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## Centre wants unions to be more flexible, next meeting on Jan 19

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 15  
Protesting farmer unions stuck to their demand for a complete repeal of the three farm laws during the ninth round of talks with three Central ministers Narendra Singh Tomar, Piyush Goyal and Som Prakash.

While asking the unions to be more flexible in their approach, Tomar also told them that they should form "formal and informal groups and discuss the laws to prepare concrete proposals for discussions in the next meeting". He said the government was hopeful of discus-

### 'LIES' OVER R-DAY MARCH

The Sanyukta Kisan Morcha has said "misconceptions" were being spread over their "tractor march". "Disturbing the R-Day parade isn't our motive. We will release our plan after the SC hearing on January 18," it said.

### FARM BODY MOVES SC

The Bharatiya Kisan Sangh on Friday moved the SC seeking impleadment in the pending matters pertaining to the farm laws. It also sought expansion of the SC-appointed panel.



Farmer leaders after the ninth round of talks with the government in New Delhi on Friday. MANAS RANJAN BHUI

sions reaching a decisive stage at the next round on January 19. Apparently, at

one point during the five-hour meeting today, Tomar asked the unions: "When exactly will the agitation be called off and what will it take?" He wanted to know if

the unions would withdraw the protests if one of the two key demands (MSP guaran-

### UNIONS TAKE UP RAIDS

There was also a discussion on the NIA raids on transporters in Punjab providing logistic support to the stir, said farm leader Joginder Singh Ugrahan. The government promised that it will address the issue.

### SAY NO LINK WITH SFJ

The unions made it clear that the stir had nothing to do with the Sikhs for Justice. Therefore, they said there should be no projection from the government that it was involved.

tee and repeal of the three laws) was met. Kavitha Kuruganti of the Sanyukta Kisan

Morcha said the unions clarified that both demands were equally important. Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to continue with the direct dialogue process. "The government said it was bound by the Supreme Court process," said Darshan Pal.

He said the unions opposed the government's assertion that the Supreme Court would decide if the laws had to be repealed. "The Lok Sabha is the House of people elected by the people of India. These laws have been made by Parliament and should be repealed by Parliament," he stressed.

There was also a discussion on the financial health of the FCI.

Agri laws fine, but social security net must: IMF

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 15

The IMF has given its conditional backing to the farm laws, saying these had the potential to represent a significant step towards agricultural reforms, but the government must adequately protect those adversely impacted during the transition to this new system as well as strengthen the social safety net.

Gerry Rice, the IMF spokesperson, said, "The measures will enable farmers to directly contract with sellers. However, it is crucial the social safety net protects those who might be hit during the transition." —TNS

## V-drive, world's biggest, takes off

ADITI TANDON

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 15  
The Centre on Friday mounted an all-out social media outreach to dispel myths as India prepared for the rollout of the national Covid vaccination drive, the world's biggest, at 10.30 am tomorrow.

Three lakh healthcare and frontline workers will be vaccinated in the first phase of the drive on Saturday with randomly allocated Covishield and indigenous Covaxin shots.

Hundred beneficiaries will be administered doses at each of the 3,006 sites across the country with Prime Minister Narendra Modi all set to launch the campaign and witness first jabs being delivered. The PM is expected to virtually connect with session sites as the vaccination progresses at around 50 locations.

Asked what he considered the top challenge ahead of the D-Day, Member, Health, NITI Aayog, VK Paul said, "We hope all three lakh beneficiaries registered to get the vaccine on day one arrive at the allocated sites and



### GOVT DISPELS MYTHS

No infertility, no infection, we're good to go. Both vaccines are safe and no major side-effects have been reported.

Harsh Vardhan, HEALTH MINISTER

### AT PGI, 100 TO GET SHOTS

Of the 11,500 staffers at PGI-Chandigarh, 100 have been selected through computer randomisation to receive the first dose of the vaccine



### 80% INDIANS TRUST JABS

To boost vaccine confidence, the Centre released the findings of a survey showing 80% of the Indians trust the vaccines against 66% in the UK, 62% in Germany, 59% in the US and 40% in Russia

complete the Phase 3 trials. Paul said in emergency situations, the Indian law permits Phase 2 immunogenicity data to be used as a surrogate for the Phase 3 efficacy data which has happened in the case of Covaxin.

"Both vaccines are safe and there have been no major side

effects reported," Paul said. Health Minister Harsh Vardhan spent his day firefighting rumours about vaccines and said vaccines neither cause infertility nor was there any reported case of vaccine derived Covid virus.

Sending a clear message that the vaccination is not yet

### HP govt schools to reopen in Feb

SHIMLA: With a steady decline in Covid cases, the HP Government has decided to reopen schools from next month by strictly following standard operating procedures. While the summer-closing schools will open for students from February 1, classes in winter-closing schools will begin from February 15.

The decision to open schools was taken by the Cabinet at its meeting chaired by Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur. All government colleges will be opened for regular classes from February 8 after the winter vacation. —TNS

### 13 DEATHS POST VACCINATION, NORWAY ALLEYS FEARS

meant for the general public, Vardhan said the self-registration module of the government's Co-WIN (app for Covid shot rollout) has not been released yet. "Be wary of fraudulent apps with similar names. Co-WIN app is not available in stores," he added.

EDIT: VACCINATION DAY

## TRP scam: Damning Arnab, ex-BARC boss chats leaked

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 15  
A supplementary chargesheet filed by the Mumbai Police in the ongoing TRP scam alleges that the now arrested ex-chief executive officer of the Broadcast Audience Research Council, Partha Dasgupta, used his position to help Republic TV editor-in-chief Arnab Goswami maintain TRP lead.

The chargesheet has 500 pages of WhatsApp conversations between Arnab and Dasgupta. Parts of the chats, which created ripples on the social media today, reveal Dasgupta allegedly told Arnab that the new Telecom Regulatory Authority of India proposal to reform the TRP measurement mechanism could "harm both the Republic TV and BJP".

The conversation is dated March 25, 2019, with Dasgupta sending Arnab a confidential BARC letter on WhatsApp to say he had jammed the NBA, and asking for Arnab's help through the PMO. In response, Arnab promises, "Noted and will happen". The Republic TV chief then says he is meeting the PM coming Thursday.

Sharing snapshots of the chats on the social media, advocate Prashant Bhushan tweet-

### TRAI PROPOSAL THAT WAS NOT TO BE

The TRAI proposal (which Dasgupta allegedly asked Arnab to get fixed using his influence with the PMO) to digitally measure TRPs ultimately fell through after several TV channels resisted it, saying the installation of an automatic digital measurement software would cost a lot. TRPs continue to be measured manually through meters installed in households.

ed: "The leaked WhatsApp chats of #ArnabGoswami are far more explosive than #RadioTapes. They show the unholy nexus of media with those in power; It shows how TRP is manipulated; It shows how cynically fake news is propagated; Above all, it lays bare the prime Dalal of Dalal street!"

Bhushan said the chats showed "unprecedented access

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## Don't test our patience, warns Army Chief amid LAC standoff

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 15

In a clear message to China amid the border standoff, Army Chief General MM Naravane said no one should commit the mistake of testing India's patience.

Terming last year as "challenging", he said the attempt to alter the status quo along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) was responded to in a befitting manner, said General Naravane while delivering his customary Army Day address at Parade Ground in Delhi Cantonment. "I want to assure the country that the sacrifice of the Galwan braves will not go in vain," he added.

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'Sacrifice of Galwan braves won't go in vain'



### 400 TERRORISTS IN PoK CAMPS

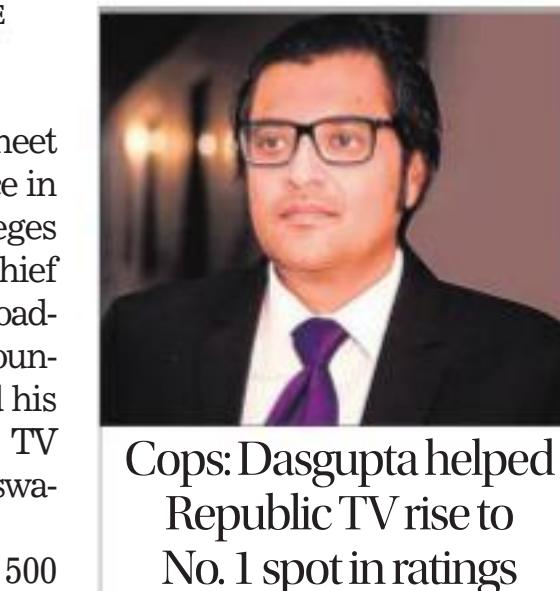
The Army Chief said 300 to 400 terrorists were present in camps in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir and waiting to sneak into India. Pakistan was adamant about using terrorism as state policy, he added. INSIDE



### Prez gives ₹5L for Ram Temple

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 15  
President Ram Nath Kovind donated Rs 5,00,100 for the construction of the Ram Temple at Ayodhya on Friday. With this, the fund collection drive launched by the VHP for the Ram Temple has begun. The drive is supported by the RSS and its affiliates. The PM and political leaders will be approached for donations.

