of the



2,094 active cases across the state, barely 51 were under critical care in hospitals, 44 on oxygen support and seven on ventilator.

Of these, the maximum 13 were at Kalpana Chawla Government Medical College and seven each at Metro Hospital,

Faridabad, and Government Hospital, Panchkula.

The Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (PGIMSR) has only two patients on oxygen support, Bhagat Phool Singh Government Medical College, Khanpur Kalan (Sonapat), has two each on oxygen and ventilator, ESIC Medical College, Faridabad, has two on ventilator and Maharaja Agarsen Medical College, Agroha (Hisar), has only one patient on oxygen support.

Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, Rajeev Arora said the overall Covid situation had improved

in the state, but people should not lower the guard and continue to follow all precautions.

The recovery rate in the state had also improved to 98.1 per cent. "It is good that health-care workers are now concentrating on vaccination without the pressure of high number of cases," said Arora.

Meanwhile, the state witnessed 1,354 new Covid cases in the week from January 11 to 17, which is the lowest in the past over seven months.

The last week of May 2000 saw 907 cases and after that 2,367, 2,760, 3,427 and 3,194 fresh cases were reported in the four weeks of June 2020.

## Trial adjourned to May 3

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 18

The CBI Special Court, Panchkula, today adjourned the trial in Manesar land release case to May 3 after directions from the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

Former IAS officer SS Dhillon had moved the High Court against the order dated December 1 of the CBI court, where it was ruled that "prima-facie case for framing charges against" him was made out for criminal conspiracy read with cheating and the Prevention of Corruption Act.

While issuing the notice of motion to the investigat-

ing agency and listing it for February 24, Justice AS Sangwan, vide order dated January 15, directed the CBI court "to adjourn the case beyond the date fixed by this court".

The case pertains to the alleged purchase of land from farmers at meagre rates and then earning huge profits by getting it released in connivance with bureaucracy and some politicians.

Former Chief Minister BS Hooda and three former Principal Secretary to CM, SS Dhillon, ML Tayal and Chatter Singh, are accused in the case besides private builders.

## MANESAR LAND CASE

## IndiGo pilot killed in road accident

GURUGRAM, JANUARY 18

A pilot of IndiGo Airlines was killed when his car collided head on with a tractor-trailer in Sector 114 last evening. The deceased has been identified as Anmol Verma (39), a resident of Ambala. The victim along with his family had been residing at ATS Kocoon Society in Sector 109.

The tractor-trailer has been impounded and an FIR has been registered against its driver, who is absconding, at the Bajghera police station. "We are trying to identify the owner through the registration number. The accused will soon be arrested," said SHO Sandeep Kumar. — OC

**POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH**

**CORRIGENDUM**

Tender Inquiry No. 219 due on 21.01.2021 Purchased of Readymade Dressing Material Website: [www.pgimer.nic.in](http://www.pgimer.nic.in) and [www.eprocure.gov.in](http://www.eprocure.gov.in)

The due date for submission of tender inquiry No. 219 due on 21.01.2021 has been extended and the tender will now be received manually/speed post/ registered post by 12:30 p.m. on or before 17.02.2021 at Procurement Branch (Indigenous), C Block, 2nd Floor, Central Store, Nehru Hospital, PGIMER, Chandigarh.

The fresh tender form along with revised specifications of Readymade Dressing Material are available on the website: [www.pgimer.edu.in](http://www.pgimer.edu.in) and [www.eprocure.gov.in](http://www.eprocure.gov.in)

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**NORTHERN RAILWAY**

**First Corrigendum**

Sub.: 1st corrigendum against Tender Notice No. 178-Sig/CW/32/96/II Dated: 15.01.2021 to be opened on 10.02.2021 invited by Dy. CSTE/CW/NDLS for and on behalf of president of India for the work of "S&T work for alteration of PI at Kathua and Madhopur Punjab stations and associated telecom work at adjoining stations in c/w doubling across Ravi Bridge section over Firozpur Division of Northern Railway" May now be read with following correction.

1. Earnest money may be read as NIL. Instead of Rs. 1,32,700/-. Bid security deposit in lieu of Earnest money need to be submitted. Detailed tender schedule may be checked on IREPS Portal. No.: 178-Sig/CW/32/96/II-II Dated: 18.01.2021 137/2021 Serving Customers with a Smile

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The Tender floated vide this office letter No. HPPCL/SHEP/SM(B/HM)/NIT/2019-20-891 dated 04.02.2020 for the job at Sr. No. 3 for the work of "Providing a plum concrete + RR Masonry wall at the slided portion below chain link fencing near village Niharni" is hereby **CANCELLED**. Sr. Manager (Barrage/HM), Sainj Hydro Electric Project, HPPCL, Sambha.

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**INDIAN RAILWAYS**

**"PUBLIC NOTIFICATION"**

Proforma 10-1

Notice is hereby given to all users of Railway lines and premises situated on the completed section of the under noted section of the Northern Railway that the 25 kV, 50 Hz, AC overhead traction wires will be energized on or after the date specified against the section. On and from the same date the overhead traction line shall be treated as live at all time and no unauthorized person shall approach or work in the proximity of the said overhead line.

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Proforma 10-2

**INDIAN RAILWAYS**

**INTRODUCTION OF 25 KV AC TRACTION "WARNING TO ROAD USERS"**

It is notified for information of the Public that in connection with introduction of 25 KV AC electric traction over GVK Thermal Power Plant siding from Khadur Sahib (Km Location 21/16B, chainage 21/845.70 of BEAS-TTO ML and chainage 0/335.00 of GVK TPP siding) to GVK Thermal Power Plant Siding (Km Location 06/05, chainage 06/188.45) section on UP/DN line and including CB in KDSB/SSP of Firozpur Division, Northern Railway, height gauges have been erected at all the level crossings with clear maximum height 4.78m above road level with a view to prevent loads of excessive height from coming into contact or dangerous proximity to live traction wire(Contact Wire), which shall be at a height of minimum 5.5m above the rail level at level crossings.

Public are hereby notified to observe the height specified above for the purpose of loading vehicles and to see that the load carried in road vehicles do not infringe the height gauges under any circumstances.

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(i) Danger to the height gauge and consequent obstruction to the road as well as the railway line.

(ii) Danger to the materials or equipment carried or the vehicle itself.

(iii) Danger of fire and risk of life due to contact with or dangerous proximity to the conductors.

(Manoj Kumar)  
Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/Const,  
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# The Tribune

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## Budget expectations

Capitalise on recent gains to bolster economy

THE upcoming Union Budget is a not-to-be-missed opportunity for the government to make the most of some positive developments: the steady recovery made by Indian economy after the devastation caused by the pandemic-induced lockdown as well as slowdown; the considerable decline in daily coronavirus infections and deaths; and the nationwide rollout of the Covid-19 vaccines. The Centre's push for reforms, however, has hit a roadblock, especially in the vital sector of agriculture that is witnessing a prolonged agitation by farmers against the farm laws. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has her task cut out as she finalises a Budget that can ensure a growth rate equal to or above pre-Covid levels, but without causing disruptions that might reverse the hard-won gains.

The ongoing financial year has wreaked havoc on millions of lives and livelihoods. According to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the country's economy is projected to shrink by 7.5 per cent in the fiscal ending on March 31, 2021. The International Monetary Fund and the World Bank have painted an even gloomier picture — a contraction of 10.3 per cent and 9.6 per cent, respectively. But the worst seems to be over. On the bright side, a UN report has forecast that the country's economy could prove to be the 'most resilient' in South and South-West Asia over the long term.

Repeatedly accused of eschewing a dialogic approach, the government is apparently keen to prepare a Budget that will factor in inputs from a wide range of stakeholders. During recent deliberations with the Prime Minister, some top economists had suggested three ways to revitalise the economy: intensify privatisation, avoid challenging international arbitrations, and increase infrastructure spending. Former RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan has stressed the need to prioritise spending with the aim of providing relief to poor households and small businesses, which bore the brunt of the pandemic. Restoration and creation of jobs must be high on the government's to-do list. The vaccination programme is expected to reduce Covid-19 to a footnote in public memory, but that alone won't be enough to raise the confidence of consumers and investors. A lot will depend on well-thought-out policy interventions that inspire trust.

## Vaccine diktat

Inspire confidence for Covid inoculation

THE fiat issued by a district health official in Jharkhand asking government staffers to get vaccinated or be prepared for salary interruption was rather unusual. The order — later withdrawn after a backlash — was also contrary to the directive of the state Health Minister that cautioned about the proper exercise of the vaccine and warned against making it experimental. While the inoculation drive for the coronavirus has finally got off the ground, it is important to do it in a manner that inspires confidence by basing it on demand and not target. What made the order worse was the clause that salary would be restored only after displaying proof of the vaccine being administered. It was clearly a case of administrative overreach by the official.

The government plans to get healthcare and frontline workers inoculated in the first phase. Arrangements have been made to watch out for harmful reactions as adverse effects have been reported in some cases. It has been clarified that vaccination is voluntary but advisable, with senior health officials like the AIIMS Director in Delhi leading from the front by taking the shot along with other health workers.

The vaccination drive is supposed to be citizen-centric, available to everyone, anywhere and anytime. The eligibility conditions have been laid down by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to help in prioritising the recipients. Technical glitches and other hassles may account for the initial hesitation and confusion but they need to be sorted out. The administering of the vaccine is restricted at the moment and there are apprehensions of problems to be encountered when the drive enters its third phase to cover those above the age of 50. A vaccine for Covid marks the culmination of efforts to contain the virus. In the early stages of the pandemic, hygiene and social distancing were advocated to contain the surge. The relevance of precautionary measures remains even as the efficacy of the vaccine unfolds gradually by having a better understanding of the population receiving the jab.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

If we desire respect for the law, we must first make the law respectable. — Louis D Branders

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

## The Tribune.

LAHORE, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1921

### FOREIGN PROPAGANDA.

OUR recent observations on the subject of foreign propaganda were, we are assured on very high authority, based on insufficient data in one or two particulars. We had expressed the opinion that it would have been better to have mended "India" and the British Committee than to have ended them altogether. We now learn that the affairs of those institutions were in a hopeless muddle, and that experience had decisively shown that no mere policy of tinkering could serve any useful purpose. Again, we had stated, on the basis of what had appeared in a contemporary, that it had been decided to spend a good deal of money on foreign propaganda. Here, the facts appear to be as follows. A Committee which met immediately before the Congress had made certain definite recommendations both as regards the discontinuance of "India" and the British Committee and as regards foreign propaganda and had suggested that certain sums should be spent on the latter. When the matter came up for consideration before the Subjects Committee, they accepted that part of the recommendation which related to the stoppage of "India" and the discontinuance of the British Committee, but referred the rest of the subject to the All-India Congress Committee. Consequently, the question of foreign propaganda did not come up before the Congress, except that it did pass a resolution putting on record its general opinion that "it is necessary in the interests of India to disseminate correct information about India and Indian questions in foreign countries." Since then, the All-India Congress Committee itself appears to have given some consideration to the matter; but it is incorrect to say that a good deal of money has been voted for the purpose. As a matter of fact, only a small sum of about twelve thousand rupees has been sanctioned for one single year on one single branch of the propaganda.

# The shift to 'rule by law'

Instances of malicious and trivial prosecution are far too many to recount



MANOJ JOSHI

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SOME years ago, an interesting debate arose over the subject of a plenary session of the Communist Party of China. The issue was whether the theme was the promotion of 'the rule of law' or 'the rule by law'.

'Rule by law' is when laws are used as an instrument to establish political and social control over people. Not unusually, it claims that the rights and interests of a larger society, cause or nation are above that of the individual.

'Rule by law' is not concerned about what law is all about — delivery of justice. In 1935, the German Parliament passed the Nuremberg Laws that banned inter-marriage between Jews and Germans, denied them citizenship and eventually led to their massacre. In 1948, the South African government passed laws to segregate housing, public transport and public premises for whites and blacks. Till the mid-20th century, several US states denied blacks the right to vote and enforced racial segregation in housing, public education, urban transport. Everything was legal, but it was horribly unjust.

'Rule of law' lies at the very root of democratic society because it upholds individual liberty and rights by ensuring justice, which is fair, transparent, applicable equally to all. In China, where the CPC is supreme and all the courts, the police and prosecutors belong to the party, the only concept that will fly is the 'rule by law'.

Most laws in India are reasonable, after all who wants to encourage theft, cheating, money laundering, or tax evasion? But it is their appli-



SAME FOR ALL: It is the 'rule of law' that is imperative for individual liberty and rights. TRIBUNE PHOTO

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cation that's becoming the problem. Various police services, the NIA, ED, and CBI, are meant to effectively apply the law of the land. But they are being used as instruments of political coercion rather than upholding the law. The most recent victims of this are activists and supporters involved in the farmers' stir who are being hounded by notices of the NIA.

A recent trend in India has seen laws and ordinances whose very basis goes against the first tenet of justice — equality of all before the law. In UP and MP, rules passed through an ordinance are used to harass inter-faith couples. Another law banning cow slaughter has been used to outlaw the eating preferences of a particular set of people.

Parts of the law are now being used to harass a particular community. A comedian is in jail in Madhya Pradesh, despite the lack of evidence of the crime he was accused of. A 19-year-old girl is charged with sedition for shouting 'Pakistan zindabad'. In Punjab, the police

booked several farmers under the IPC's Section 307 (attempt to murder) for dumping cow dung in front of an ex-minister's house, though the charge was later dropped. The instances of malicious and trivial prosecution are far too many to recount. Each outdoes the other in its blatant idiocy and malevolence.

One of the big surprises is modern India's use of the sedition statute used by the British in the mid-19th century to exercise political control. Efforts to do away with the statute in this part of the 21st century have been opposed, most vehemently by the Union Home Ministry, which recently told Parliament that 'there is no proposal to scrap the sedition law. There is a need to retain the provision to effectively combat anti-national, secessionist and terrorist elements'. Just who is 'anti-national' or 'terrorist' is something the government often decides without bothering with judicial due process. Data shows very few convictions because it runs four-square against the freedom of expression guaranteed to us in the Constitu-

# Waste of a good lesson

VM WADHWA

IT dates back to the early 1990s, when I was allotted a government house in Chandigarh. Luckily, we had a very sophisticated and God-fearing family as our neighbours. In a short span of time, our families became quite friendly with each other and started bonding well. They were followers of a particular sect and used to tell us about the good aspects, as gathered from the sermons of the sect head.

Each Sunday, they used to gather at a particular place, to hear the sermons. Many a time, they invited us to join. They would tell us about the mission's headquarters and its

'heavenly atmosphere'. Won over by their continued persuasion, we decided to visit the holy place for three-four days. As per schedule, we boarded the bus and reached our destination. Its atmosphere was serene, indeed, with greenery all around, well-maintained lawns, and neat and clean roads. Devotees greeted one another warmly, and were very cordial in their behaviour. In spite of a huge rush of followers, the cleanliness was beyond our imagination and even if, by chance, a bit of litter was spotted, someone passing by would pick it up and deposit it in one of the many dustbins around.

The devotees sat attentively in

rows, engrossed in discourses about helping the deprived and needy, respecting the elderly, serving humanity etc. After a calm and comfortable four days of learning many good things during our sojourn there, we reached the spot from where we had to catch a bus home. In the heat of May, amid a huge rush of passengers, most of whom were from the sect and like us, returning from the headquarters, it was a Herculean task to catch the bus, and after a lot of jostling, we managed to board it. Young people, including the couple accompanying us, hurriedly grabbed the vacant seats, without bothering about the senior citi-

zens, and a handicapped person standing — a conduct opposite to what they had been preached. This sea-change in the behaviour of the same people, who were so courteous and disciplined inside the *ashram*, pricked my conscience and set me thinking about a quote prominently displayed at the entrance of that shrine, 'Extending one hand to help somebody has more value than joining two hands for prayer.'

It was a sect going against its own tenets. I felt disgusted and decided to sit home calmly for prayers, and help someone in need, rather than visiting such places and behaving contrary to what is taught there.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Cold to vaccine

Apropos of 'Day 1: Hesitation, confusion keep many away', a low turnout is due to low motivation and unfounded fears. It is due to the unwillingness of responsible leaders to take the first dose. US President-elect Joe Biden came forward to have the vaccine, which inspired Americans to go for the jab. Had PM Modi taken the first dose, it would have generated interest, removed hesitation and motivated people in large numbers to take the vaccine. People are now fearing its side-effects. The way our President showed interest in being the first to donate for the Ram Mandir; had he taken the first dose, it would have generated confidence among the people. Political will, shown in promoting the vaccine, was lacking when it came to administering the vaccine.

CAPT AMAR JEET (RETD), BY MAIL

#### Jolt to vaccination drive

The poor response to the Covid vaccination programme in Punjab is a jolt to the drive against the killer disease. By refusing to get vaccinated, health workers considered as frontline warriors, have sent a wrong message to the public at large. It is a setback to India's war on the pandemic. The world is acknowledging India's medical prowess in developing the vaccine,

but the poor participation of its own fraternity is a matter of concern.

ANITA WAHI, KAPURTHALA

#### Health workers jittery

The report '64% health workers take jab, poor show in Punjab' is disturbing. It gives a wrong signal regarding the preparation and efficacy of the vaccination programme launched with fanfare at the national level. If the health workers, who are leading the war against the pandemic lack enthusiasm, how will the public trust the inoculation programme? The government needs to ensure complete vaccination of all frontline workers.

JAGDISH CHANDER, JALANDHAR

#### India's daughters

Apropos of 'Scripting history over North Pole', really a new script has been written by these daughters of the nation in the history of commercial flights. The crew members have brought laurels to their parents and the nation. Flying over the magnetically uncertain area would have been a challenge, having no precedent, which they accepted successfully with a steely resolve. The daughters of the nation have once again proved that no dream is big if one has determination. A matter of pride for every Indian!

KRITIKA MADAN, CHANDIGARH

#### HP land laws

Apropos of 'Radha Soami sect seeks nod to buy land in tribal areas', there are many laws governing the sale/purchase of land in Himachal. The interpretation of these laws is confusing for the common man, who has to face many hardships while selling or purchasing land. In many cases, he gets involved in legal troubles in revenue courts. It will be beneficial for all, including government officials, if the government notifies a comprehensive paper in a simple language as to who is eligible to sell/purchase land.

ASHOK BAHL, KANGRA

#### Hospitality not welcome

Refer to 'No need for such hospitality'; the facts highlight the prevailing practices on the ground for availing free hospitality, not only by politicians, but also many officers on official tours. This social evil should be eliminated or at least minimised by both the takers and givers.

NK SINGHAL, NOIDA

#### MSP a necessity

The article 'Farmers' agitation will impact global trade' elaborates in a precise way how the WTO pursues anti-farmer policies and dictates developing countries in relation to legalising MSP for crops. The pover-

ty-stricken life of cocoa/coffee growers is not hidden from Indian farmers who have been protesting for the repealing of the new farm Bills, which were thrust upon them to bring 'reforms' into trade and commerce. Its for our policy-makers to learn how developed countries control the global prices through their provision of extensive subsidies into their farming sector. Blind implementation of the open market system of the US, where landholdings of farmers are huge, would be disastrous for our economy and the marginal farmer.

AMANDEEP BAINS, KURUKSHETRA

#### Legacy of Ved Mehta

Apropos of 'From darkness to light' (*Spectrum*), Ved Mehta's life is an inspiration to all. Losing eyesight from an early age and becoming one of the topmost journalists is not less than a charisma. It is very surprising that a visually challenged man described things so vividly, and better than an expert journalist. I have read 'The Tailor' in which he describes the physical appearance of the tailor in such way that a man with eyes cannot. It shows that concentration plays an important role in our life. He wrote many books and represented India in America through his writings.

RAVINDER KWATRA, SHAHABAD MARKANDA



# Anti-BJP alliance not ruled out in Bengal



In a surprise development, Trinamool Congress (TMC) MP Saugata Roy, who is a senior colleague of Mamata Banerjee, has reached out to the Left parties and the Congress to work with the TMC to defeat the BJP.

Who could have thought that Mamata Banerjee, who has shaped her entire politics on her opposition to the Left, would turn to it for help?

One of the reasons why she broke away from the Congress in 1998 was because the Congress was soft on the Left. For the same reason, she joined hands with the BJP and was part of the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government.

And now, Saugata Roy is turning her politics on its head.

This underscores two trends. One, that the BJP is fast occupying the space that once belonged to the Indian National Congress.

Maybe, it's not yet comparable to the situation that existed in the fifties and early sixties when the Congress was in power in states and at the Centre. But it is clear that the BJP wants a one-party-dominant India and makes no bones about it.

And two, though the regional satraps have been giving the BJP a fight in several states, and Mamata Banerjee

is the feistiest of them, she too is now fighting with her back to the wall. And she has come to the conclusion that she may not be able to do it alone.

Saugata Roy's 'invite' points to a readiness, which was not there earlier, for a 'grand alliance' of all forces opposed to the BJP — Left, Centre, regional — because the saffron party now threatens the existence of all of them. There is a growing sense in many state satraps that the only way they can ward off the BJP's challenge is to come together.

Is this then a 1989 moment? In 1989, VP Singh had fashioned the National Front made up of the Janata Dal and regional parties, supported by both the right (BJP) and the Left, to vanquish the then dominant Indian National Congress.

The VP Singh government lasted only 11 months, given the contradictions it was riddled with. But it dealt a body blow to the Congress from which the Grand Old Party never recovered. The Congress, which had 415 seats in 1984, never got a majority in an election after that, except the one engineered by PV Narasimha Rao, who broke other parties to rule with a majority (1991-96).

Opposition unity is attractive in West Bengal because it would consolidate the minorities behind the anti-BJP forces instead of dividing them three ways: between Trinamool, Congress-Left, and Asaduddin Owaisi's AIMIM. But how to ensure minority support without polarising the situation along Hindu-Muslim lines remains a challenge.

There are, of course, other problems. Workers of the TMC, Congress and Left have fought against each other,



**SURPRISE MOVE:** Trinamool Congress has reached out to the Left parties and the Congress to work together to defeat the BJP. PTI

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Despite all the problems that exist, it is possible for the regional parties, as also for the Congress, to counter the BJP at the state level, provided they pool in their resources, and make decisions on the basis of ground-level strength.

It looks that much more difficult nationally. This cannot happen without the Congress. The Congress has to put its own house in order first.

Given that reality, the regional parties could always float a coalition of state parties, like a 'federal front', with a view to strengthening each other in whatever way they can. As an entity, they would also be better placed to negotiate with the Congress where it has a dominant or a sizeable presence — Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Kerala, Assam and Puducherry — if and when needed.

At the end of the day, it is ground-level shifts which are going to propel and shape the Opposition politics of the future, like the farmers' protests taking place on the outskirts of Delhi, and the farmers have so far displayed a rare staying power and unity.

Saugata Roy's overtures to the Congress and the Left and Congress reflect a weakening of Mamata's position in West Bengal, the rapidly changing political landscape with the BJP becoming the dominant party, and the crying need now for the Opposition to come together, intelligently and around a grand theme.

It is here that the real challenge lies for these parties to figure out what they have to offer to the country which is different from the fare doled out by the BJP.

# Two-front confrontation overstressing troops



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ONE New Year resolution the Modi government did not make, one can be sure, is normalising relations with Pakistan — now disrupted for eight years — with whom India has fought four wars and is combating cross-border terrorism (CBT) emanating from that country. Neither the use of force nor diplomacy has resulted in dispute resolution. Gains of war were either frittered away or diplomacy was not sustained enough to produce a durable and interruption-proof framework for dialogue.

While previous governments took big risks in mending fences, public opinion and reputational damage of a muscular government have robbed the engagement process of continuity. The Modi government has prematurely exhausted its patience to abandon strategic restraint for a kinetic response. The Uri and Balakot military strikes not only slammed the doors on dialogue but also put SAARC in cold storage.

India's reorganisation of J&K has exacerbated friction and frustration in Islamabad. With China claiming damages for the restructuring of Ladakh, India has willy-nilly created a two-front confrontation. Bilateral dialogue that was stopped by the UPA regime following the beheading of an Indian soldier in January 2013 is in its longest pause. Just as India is engaged in a military and diplomatic dialogue with China to resolve the border dispute despite periodic coercion, reviving engagement with Pakistan is essential to defusing one front.

India's record of resolving the oldest border disputes and longest insurgencies is not very flattering. Dispute



**DEEP FREEZE:** India-Pakistan ties have remained strained for eight years now. PTI

resolution is not India's forte. Diplomatic missions in New Delhi and Islamabad stand downgraded; trade at the Attari-Wagah border and cross-LoC barter have stopped; bus, rail and air connectivity are suspended. Government-to-government business and people-to-people engagement are severely curtailed. Even Track II interactions, most vital when official channels are blocked, are suspended.

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attack and its high-visibility response. The CBD was given an indecent burial with the epitaph: "Terror and talks can't go together."

In 1997, the Composite Dialogue was institutionalised with peace, security, J&K and other subjects — Siachen, Sir Creek, Wullar Barrage, terrorism, economic cooperation and promotion of friendly exchanges. Siachen and Sir Creek subjects were ready for signing not once, but twice.

Dialogue was interrupted by the Kargil war and the attack on Parliament, but it took off in earnest again in 2004 after Prime Minister Vajpayee visited Pakistan. Between 2004 and the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks, four rounds of dialogue had taken place and the fifth round in Islamabad got aborted due to the Mumbai attacks. Talks were revived as Resumed Dialogue in 2011 and, altogether, three rounds were held till the beheading of

an Indian soldier.

Whereas Vajpayee and Manmohan Singh faced bigger challenges than Modi and took risks to return to the negotiating table, Modi has made relatively little or no investment in dialogue. Gifted with strategic patience, Vajpayee was determined not to give up trying even after a botched trip to Lahore, the skirmish at Kargil, the foul-up at Agra and the attack on Parliament which sparked Operation Parakram. There were gains from Parakram: a ceasefire agreement, reduction in infiltration by 53 per cent, wire-fencing of LoC and ground work for back-channel talks that led to the four-point Musharraf formula that eluded consummation.

Manmohan Singh, in his two terms, enjoyed the fruits of continued engagement, both at upfront and back channels. His first term was marred by the Mumbai attacks which went unresponded in the guise of strategic restraint. According to former NSA MK Narayanan, India did not possess the capabilities for an effective military response. Manmohan Singh resumed talks, but was forced to call them off after the soldier's beheading. The dialogue has remained interrupted since then and though Modi did make tentative efforts to revive it, not a single session of structured dialogue has been held till date. SAARC has become hostage to the suspension of India-Pakistan dialogue.

During the Modi government's tenure, India has not faced terror attacks outside J&K (barring one in Gurdaspur). Major attacks were in Pathankot, Uri and Pulwama. But nowhere near the provocations and attacks faced by his predecessors. Uri and Pulwama were

replied with spectacular ground and air strikes and their benefits reaped wholesomely during the elections. New red lines were imposed on talks: no consultation with the Hurriyat by Pakistani emissaries; and terror and talks would not go together, virtually ruling out dialogue. Previous governments would also rhetorically stipulate this embargo, but would relent in the larger interests of keeping the channels of communications open.

Following the PLA's aggression, the Indian Army is enhancing its force deployment against China in Ladakh by redeploying troops from the Pakistan front. This welcome step recognises China, not Pakistan, as the main threat and has the potential to dilute the two-front challenge. A recent study by the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA) reveals that the Indian Army is overstretched along two live borders, overstressing troops. Further, Pakistan's grand overture on opening the Kartarpur corridor has gone unresponded.

In his memoirs, former President Pranab Mukherjee, with whom Modi enjoyed an excellent rapport, writes: "India needs to tackle Pakistan through deft handling, rather than romanticising its political approach." He adds: "The country gained little by over-talking surgical strikes in 2016."

This is repudiation of Modi's preferred policy of a kinetic response to resuming the dialogue process. At the very least, start talking while retaining the option of a kinetic response. The revival of formal talks with Pakistan will reduce stress on soldiers, dilute one front and save SAARC from extinction.