Kovind handed over the cheque to a team of members headed by Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust Treasurer. —TNS



Cops: Dasgupta helped Republic TV rise to No. 1 spot in ratings

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## Dera Bassi in Punjab reports bird flu cases

AParna Banerji

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JALANDHAR, JANUARY 15  
Punjab today reported its first bird flu cases with samples from two poultry farms in Dera Bassi sub-division of Mohali district testing positive for avian influenza at a Jalandhar lab.

The samples have been sent to the High Security Animal Disease Laboratory (RDDL) in Jalandhar said the samples, collected

**SAMPLES FROM 2 POULTRY FARMS TEST POSITIVE**



from Alpha and Royal farms at Behra village in Dera Bassi, were found positive by RT-PCR test at a Jalandhar lab.

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The RDDL is the only lab north of Delhi where tests related to livestock and poultry diseases are conducted. It caters to six states and two UTs—Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi, Jammu and Kashmir, Chandigarh and Ladakh. Dr Mohinder Pal Singh, RDDL Joint Director, said, "The Dera Bassi samples have been found 'suspected' CONTINUED ON PAGE 15



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# March to Raj Bhawan foiled, Cong protests at party office

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CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 15 Led by Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee president Sunil Jakhar and joined by several ministers and legislators, a large number of Congress workers today set out on a protest march from the Congress Bhawan here to Punjab Raj Bhawan, demanding the repeal of farm laws. However, they were immediately stopped by the cops from marching towards Raj Bhawan, forcing the party leaders to stage a dharna near the Congress Bhawan.

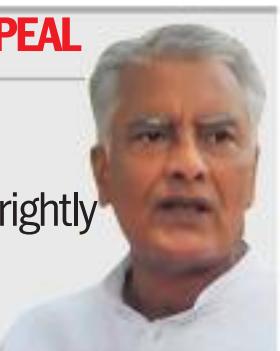
Addressing the protesters, Jakhar said the central government was behaving in an arrogant manner and did not have any respect for democratic practices and public opinion. "It is the arrogance of the central government that is preventing it from repealing the laws which have been outrightly rejected by the farming community across the country," Jakhar said, while warning against the prolonged stalemate on the issue.



Congress leaders stopped by the police at a barricade during a march in Chandigarh. PHOTO: VICKY

**CENTRE'S ARROGANCE IN WAY OF REPEAL**

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He said it was after a long struggle by the Congress that constitutional institutions had been set up and strengthened, and now the BJP was trying to undermine all such institutions as it had hardly any value

or respect for them. "Arrogance of the central government was not only challenging but undermining the democratic and constitutional institutions of the country," he said.

Paying glowing tributes to

the farmers who laid down their lives during the ongoing protests, party leaders said they were the martyrs of the movement and held the Modi government responsible for their martyrdom.

"The way the central government was responsible for pushing our soldiers into the death trap in Galwan heights by the lack of will and planning, in a similar way the government is accountable for pushing our farmers to death," he said.

## Muktsar admin gives ₹5L relief to farmer's kin

MUKTSAR, JANUARY 15

The district administration today handed over a cheque for Rs 5 lakh to the family of Avtar Singh, 79, of Lohara village here, who had died of cardiac arrest at the Tikri border on January 12.

After getting the cheque, the family performed the last rites of the deceased. Notably, Gurbhej Singh, grandson of the deceased, had sought financial assistance of Rs 10 lakh from the



Farmers heckle BJP leaders in Bhawanigarh town of Sangrur on Friday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

## BJP leaders gheraoed for 3 hrs

SANGRUR, JANUARY 15

Farmers today allegedly gheraoed senior BJP leaders for around three hours at Aggarwal Bhawan in Bhawanigarh town of the district. While BJP leaders

said they had gone to meet an ailing party member, the farmers alleged they were there for a meeting in support of the farm laws.

"BJP leaders have been trying to create law and order problems in Punjab by organising meetings despite being fully aware farmers would not allow them to hold such events. We gheraoed them for three

The farmers halted their meeting and rushed to the BJP venue in Bhawanigarh.

As the police reached the spot, the BJP leaders tried to leave, but the farmers gheraoed them, forcing them to return to the building.

"Farmers are sitting on the Delhi border and if BJP leaders want to meet them, they can talk to them there. However, they are coming to Punjab to create trouble. We let them go after they apologised," claimed Harjinder Singh, a BKU leader. Deol, however, denied having apologised to farmers. — TNS

## Centre arm-twisting stir backers: Sidhu

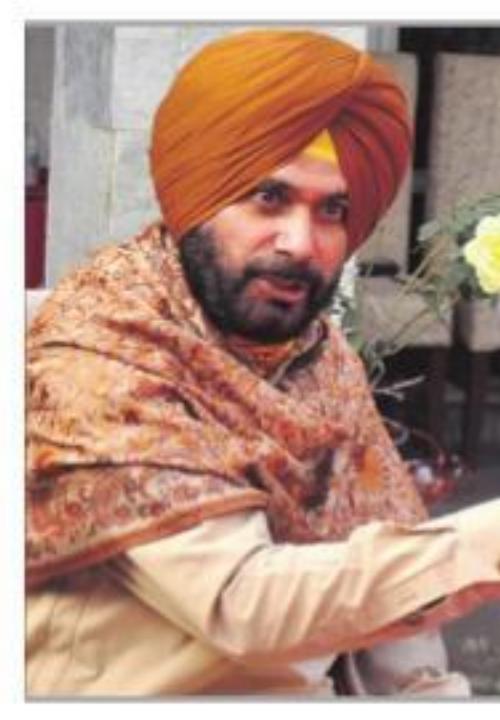
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PATIALA, JANUARY 15

Accusing the Narendra Modi government of misusing central agencies to target those who supported the farmers' protest, former minister Navjot Singh Sidhu said he "would continue to raise voice for the farmers". He alleged that the Modi government was out to "finish the federal structure of governance" to promote a few corporate houses.

"What the protesters are doing is 100 per cent justified. The new farm Acts will not only kill farmers, it will also finish arthiyas and result in an end to the public distribution system, which provides free foodgrains to 67 per cent of the poor," Sidhu said, adding that it was wrong to term the agitating farmers anti-national or Khalistanis, when all they were demanding was the rollback of the laws.

Claiming that the Centre

**STAND BY FARMERS TILL LAST BREATH**

**This movement led by farmers is historic. Punjab farmers are leading it despite many forces working against them. I promise all farmers that I will stand by them till my last breath.**

Navjot Singh Sidhu, CONGRESS LEADER

was responsible for rising debts of Food Corporation of India (FCI), Sidhu attributed the FCI's attrition to the government's policy of poor allocation. "FCI's debt stood at Rs 91,000 crore from the time it was set up to 2014, when Modi took over. Now the debt is Rs 4 lakh crore," he said.

He also accused the central government of providing undue help to corporate houses. "Silos are owned by a

certain business group in many states. Their total storage capacity is 8.5 lakh metric tonnes. The government gave a 30-year contract to a particular company with a clause that even if a silo has only 5 per cent stock, the government would pay full rent.

In addition, maximum support price (is given) to silos, which is an out of turn arrangement and an increase in rent with market rate. Why

is there no such arrangement for farmers?" he questioned.

Later, a Centre-appointed committee recommended that silos be converted into procurement centres. "This will kill arthiya system. Procurement will only be done by this certain business group. The government wants to give 25 lakh metric tonne storage that too on FCI land across the country to a corporate house," Sidhu said. He also accused the central government of trying to reduce the number of people entitled to foodgrain from the public distribution system. "When the entire country's stock will be controlled by one corporate, the poor will have to buy grains at prices fixed by them," claimed Sidhu.

On his role in the state government, Sidhu said this was not the right time to talk about his own political future but "think about ways and means to strengthen the agitation led by farmers".

## Capt remark on Mann proves collusion: AAP

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CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 15

Reacting to Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh's remarks about Bhupinder Singh Mann's withdrawal from the four-member committee set up by the Supreme Court on farmers' protest, the Aam Aadmi Party today said the CM had himself given evidence of collusion with the Narendra Modi government.