QUICK CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**

1 Elicit no response (4,1,5)  
8 Paved area by house (5)  
9 Mythical one-horned animal (7)  
10 Noisy dispute (7)  
11 Not worthy of (5)  
12 Delay progress of (6)  
14 Madhouse (6)  
17 On many occasions (5)  
19 Indisputable (7)  
21 Be inclined to think (7)  
22 Complete happiness (5)  
23 Full of eager urgency (6,2,2)

**DOWN**

2 Withdraw (7)  
3 Injustice (5)  
4 Oil-rich sultanate in Borneo (6)  
5 Friendly (7)  
6 Small round hill (5)  
7 Wavering (2,3,5)  
8 Person of great energy (10)  
13 Deep-seated ill will (7)  
15 Foremost (7)  
16 Afford shelter to (6)  
18 Diminish gradually (5)  
20 Disprove (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

**Across:** 1 Adroit, 4 Crop up, 9 Benefit, 10 Final, 11 Solid, 12 Airline, 13 Pull strings, 18 Panacea, 20 Taboo, 22 Demur, 23 Emulate, 24 Riddle, 25 Shoddy.  
**Down:** 1 Ambush, 2 Renal, 3 Infidel, 5 Refer, 6 Pending, 7 Pilfer, 8 Straitlaced, 14 Unnamed, 15 In truth, 16 Spider, 17 Comedy, 19 Carol, 21 Brand.

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MEDIUM

CALENDAR

JANUARY 19, 2021, TUESDAY

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■ Shaka Samvat1942

■ Posh Shaka29

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■ Hijari1442

■ Shukla Paksha Tithi 6, up to 10.59 am

■ Shiva Yoga up to 6.48 pm

■ Uttarabhadrap Nakshatra up to 9.55 am

■ Moon in Pisces sign

■ Gandmool up start 9:55 am

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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FORECAST

SUNSET: 17:47 HRS

SUNRISE: 07:20 HRS

CITY

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Chandigarh	20	08	
New Delhi	19	08	
Amritsar	15	06	
Bathinda	16	08	
Jalandhar	15	06	
Ludhiana	18	05	
Bhiwani	18	09	
Hisar	17	06	
Sirsa	16	09	
Dharamsala	16	05	
Manali	17	01	
Shimla	16	04	
Srinagar	09	-07	
Jammu	17	08	
Kargil	-05	-14	
Leh	-07	-17	
Dehradun	21	08	
Mussoorie	17	06	

TEMPERATURE IN °C

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Today, I can drive any vehicle from pick-up vans to road rollers and earth moving machines," said Poonam. Currently, she has driving licence for nine different kinds of vehicles. "Now, the transport authorities tell me they don't have any other licence left to offer me," said Poonam.

Though she considers her driving heavy vehicles quite normal, she acknowledges the difficulties involved, especially terrain-related. "Yes, it's challenging because the roads are narrow and curves are sharp. Besides, there is always a danger of landslides, especially during the rains. But once you are on the driver seat, you can't think too much about it," said Poonam.



NHRC orders ₹3 lakh relief for kin of 11 kids

Rain, snow likely in UTs from Jan 22-25

2 JeM aides held with arms

Had died after taking spurious drugs in Udhampur dist

JAMMU, JANUARY 18 The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) on Monday recommended a compensation of Rs 3 lakh each to the families of 11 children who died due to consumption of spurious medicines in Udhampur district between December 2019 and January last year.

The NHRC ordered the compensation in favour of the victim families, observing that there is no denial of lapse in the case though the Drugs Department of Jammu and Kashmir does not want to “own the responsibility” for it.

The complaint with regard to the deaths of the children, aged between one and four years, due to consumption of spurious drugs was lodged before the commission by prominent Jammu-based social activist Sukesh C Khajuria, following which the NHRC issued a show-cause notice to the J&K Govern-

**PROCEDURAL LAPSE**

“The commission (NHRC) has already found that there is a procedural lapse on the part of the Drugs Department of J&K wherein the authority has duly failed to keep a regular vigil on the contamination and contents of medicines sold within its jurisdiction.

National Human Rights Commission

ment in September last year.

“The commission has perused the record and reply to the show-cause notice and observes that there is no denial of lapse in the case though the Drugs Department does not want to own the responsibility for it. The commission is unable to accept

this contention. The commission has already found that there is a procedural lapse on the part of the Drugs Department of Jammu and Kashmir wherein the authority has duly failed to keep a regular vigil on the contamination and contents of medicines sold within its jurisdiction,” Khajuria said quoting the NHRC order.

“The commission therefore reiterates that the state is vicariously liable for the said negligence and this is a fit case for award of compensation,” he said.

Recommending the J&K Chief Secretary to pay monetary compensation of Rs 3 lakh to next of kin of each deceased who died due to the consumption of adulterated oral syrup and whose human rights have been infringed, the NHRC asked the J&K Government to file the compliance report along with a proof of payment to it within six weeks, positively. — PTI

There was a slight improvement in the minimum temperature at most places in Kashmir on Sunday, but there was little respite from the cold wave as mercury remained several degrees below the freezing point across the Valley.

Meanwhile, the Met Office has said a fresh western disturbance is most likely to affect J&K during January 22 evening to 25 forenoon.

“Due to this, widespread moderate snowfall in Kashmir, hilly areas of Jammu and some parts of Kargil district, especially Minamarg, Drass and Zaskar, and rains in plains of the Jammu region are likely to occur, with the main activity on January 23-24. This may affect surface and air transportation,” the official said.

The night temperature continues to settle several degrees below the freezing point, but there was some improvement across the Valley, barring the ski resort of Gulmarg, on Sunday



Air Force ferries 81 stranded passengers

■ The Indian Air Force on Monday ferried 81 stranded people between J&K and Ladakh, an official said.

■ “Eightyone passengers were airlifted by AN-32. While 53 passengers were airlifted from Kargil to Jammu, 28 others were ferried from Jammu to Kargil,” Aamir Ali, Chief Coordinator, Kargil Courier Service, said.

night, a Met official said.

The minimum temperature at the resort, in north Kashmir’s Baramulla district, settled at -6°C last night, down from -4.2°C the night earlier.

Srinagar city recorded a low of -6.4°C, up from -7.6°C the previous night, the official said. — PTI

JAMMU, JANUARY 18 Two Kashmir-based operatives of the terror outfit JeM were arrested on Monday along with two AK assault rifles with nine magazines and 269 bullets, a pistol with two magazines, and 16 hand grenades that were dropped by terrorist handlers from across the border using drones, a senior police officer said on Monday.

They had travelled from

**AMMO DROPPED BY DRONES FROM PAK**

“Initial investigation reveals that the two terror operatives received arms and ammunition dropped with the help of drones from Pak at the IB in Vijaypur (Samba).

Mukesh Singh, IGP, JAMMU

Kashmir to the IB at Vijaypur in Samba and collected the arms and ammunition, Inspector General of Police, Jammu, Mukesh Singh said.

The duo — Umar Ahmad Malik and Suhail Ahmad Maik — both residents of Semthan village of Bijbehara in Anantnag — were arrested from the Jammu-Srinagar national highway in a joint operation by the Ramban district police and SOG, Jammu. — PTI

3 deceased youths had role in militancy: IGP

Major shoots himself dead

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 18 The three youths killed in a gunfight with security forces in Lawaypora last month were involved in militancy, IGP Kashmir, Vijay Kumar said on Monday and added that the police would soon convince their parents of it with concrete evidence.

“Their involvement has been — almost 60 per cent — proved. We are getting the data and we will convince their parents,” he said. He said the

LAWAYPORA GUNFIGHT

police were not sharing the information as yet deliberately as the issue was very sensitive.

“According to the metadata we have collected, all the three associates who were killed in the encounter were involved in militancy. They were providing logistic support (to militants). We want to take a few more days so that we collect all the evidence,” Vijay Kumar told reporters here. — PTI

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 18 An Army officer allegedly shot himself dead at a forward post in the Tangdhar sector along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Monday.

The deceased has been identified as Major Fayazullah Khan, a company commander of 6 Jammu and Kashmir Rifles, they said.

The officials said the reason behind the officer taking such an extreme step was not immediately known. — PTI

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ਬੀ.ਐੱਫ. ਦੀਆਂ ਖਾਲੀ ਸੀਟਾਂ (28) ਨੂੰ ਭਰਨ ਲਈ ਚਾਹਵਾਨ ਉਮੀਦਵਾਰ ਕਾਲਜ ਵਿਚੋਂ 9.00 ਤੋਂ 3.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ ਦਾਖਲਾ ਫਾਰਮ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਮਿਤੀ 22.01.2021 ਨੂੰ 3.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ ਜਮ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਰਵਾਉਣਾ। ਜੁਆਇੰਟ ਬੀ.ਐੱਫ. ਅਡਮਿਸ਼ਨ 'ਚ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਪੋਰਟਲ 'ਤੇ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਪਹਿਲ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ। ਦਾਖਲਾ ਨਿਰਲੇ ਮੋਟਿਟ 'ਤੇ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਰਿਜ਼ਰਵੇਸ਼ਨ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੇ ਨਿਯਮਾਂ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗੀ। ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀ ਮਿਤੀ 25.01.2021 ਨੂੰ ਸਵੇਰੇ 10.00 ਵਜੇ ਕਾਲਜ ਵਿਖੇ ਹਿੱਦਪਟ ਕਰਨ।

ਸਹੀ/- ਪ੍ਰਿੰਸੀਪਲ,  
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**HARYANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
Bays No. 1-10, Block-B, Sector 4, Panchkula  
**ANNOUNCEMENT**

It is hereby announced for the general information of the candidates who have qualified the Main Written Competitive Examination for recruitment to the posts of Assistant Engineer (Civil/Mechanical) (Class-II) in Public Health Engineering Department, Haryana (Advt. No. 5/2015) that the **Viva-Voce** for the aforesaid posts will be conducted on **28.01.2021 (Thursday) & 29.01.2021 (Friday)** in the Commission's office at Panchkula. The Interview Letters have already been sent to the qualified candidates individually at their E-mail Address and informed telephonically.

No other date (except mentioned above) will be given to any candidate for Viva-voce. The candidates are directed to ensure their presence in the Commission's office on the above dates at **08:30 A.M. in the Morning Session and 12:30 P.M. in the Evening Session** which is to be adhered by all the candidates.

*The detailed announcement to this effect showing all the Roll Numbers is available on Commission's website i.e. <http://hpsc.gov.in>.*

Sd/- Secretary,  
Haryana Public Service Commission,  
Panchkula.

Date: 18.01.2021  
PRDH/1156/13/4/2021/1454/31/4

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**  
Website: <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>  
E-Tender Notice No. 14/NIT Majitha Division Dated 15.01.2021

E-Tenders on Contract/Agreement basis for the 7 No.Works “Rehabilitation Renovation and Modernization of Ajnala Distributary System, Kohali Distributary System and Chogawan Distributary System” are hereby invited on behalf of the Governor of Punjab through our website: <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from eligible bidders.

**Bidding process**

Availability of Tender online for bidding	Last date & time for online submission of bids	Date & Time of opening of tender	Technical Bid	Price Bid
15.01.2021 17.00 hrs.	01.02.2021 12.00 hrs.	01.02.2021 12.00 hrs.	01.02.2021 14.00 hrs.	Will be uploaded on website

1. All other detail/Instruction can be seen in the bidding document uploaded on <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

2. Any Corrigendum will be uploaded on our website only. Prospective bidders are advised to visit the above website frequently.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,  
Majitha, Division UBDC,  
Amritsar.

DPR/Pb/943

**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB**  
**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**  
**NOTICE INVITING TENDER AND INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS**

E-Tendering Notice No. 5/ 6 A NIT Dated: 15.01.2021

E-tenders are hereby invited on contract/agreement basis on behalf of the Governor of Punjab through our website <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>, from approved and eligible Contractors/Agencies L&C Societies for Rehabilitation, Renovation and Modernization of distributaries/minors of **Lahore branch system**. All these works are pertaining to concrete lining. The detail of works and bidding process are available on above mentioned website.

**1. Important Dates/Time**

Description of works	Events	Date	Time
Work at Sr. No. 1 to 4	Sale of a) Starting Tender b) Closing Submission of Tenders Opening of Technical Bid Opening of Financial Bid	15.01.2021 01.02.2021 01.02.2021 01.02.2021 01.02.2021	16.30 hrs 10.00 hrs 12.30 hrs 16.00 hrs —

1. All tendering process such as sale of tender documents, Processing fee, deposit of Earnest Money and submission of bid document shall be carried out online through our website <http://eproc.punjab.gov>.

2. Prospective bidders are advised to register themselves with our service provider at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> well in advance to participate in tender. For E-Tendering or procurement and for any other query bidders may contact their representative on Phone No. **0172-2791326 and 0172-2791226** for assistance.

4. All payments regarding purchase of Bid documents and deposit of Earnest Money shall be strictly through online mode (E-Payment) only. Bidders are advised to open Bank Accounts with Core Banking Solution Branches (with NEFT/RTGS facility).

For detailed Notice Inviting Tender and other terms and conditions kindly visit our website <http://eproc.punjab.gov>.

Any corrigendum will be uploaded on our website only. Prospective bidders are advised to visit the above website frequently.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,  
Bari Doab Drainage Division, Amritsar.  
E-mail ID: [xenbddasr.2010@rediffmail.com](mailto:xenbddasr.2010@rediffmail.com)  
Mob. No. 9878606921.

**FORM NO. STK-6**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
[Pursuant to sub-section (2) and sub-section (4) of section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 7 of the Companies (Removal of Names of Companies from the Register of Companies) Rules, 2016].  
**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS**  
Office of the Registrar of Companies Himachal Pradesh,  
Plot No. 4-B, Sector 27-B, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh.  
Public Notice No. Dated.  
Reference:  
In the matter of striking off or removal of names of companies under Section 248(2) of the Companies Act, 2013, in respect of 209 Companies.

Sr. No.	SRN	CIN	Company Name
1	G46636825	U52100HP2013PTC000557	NINE 2 NINE BUSINESS CONNECT PRIVATE LIMITED
2	G47659784	U55101HP1984PTC005877	COMBERMERE HOTELS AND PROPERTIES PVT LTD
3	G47700554	U15133HP2000PLC023629	GREEN VALLEY FROZEN FOODS LIMITED
4	G4776562	U40100HP2005PTC028473	SANT PREM SINGH HYDRO POWER PRIVATE LIMITED
5	G53759833	U54500HP2013PTC000420	NANDANA INFRATECH PRIVATE LIMITED
6	G57489015	U40101HP2006PTC030312	BANON POWER GENERATIONPVT LTD
7	G6092310	U72900HP2016PTC006264	MAKE MY SKILL PRIVATE LIMITED
8	G61537809	U74900HP2013PTC000581	SHINING MAPLE MULTITRADE PRIVATE LIMITED
9	G61729281	U40101HP2007PTC030663	GLACIER HYDRO POWER PRIVATE LIMITED
10	G62493101	U70102HP2007PTC030602	HILITECH DEVELOPERS PRIVATE LIMITED
11	G68854835	U40101HP2002PTC025234	DHAULASIDH POWER PRIVATE LIMITED
12	G68977230	U63040HP2013PTC000621	SUNSKY VENTURES PRIVATE LIMITED
13	G69218691	U51542HP1992PTC0011942	SANT BHAMA AROMEX PVT LTD
14	G69501882	U40101HP2015PTC000903	CHURDHAR HYDRO POWER PROJECT PRIVATE LIMITED
15	G71974521	U26900HP2012PTC000011	SRCM STEELS PRIVATE LIMITED
16	G7204327	U54500HP2009PTC031075	MAA KALI CONTRACTORS PRIVATE LIMITED
17	G73027856	U50403HP2013PTC000480	SUPREME VEHICLES PRIVATE LIMITED
18	G73102066	U54203HP2009PTC031166	GREEN PLANET INFRASTRUCTURE CONSULTANTS PRIVATE LIMITED
19	G73102717	U52399HP2010PTC031402	MA TUFFINS IMPEX PRIVATE LIMITED
20	G73110769	U27101HP2013PTC000570	HIMADRI FERRO ALLOYS PRIVATE LIMITED
21	G73388464	U70200HP2012PTC000088	GABLES PROJECTS PRIVATE LIMITED
22	G73992042	U40101HP2007PTC030618	GREEN KURPAN POWER PRIVATE LIMITED
23	G73992745	U40101HP2007PTC030615	GREEN MOUNTAIN HYDRO POWER PRIVATE LIMITED
24	G73992984	U40101HP2007PTC030614	HURLA VALLEY POWER PRIVATE LIMITED
25	G74749755	U26900HP2010PTC000146	HIMACHAL AYUSH ENTERPRISES PRIVATE LIMITED
26	G75121368	U54209HP2010PTC031417	RABBAN INFRASTRUCTURES PRIVATE LIMITED
27	G76200021	U55101HP2010PTC031418	SHOGUN RESORTS PRIVATE LIMITED
28	G76506112	U55110HP2011PTC031551	DR. PURI MULTI SUPER SPECIALITY HOSPITAL PRIVATE LIMITED
29	G76857077	U55101HP2010PTC031393	IL FORNO RESTAURANT PRIVATE LIMITED
30	G77016293	U54500HP2014PTC000787	CHANDER BHAGA CONSTRUCTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
31	G77225829	U15400HP2008PTC030884	ANHAD FOODS AND HOSPITALITY PRIVATE LIMITED
32	G77805919	U74140HP2015PTC000869	EXERCEO MANAGEMENT PRIVATE LIMITED
33	G79275589	U52602HP2011PTC031786	TARANGINI POWER PRIVATE LIMITED
34	G82545951	U72900HP2016PTC000679	CLOUDNAYAN PRIVATE LIMITED
35	G82962150	U55101HP2010PTC031297	REDWOOD RESORTS PRIVATE LIMITED
36	G83123927	U74999HP2016PTC000639	TOURISM TREE PRIVATE LIMITED
37	G83385070	U27109HP1988PLC007913	SATYAM TUBES LIMITED
38	G83789271	U21098HP2002PTC024880	VAISHANAVI STATIONERS PRIVATE LIMITED
39	G84678911	U5411HP2015PTC000898	VIPUL FOOD PRODUCTS PRIVATE LIMITED
40	G85892990	U45209HP2010PTC031454	DEV BHOOMI YUG NIRMAN PRIVATE LIMITED
41	G85891665	U93090HP2017OPC006524	MYSTICAL FULFILL DESIRE (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED
42	G86957586	U52392HP2014PTC000791	GRAB KAR FALLES PRIVATE LIMITED
43	G87746715	U55101HP2007PTC030654	SIDHIDHARI RESORTS PRIVATE LIMITED
44	G88014865	U40101HP2009PTC031018	MAA BANNI HYDEL PROJECTS PRIVATE LIMITED
45	G88146295	U24299HP1994PTC0015271	CALCHEM MINERALS INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
46	G88174495	U01100HP2013PTC000469	HIMALAYAN PIONEERS PRIVATE LIMITED
47	G89620900	U1200HP2014PTC000698	SHRI MAHADEV PYROLYSIS PRIVATE LIMITED
48	G90043316	U54500HP2013PTC031315	PRIMEINFRACON PRIVATE LIMITED
49	G90102914	U45209HP2011PTC031584	PARVATI INFRACON & ENGINEERS PRIVATE LIMITED
50	G90344201	U74999HP2016PTC006334	SS POWER PROJECT PRIVATE LIMITED
51	G90835852	U40101HP2014PTC000749	EMINENCE HYDEL PRIVATE LIMITED
52	G91934604	U80903HP2017PTC006465	RADHE TRAININGS INSTITUTE PRIVATE LIMITED
53	G91936641	U74999HP2017PTC006537	FINAGATE CONSULTANCY PRIVATE LIMITED
54	G92196609	U72300HP2015PTC000970	NIWASPARK INFONET PRIVATE LIMITED
55	G92292622	U54500HP2009PTC031127	GANPATI HYDEL INFRA PRIVATE LIMITED
56	G92862168	U5492HP2016OPC001134	LIGHTHOUSE CAFE AND BAKERY (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED
57	G92928134	U01403HP2008PTC030581	K.K. TELECOM PRIVATE LIMITED
58	G92963870	U74999HP2015PTC000978	G.G.ACHIEVERS BIZ PRIVATE LIMITED
59	G93034171	U51909HP2015PTC001089	STARVISHON SALES PRIVATE LIMITED
60	G93145142	U22300HP2016PTC006299	MANIMANESH MEDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
61	G93590925	U93090HP2015OPC001091	CURIO TOURS AND TRAVELS OPC PRIVATE LIMITED
62	G93853281	U74999HP2016PTC006314	UNA EVENTS MANAGEMENT PRIVATE LIMITED
63	G95801403	U74999HP2016PTC006386	HEURISTIC SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
64	G95832374	U40101HP2007PTC030792	A.V. HYDRO POWER PRIVATE LIMITED
65	H01767210	U51221HP2017PTC030607	DATA HYDRO POWER PROJECTS PRIVATE LIMITED
66	H01438099	U51221HP2017PTC030608	SUNNY DECORS PRIVATE LIMITED
67	H01920289	U40100HP2005PTC028672	VARUN HYDROPOWER PRIVATE LIMITED
68	H0278539	U74999HP2017PTC006637	MAPLEBRIDGE EDU SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED
69	H04264026	U54500HP2014PTC000770	JAWALAJI CONSTRUCTION PRIVATE LIMITED
70	H14222301	U24222HP1999PTC022624	SHIVANSHI LINOPACK PRIVATE LIMITED
71	H1427599	U54500HP2001PTC024583	OCEAN CALL NET PRIVATE LIMITED
72	H14357727	U63040HP2007PTC030749	VIRGIN ADVENTURES PRIVATE LIMITED
73	H15514763	U55101HP2014PTC000695	BARACARH RESORT AND SPA PRIVATE LIMITED
74	H15996602	U52933HP2011PTC031555	ADGALORE ARTS PRIVATE LIMITED
75	H17257148	U54200HP2006PTC029811	SRIISHTI NARAYAN CONSTRUCTION PRIVATE LIMITED
76	H17513821	U51397HP2015PTC000872	PERIO Q GUMCARE PRIVATE LIMITED
77	H21557475	U52599HP2013PTC000313	EVECARIT MEGAMART PRIVATE LIMITED
78	H25829847	U74999HP2016PTC006289	GREENTEK ELECTRONICS PRIVATE LIMITED
79	H28333979	U54200HP2014PTC000734	CHAUHAN AND CHAUHAN BUILDERS PRIVATE LIMITED
80	H28433274	U55101HP2013PTC000477	SUMMER HILL NATURE RESORTS INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
81	H28729804	U40101HP2007PTC030706	KOTIDHAR POWER PRIVATE LIMITED
82	H29448974	U24239HP1985PTC006134	GODINAH PHARM CHEM PRIVATE LIMITED
83	H29981289	U74995HP2017OPC006707	DIXI POWER (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED
84	H31192719	U72900HP2014PTC000817	INFINITIE TECHNOET PRIVATE LIMITED
85	H32827180	U45200HP2009PTC031033	BABA BALESWER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY PRIVATE LIMITED
86	H34180422	U24299HP2016PTC006207	LM PHARMACEUTICAL & CHEMICAL TRADERS PRIVATE LIMITED
87	H35973072	U24110HP2013PTC000407	ACCREDITATION BIOTECH INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
88	H38005484	U74999HP2017PTC006774	SHIVAJI MEDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
89	H38580502	U45309HP2017OPC006885	DAJLHEEL CONSTRUCTION (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED
90	H40803082	U34300HP2004PTC027234	AARHAM GEARS PRIVATE LIMITED
91	H40959413	U74999HP2017PTC006771	MTM INFRA POWER PRIVATE LIMITED
92	H41383373	U74999HP2017PTC006500	SRHITECH CONSULTANCY PRIVATE LIMITED
93	H41454299	U74999HP2015PTC000988	TRANS MOLECULES PHARMA PRIVATE LIMITED
94	H41476565	U55101HP2011PTC031692	JASSICA HOTELS & RESORTS PRIVATE LIMITED
95	H41546839	U29444HP2013PTC000475	RADIANCE ENERGY & INFRASTRUCTURE PRIVATE LIMITED
96	H42007419	U51311HP1998PTC001230	HIM SYNTHETIC FIBERS PRIVATE LIMITED
97	H42030775	U55101HP2011PTC031677	RIVERS LAND HOTEL PRIVATE LIMITED
98	H42556019	U74120HP2010PTC014657	PROSPER TRAVELS PRIVATE LIMITED
99	H47767151	U74999HP2017PTC006637	AGRIAM ARRAY SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED
100	H45019924	U56200HP1986PLC007073	HIMACHAL WIRELESS LIMITED
101	H45344462	U51909HP2002PTC025073	P.A DISTRIBUTION AND MARKETING PRIVATE LIMITED
102	H45354628	U71290HP2018PTC006967	KOHLI BROTHERS PRIVATE LIMITED
103	H46379178	U72900HP2013PTC000438	MOBILE WEB PIXELS IT SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
104	H46804704	U74999HP2017PTC006677	HICED EDUCATION PRIVATE LIMITED
105	H47188859	U40100HP1996PLC019023	MILESTONE POWER GENERATION LIMITED