In a statement, AAP MP Bhagwant Mann said Capt Amarinder's statement that he had called up Bhupinder asking him to leave the committee proved he was in collusion with PM Modi. He alleged Bhupinder was included in the committee under an agreement with the CM.

Mann claimed when farmers refused to appear before the committee, the CM changed his stance and took

his man out in view of public outrage. "Bhupinder should now clarify whether he decided to come out of the committee after listening to his heart or at CM's insistence," he added.

He said the Congress government initially supported the "black laws" by forming a committee and misleading people of the state by not telling them about the dangers of the laws. When people started protesting, he passed a resolution in the Assembly to mislead them again.

Mann said Capt Amarinder had assured people of fighting a legal battle against the laws, but despite a battery of lawyers with the Advocate General, no legal action had been initiated so far.

## Back from Delhi, farm workers plan outreach

BATHINDA, JANUARY 15

Farm workers, who have returned from the Delhi Morcha, announced the launch of a vigorous awareness campaign to widen their struggle against the agriculture laws.

Punjab Kher Mazdoor Union's president Zora Singh Nasrali said joining the Delhi Morcha had made the farm workers realise that the new laws would deprive them of their livelihood and make their lives even more miserable.

He said by looking at the plight of the peasants who were stuck in the frontlines

Say inspired by protesters at borders

and enduring harsh conditions, their affinity towards the peasantry and hatred towards the belligerent Modi government had intensified.

Union general secretary Lachman Singh Sevewala said the commitment shown by the farmers' organisations towards the workers during their participation in Delhi stir had left a positive impact on farm workers.



Doaba farmers hold a tractor rally on the National Highway-1, demanding the repeal of the farm laws, in Jalandhar. PHOTO: MALKIAT SINGH

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**10,000 PROTESTERS, 6,000 VEHICLES HIT THE ROAD**

JALANDHAR, JANUARY 15

Almost every resident in Phagwara and Jalandhar showed solidarity with the farmers by raising hands and shouting 'Kisan Ekta zindabad' when they saw a huge procession of farmers

sitting on tractors moving slowly, spreading the word about the movement and against three farm laws.

In what was described by residents as "something never seen before," the march organised by Bhartiya Kisan Union (Doaba) started in the morning from Phagwara Grain Market and culminated in the Rama Mandi area, Jalandhar. Farmers, maxi-

mum of them youngsters, raised slogans against PM Narendra Modi and the farm laws on the way.

"The support for us was palpable and residents expressed it through various gestures. Some saluted us, others gave us thumbs up and raised their hands as we marched past. It was a great feeling," said a farmer.

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Satnam Sahni, BKU (DOABA) SPOKESPERSON

motivate people to join them in the movement. "I have seen a tremendous response of the people here," he said.

Kirpal Singh Moosapuri, from BKU (Doaba) said the movement here garnered huge response from the youth. "Now we know that we are not alone in this fight," he said. For January 26 tractor rally, farmers from Doaba have decided to leave on January 23. In Nawanshahr too, the Kirti Kisan Union carried out a march that started from Khatkar Kalan in Nawanshahr. Farmers on around 200 tractors took part in the march. Union member Tarsem Singh Bains said it was a rehearsal for January 26.

## UT couple camps at Singhu with infant

ARCHIT WATTS

TRENTUE NEWS SERVICE

MUKTSAR, JANUARY 15

Gurpreet Singh (28) and Gurpreet Kaur (22), residents of Sector 47, Chandigarh, are camping with their eight-month-old son Ashmeet Singh at the Singhu border for over a month now.

The had reached Singhu border on December 13 by boarding a tractor-trailer from Rajpura town in Patiala district. Speaking over the phone, cab driver and theatre artist Gurpreet Singh said, "Saade kol zameen nahi, par zameen hai (We don't own land, but we have conscience). We are followers of Guru Gobind Singh. We have come here to create history. Initially, my

Firm on staying put till laws are repealed



Gurpreet Singh and Gurpreet Kaur with their eight-month-old son at Singhu. TRIBUNE PHOTO

wife and some relatives had some fear in their minds, but now, they are proud of my decision. We have celebrated my son's first Lohri here and my birthday as well. Initially, we stayed in a trailer; but later got a waterproof tent. We clean other tents here as well."

He added, "My mother is 76 years old and a widow. She is staying alone in Chandigarh. Though some neighbours daily tell her to call us back home due to the prevailing cold weather, she says we should come back only after the black laws are repealed."

About his earnings, Gurpreet said, "I used to drive a cab and earn Rs 20,000 a month. I am not working presently, but I think that if

the farmers won't be able to survive, how will we survive? This is the protest for everyone's survival."

His wife Gurpreet Kaur said, "We are here to show Prime Minister Narendra Modi that we are Punjabis and know very well how to fight for our rights and win."

Meanwhile, some people are giving them 'shagun' to keep their spirits up. "The protest has created history as from 95-year-olds to eight-month-old kids are present here for the past two months.

I go to meet Ashmeet daily to know about his well-being, which infuses a positive energy in me," said Rayneet Brar, spokesperson, Bhartiya Kisan Union (Kadian).

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"The motive was to let the Centre know that this movement is not only limited to Singhu and Tikri borders, but extends to Punjab as well," he said. Sahni, who has been at the Singhu border for more than a month, said he had come here last night to



Officials of Jalandhar Civil Hospital hand over the vaccine to staff of community health centres. SARABJIT SINGH

## Vaccination at 59 sites, 5,900 to get jab today

Capt writes to Modi, says give free doses to state's poor

Tribune News Service

### COVISHIELD COUNT

District	Doses supplied
Amritsar	20,880
Barnala	4,160
Bathinda	12,430
Faridkot	5,030
Fatehgarh Sahib	4,400
Fazilka	4,670
Ferozepur	6,200
Gurdaspur	9,790
Hoshiarpur	9,570
Jalandhar	16,490
Kapurthala	4,600
Ludhiana	36,510
Mansa	3,160
Moga	2,600
Pathankot	5,860



shot, Bhasker said there was no scheduled programme of either the CM or the Health Minister getting the vaccine on the first day. "The CM will only kick off the vaccination

### LET MINISTERS HAVE IT FIRST: ASHA WORKERS

- The Asha Workers' Union on Friday said they did not want to get vaccinated in the first phase
- Union state president Kirandeep Kaur Panjola said they had decided that nearly 26,000 Asha workers and facilitators from across the state would not get any vaccine in the first phase
- She said as per the decision of the government, the first persons to be vaccinated were the CM, ministers, district-level civil surgeons and other higher officials
- "Asha workers fall under the lowest category and the experiment of the vaccination should not be conducted on them," she said
- She warned that pressure tactics should not be used to persuade Asha workers and facilitators for vaccination

campaign from an online platform from Mohali," he said.

The Bathinda health department has received 12,430 doses and the drive will start at three locations.

## Pak intruder shot by BSF along border

AMRITSAR, JANUARY 15

The Border Security Force have gunned down a Pakistani intruder near the International Border here.

According to information, the suspect entered 100 metres into the Indian territory in the area under BSF's 73 Battalion in Gurdaspur sector last evening.

Sensing threat, the troops challenged the intruder but he didn't pay heed, prompting the personnel to open fire in self-defence, killing him on the spot. On search, nothing incriminating was recovered from the spot. This is the second such incident in the past one month. On December 17, two intruders were eliminated by the force along the Amritsar border. A cache of arms and ammunition was recovered from their possession.

The same day, two attempts of heroin smuggling from across the border were foiled near the scene. — TNS

## Levy on open access power consumers up

LUDHIANA, JANUARY 15

The open access (OA) consumers, who purchase power from other sources, would have to pay additional surcharge at the rate of Rs 1.23 per kWh for the period October 1, 2020, to March 31, 2021.

Till now, these consumers were being charged at the previous rate of Rs 1.145 per kWh as the revised surcharge was not finalised by the Punjab State Energy Regulatory Commission (PSERC).

In its commercial circular, the PSPCL chief engineer said the PSERC decided the revised rate of additional surcharge for 3rd and 4th quarters of the current financial year on December 9, 2020, and the order would have an overriding effect on the commission's orders issued on September 30, 2020.

Accordingly, the full and partial OA consumers who were availing open access over and above their contract

To pay ₹1.23/kWh from Oct 1, 2020, to March 31, 2021

demand maintained with the distribution licensee (PSPCL) would have to pay additional surcharge of Rs 1.23 per kWh, whereas the partial OA consumers would pay additional surcharge of Rs 0.86 per kWh to avail OA up to their contract demand.