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106	H47511670	U70101HP2013PTC000325	URVA INFRADEVELOPERS PRIVATE LIMITED
107	H48227490	U45201HP2003PTC026297	PRAKRAM CONSTRUCTION PRIVATE LIMITED
108	H48407852	U74999HP2018PTC006864	TISSMA LIFESCIENCES PRIVATE LIMITED
109	H48567424	U72900HP2013PTC000467	RAIZADA IT CONSULTANTS PRIVATE LIMITED
110	H48687370	U26100HP2004PTC027553	SMS HIMACHAL SAFETY GLASS PRIVATE LIMITED
111	H48688816	U74999HP2014PTC000689	SHRI HANS GLASSES PRIVATE LIMITED
112	H48769820	U51909HP2016PTC006276	EKAUM PRIVATE LIMITED
113	H48833347	U74910HP2014PTC000652	DHANESH OUTSOURCING PRIVATE LIMITED
114	H49091259	U24232HP2015PTC001096	ADJUVENT PHARMACEUTICALS PRIVATE LIMITED
115	H49094501	U55101HP2011PTC031590	FOUR SEASONS HOTEL SHIMLA HILLS PRIVATE LIMITED
116	H49118334	U74999HP2017OPC006776	AABHA DIGITAL SERVICES (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED
117	H49735319	U45209HP2010PTC031424	SHESHERING INFRASTRUCTURE PRIVATE LIMITED
118	H50688498	U15130HP2003PTC026604	NATRAJ INDIA AGRI PROCESSORS PRIVATE LIMITED
119	H50733005	U70101HP2006PTC029700	JAGATSHANTI REAL ESTATE DEVELOPERS PVT LTD
120	H51137594	U45209HP2009PTC031258	KAMAL RISHI CONTRACTORS PRIVATE LIMITED
121	H51467413	U74140HP2015OPC001027	BREEZE CONSULTANTS (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED
122	H51642700	U01119HP1993PTC013328	QUALITY AGRO PRODUCTS PVT LTD
123	H52401619	U45209HP2011PTC031621	PARTO CREDO CONSTRUCTION AND INFRASTRUCTURE PRIVATE LIMITED
124	H53147765	H09992HP1996PTC081409	HAPPY VALLEY CHIT FUND AND LEASING PRIVATE LIMITED
125	H53200309	U26090HP2013PTC000347	KLEINT SOLUTECH PRIVATE LIMITED
126	H57461808	H6190HP2013PTC000830	PUSHTI PORTFOLIOS PRIVATE LIMITED
127	H57819450	X55204HP2018PTC007286	ACEXELL RESORTS PRIVATE LIMITED
128	H58756859	U24290HP2017PTC006701	ACHMED UNIVERSAL PRIVATE LIMITED
129	H58785718	U93000HP2017PTC006565	HIMALAYAN MYSTERIES PRIVATE LIMITED
130	H58804881	U51220HP2012PTC000211	ANVI EXPORTS PRIVATE LIMITED
131	H58813890	U52190HP2017OPC006454	SUJITAM AYURVEDA (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED
132	H58814104	U55101HP2008PTC030874	P. S. COTTAGES PRIVATE LIMITED
133	H59535799	H63040HP2008PTC001017	RETERS CLASSIC BIKE ADVENTURE TOURS PRIVATE LIMITED
134	H61204574	U45202HP2006PTC030087	PITAMBRA HYDRO POWER PROJECTS PRIVATE LIMITED
135	H62364344	U45200HP2012PTC000118	MALASNI CONSTRUCTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
136	H64428311	U15549HP2017PTC006732	LAKHOTI GIRI WATERS PRIVATE LIMITED
137	H64496722	U40101HP2015PTC001024	SOBHA SNOW ENERGY PRIVATE LIMITED
138	H64829625	U55101HP2006PTC029943	ELIXIR RESORTS PRIVATE LIMITED
139	H65307779	U65990HP2017PLC006744	HIM DEV BHUMI NIDHI LIMITED
140	H66139312	U72900HP2017PTC006827	REACTIVE DIGITAL PRIVATE LIMITED
141	H68049840	U40106HP2016PTC006211	HIM GREEN ENERGY PRIVATE LIMITED
142	H75740266	U74999HP2017PTC006824	KANWAR INFRASTRUCTURE & RESORTS PRIVATE LIMITED
143	H77015113	H80904HP2017OPC006591	SHIVADOVIO MARINE (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED
144	H77233484	U55101HP1991PTC011409	USHA SHRIRAM HERITAGE HOTELS PRIVATE LIMITED
145	H77509578	U55101HP1997PTC019790	USHA SHRIRAM HIMACHAL HOTELS PRIVATE LIMITED
146	H77679736	U51100HP2016PTC006303	PARASME METALS PRIVATE LIMITED
147	H77855757	U01400HP2013PTC000385	STARHEIGHT ORCHARDS PRIVATE LIMITED
148	H77907376	U40101HP2010PTC031472	JOULES POWER PRIVATE LIMITED
149	H77917623	U24239HP2016PTC006226	CHUMAK HEALTHCARE PRIVATE LIMITED
150	H78475324	U01119HP2010PTC031287	SWADESHI MUSHROOMS PRIVATE LIMITED
151	H79617056	U74999HP2017PLC006558	GALENI INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED
152	H82733494	U74999HP2018OPC007063	OXBULL BIOTECH (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED
153	H83417071	U72900HP2015OPC000892	CLUSTER ONE MEDIA TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED (OPC)
154	H83849125	U31909HP2016PTC006385	GADMEN INDUSTRIES PRIVATE LIMITED
155	H85796563	U74910HP2012PTC000197	PUSHAP ASSOCIATES PRIVATE LIMITED
156	H86991171	U74910HP2016OPC001170	M.D. UTILITY SERVICES (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED
157	H86846336	U74140HP2000PTC023752	GREEN WAYS ENGINEERS AND CONSULTANCY PRIVATE LIMITED
158	R00779884	U74140HP2015PTC001056	SOFTCLICK IT SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
159	R00786285	U74999HP2013PTC000428	DAYA SAGAR HEALTH SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED
160	R13716352	U55209HP2019PTC007341	DOMEHAUR ESTATES PRIVATE LIMITED
161	R19825264	U74999HP2017PTC006539	OKAOVER CONSULTANCY PRIVATE LIMITED
162	U22365456	U65990HP2009PTC031044	ONAM STOCK BROKERS PRIVATE LIMITED
163	R25070657	U74999HP2018PTC007194	KULLU DREAMS ENTERPRISES PRIVATE LIMITED
164	R26947820	U74999HP2018PTC006887	ANORK DESIGNS PRIVATE LIMITED
165	R28297729	U36990HP2018PTC007076	KULJAM AGRO INDUSTRIES PRIVATE LIMITED
166	R29838166	U45309HP2008PTC030957	SANTA ROSA DEVELOPERS AND INFRASTRUCTURE PRIVATE LIMITED
167	R29886587	U74999HP2017PTC006755	MADAKSH CREATIVES PRIVATE LIMITED
168	R30784235	U22300HP2017PTC006712	YSS PUBLICATIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
169	R30813109	U24249HP2003PTC026241	ISHWAR MANUFACTURING CO PRIVATE LIMITED
170	R30874663	U45201HP2007PTC030693	BADDI BUILDTECH PRIVATE LIMITED
171	R31758196	U45309HP2017PTC006564	CTI ENTERPRISES PRIVATE LIMITED
172	R31893290	U93000HP2015OPC001033	SHIMLA CLEANWAYS SERVICES (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED
173	R34594739	U72900HP2019OPC007633	VALISYS SERVICES (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED
174	R35385525	U74999HP2018PTC006974	KORONATEK ELOSUN PRIVATE LIMITED
175	R35435346	U74999HP2018PTC007087	INDOAN SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED
176	R35859990	U15139HP2003PLC025955	PHF FOOD LIMITED
177	R36043255	U55101HP1992PTC012857	BLUE PINE HOTELS PVT. LIMITED
178	R36117455	U01100HP2017PTC006762	AKHIL AGRO SOULS PRIVATE LIMITED
179	R36231793	U01136HP2016OPC001142	ALIKSIR FRUIT JUICE AND BEVERAGES PRIVATE LIMITED (OPC)
180	R36233153	U22190HP2014OPC000796	UNIVERSAL MULTIDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH INSTITUTE PRIVATE LIMITED
181	R41694282	U40101HP2008PTC030952	RELIABLE JAL SHAKTI VIKAS PRIVATE LIMITED
182	R43551191	U74999HP2017PTC006736	MICROPET PACKAGING PRIVATE LIMITED
183	R44253698	H63030HP2017PTC006722	UNBOX HIMACHAL VALLEY PRIVATE LIMITED
184	R45106089	U74999HP2013PTC000355	MANJHAWLI STONE CRUSHERS PRIVATE LIMITED
185	R45633666	U52322HP2018PTC007251	ASHVAMEDHA YAGNA PRIVATE LIMITED
186	R45919214	U74999HP2018PTC006931	SKYLITE CREATIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
187	R45924404	U45202HP2006PTC029876	KATHLA HYDRO ENERGIES PVT LTD
188	R46821427	U21099HP2016PTC007135	CURONICS PACKAGING PRIVATE LIMITED
189	R47219068	U24304HP2016PTC006402	AMORHERBAL HEALTH CARE PRIVATE LIMITED
190	R48523344	U74999HP2016PTC006387	HAMBRO SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
191	R49191075	U45400HP2018PTC007231	SUNGMA CONSTRUCTION PRIVATE LIMITED
192	R50658517	U29190HP2016PTC006417	ALMECH INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
193	R51755452	U24231HP2000PTC023281	RD SODHIS AYUSH PHARMA PRIVATE LIMITED
194	R52872371	U92140HP2019PTC007397	MOUNTAIN BIRD ADVENTURE PARK PRIVATE LIMITED
195	R53773636	U30000HP2018PTC007020	SMARYA HOLIDAYS PRIVATE LIMITED
196	R54511287	U74999HP2018PTC007030	HIMSAR TRAVELS OVERSEAS PRIVATE LIMITED
197	R54429105	U74999HP2019PTC007361	QIIRO FORMULATIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
198	R55206825	U40100HP2017PTC006608	HIMALAYAN SAGARMATHA POWER PRIVATE LIMITED
199	R60080301	U70100HP2006PTC029803	SHARVER CITY DEVELOPERS & BUILDERS PRIVATE LIMITED
200	R64613029	U50404HP2018PTC007015	V.V. AUTOMOBILES PRIVATE LIMITED
201	R64981095	U28999HP2016PTC006204	LUMIN ALUMINIUM PRIVATE LIMITED
202	R65105884	U72900HP2016PTC006389	VISUAL WORKS INFOSOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
203	R70975685	U40101HP2012PTC002228	SUIL HYDRO POWER PRIVATE LIMITED
204	R71247753	U45209HP2018PTC007127	UNIFANE PROJECTS PRIVATE LIMITED
205	R72352339	U74300HP2011PTC031751	HIMACHAL MEDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
206	R74279407	U72500HP2019PTC007290	WAKESIM PRIVATE LIMITED
207	R74885187	U72500HP2019PTC007670	SHEELM TECHNOLOGIES SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED
208	R75105908	U56209HP2017PTC006588	KASUALI PINS PRIVATE LIMITED
209	R75282301	U72900HP2017PTC006632	EFFRON PROMOTIONS (INDIA) PRIVATE LIMITED



# FBI vetting 25,000 troops amid fears of insider attack

With heavy deployment, Washington DC turns into garrison city

WASHINGTON, JANUARY 18

US defence officials say they are worried about an insider attack or other threat from service members involved in securing President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration, prompting the FBI to vet all of the 25,000 National Guard troops coming into Washington for the event.

The massive undertaking reflects the extraordinary security concerns that have gripped Washington following the deadly January 6 insurrection at the US Capitol by pro-Trump rioters.

And it underscores fears that some of the very people assigned to protect the city over the next several days could present a threat to the incoming president and other VIP's in attendance.

Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy said officials were conscious of the potential threat, and he warned com-



Political activists pull down a cut-out of Donald Trump while staging a protest in front of Pennsylvania State Capitol. AP/PTI

## 'AWARE OF THREAT'

■ Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy says officials are conscious of the potential threat. Guard members are also getting training on how to identify potential insider threats.

■ The FBI screening process began as the first Guard troops began deploying to DC more than a week ago.

■ The area in and around Capitol Hill has been made out of bounds for the general public with erection of barricades.

manders to be on the lookout for any problem within their ranks as the inauguration approaches. So far, however, he and other leaders say they have seen no evidence of any threats, and officials said the vetting hadn't flagged any issues.

He said Guard members are also getting training on how to identify potential insider threats. About 25,000 members of the National Guard are streaming into Washington from across the country — at least two and a half times the number for

previous inaugurations.

Washington DC has been literally converted into a garrison city. Along with 25,000 National Guards, thousands of local police personnel and those from other security agencies have been deployed. — Agencies



**LUNAR STUDY:** Pei Zhaoyu, spokesperson for the mission that brought moon samples, gives details in Beijing on Monday. REUTERS

## China's retrieved lunar samples weigh less than target

**BEIJING:** Lunar rocks retrieved by a historic Chinese mission weighed less than initially targeted, but China is still willing to study the samples with foreign scientists. China became the third country to secure lunar samples when its unmanned Chang'e-5 probe brought back 1.731 kg (3.8 lb) of samples last month, falling short of the 2 kg (4.4 lb) planned. REUTERS

## Britain sets out new laws to protect monuments

**LONDON:** The UK has unveiled new laws to protect England's cultural and historic heritage in the form of statues and monuments. The move comes in the wake of Black Lives Matter protests in the country last year targeting several monuments, including with graffiti on Mahatma Gandhi's statue in Parliament Square in London. PTI

# Keep off, Russia tells West amid outcry over Navalny's detention

MOSCOW, JANUARY 18

A Russian judge remanded Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny in pre-trial detention for 30 days on Monday for violating the terms of a suspended jail sentence. Moscow asked the West to keep off amid calls to free Navalny. Moscow's prison service has applied to convert a suspended three-and-a-half year embezzlement sentence in the same case, which he says was trumped up, into real jail time early next month.

The UN and Western countries urged Moscow to free him. Navalny has urged Rus-



Supporters of Alexei Navalny gather outside a police station near Moscow where the opposition leader is detained. REUTERS

sians to protest. He accused President Vladimir Putin of throwing the criminal code out of the window in fear.

Ealier, around 200 supporters gathered outside the police station where Navalny was detained. — Reuters

## China to sanction US officials over Taiwan issue

BEIJING, JANUARY 18

US officials who have engaged in "nasty behaviour" over Chinese-claimed Taiwan will face sanctions, China's Foreign Ministry said on Monday, after Washington lifted curbs on exchanges between US and Taiwanese officials.

Sino-US ties have worsened as China has already condemned this month's easing, announced by US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo in the waning days of Trump's presidency. China Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said some US officials would face sanctions. — Reuters

## Vaccinationalism will be moral failure: WHO

GENEVA, JANUARY 18

The world is on the brink of "catastrophic moral failure" in sharing Covid vaccines, the head of the World Health Organisation said on Monday, urging countries and manufacturers to spread doses more fairly around the world.

WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said the prospects for equitable distribution were at "serious risk" just as its Covax vaccine-sharing scheme aimed to start distributing inoculations next month.

In UK, millions of people aged above 70 and those clinically

TRACKING VIRUS	
NATIONS	DEATHS
US	4,07,552
BRAZIL	2,09,906
MEXICO	1,40,704
UK	89,860
ITALY	82,554

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ically vulnerable to Covid will be invited to get shots as the National Health Service has expanded the ambit of drug rollout. — Agencies

## BUSINESS

USD \$	EURO €	POUND £	JPY ¥	YUAN ¥	CAD \$	AUD \$	SGD \$	HKD \$				
₹73.58	₹88.42	₹99.32	₹0.70	₹11.28	₹57.35	₹56.23	₹54.99	₹9.45	470.40 48,564.27	152.4 14,281.30	₹48,960 (MCX)	₹65,500 (MCX)

## THE TRIBUNE CORPORATE BROADBAND

### SBI, IndianOil launch co-branded contactless RuPay debit card

IndianOil has teamed up with SBI to launch the co-branded RuPay debit card. It was launched by SBI chairman Dinesh Kumar Khara and IndianOil chairman Shrikant Madhav Vaidya at a virtual ceremony held recently.

### PML SD Business School, IIM Calcutta Innovation Park in pact

PML SD Business School, Chandigarh, has signed an MoU with IIM Calcutta Innovation Park to support, mentor and assist B-School in setting up an incubator at its premises in order to foster entrepreneurship in the region. The MoU was signed by Dr KL Dhingra, director, PML SD Business School, and Dr Subhrajyoti Sanyal, CEO, IIM Calcutta Innovation Park.

### Desh Bhagat varsity announces scholarships worth ₹17 crore

Desh Bhagat University has announced scholarships worth Rs 17 crore under Mata Jarnail Kaur Scholarship Scheme for deserving students on the occasion of Makar Sakranti. The announcement was made by Dr Zora Singh, chancellor, Dr Sandeep Singh, president and Ms Shivangi Verma, deputy manager, Admissions, Desh Bhagat University.

### IndianOil unveils mass awareness campaign 'SAKSHAM 2021'

'SAKSHAM 2021' (Sanrakshan Kshamta Mahotsava) — the oil and gas conservation mass awareness campaign — recently took off at refineries headquarters of Indian Oil Corporation with full enthusiasm. The inauguration of the month-long programme (January 16 to February 15) was done by Suresh

Chopra, ED I/C Projects in the presence of other senior executives.

### Škoda Auto India launches refreshed Superb range

Škoda Auto India has unveiled the refreshed Superb range — SportLine and Laurin & Klement at an attractive ex-showroom price of Rs 31.99 lakh and Rs 34.99 lakh, respectively.

### SCOPE rolls out Eminence Awards 2019-20 for PSEs

Honouring the unremitting efforts of public sector as nation builders and catalysts for social transformation in the country, Standing Conference of Public Sector Enterprises (SCOPE) has launched 'SCOPE Eminence Awards 2019-20.' These are part of its commitment to honour the outstanding contribution of the PSEs and their leaders to the economy at large.

### Reliance Digital offers savings on pre-booking for R-Day sale

Reliance Digital has unveiled pre-booking offers for the R-Day "Digital India Sale". Customers can book electronics products by paying an advance of Rs 1,000 from January 18 to 20 and get an additional Rs 1,000 off, along with instant discounts and special offers.

### Neelam Hospital conducts successful kidney transplant

Neelam Hospital, Rajpura, recently conducted a kidney transplant successfully. Dr Neelam Bansal, medical superintendent, said the transplantation was carried out on a man from a living donor (his wife). Both the recipient and the donor are fine. The transplant was done under the supervision of Dr Nitin Gupta, HOD, Urology and Renal Transplant, of the hospital.

### Union AMC aims to double its assets under mgmt

Union AMC is aiming to double its assets under management (AUM) to

Rs 10,000 crore with growth coming in from B-30 cities.

### Flipkart Video comes out with crime fiction series

Flipkart Video has come out with an all-new interactive crime fiction series 'Kaun? Who did it?'. Every episode features a spine-chilling murder case, giving audience the ultimate opportunity to don the detective's hat and win exciting prizes.

### Fortis unveils aesthetic clinic for cosmetic procedures

Fortis Hospital, Mohali, has launched an aesthetic clinic in collaboration with Anti-clock Medispa, a provider of laser and aesthetic procedures. It was inaugurated by actress Wamiqa Gabbi. Under the guidance of plastic surgeon Dr KM Kapoor, it brings the state-of-the-art USFDA-approved aesthetic equipment for patients of this region.

### Piaggio rolls out Aprilia SXR 160 at ₹1.27 lakh

Piaggio India has launched Aprilia SXR 160 in Delhi. The much-awaited premium scooter is available at an ex-showroom price of Rs 1,27,384 and can be booked for an initial amount of Rs 5,000/- across all dealerships and through e-commerce website <https://apriliaindia.com>.

### Goel elected chairman of Indian Institute of Architects, Punjab

Ludhiana Smart City Ltd's director Sanjay Goel has been elected chairman of Indian Institute of Architects (Punjab chapter) for 2021 and 2022. Elections were held under the supervision of Syed Rizvi, IAS, and scrutineers appointed by the Indian Institute of Architects, Mumbai.

**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB**  
**PWD B&R BRANCH**  
**NOTICE INVITING OFF-LINE SHORT TERMS BIDS**  
eeepdhsrpwpdpb@gmail.com  
**Tender Notice No. 23 Date : 18.01.2021**  
Executive Engineer, Provincial Division PWD B&R Br., Hoshiarpur invites bids from eligible authorised firms/bidders for various works for detail terms and conditions of the works, eligible Firms/bidders can see the estimate and DNIT in the office of undersigned before **25.01.2021 sale of tenders w.e.f 19.01.2021 to 25.01.2021 up to 11.00 A.M.** Tender will be received up to 1.00 P.M and opened at 3.30 P.M on dated 25.01.2021.  
Corrigendum, if any, will be issued separately .  
**Sd/- Rajinder Singh Gotra, Executive Engineer, Provincial Division PWD B&R Br., Hoshiarpur. Ph. No. 01882-222511 Mob. 98888-30735**  
DPR/Pb/941

**PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJNA (PMGSY)**  
**Tender Notice No. C2-6 Date:- 18.01.2021**  
The Executive Engineer, Construction Division No. 2 PWD B&R Bathinda on behalf of Governor of Punjab Re-invites the item rate bids in electronic tendering system for Upgradation of roads under PMGSY-III (Batch-I) in the District of Bathinda for One Number Packages namely PB 02 029 (Block Sangat) including their maintenance for five year from the eligible contractors registered with Punjab PWD (B&R)/Punjab Mandi Board.  
Date of release of invitations for bids through e-procurement: 19.01.2021.  
For further details regarding availability of bid documents, Mode of Submission, Detail of works & PIUs, DNIT, Bill of Quantities, eligibility of bidders, submission of bids and last date/time for receipt of Bids for each package log on to website [www.pmgstyenders.gov.in](http://www.pmgstyenders.gov.in)  
Detailed tender notice will also be available on website [www.prbdb.gov.in](http://www.prbdb.gov.in) and [www.pwdpunjab.gov.in](http://www.pwdpunjab.gov.in) w.e.f 19.01.2021.  
**Sd/- Executive Engineer Constn. Div. No. 2 PWD B&R Bathinda.**  
● Non-registered bidders may submit bids; however, the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authorities before signing the contract.  
DPR/Pb/951

**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB**  
**PWD B&R BRANCH**  
**NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS**  
**Bid No. 21 Dated 15.01.2021**  
**Dept. Inviting Work:-** Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, PWD B&R Br, Amritsar.  
**Brief of Work:-**  
1) Widening of Link Road G.T Road Wazir Bhullar to Bohari in M.C., Rayya, District Amritsar. (162.10 Lacs).  
2) Special Repair of G.T Road to Gehari Mandi in M.C., Jandiala Guru in District Amritsar. (160.15 lacs).  
**Area of Work:-** Village Wazir Bhullar and Gehari Mandi in District Amritsar.  
**Date of Opening of Bid:-** 10.02.2021.  
For detailed terms and conditions of the Notice Inviting Tender please see our website [punjab.gov.in](http://punjab.gov.in), [www.eprocpcbwd.gov.in](http://www.eprocpcbwd.gov.in)  
Corrigendum, if any, will be issued on website only.  
**Sd/- Executive Engineer, Povincial Division, PWD B&R., Amritsar.**  
DPR/Pb/949

**नीलामी सूचना**  
सर्वसाधारण जनता को सूचित किया जाता है कि स्मर्म् स्टेशन आदुवाल डा. रेडु, तहसील नालागढ़, जिला सोलन के प्रांगण में किसी भी कार्यदिवस को 10 से 5 बजे के बीच में देखा जा सकता है। 10.02.2021 को प्रातः 11.30 पूर्वाह्न को होगी। इच्छुक व्यक्तियों से अनुरोध है कि नीलामी में उपरोक्त दिनांक व समय पर पहुँच कर भाग लें। पशु का ब्योरा निम्न प्रकार से है :-  

क्र. सं.	भैंसा संख्या	आयु	नस्ल
1.	MBF-MIRI	11 वर्ष 2 महीना	मुरा
2.	MBF-MISRI	12 वर्ष 2 महीना	मुरा

**नीलामी की शर्तें :-**  
1. उपरोक्त भैंसा साँडों को 10.02.2021 से पहले स्मर्म् स्टेशन आदुवाल डा. रेडु तहसील नालागढ़ जिला सोलन के प्रांगण में किसी भी कार्यदिवस को 10 से 5 बजे के बीच में देखा जा सकता है।  
2. नीलामी में भाग लेने वाले व्यक्ति को धरोहर राशि के रूप में मुबलकि 1000/- रुपये जमा करवाने होंगे जिसे बोली के उपरान्त वापस लौटा दिया जाएगा।  
3. नीलामी के उपरान्त भैंसा साँडों को 12 घंटे के भीतर ले जाना होगा व भैंसे के साथ कोई रस्सा इत्यादि नहीं दिया जाएगा।  
4. नीलामी समिति द्वारा स्वीकार की गई अंतिम बोली की राशि पशु को बोली समाप्त होने के तुरन्त बाद नकद जमा करनी होगी।  
5. नीलामी समिति को यह अधिकार होगा कि किसी को कोई कारण बताए बिना, भैंसा साँडों को नीलामी रद्द कर सकती है।  
6. नीलामी प्रक्रिया में अंतिम निर्णय अप्रथक्ष, नीलामी समिति का होगा जोकि सर्वमान्य होगा।  
(डा. की.बी. गुप्ता)  
उप-निदेशक, पशु स्वास्थ्य/प्रजनन, सोलन जिला सोलन हि.प्र.।  
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**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**  
**Website: <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>**  
**Short Term Tender Notice**  
**E-Tender/Notice No.02/83-A GENRRAL Dated: 15.01.2021**  
**Secure Online Submission of Tenders**  
E-Tenders on Agreement basis are hereby invited on behalf of the Governor of Punjab for 3 No. works relating to Concrete Lining of Ajnala Disty. System and Khem Karan Minor System through our website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from approved and eligible Contractors/Agencies registered with Punjab Irrigation Department and only those L&C Societies who are registered only with Punjab PWD (B&R) Department as per notification of Punjab Govt., Department of Co-operation (Co-operation-I-Branch) No.76/5279-C-1(5/4342 dated 02.10.2014. Bidding process as per detail given below.  
**Bidding Process**  

Events	Date	Time
a) Starting	15.01.2021	17:00 hours.
b) Closing	01.02.2021	12:00 hours.
Date of Opening of Technical Bid	01.02.2021	16:00 hours.
Opening of Financial Bid	Will be uploaded on website	

- All other detail/Instruction can be seen in standard bidding document uploaded on <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>
- For any other query Contractors/Agencies/L&C Societies contact their representative on Phone No. 0172-2970263 and 0172-2970284 for assistance.
- Any corrigendum will be uploaded on our website only. Prospective bidders are advised to visit the above website frequently.

**Sd/- Executive Engineer, Jandiala Division, U.B.D.C., Amritsar.**  
DPR/Pb/946

**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB**  
**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**  
**NOTICE INVITING TENDER AND INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS**  
**E-Tendering Notice No. 1/ 6 A NIT Dated: 15.01.2021**  
E-tenders are hereby invited on contract/agreement basis on behalf of the Governor of Punjab through our website <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from approved and eligible Contractors/Agencies L&C Societies for Rehabilitation, Renovation and Modernization of distributaries/minors of **Lahore branch system**. All these works are pertaining to concrete lining. The detail of works and bidding process are available on above mentioned website.  
**1. Important Dates/Time**  

Description of works	Events	Date	Time
<b>Work at Sr. No. 1 to 6</b>	<b>Sale of a) Starting</b>	15.01.2021	16.30 hrs
	<b>Tender b) Closing</b>	01.02.2021	10.00 hrs
	Submission of Tenders	01.02.2021	12.30 hrs
	Opening of Technical Bid	01.02.2021	16.00 hrs
	Opening of Financial Bid	Will be uploaded on website	

- All tendering process such as sale of tender documents, Processing fee, deposit of Earnest Money and submission of bid document shall be carried out online through our website <http://eproc.punjab.gov>.
- Prospective bidders are advised to register themselves with our service provider at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> well in advance to participate in tender. For E-Tendering or procurement and for any other query bidders may contact their representative on Phone No. **0172-2791326 and 0172-2791226** for assistance.
- All payments regarding purchase of Bid documents and deposit of Earnest Money shall be strictly through online mode (E-Payment) only. Bidders are advised to open Bank Accounts with Core Banking Solution Branches (with NEFT/RTGS facility).
- For detailed Notice Inviting Tender and other terms and conditions kindly visit our website <http://eproc.punjab.gov>. Any corrigendum will be uploaded on our website only. Prospective bidders are advised to visit the above website frequently.  
**Sd/- Executive Engineer, Amritsar Drainage Division, Amritsar. E-mail ID: [xendrainage@rediffmail.com](mailto:xendrainage@rediffmail.com) Mobile No. 8427173500.**  
DPR/Pb/944



With rain looming, India chase steep target on final day

BRISBANE, JANUARY 18 Pace bowlers Mohammed Siraj and Shardul Thakur produced another inspired effort on the fourth day of the fourth and final Test, but Australia set India a challenging target of 328.

India were 4/0 when rain arrived and stopped play late in the final session. The exhilarating series will come down to this on the final day of the tour — India need 324 more to win, Australia need 10 wickets, and there's the prospect of rain spoiling the party.

The target is tricky and by lunch tomorrow, the Indian batsmen would get a fair idea about whether to go for it.

Aussies get 294

Siraj and Thakur shared nine wickets as Australia lurched to 294 in their second innings.

With 5/73 in 19.5 overs, Siraj punched way above his weight but Australia managed a good run rate of 3.87 per over in the innings.

It was the kind of day that Test aficionados love, the ebb and flow in action keeping everyone on the edge of their seats.

India's rookie bowling attack, which had 11 Test wickets before Brisbane, got 20 wickets here without being over-expensive.

Siraj produced top quality balls to get rid of the opposition's two best batsmen — Marnus Labuschagne (25 off 22 balls) and Steve Smith (55 off 74 balls).

Labuschagne got a fuller delivery on the off-stump that moved a shade, forcing an edge to Rohit Sharma at second slip. Smith, who was on the offensive, was hurried by a ball that climbed on to him, hit his glove and lobbed to Ajinkya Rahane at gully.