The circular states that this additional surcharge shall be levied on the consumers situated within the area of supply of PSPCL on the actual open access power brought by them from sources other than PSPCL, subject to the condition that the contract capacity of PSPCL continues to remain stranded during this period.

The PSPCL said review of security (consumption) of all categories for current fiscal has been deferred. — OC

## Sikh anchor in Pak claims threat from brother's killers

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Tribune News Service

AMRITSAR, JANUARY 15

Pakistan's first turbaned Sikh television anchor Harmeet Singh has complained about receiving threat calls from the Peshawar jail, where the murderers of his brother Parvendar Singh are lodged.

Parvendar (25) was shot dead by contract killers hired by his fiancée Prem Kumari on January 4 last year. His body was found in a drain on the outskirts of Peshawar.

Talking to The Tribune over phone, Harmeet said Prem Kumari and her accomplices



Harmeet Singh has urged PM Imran Khan to intervene.

had recently procured bail from the high court.

Harmeet claimed that since he belonged to a minority community, he feared he might not be able to pursue his brother's case as the

authorities appeared to be going soft on the accused from the majority community.

"Today, I received a call from the Peshawar jail. The man on the other side introduced himself as Mohammad Ibrahim, who had shot my brother. He threatened me with dire consequences if I did not compromise in the case. I was aghast that he used the jail's phone to threaten me fearlessly."

"I have appealed to Pakistan PM Imran Khan and the Chief Justice to take cognisance of the incident as my whole family is under threat," he said.

# PUNJAB

## 22 crows found dead near Abohar

ABO哈尔, JANUARY 15

Around two dozen crow carcasses were found at Dhinganwali village, 15 km from here, today. Some villagers spotted the dead birds and informed the authorities. Teams from the departments of Forests and Wildlife Preservation and Animal Husbandry swung into action and initiated probe.

The equipment include four ice-lined refrigerators and four deep freezers designed to store the vaccine. Under the project, another deep freezer would be delivered by the NFL shortly. — TNS



Crow carcasses at Dhinganwali village in Abohar. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Pratik Godara also inspected the site. The carcasses were scientifically buried in a pit.

Anita said samples would be collected on Saturday as stool samples and pound water needed to be examined.

In a separate incident, two pigeons were found dead near the Abohar-Hammanagar road. The dead birds were buried and the matter was being investigated.

Dr Amit Nain of the Animal Husbandry Department said different teams had been formed for collection of samples. Around five large poultry farms in the area had been issued guidelines.

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**CAPT. AMARINDER SINGH**  
Chief Minister, Punjab

I am happy to share that my government is taking the **Ghar-Ghar Rozgar Te Karobar Mission** to the next level with the launch of this programme aimed at providing livelihood to nearly 30,000 persons across the state. Today's distribution of allotment letters for 370 Ration Depots in 64 Municipal Committees marks the first step. I am confident the new allottees will ensure that ration meant for the poor reaches them without illegal diversion to further strengthen our Public Distribution System (PDS) network.

Issued by: Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Punjab

## 10 BJP leaders from Mansa join Akali Dal

Tribune News Service

BATHINDA, JANUARY 15

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) today suffered a jolt in the Mansa region with 10 senior office-bearers leaving the party and joining the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD).

The 10 senior leaders of the BJP were accompanied by a large number of their supporters. Prominent among those who joined the SAD today included Balwinder Singh (former state vice-president, Kisan Morcha, BJP), Sukhdev Singh

Farmahi (former district Mansa president, BJP), Balkar Singh Sahota, Jagtar Singh Tari (former district presidents, SC Morcha, BJP), Surjit Kaur (former woman morcha president of Mansa district), Rajinder Kumar Raji, Baljit Singh Chahal, Bahadur Khan, Ravinder Kumar Sharma and Baghel Singh (BC morcha members).

While joining the SAD, they said in unison that the decision was taken in protest against the three farm laws passed by the Central Government.

### नियुक्तियां

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1.	अनुदेशक, कैफ्टर प्रशिक्षण केन्द्र अंचल, पंचकूला।	01	40 वर्ष से अधिक न हो	PGDC Or BSC IT	स्नायु प्रतिमान 9000/-
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### GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

#### TENDER NOTICE REFERENCE NO. 11

The Department of Public Works (Building & Roads) invites online bids for following:-

Sr. No.	Item	Quantity
1.	Upgradation/Repair of Gurdaspur Dera Baba Nanak Road to Agwan, Bariala, Dhadion, Rudiana, Boharwadala, Shalla Chack, Jeojuly Kalanaur Road Block Kalanaur Distt. Gurdaspur under Head NABARD-25 for the year 2019-20. Est. Cost: Rs. 694.55 Lacs Earnest Money: Rs. 13.89 Lacs Time Limit: 9 Months Tender Fees: Rs. 30,000/- Each	1

Closing Date and Time: 05.02.2021 on 05.00 p.m.

For details logon to: <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

Note:- Any corrigendum(s) to the Tender Notice shall be published on the above website only.

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Advt. No. NAM/KNL/2021/76

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### Re-Advertisement

#### District AYUSH Society, Karnal

District AYUSH Society, Karnal invites applications from the eligible candidates for filling up of the following post in the District Karnal, Haryana under National AYUSH Mission purely on contract basis initially up to 31.03.2021 with details as mentioned below:-

Sr. No.	Name of Post	No. of Post	Date and Time of Written Test
1.	District Programme Manager	1	27.01.2021, 10:00 a.m.

- The interested candidates are advised to visit website [www.karnal.gov.in](http://www.karnal.gov.in) for details of post and download the application form and also may be collected from office of District Ayurvedic Officer, Karnal.
- Last date for submitting of duly filled application form is 25.01.2021 up to 05:00 p.m. in the office of District Ayurvedic Officer, Karnal by hand or by Registered Post only.
- The Written Test will be held at office of District Ayurvedic Officer, Karnal.
- Interview for the above post will likely be held on 27.01.2021 onwards. Applicants will be intimated on Mobile No./E-mail Id provided by the applicant. There for applicants are advised to produce valid E-mail Id and valid Mobile No. Interview schedule will be uploaded on above mentioned website also. Please check [www.karnal.gov.in](http://www.karnal.gov.in) regularly.
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- For any query you can contact Mob. No. 8950547924

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF MOVABLE/IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES ON 15.02.2021, 11:00 HRS. TO 13:00 HRS.

#### LAST DATE & TIME OF SUBMISSION OF EMD & DOCUMENTS (ON LINE) 12.02.2021, 16:00 Hrs.

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Movable/Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 6(2) & 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower(s) and guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditor, Constructive / Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of STATE BANK OF INDIA, the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" on 15.02.2021 for recovery of due (mentioned below) to the STATE BANK OF INDIA, A.D.B. NARAINGARH, DIST. AMBALA (HARYANA) from the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) (Mentioned below). The reserve price and the Earnest Money Deposit is mentioned against each property. For details terms & conditions of the sale please refer to the link provided in <https://www.mstccommerce.com/auctionhome/lbapi/index.jsp>.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Details of Property/ies	Amount outstanding Possession Notice	Date & Time of Inspection of Property
1.	Sh. Satish Kumar & Sh. Gurdayal Singh and Smt. Kanta Rani W/o Sh. Satish Kumar, both R/o Village Raipur Viran, Ward No. 6, Naraingarh, Distt. Ambala.	All that part and parcel of Land and Building on a Plot admeasuring 0K-04 Maria being 4/228 share of total land measuring 11K-8 Maria comprised in Khetaw No. 463 Khatiani No. 488 Khasra No. 19/14(3-13), 15/1-15 Kitte 02 situated in Mouja Raipur Viran H.B. 20, Tehsil Naraingarh.	Rs. 6,28,222/- as on 18.02.2019 inclusive of interest upto 17.02.2019 with future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges, etc. accrued thereafter. ( <b>UNDER PHYSICAL POSSESSION</b> ).	08.02.2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 01:00 p.m.

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Date: 13.01.2021

Place: A.D.B. Naraingarh (Distt. Ambala)

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## Chargesheet filed against Saini, Umranangal in police firing case

Claims they were part of conspiracy to shoot protesters at Behbal Kalan

Tribune News Service

Faridkot, January 15

A Punjab Police special investigation team (SIT) probing the 2015 police firing incidents today filed a chargesheet against former DGP Sumedh Singh Saini and IGP Paramraj Singh Umranangal in connection with the Behbal Kalan firing incident in which two protesters were killed on October 14, 2015.