BRIEFLY

BENGALURU

Former India spinner Chandrasekhar suffers stroke

Former India cricketer BS Chandrasekhar has been hospitalised after suffering a stroke but is recovering well and is set to be discharged in the next couple of days, his family said today. The 75-year-old former leg-spinner complained of "tiredness and fatigue" on Friday evening and his speech became a "little bit cluttered", his wife Sandhya Chandrasekhar Bhagwath told PTI. "Chandra is recovering very well, and he will be back home on Wednesday or Thursday," she said.

BAMBOLIM

10-man East Bengal hold Chennaiyin to draw

A resolute Debjit Majumder stood tall under the bar as SC East Bengal held off Chennaiyin FC to a goalless draw despite being a man down in their ISL match here today.

NEW DELHI

Bhavesh, Aakanksha win on final day of shooting trials

Rajasthan's Bhavesh Shekhawat and CISF's Aakanksha Bansal won the men's and women's 25M rapid fire pistol competitions (trial 2), respectively, as the national shooting trials concluded here today. Delhi's Arpit Goel and Haryana's Adarsh Singh finished second and third, respectively, in the men's section, while Uttar Pradesh's Arunima Gaur and Haryana's Tejaswi finished second and third, respectively, in the women's section. AGENCIES

TODAY ON TV
FOURTH TEST INDIA VS AUSTRALIA SONY SIX 5AM
ISL HYDERABAD VS ODISHA STAR SPORTS 7:30PM
EPL WEST HAM VS WEST BROM 11:30PM LEICESTER VS CHELSEA 1:45AM (WEDNESDAY) STAR SPORTS

# 324 steps to glory



Mohammed Siraj celebrates the wicket of Marnus Labuschagne; RIGHT: Shardul Thakur celebrates after dismissing Tim Paine on Monday. REUTERS, AP/PTI

HIGHEST SUCCESSFUL CHASES AT BRISBANE					
TEAM	SCORE	RPO*	TARGET	OPPOSITION	YEAR
Australia	236/7	2.06	236	West Indies	1951
Australia	219/2	2.92	219	West Indies	1975
Australia	190/3	3.12	188	England	1982
England	170/3	2.37	170	Australia	1978
Australia	173/0	3.46	170	England	2017

\*Runs per over



Ground staff bring covers onto the field as rain stops play on Day 4 in Brisbane on Monday. AP/PTI

Aussies on attack

But in the morning session, Siraj was either being pulled or driven through covers imperiously as David Warner (48 off 75 balls) and Marcus Harris (38 off 82 balls) took control to send him and

Thangarasu Natarajan on a leather-hunt. Between them, they hit 14 boundaries, 11 of them today.

Then a mini-collapse occurred. Thakur, only 5ft 7in tall, bounced Harris, too, and the ball brushed his glove

Final hurrah at Fort Gabba

The highest target chased at Brisbane is 236, but that was seven decades ago! The home team hasn't lost a game here since 1988, and it's no surprise that it's called Gabbatoir, where visiting teams are regularly slaughtered.

With this backdrop, the second-string Indian team can be proud of the fight they put up. Siraj had six wickets for the match. Thakur had a match haul of seven wickets, to go with his 67 at No. 8 while batting. Another debutant, Washington Sundar, picked up David Warner in the second innings.

The Indian team hasn't stopped surprising its detractors with its spirit. It has been earning well-wishers in exponential numbers for soldiering on manfully despite losing key personnel.

If rain stays away tomorrow, there will be an official winner but certainly not a "loser".

“I think the game is in a nice place for us. I think the wicket has started to play a few tricks today, couple of balls shot up. So, tomorrow it is just going to be about bowling (in) good areas and letting the natural variation of the day five wicket sort of do its work and hopefully we can hold on to all the chances” Steve Smith

and went to Rishabh Pant. In the very next over, Warner was rapped on his back leg by Washington Sundar with one that went straight.

Labuschagne and Matthew Wade didn't last long, too, four wickets fell in the ses-



SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA 1st innings 369

INDIA 1st innings 336

AUSTRALIA 2nd innings

M Harris c Pant b Thakur	38
D Warner lbw b Sundar	48
M Labuschagne c Sharma b Siraj	25
S Smith c Rahane b Siraj	55
M Wade c Pant b Siraj	0
C Green c Sharma b Thakur	37
T Paine c Pant b Thakur	27
P Cummins not out	28
M Starc c Saini b Siraj	1
N Lyon c Agarwal b Thakur	13
J Hazlewood c Thakur b Siraj	9
Extras: (B 5, LB 2, NB 4, W 2)	13
Total: (all out, 75.5 overs)	294
FOW: 1-89, 2-91, 3-123, 4-123, 5-196, 6-227, 7-242, 8-247, 9-274	

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
Mohammed Siraj	19.5	5	73	5
T Natarajan	14	4	41	0
Washington Sundar	18	1	80	1
Shardul Thakur	19	2	61	4
Nandeep Saini	5	1	32	0

INDIA 2nd innings

R Sharma not out	4
S Gill not out	0
Extras: (B 5, LB 2, NB 4, W 2)	13
Total: (no wicket, 1.5 overs)	4
FOW: 1-89, 2-91, 3-123, 4-123, 5-196, 6-227, 7-242, 8-247, 9-274	

Bowling	O	M	R	W
M Starc	1	0	4	0
J Hazlewood	0.5	0	0	0

# Mandeep hits 99\*, Punjab romp to quarterfinals

SYED MUSHTAQ TROPHY

BENGALURU, JANUARY 18

Captain Mandeep Singh struck an unbeaten 99 off 66 balls, with nine fours and four sixers, to help Punjab beat Tripura by 22 runs in a Group A match of the Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy. With their fifth win in a row, Punjab topped the table in Group A and qualified for the quarterfinals.

Tripura's decision to field first backfired as Punjab romped to 183/3 in 20 overs.

Coming in to bat in the second over, after the fall of Abhishek Sharma (0), Mandeep took control of the situation and, after Prabhsimran Singh was dismissed for

9, added 110 runs in 11.1 overs with Gurkeerat Mann, who struck six sixers and three fours in his 33-ball 66.

Tripura did their best in the chase, with opener Udiyan Bose (50 off 37 balls) and No. 4 Milind Kumar (64\* off 40) striking half-centuries, but they could take their team to only 161/4. Pace bowler Sandeep Sharma was impressive, conceding only 21 runs in four overs, picking up one wicket. Harpreet Brar, Baltej Singh and Arshdeep Singh also picked up a wicket each.

**Brief scores: Punjab** 183/3 (Mandeep 99\*, Mann 66); **Tripura** 161/4 (Milind 64\*, Bose 50). — Agencies

# England ease to Test win against Sri Lanka

GALLE, JANUARY 18

England won the first Test against Sri Lanka by seven wickets here today as Jonny Bairstow and debutant Dan Lawrence knocked off the 36 runs required on the last day.

Bairstow was 35 not out and Lawrence unbeaten on 21 in a 62-run partnership as England reached 76/3 in their second innings to take a 1-0 lead in the two-Test series.

They had been set a target of 74 after bowling Sri Lanka out for 359 but lost three wickets and were reeling at 14/3 before Bairstow and Lawrence took them to 38/3 when bad light stopped play on Sunday.

“It was a tricky wicket to bat on and you had to play



Dan Lawrence and Jonny Bairstow after the win. PTI

as much off your back foot,” said Bairstow after England had been subjected to a torrent of sharp spin from Laith Embuldeniya, Dilruwan Perera and Wanindu Hasaranga. — Reuters

# Problems mount as four more participants infected

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

MELBOURNE, JANUARY 18

More players were forced into hard quarantine ahead of the Australian Open with officials confirming today that four additional participants, including an athlete, tested positive for Covid-19 among those arriving in Melbourne.

Health authorities in Victoria state have now reported nine infections among passengers who arrived on charter flights for the February 8-21 Australian Open and officials said more cases may come to light as testing continues.

Kyrgios calls Djokovic 'tool'

A Spanish tennis website reported that world No. 1 Novak Djokovic had written

to Tennis Australia boss Craig Tiley asking that quarantine restrictions be eased for players, including reducing the mandatory 14 days of isolation and having players moved to “private houses with tennis courts” so they could train.

Nick Kyrgios joined former Davis Cup player Sam Groth in criticising Djokovic.

Kyrgios criticised Djokovic time and again in 2020 for organising the Adria Tour exhibition event in the Balkans, where multiple players including the top-ranked Serbian contracted the virus. “Djokovic is a tool,” Kyrgios said on Twitter.

Many Australians have questioned the decision to host the Major. — Reuters

# Women's hockey team held by Argentine juniors

BUENOS AIRES, JANUARY 18

Sharmila Devi and Deep Grace Ekka scored a goal each as the Indian women's hockey team began its tour of Argentina with a 2-2 draw against the country's junior national team here.

In a well-contested match, goals from young Indian striker Sharmila (22nd minute) and the experienced Ekka (31st) were cancelled out by strikes from Paula Santamarina (28th) and Brisa Bruggesser (48th).

Chief coach Sjoerd Marijne lauded the performance of the Indian team, which was returning to international competition after a year following the coronavirus-forced break. “It was a typical first match after a long gap,” Marijne said. “Playing a competitive side after a year takes time to get into

the rhythm and we played 23 athletes to give them all a feeling of playing in a match after a long gap,” he added.

India will again take on the junior women on January 20. “We will need to build on our rhythm match-by-match. We will be thoroughly analysing this match and the key will be to learn from the mistakes we made here and be ready for the next game,” Sjoerd said.

Dungdung's hat-trick

**Santiago (Chile):** Striker Beauty Dungdung scored a hat-trick as the Indian junior women's hockey team beat the Chilean junior women's team 5-3.

The striker from Jharkhand scored in the 29th, 38th and 52nd minutes, while Lalrindiki (14th) and Sangita Kumari (30th) also registered their names on



Beauty Dungdung's hat-trick helped the junior women's team beat the Chilean junior women's team 5-3. PHOTO: HOCKEY INDIA

the scoresheet for India.

Chile's goals were scored by Simone Avelli (10th), Paula Sanz (25th) and Fernanda Arrieta (49th).

# Messi sees first red in Barca shirt as team loses in final

SEVILLE, JANUARY 18

Lionel Messi was sent off for the first time in his Barcelona career in the closing stages of extra time as they lost 3-2 to Athletic Bilbao in the Spanish Super Cup on Sunday.

Messi, who returned to the starting lineup after missing the semifinal victory over Real Sociedad through injury, was dismissed after striking Asier Villalibre in the final minute.

The Argentine had been heavily involved in a more positive way as Barca took the lead five minutes before the break. Messi's goal-bound effort was blocked, falling to the feet of Antoine Griezmann, who netted the first of his two goals. Bilbao responded as Oscar De Marcos met Inaki Williams' cross two minutes later to send the sides in level at halftime.



Barcelona's Lionel Messi is shown the red card. REUTERS

**1** Lionel Messi received his first ever red card for Barcelona in his 753rd game for the club

French forward Griezmann looked to have won it for the Catalans with a goal against the run of play 14 minutes from time, only for substitute

Villalibre to volley home in the 90th minute to send the game into the extra period.

Three minutes into the additional half hour Williams curled a stunning effort into the far corner from the edge of the box to give Bilbao the lead for the first time in the tie. — Reuters

# Lahiri finishes T-62 after rough day on greens

HONOLULU (HAWAII), JANUARY 18

Anirban Lahiri endured a tough final day, carding a disappointing 4-over 74 to slip down the leaderboard at the Sony Open on the PGA Tour. The Indian finished at tied-62nd.

USA's Kevin Na birdied the 18th hole to secure a one-stroke victory. — PTI

# Sindhu, Saina look for better show

THAILAND OPEN

BANGKOK, JANUARY 18

Indian shuttlers, including Olympics hopefuls PV Sindhu and Saina Nehwal, will hope to give a better account of themselves at the Toyota Thailand Open Super 1000 tournament, starting here tomorrow, after a lacklustre show last week.

The Indian players

seemed to struggle with their fitness as none of them could cross the second round at the Yonex Thailand Open, the first event of the Asia leg here.

Barring Kidambi Srikanth, it was the first tournament for the Indian contingent in nearly 10 months. If Olympics silver medallist Sindhu struggled to keep pace with her first-round

opponent, Denmark's Mia Blichfeldt, London Games bronze winner Saina ran out of steam against Thailand's Busanan Ongbamrungphan in the second round.

Sindhu will be itching to go deep in the draw when she opens against world No. 12 Busanan. Saina will face fourth seed and home favourite Ratchanok Intanon in the opening round. — PTI

# Man City crush Palace to go second

MANCHESTER, JANUARY 18

Manchester City steamed into second place in the Premier League with defender John Stones scoring an unlikely double in a 4-0 demolition of visiting Crystal Palace on Sunday.

Central defender Stones, closing in on 100 Premier League appearances for City,

headed his first league goal for the club after a sublime cross by Kevin de Bruyne in the 26th minute. Ilkay Gundogan curled in a delightful second 11 minutes after the interval before Stones was in the right place to fire home a loose ball with his left foot in the 68th minute. Raheem Sterling crowned a superb

second-half City display with an unstoppable free kick into the top corner late on.

The earlier 0-0 draw between leaders Manchester United and champions Liverpool was a pre-match boost for Pep Guardiola's side and they capitalised with a fifth successive league win to move within

two points of United and have a match in hand.