While many other accused, including former SSP Charanjit Singh Sharma and two SP-rank police officers, have already been chargesheeted by the SIT, the supplementary chargesheet against the former DGP and IGP has been filed in the court of the JMJC, Faridkot, today. The court has summoned both accused police officers on February 9. The SIT had nominated Saini and Umranangal as accused in the case of murder and attempt to murder of Behbal Kalan in September 2020. In the chargesheet, the SIT claimed both police officers had been found guilty in the case on the basis of documentary evidence and the statements of witnesses. A week after the killing of two Sikh protesters in police firing at Behbal Kalan on October 14, 2015, an FIR was registered on October 21, 2015, at the Bajakhana police station



Paramraj Singh Umranangal



Sumedh Singh Saini

relied upon 22 phone calls, allegedly made between the then DGP Sumedh Singh Saini and IGP Paramraj Singh Umranangal, to buttress its claim that the former DGP was a part of the conspiracy of "unprovoked" firing on protesters.

The firing on the protesters at both places was a part of an already hatched conspiracy. The accused police officers did not procure necessary permission from the duty magistrate or SDM before resorting to unprovoked firing on the protesters, the chargesheet alleged.

The SIT claimed that its investigation had found that Umranangal was in constant touch with Saini and after getting directions from him, he told then SSP Charanjit Singh Sharma and others to use force on the protesters.

## Release degrees of SC pupils or lose affiliation, colleges told

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 15

Taking a serious note of the withholding of degrees of SC students by private colleges/institutions owing to non-payment of fees after the closure of the Post-Matric Scheme for SC students by the Centre, the Punjab Government today directed all institutions to release degrees to such students within three days. In case any institution or colleges withholds the degree of any student or takes an affidavit from the students, the affiliation of the institution concerned will be cancelled.

The decision was taken here today during the first meeting of the high-powered committee of the group of ministers, constituted during yesterday's Cabinet meeting. Finance Minister Manpreet Singh Badal, who heads the committee, has been empowered to decide on the pending issues regarding the years 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 arising out of the closure of the scheme.

After the meeting, the Finance Minister said the

### CHANNI SLAMS CENTRE

Technical Education Minister Charanjit Singh Channi said the BJP-led Union Government, in an anti-Dalit decision, stopped the scholarship scheme in 2017 which caused panic among SC students

group had extended an invitation to all the colleges and institutions for comprehensive discussions in an open-minded manner on the pending issues and explore ways for their redressal on January 19, 2021.

He said the colleges and institutions had been given three days to release degrees to the students. "The meeting will also brainstorm the ways and means to settle the pending liabilities of three years. Release of degrees within the stipulated three days will be a pre-requisite for the institutions to attend the meeting," the Finance Minister said. —TNS

## 36 technicians get job letters

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 15

Health and Family Welfare Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu today handed over appointment letters to 36 medical laboratory technicians. He said under the Ghar Ghar Rozgar Yojana, an

employment scheme of Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh, appointment letters were given to 36 candidates for 98 posts of medical lab technician published. The remaining selected candidates will be given appointment letters soon.

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Secretary,

Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh.

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Sr. No.	Name of Post	No. of Post	Date and Time of Written Test
1.	Providing and Fixing Concertina Coil fencing with repair of boundary wall and miscellaneous work at IHM Gurdaspur (Deposit Work)	1	27.01.2021, 10:00 a.m.

**Closing Date and Time:** 25.01.2021 on 05.

## Over 7,000 health staff to get jab today

**CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 15**  
Over 7,000 healthcare workers will get their first jab of Covid-19 vaccine tomorrow on the first day, as the nationwide vaccination begins on Saturday.

Haryana has set up 77 session sites across the state where the government plans to provide vaccine to 100 healthcare workers each on the first day of the drive tomorrow.

Prabhjot Singh, Mission Director of the National Health Mission, Haryana, said when Prime Minister Narendra Modi would launch the vaccination drive via video-conferencing at 10.30 am tomorrow, 75 of these sites will have one way communication while two — the Civil Dispensary, Sector 4, Panchkula, and Government Primary School, Wazirabad (Gurugram) — would be seen on the screen as they would have two-way communication. However, interaction with the Prime Minister is not in the programme schedule, he said.

After the PM's launching event, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar will interact with doctors at the Medanta Medicity, Gurugram, which is one of the 77 session sites in the state.

The formal vaccination process will begin soon after Khattar's interaction with the doctors. As many as 18 senior doctors, including the Director-General of Health Services, Haryana, Dr Suraj Bhan Kamboj, have volunteered to be vaccinated first of all, said Prabhjot Singh.

Of the 77 session sites, 71 will have Covishield vaccine manufactured by the Serum Institute of India while the other six in as many districts will have Covaxin vaccine manufactured by Bharat Biotech, he further said. —TNS



Haryana Congress chief Kumari Selja, national spokesperson Randeep Surjewala and former Deputy Chief Minister Chander Mohan being detained in Chandigarh on Friday. RAVI KUMAR

## Police halt Cong leaders' march to Raj Bhawan

Protesters taken into preventive custody twice

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

### GOVT DICTATORIAL

**CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 15** Congress leaders marching towards Raj Bhawan were taken into preventive custody twice today. Leader of Opposition Bhupinder Singh Hooda, state Congress president Kumari Selja, Congress general secretary Randeep Surjewala and state affairs in-charge Vivek Bansal were part of the march.

As soon as leaders came out of the party office in Sector 9 for the 'Kisan Adhikar Diwas' march, the Chandigarh Police put up barricades with barbed wires a few hundred metres away. Slogans were raised against the three farm laws. There were attempts to break through the barricades. As the Congress leaders refused to relent, they were taken into preventive detention and taken to the Sector 3 police station by bus.

After they were released, they again started marching towards Raj Bhawan. The

police were taken by surprise. The Congress leaders had approached the roundabout near Raj Bhawan when the police intercepted them. They were taken into preventive detention again.

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**CORRIGENDUM NOTICE**

Subject: Tender No. 0P2/28/2020-21 - Hiring of Mahindra/TATA Pickup Half body vehicle with driver for attending complaints, mtc, work daily under Electy OP Sub division No. 5, UT Chandigarh. (Initially for 10 months to be extended further 10 Months after 10 months on mutually agreed terms and conditions)

The subject cited tender due to be opened on dated i.e. 15.01.2021 at 16.00 Hrs. is hereby extended upto 22.01.2021 at 14.00 Hrs. for uploading and opening date i.e. 22.01.2021 at 16.00 Hrs. due to administrative reason.

All the other terms and conditions shall remain the same.

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Electricity (OP) Division No. 2,  
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**MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS****NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, the 14th January, 2021

**S.O. 157(E)**.—In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.), maintenance, management and operation of National Highway No. (Yet to be Assigned) in the stretch of land Ludhiana to Rupnagar from Km 66.700 to Km 91.000 (DC Office Roopnagar) in the District of Rupnagar in the state of Punjab, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section(1) of section 3C of the said Act.

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, District Revenue Officer Roopnagar in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.

**SCHEDULE**

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling National Highway No. (Yet to be Assigned) in the stretch of land Ludhiana to Rupnagar from Km 66.700 to Km 91.000 in the District of Rupnagar in the state of Punjab.

State: PUNJAB		District: RUPNAGAR		
Sl. No.	Survey / Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Hectare)
Taluk: Rup Nagar				
Village: Lakhimpur (186)				
1	102/1	Private	Gairmumkin Sadak	0.0253000
2	102/2	Private	Non Agriculture/ Gairmumkin	0.0717000
3	103	Private	Gairmumkin	0.0211000
4	112	Government	Gairmumkin Sadak	2.1918000
5	115	Private	Agriculture	0.0379000
6	116	Private	Agriculture	0.1222000
7	117	Private	Agriculture	0.1475000
8	117	Private	Gairmumkin	0.0000000
9	118	Private	Agriculture	0.0717000
10	119	Private	Agriculture	0.1770000
11	120	Private	Agriculture	0.2613000
12	132	Private	Agriculture	0.1644000
13	133	Private	Agriculture	0.0253000
14	134	Private	Agriculture/ Gairmumkin Tubewell	0.1138000
15	135	Private	Agriculture	0.0759000
16	135/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0506000
17	136	Private	Agriculture	0.0337000
18	137 min	Private	Agriculture	0.0548000
19	137 min	Private	Agriculture	0.0590000
20	139	Private	Agriculture	0.0801000
21	140	Private	Agriculture	0.1602000
22	141	Private	Agriculture	0.0632000
23	143	Government	Gairmumkin Rasta	0.2655000
24	144	Government	Gairmumkin Sadak	0.0969000
25	146	Government	Gairmumkin Sadak	0.0885000
26	148	Government	Gairmumkin Mine	2.5796000
27	42 min	Private	Gairmumkin Pilot	0.0169000
28	42 min	Private	Non Agriculture	0.0126000
29	42/1	Private	Gairmumkin Sadak	0.0042000
30	42/2	Private	Gairmumkin Pilot	0.1012000
31	45	Private	Agriculture/ Gairmumkin makaan	0.1560000
32	46	Private	Agriculture/ Gairmumkin makaan	0.1096000
33	48/1	Private	Gairmumkin Sadak	0.0506000
34	48/2	Private	Agriculture	0.2192000
35	49	Private	Agriculture	0.1096000
36	699/43/1	Private	Gairmumkin Sadak	0.0211000
37	699/43/2	Private	Agriculture	0.0885000
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45	707/11/2	Private	Agriculture	0.0253000
46	708/114	Private	Gairmumkin Sadak	0.0422000
47	715/138	Private	Gairmumkin Sadak	0.0084000
48	716/138 min	Private	Agriculture	0.5058000
49	717/142/1/1	Private	Gairmumkin Sadak	0.0084000
50	717/142/1/2	Private	Agriculture	0.0084000
51	719/145/1	Private	Gairmumkin Rasta	0.0379000
52	720/145/2	Private	Agriculture	0.0843000
53	721/147	Private	Gairmumkin	0.0042000
54	722/147	Private	Gairmumkin Sadak	0.0801000
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**06 HIMACHAL PRADESH****Campaign for first phase of panchayat poll ends in Kangra**

Tribune News Service

DHARAMSALA, JANUARY 15

Campaign for panchayat, zila parishad and block samiti elections in Kangra district ended today in 276 panchayats elections for which would be held on January 17.

There are 814 panchayats in Kangra district. In the second phase elections would be held on January 19 in 274 panchayats while the third phase poll would be held on January 21 in 264 panchayats.

Much enthusiasm is being seen in the elections as people are vying for the posts of village pradhans that receive maximum grants under rural development schemes. The zila parishads and block samitis have practically no say in development schemes and their role was now more ornamental as funds flow directly to panchayats as per the directions of the Union government.

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A candidate for the post of panchayat pradhan campaigns in Kangra district on Friday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: KAMALJEET

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Balbir Dhiman from Nagrota Surian area alleged that the sitting pradhans have an edge over others as they have the capacity to spend money for elections. Aggressive door-to-door campaign was being carried out by the candidates who are relying on personal contacts and kinships to garner votes. Many were irked on not finding their names in the voters' list. Former Congress minister Sudhir Shar-

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Though the political parties are not contesting the elections on election symbol in panchayat polls most of them are busy in their own constituencies to ensure victory of their supporters. Most of the political leaders of Congress and the BJP have declared their support for candidates in Zila Parishad and Block Samiti polls. In panchayat polls the political leaders are not interfering directly.

**Govt schools, colleges to reopen in February**

Tribune News Service

SHIMLA, JANUARY 15

With a steady decline in Covid cases, the Himachal Cabinet today decided to open summer closing schools for students from February 1 while classes in winter closing schools would begin from February 15.

The decision to open schools was taken by the Cabinet at its meeting chaired by Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur here today.

All the government colleges would be opened for regular classes from February 8 after winter vacations by following the SOPs.

The teachers of summer closing government schools

would attend schools from January 27 while regular classes of classes V and class VIII to XII of the summer closing schools would be from February 1 by strictly following laid down SOPs.

The school management of these schools would ensure strict use of face masks, social distancing and use of sanitizers in the school premises. Similarly, ITIs, polytechnics and engineering colleges would open from February 1. The Cabinet also decided

**College classes from Feb 8**

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that students of classes V and classes VIII to XII of winter closing schools would be allowed after winter vacations from February 15. However, online system for education under Har Ghar Pathshala would continue. Similar system can be adopted by the private schools in the state.

Keeping in view the Covid-19 pandemic, the state government has constructed four makeshift hospitals at Indira Gandhi Medical (IGMC), Shimla, Community Health Centre, Nalagarh, Tanda and Medical College and Ner Chowk, Mandi. Due to the reduction in Covid-19 active cases, the Cabinet has decided to ensure their optimum use.

As such, the IGMC, Shimla, would be used as medicine times, but in vain. The state government should assess my precarious financial situation and extend benefits which I deserve," he said.

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Veena Pathania, pradhan of Bassa Waziran panchayat, said the number of families eligible for BPL or IRDP was more in her panchayat, but only 10 families had been included in the list as per government directions.

Sumit said his name was not included in the BPL or IRDP list by the successive gram panchayats despite several appeals. "I have pleaded for a pucca house under the PM or CM Awas Yojana so many

times, but in vain.

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# 400 ultras ready to infiltrate into JK: Gen Naravane

## ARMY DAY

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 15

Around 300-400 terrorists trained in camps across the Line of Control (LoC) are ready to sneak into Jammu and Kashmir, Army Chief Gen MM Naravane said on Friday.

In his speech during the Army Day parade, he also said there has been 44 per cent increase in ceasefire violations that reflects Pakistan's sinister design. Pakistan often

provides cover fire to help terrorists sneak into J&K.

Gen Naravane said India's active operations and strong counter-infiltration grid not only inflicted heavy losses on the enemy, but also contained infiltration attempts.

He said the Army killed over 200 terrorists in counter-terror operations and on the LoC last year, adding that these measures have provided people of J&K relief from terrorism.

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General MM Naravane, ARMY CHIEF



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"There was an increase of 44 per cent in the ceasefire violations last year which is proof of Pakistan's sinister plans. There were also attempts to smuggle weapons using drones," he added.

It is working with top education institutions like IITs on emerging technologies like artificial intelligence, block chain, quantum computing, unmanned systems, directed energy weapons and swarm drones," he said. — PTI

# 5 deaths, 144 new cases

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 15

J&K on Friday recorded 144 new Covid cases, while five deaths took place in the last 24 hours, taking the infection tally to 1,23,108 and the toll to 1,920, officials said.

Out of the fresh cases, 64 were from the Jammu division and 80 from the Valley, they said.

The officials said Jammu district recorded the highest 46 cases, followed by 40 in Srinagar district.

While four districts — Doda, Rajouri, Reasi and

Kishtwar — did not report any fresh case, 13 other districts had fresh cases in single digits, the officials said, adding that Ganderbal was the other district which recorded 10 fresh cases.

The number of active cases dropped to 1,428 in the UT, while 1,19,760 patients had recovered so far, the officials said.

Meanwhile, the UT reported five deaths due to Covid — three from the Jammu division and two from the Valley — in the last 24 hours. — PTI

# Revised SOP helped save lives of 17 misguided youths

AWANTIPORA, JANUARY 15

The Army has changed its standard operating procedure (SOP) for anti-terror operations in Jammu and Kashmir to now focus on ensuring surrenders during live encounters notwithstanding the threat to the lives of its personnel — a policy that has helped save the lives of 17 youths in the last six months.

On the occasion of Army Day on Friday, four Rashtriya Rifles (RR) units working under the Victor Force, which combats terrorist activities in south Kashmir and parts of central Kashmir, were awarded the coveted Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Unit Citation.

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■ The units — 50 RR, 44 RR, 42 RR and 34 RR — have been involved in multiple counter-terrorism operations and have ensured seven surrenders since September last year.



the national capital.

Videos of some of the surrenders show that in spite of grave risks, the Army brought parents of the terrorists to the encounter site and convinced them to drop arms.

In one of the videos, a terrorist, Zahid, has an emotional reunion with his father, who is seen weeping and telling his son that it is a rebirth.

General Officer Commanding of the Victor Force

Maj Gen Rashim Bali, who has been supervising surrenders during live encounters, feels that this has generated tremendous goodwill among the local population.

This has given a reassurance to the local terrorists that the avenue of their return to the national mainstream is open. "For those who want to join the national mainstream, we are committed to accept surrenders, even by putting our lives at great peril," he said.

In some of the videos, surrendered terrorists could be seen praising the Army for providing them an opportunity to shun the path of violence.

The new strategy of the Army came into effect last year when Shoaib Ahmed Bhat of the Al Badr terror group expressed his desire to lay down arms during an ongoing encounter.

He was part of the group which had killed a jawan of the Territorial Army in south Kashmir's Shopian district, but this did not deter the Army personnel in ensuring his surrender and handing him over to the police after questioning. — PTI

# Water bodies freeze in Valley

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 15

Kashmir reeled under intense cold wave conditions on Friday as mercury stayed several degrees below the freezing point, resulting in freezing of several water bodies, including Dal Lake.