Juve lose to Inter

**Milan:** Juventus' nine-year stranglehold on the Serie A title was at risk of unraveling after a 2-0 loss at Inter Milan. Juventus are in fifth place and seven points behind the leaders. — Agencies



BRIEFLY

**Man sets 10-yr-old son ablaze for not studying**  
**Hyderabad:** A 10-year-old boy was set ablaze by a drunken father angered over the boy watching television when he was supposed to be studying in the Kukatpally Housing Board Colony area on Sunday. Charan, who is a Class VI student, is being treated for burns. His condition is said to be critical. **TNS**

**Minimum temperature in region to dip by 2-4°C**  
**New Delhi:** Minimum temperature is likely to dip by 2-4°C during the next three days (till January 21) and then rise by 2-4°C over the subsequent three days in the plains of northwest India. Cold day conditions are likely in pockets of Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh and Delhi, UP and Bihar during the next two days, the IMD today said. At present, easterly winds are prevailing at lower levels over the plains of North India. **TNS**

**₹1.44-cr assets attached in red sanders smuggling case**  
**New Delhi:** The Enforcement Directorate on Monday said it had issued a provisional attachment order under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act to seize immovable properties worth Rs 1.44 crore belonging to Anil Gadodia, Rameshwar Sharma, proprietor of M/s Euro Export, Jaipur, and others in the red sanders smuggling case. Officials in the agency said the attached assets consisted of three immovable properties in the form of office premises situated in Jaipur and Delhi and a flat in Mohali. **TNS**

# Mamata to take on turncoat Suvendu on his home turf

BJP leader accepts challenge, says will defeat CM or quit politics

**NANDIGRAM, JANUARY 18** West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday announced she would contest the upcoming Assembly election from Nandigram, the home turf of political heavy-weight Suvendu Adhikari who recently quit the TMC to join the BJP. BJP leader Suvendu Adhikari accepted the challenge thrown by Mamata, asserting he would defeat her in the election or quit politics.

That Mamata chose Nandigram to make the big announcement reflects the TMC supremo's determination to take the BJP, which has launched a spirited campaign to unseat her after a decade-long stint in power, head on. Addressing a rally here, Mamata said she was not worried about those joining rival parties as they were hardly around when the TMC was formed.

She said these leaders left the ruling party to protect the money "they have looted in the last few years". "I request our state party president Subrata Bakshi to approve my name from this seat," said Mamata. Bakshi, who was on the podium, swiftly accepted the request. The TMC turncoat, however,



**NANDIGRAM LUCKY PLACE**  
"I have always started my campaign for the Assembly polls from Nandigram. It is a lucky place for me. So this time I feel I should contest the Assembly polls from here."

Mamata Banerjee, WEST BENGAL CM

**DIDI FEARS DEFEAT: BJP**  
"It appears Mamata has sensed defeat in Bhawanipore. She has therefore suddenly announced that she will contest from Nandigram."

Diip Ghosh, BENGAL BJP CHIEF

<<West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee during a rally in Nandigram on Monday. **PTI**

STONES THROWN AT BJP ACTIVISTS

**Kolkata:** Tension prevailed in south Kolkata on Monday after miscreants, carrying TMC flags, hurled bricks and stones at BJP activists during a mega roadshow near Rashbehari Avenue and the Charu Market area. Police sources said as the rally, led by state BJP chief Diip Ghosh and senior leader Suvendu Adhikari, proceeded toward Charu Market, miscreants threw bricks and stones at the entourage, injuring a few BJP activists. **PTI**



BJP leader Suvendu Adhikari waves at party activists during a roadshow in Kolkata on Monday. **TNS**

said the final decision to field candidates will be taken by the BJP leadership after thorough discussion and not in an

arbitrary way like in the ruling TMC. "If I am fielded by my party from Nandigram, I will defeat her by a margin of

at least 50,000 votes, or I will quit politics," he asserted. He was addressing BJP workers after a 3-km roadshow. — PTI

# Buzz over key role for PM's 'trusted' ex-IAS officer in UP

**VIBHA SHARMA**  
**TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE**

**NEW DELHI, JANUARY 18** The entry of former IAS officer AK Sharma into the ruling BJP in UP has led to turbulence in the state unit with many speculating the man "trusted" by Prime Minister Narendra Modi would get a key portfolio, if not the deputy CM's post, in the Yogi Adityanath government.

After opting for voluntary retirement, Sharma last week joined the BJP and was a day later named candidate for the upcoming legislative council polls in UP. He filed his nomination today.

Adityanath, however, has so far remained non-committal on any Cabinet reshuffle even as sources said Sharma



AK Sharma took VRS to join BJP

was unlikely to remain a mere legislator. The sources cited the examples of Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar and top bureaucrats RK Singh, Hardeep Puri and S Jaishankar, all Modi confidants who got key posts.

Ever since he joined the BJP, there has been a lot of buzz on what role would be given to Sharma. A Gujarat

cadre officer belonging to UP, Sharma has been among Modi's trusted bureaucrats since he was the CM.

Seen as low profile, Sharma is known for delivering time-bound results, said sources. His last posting at the Centre was Secretary, Union Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.

Besides Sharma, the BJP has named Deputy Chief Minister Dinesh Sharma, its state president Swatantra Dev Singh and Lakshman Prasad Acharya as candidates for the council polls. Currently, there are two Deputy CMs in UP—Keshav Prasad Maurya being the other. The polling for 12 legislative council seats in UP is due on January 28.

## Ram Temple donation rally clash leaves 3 injured

**GANDHIDHAM (GUJ), JANUARY 18** Three persons were injured in a clash between members of two communities in Gujarat's Kutch during a rally for collection of funds for Ram Temple construction, the police said on Monday.

After the incident took place on Sunday evening, the body of a man was found about 200 m from the clash site in Kidana village. The police were trying to ascertain if he was killed as part of that violence, Kutch (East) Superintendent of Police Mayur Patil said. Two groups clashed and started throwing stones at each other in the village on Sunday evening, when a procession was being taken out for the collection of funds for the construction of Ram Temple at Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh, an official from the Gandhidham (B-Division) police station said.

Some vehicles were also set afire by rioters. The police lobbed teargas shells to bring the situation under control, he said. Three persons were injured in the incident and admitted to hospital. A man was killed with sharp weapons after a group attacked an auto-rickshaw on the village outskirts. — PTI

# Officials, recruits booked in UP defence job scam

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**NEW DELHI, JANUARY 18** Nearly two years after taking over the case, the CBI has registered an FIR against officials and beneficiaries in a recruitment scam at a Kanpur defence production unit.

Officials said the CBI had booked Santosh Kumar Tiwari, Deputy Controller in the Material Division of the Controllerate of Quality Assurance, who was the presiding officer of the recruitment board, and beneficiaries Ravi Kant Pandey, Utkarsh Srivatsava, Arti Gupta, Pratibha Mishra, Arpit Singh and other unknown persons.

The authorities in the production unit had organised a recruitment drive for six posts of lower division clerk in the Directorate General of Quality Assurance (DGQA), which comes under the Union Ministry of Defence. Advertisements were issued in 2015 and appointments were made in 2017.

An internal inquiry committee of the Ministry of Defence had found serious irregularities in the recruitments. After submission of its report, the recruitment board was dis-

PANEL FINDINGS
■ A recruitment drive was initiated in 2015 for six posts of lower division clerk in the Directorate General of Quality Assurance
■ After appointments were made in 2017, a central panel found serious irregularities in the recruitments
■ The recruitment board was dissolved and the services of the LDCs were terminated in November 2018

solved and the LDCs were sacked on November 28, 2018.

On August 10, 2018, in a letter to the CBI, the Department of Defence Production mentioned "serious irregularities" of a criminal nature concerning the appointments. As per the FIR, candidate Vivek Chandra had originally scored 52 marks, which were subsequently changed to 61. Similarly, marks secured by Arpit Singh were increased from 58 to 69 and Arti Gupta from 68 to 70 by Tiwari.

"The probe highlighted there was overwriting in the answer sheet of Arpit Singh, Pratibha Mishra and Utkarsh Srivatsava. These candidates were clearly favoured by Tiwari," the FIR said.

## CRPF inducts 21 bike ambulances



- The CRPF has inducted 21 bike ambulances developed by the Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO) for casualty evacuation in Naxal and insurgency-hit areas
- The "Rakshita" ambulances have been created on 350cc Royal Enfield Classic bikes by the Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences, a research body under the DRDO. **TNS**

## 'Tandav' makers apologise for hurting sentiments

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**NEW DELHI, JANUARY 18** Amid a raging political controversy, the cast and crew of Amazon Prime web series 'Tandav', against whom multiple police complaints have been filed across the country, issued an "unconditional" apology on Monday.

A statement said "the cast and crew did not have any intention to offend the sentiments of any individual, caste, community, race, religion or religious beliefs or insult or outrage any institution, political party or person, living or dead".

The apology comes after the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting summoned its makers. A series of grievances, petitions and apprehensions regarding hurting the sentiments of the people had reached the ministry.

The statement read, "It is a work of fiction and any resemblance to acts and persons and events is purely coincidental. The cast and crew of 'Tandav' take cognisance of the concerns expressed by people and unconditionally apologise if it has unintentionally hurt anybody's sentiments."

# SC judge kin involved in benami transactions: AP ex-Chief Justice

**NEW DELHI, JANUARY 18** Former Andhra Pradesh High Court Chief Justice V Eswaraiah has alleged that relatives of a senior sitting judge of the Supreme Court (SC) were involved in benami transactions in the Amaravati land scam and that he was collecting more evidence in the case. In an affidavit filed in the Supreme Court, Justice Eswaraiah admitted to having a conversation with a suspended district munsif magistrate over a WhatsApp call in this regard but disputed the transcript. The affidavit has been filed in response to the court's direction after he challenged the high court's August 13, 2020, order for a probe into his telephonic conversation. It had asked former Supreme Court judge RV Ravendran to hold an inquiry and ascertain the authenticity of the conversation. It was alleged that there was a plot against the AP HC Chief Justice and a senior judge of the Supreme Court.

by Justice Ashok Bhushan posted the matter for hearing to February first week.

In his affidavit filed through advocate Prashant Bhushan, Justice Eswaraiah said he had sought information from a suspended judicial officer regarding the benami transactions, purportedly pertaining to corruption allegations in land deals in the state's new capital.

"I state that asking for material (if available) regarding the conduct of a sitting judge and which, to my knowledge, was the subject matter of investigation, cannot, by any stretch of imagination, be said to be a conspiracy. I state that I did seek information and material from Mr Ramakrishna (suspended district munsif) in that phone conversation with regard to the benami transactions involving the Capital Region Development Authority in Andhra Pradesh and the involvement of the relatives of the said Supreme Court judge," Justice Eswaraiah stated in the affidavit. — TNS

## Legal issues delaying Mallya's extradition: Centre

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**NEW DELHI, JANUARY 18** The Centre on Monday told the Supreme Court (SC) it was making all efforts to extradite fugitive businessman Vijay Mallya from the UK, but the process was taking time due to legal issues involved.

Mallya, an accused in bank loan default case of over Rs 9,000 crore involving his now defunct Kingfisher Airlines, is in the UK since March 2016. He is on bail on an extradition warrant executed by the Scotland Yard in April 2017.

The top court had earlier dismissed his plea seeking review of the 2017 verdict, which held him guilty of contempt for transferring USD 40 million to his children in violation of court orders.

On August 31 last year, the top court had directed Mallya to appear before it on October 5, 2020.

On Monday, a Bench headed by Justice UU Lalit deferred hearing for March 15 after Solicitor General Tushar Mehta sought time to file a report on Mallya's extradition. Mehta shared a Ministry of External Affairs letter written to him on the status of extradition of Mallya and said the MEA had raised the issue with the UK, and the Indian Government was making all efforts to bring back the fugitive.

## Suspend R-TV's IBF membership: NBA

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 18

The News Broadcasters Association on Monday demanded that Republic TV's membership of Indian Broadcasters' Foundation should be suspended and it should be excluded from the ratings system till the court proceedings in the TRP case were pending. In a statement, the NBA, a representative body of Indian news broadcasters, said it was shocked to see hundreds of WhatsApp messages exchanged between the Broadcast Audience Research Council's former CEO Partho Dasgupta and Republic TV editor-in-chief Arnab Goswami.

"These messages clearly establish collusion between the two in manipulating ratings to garner greater viewership numbers for the Republic TV month after month by fraudulently manually reducing the ratings of other channels to give Republic TV an unfair advantage. These WhatsApp messages not only reflect manipulation of ratings but are also about power play," the NBA said.

It said the messages exchanged referred to the appointment of secretaries, Cabinet reshuffle, access to the PMO and the workings of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

Wants channel out of ratings system
NO CHECKS AND BALANCES
■ The NBA claimed BARC ratings were unreliable. "It appears there are no checks and balances," it said, demanding that BARC must make a statement about the veracity of its ratings
■ The NBA is headed by broadcaster Rajat Sharma, who finds unsavoury references in the leaked Arnab-Dasgupta chats

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"This only confirms the many and continuous allegations made by the NBA in the last four years that the ratings were being manipulated by a non-NBA member broadcaster (Republic TV) in connivance with BARC's top management officials. The NBA demands that IBF membership of Republic TV should be suspended with immediate effect till the case related to the manipulation of ratings is pending in the court," the NBA said. — TNS

## Culling not feasible...

where even a bird tests positive, our teams will take samples from other farms. We will wait for the Central government's response in the matter and proceed accordingly," Dalal said.

He said in the absence of any alternative, the department's entire staff would have to be put on duty for months to cull 20 lakh birds after confirmation of positive test from the Bhopal lab.

Maintaining that culling is "impractical" given the number of birds involved, Additional Chief Secretary (Animal Husbandry) Raja Shekhar Vundru said: "We will consider re-sampling at farms where birds have tested positive. We have received representations from the poultry association which suggested creation of containment zones. The suggestion has been forwarded to the Centre."

## 'Go easy' former BARC chief...

with you, I will speak to all and galvanise more support." Dasgupta at this point asks Arnab only to raise matters of principle with the government.

The chat is purportedly about TV 18 gaining due to a larger share of the landing market. The issue of TV landing market reforms has been pending with TRAI amid concerns that some channels have deals with operators to ensure their channel lands on the screen

as soon as a subscriber switches on the TV.

On another occasion, Dasgupta asks Arnab to get someone from the Delhi Police to "act against Tharoor."

Republic TV ran a series on the alleged involvement of Congress MP Shashi Tharoor in his wife Sunanda Pushkar's murder.

Arnab tells Dasgupta, "Boss Tharoor a matter of time; getting more. One of those stories, you got to keep

hammering it."

Meanwhile, amid growing evidence of alleged TRP manipulations by Republic TV with BARC's help, the opposition clamour for a joint parliamentary committee probe into the matter grew louder today with NCP's Nawab Malik saying they will make the demand in the Budget Session of Parliament. Congress' RPN Singh, former Maharashtra CM Ashok Chavan also demanded a probe.