Srinagar recorded a low of -7.6°C, which is around five degrees below normal for this time of the year, Met Department officials said. The city had recorded a low of -8.4°C on Thursday, which has been the lowest temperature in Srinagar since 1991.

Srinagar had recorded -8.3°C in 1995. The temperature has fallen to -11.3°C in 1991. The lowest temperature ever recorded in Srinagar was -14.4°C in 1893.

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

Pahalgam tourist resort, which also serves as a base camp for the annual Amarnath yatra in south Kashmir, recorded a low of -8.6°C — up from the previous night's -1.1°C.

The minimum temperature in Gulmarg tourist



Vendors sit around a bonfire to warm themselves at the Narwal wholesale vegetable and fruit market in Jammu on Friday. PTI

resort settled at -5.5°C — up from -7°C the night earlier.

Qazigund — the gateway town to the Valley — recorded a minimum of 8.3°C.

Kupwara in north Kashmir recorded a low of -5.7°C, while Kokernag recorded -8.4°C.

The surface of Dal Lake has frozen due to the bone-chilling cold, prompting the authorities to issue an advisory against walking on the ice. SDRF staff and the riv-

er police are conducting patrols around the frozen water bodies to ensure safety of the people. A dense fog also engulfed many parts of the city this morning.

The plunge in the minimum temperature has resulted in freezing of water supply pipes. A thick layer of ice has frozen over several roads in the city and elsewhere in the Valley, making it difficult for motorists to drive. — PTI



# Our Tryst with COVID VACCINATION Begins



**“**I am happy to announce the statewide roll-out of Covid vaccine, with 1.74 lakh health care workers set to get their first dose of the vaccination today, as part of the first phase. This is a historic moment, which I hope will pave the way for the complete eradication of the Covid pandemic from Punjab and the rest of India. I pray to the Waheguru for the success of the vaccination drive to ensure the safety and protection of every citizen.  
**”**

**CAPT. AMARINDER SINGH**

Chief Minister, Punjab

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ADDENDUM - TENDER SALE NOTICE

This is in furtherance to the Tender Sale Notice published by HDFC Ltd in The Tribune and Amar Ujala dated 20.12.2020 wherein Tenders have been invited from public at large for purchase of property being "House No. 23-P, Sector 7, Panchkula, Haryana (More particularly described in the Tender Sale Notice published on 20.12.2020) on or before 19.01.2021 as per provisions of the SARFAESI Act, 2002. In addition to the disclosures / terms mentioned in the said Tender Sale Notice published in newspapers and also uploaded on website of the Secured Creditor (www.hdfc.com), please note that after publication of the aforementioned Tender Sale Notice, the borrowers have filed a writ petition (CWP No. 456 OF 2021, titled Parveen Rekhi & another vs Reserve Bank of India and Another, before the Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court at Chandigarh). The Hon'ble High Court vide its orders dated 08.01.2021 has inter-alia directed that "In the meantime, no coercive action be initiated against the petitioners till the next date of hearing". Next date in the matter is 24.03.2021. The sale qua the said Tender Sale Notice shall be subject to the final outcome of and/or orders, directions etc. as may be passed by the Hon'ble High Court from time to time in the above proceedings and all prospective tenderers are advised to take strict note of the same. The prospective tenderers and interested parties may independently verify contents of the said litigation including the orders passed etc. and satisfy themselves in all respect prior to making offers. HDFC Ltd. / the Authorised Officer of HDFC Ltd. does not accept any responsibility or liability whatsoever for loss that may be incurred by the successful tenderers at a later date whether on account of non availability of information or otherwise and they shall not have any recourse against HDFC Ltd. on any ground whatsoever including but not limited to the above. Hence, it will be in the interest of the prospective tenderers to apprise themselves of all material facts which may influence their decision before submitting tenders and/or making offers.

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Authorised Officer

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## Vaccination Day

India joins select league of nations today

**A**FTER elaborate dry runs, India joins a select group of countries today as the Prime Minister launches the rollout of the world's largest coronavirus vaccination drive through video-conferencing. Three lakh frontline healthcare workers are expected to be covered at 3,006 sites across all states and UTs on the first day itself. The number of operational vaccination session sites is to be increased in a progressive manner. The full initial procurement of 1.65 crore doses of the Covishield and Covaxin vaccines has been flown across the country for the first phase, with a comprehensive factsheet and guidelines. Vaccines have been allotted to states and UTs based on their healthcare workers' data; the cost will be borne by the Centre. A 24x7 call centre has been set up for all inoculation-related queries.

The enormity of the project to vaccinate crores upon crores of people can weigh any administration down, but the success of the polio eradication programme and the nationwide conduct of elections prove that the country is capable of large-scale inoculation. Vaccine hesitancy and operational hiccups have already been factored in, but the key tasks would be countering misinformation and strengthening channels of communication.

Amid the general atmosphere of optimism in India over commencement of the vaccination, there is growing global concern over the new coronavirus variant detected in South America. Like the variants first spotted in the UK and South Africa, it is thought that the Brazil variant could be more contagious. In Europe, strict restrictions are again in place in several countries as the pandemic continues to bare its fangs. This even as a World Health Organisation team has been allowed access to Wuhan by China in the hunt for clues to the origin of the pandemic, though there is a huge question mark over how much it will be able to achieve. As India begins a new chapter, the list of dos and don'ts essentially remains the same, and any laxity could have serious consequences. Just because a vaccine has arrived does not mean the virus has gone.

## Magic of IFFI

In its success could lie the way forward for film industry

**A**S curtains are ready to go up on the 51st edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI), Goa, all eyes may not be on Asia's oldest and India's biggest festival. Yet, connoisseurs of cinema have reasons to rejoice. The festival will showcase more than 200 films from around the globe and raise a toast to the best of world cinema. Apart from Bangladesh being the country in focus, films like Denmark's Oscar nominee 'Another Round' by Thomas Vinterberg, the world premiere of 'Mehruneisa' and Japanese film 'Wife of a Spy' by Kiyoshi Kurosawa, which won the Silver Lion for Best Director at Venice, are the high points.

As a rule, the festival is held in November. Last year, it had to be postponed due to the pandemic. However, shifting the event to January is not the only transition. Unveiling today in a hybrid format, both the opening and closing ceremonies will take place in real time. There will be a judicious mix of auditorium and virtual screenings as concerns about piracy have been raised. Besides, a festival that claims much glory in the number of delegates it attracts has capped it at 2,500. The peripheral events have been given a miss too.

Whether it can rustle up the magic in its present avatar of physical and virtual screenings and limited number of guests is not the only question that needs to be asked. Can it bring back the focus on auditorium screenings and help regain viewers' confidence that has been all but lost in the wake of Covid-19? For the film industry, the mood at IFFI can be a game-changer, if not turn the tide completely. While the festival has been losing some of its sheen in the last few years, sceptics are doubtful if the virtual format can capture the spirit of a festival, essentially a community affair. In 2020, the world has seen pared-down versions of film festivals. IFFI, too, has gone down the same road but in its success could lie the way forward.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Deceiving others. That is what the world calls romance. — Oscar Wilde

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

# The Tribune.

LAHORE, SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 1921

#### Politics "versus" Law.

THE distinction which Viceroy-designate Lord Reading drew in his speech at the High Court in reply to the congratulations of the Bar between the pursuit of justice in law courts and the pursuit of justice in the career on which he is about to enter is perfectly valid. "I leave the judicial bench," the Viceroy-designate said, "not forsaking, nor abandoning, the pursuit of justice, but rather pursuing it in larger fields, but on a road not so certain or well laid. In the law courts, a man is limited by the facts of evidence before him, whereas in politics he has not all the factors always before him until perhaps long after he has given a decision." Is this not to say in other words that in politics unlike on the judicial bench, one's regard for evidence must be tempered by a constant appeal to statesmanship? Happily for the man who wishes to do right, politics has its canons and precedents just as law has, and if only one knows where to find them, one need not despair of success. On the same occasion, Lord Reading declared that he was going to India with the sole desire to do right and he believed he could not make a failure. Remembering the wise words of Lord Curzon that the time for congratulation is not when a man puts on his armour but when he puts it off, we are not disposed to base any anticipation on this remark of the new Viceroy, but we can assure him that if he will have the courage and the statesmanship to do right, irrespective of the consequences, great will be his reward both in the esteem and affection of his own people and in the gratitude of the people of India.

# Trump's coup de tweet

Global phenomenon of political weaponisation of social media is gaining ground



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RAJESH RAMACHANDRAN

**A** COUP D'ETAT can end in agony, victory, defeat or even a terrible holocaust for humanity. But a coup de tweet—or an attempted overthrow of a legitimately elected government by social media posts, as in the case of Donald Trump's audacious outrage on January 6—could only have ended in a hilarious whimper, made less amusing by the loss of lives. Trump's variety of politics—narcissistic, self-promotional, pretentious, vacuous, inflammatory, spiteful and venomous—has all the primary attributes of social media in general and Twitter posts—tweets—in particular.

These qualities that fuelled his stratospheric success and dictated his erratic policies as "the leader of the free world" for four years obviously had to incite a mob for insurrection—to sack the Capitol, to punish the "weak" Vice President, to drag the Speaker out and to install the Twitter handle in office. And in that sense, the many parts of Trump's politics make a consistent whole, which is easily the most vulgar display of the dangers of politics by instant messaging.

A newbie normally enters the political theatre with a distinct message of positive activism, hope for change, truthfulness and idealism. In India, we have seen activists making a spectacular political entry after years of agitations and political mobilisation.

But Trump—a familiar face on low IQ, infra dig reality TV—with no virtue other than recall value turning himself into a Presidential or Prime Ministerial candidate is a phenomenon born of manipulation of public perception, using a combination of, first television and then social media. And it has proved to be dan-



TRUTH BENDER: The Faustian democracy of social media works only if the learned agree to sell their souls. REUTERS

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gerously successful. Why so?

TV offers instant recognition, a people-connect, as the person's face gets beamed into the drawing rooms continuously for weeks, months or even years. A Chief Minister in south India had retained the time slots his government had bought in a popular news channel even while his party was boycotting the channel simply because he could not have afforded to lose the viewership on a credible platform. Once the credibility of the platform rubs off on to the protagonist, he or she is ready to engage with the world.

No medium can beat Twitter in terms of its condensed stupidity. All great arguments get reduced to hateful binaries of my truth and your falsehood, that too in 140 characters, as it originally was, and now in 280 characters. How easy a medium for opinionated men and women with little wisdom and a lot of hatred! It is, in fact, an assembly line for political labels—Congress, Sanghi, Libtard, Aaptard, Presstitute, Godimedia, Pappu, Feku, etc. All arguments begin and end in abusive labels, where

personal attacks are the only conversation with every partisan participant trying to self-attest one's claims, while certifying others as a fake, liar, etc.

Even the most noble MeToo movement got reduced to a you-too branding spree on social media, with even some men jumping in to settle their scores against other men, using the opportunity. It was possible because in 280 characters no evidence can be examined, no witnesses can be brought in; only a brief death sentence can be delivered. Social media, thus, taught us that brevity is the best tool for character assassination.

From a political science perspective, the most perplexing aspect of hate speech on social media is the self-righteousness of the uncouth, corrupt, venal users, however deceitful they are in real life. Those who stormed the Capitol thought they were doing revolution, reclaiming their country, restoring the Constitution and recovering the stolen votes. Normally, self-righteousness is associated with adherence to certain principles and practices, religious or ideological; but in the universe of 280

characters, every user is a prophet and practitioner. The source of this shocking legitimacy for self-righteousness is derived from large demented icons with a recall value—from the world of politics, entertainment, journalism, academia and activism.

Last week, while analysing Trump's failed coup, *New York Times* columnist Timothy Snyder explained that Trump's pre-fascism failed because he could not enforce the "big lie", where people could live and die in a fantasy of alternative reality. But small lies keep adding up to create a made-to-order utopia every other day. In the Indian context, the small lies about Gandhi and Nehru create a fictionalised could-have-been nation, which allows all the follies of the present-day rulers to disappear. If that is a Right-wing lie, then the big lie of the Left-wing or the Liberals is to term Gandhi a casteist.

All this is made possible by the relative or at times complete anonymity of social media users, which institutionalises the democracy of the deranged. The medium makes it possible for any thug to contest any philosopher with any kind of untruth and claim polemical victory in this parliament of the petty. Fake handles, anonymous accounts and web robots—or BOTs, which do the simple, repetitive task of defiling public opinion—complete the nightmare that is the political weaponisation of social media.

The only way out of this echo chamber is to break it and come out of it, leaving it to the demented to craft their conspiracy theory. The Faustian democracy of social media works only if the learned agree to sell their souls for a few likes or retweets and in turn get abused by political pickpockets and get dragged in the mud of slander by them. Twitter, Facebook and Instagram have blocked Trump after his insurrection. But it is too little, terribly late; Trump had by then become Trump and done everything that he should not have. The wise cannot afford to forfeit their agency and legitimise mobs like that of Trump's at the altar of robotic fame and pestilential following.

## Can do without such hospitality

SURINDERJIT SINGH SANDHU

**T**HE world observes Anti-corruption Day on December 9, but this spring of gutter continues to flow perennially. During a training programme at Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie, a woman IAS officer from Andhra Pradesh said ministers and senior officers generally, when they visited districts or sub-divisions, never spent a penny from their pockets and rather enjoyed the hospitality of the local administration, which is invariably based on the resources collected by officials by resorting to corrupt ways. All officers agreed that the same conditions prevailed in other states, too. The revenue department was considered as the major victim of this greed.

In Punjab, by the mid-1970s, the forced collection of funds for small savings by the official machinery had attained alarming proportions. After the Emergency was lifted, the government announced that no official would collect funds, and spend on the hospitality of ministers and other dignitaries. The ministers were asked to partake of food in gurdwaras or with the village community. This dictat, however, lost steam.

Nain tehsildars, tehsildars, SDMs, etc. mostly spend their time on duty with ministers and other dignitaries and making hospitality arrangements for them. I had the privilege to train some tehsildars almost two decades back. Once, I came across an old trainee, a tehsildar at Doaba tehsil, who told me that the halqa

incharge, who was a defeated candidate in the legislative Assembly polls, had put forth his demand to him, 'Tehsildar saheb, the monthly expenditure of my office is Rs 1.25 lakh. You will be paying it, if you want to stay here.' The tehsildar had defied the order and had to face suspension.

Long ago, in one district, revenue officers met the DC and suggested that since the hospitality expenditure had become unbearable, either the government should provide the funds or the district officer concerned may be deputed with the ministers or dignitaries of their departments and bear the expenses. And if revenue officers were to make arrangements, the expenses must be paid to them by the department concerned. The DC agreed and directed his assistant to coordinate with the officers.

The first dignitary, after this scheme was evolved, to visit the district was the minister for labour and employment. I had spent Rs 877 on it. In spite of repeatedly ringing up the district employment officer, the sum was not given. After about a month, he came with a bag and said he had brought the money. There was a lot of 'chillar'. I felt like a beggar while collecting this amount. I wonder how a dignified man can enjoy such corruption and loathsome hospitality!" he said.

Perhaps because of the expertise of the administration in satisfying the culinary needs of dignitaries, the first initiative of the new government in 2017 was to enjoin upon DCs to open 'sasti rasois', 'sanjha chullahs', etc., to provide food at affordable rates to the masses, without any budget allocation.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Vaccine scepticism

Apropos of 'Need to address scepticism over Covid vaccines', vaccines in the past have caused mild to severe reactions, but in all such cases, there was no extraordinary alarm and fear to discontinue the vaccination programme. Then why scepticism now? The world is fed up with Covid-related precautions, restrictions and lockdowns. Businesses are closed or half shut, resulting in job losses and economic slowdown. There is haste to roll out vaccines. This has led to cutting short development procedures and consequent adverse reactions in trial participants. To overcome fears, some leaders had volunteered to take first shots, like Joe Biden, Putin, and Netanyahu. Why are political leaders and top dignitaries of India not taking the first shots to instil confidence in the public?

COL PRITPAL DHILLON (RETD), CHANDIGARH

#### Charade of consultations

Apropos of 'Congress tears into govt affidavit', the Model APMC Act in 2003, and another model law in 2017 have been included among consultations on farm laws. An RTI application filed in the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare last month revealed that there is no information available as to the dates of meetings, names of

unions or others and proceedings relating to the consultations with farmers unions'. The draft laws were not uploaded on the ministry website. A committee of four persons, including two farm leaders and two economists, all vocal supporters of the new laws, has been set up. One member has recused himself. The new laws are premised on the doctrine of laissez faire so far as the corporates are concerned. India has regulations even for the use of mobiles, but not for agricultural marketing, as per these laws. The farmers are dubbed *bhratit* (misled) by the establishment. Nobel Laureate Theodore Schultz, in his treatise, 'Transforming Traditional Agriculture', found that the farmers in India are economically efficient, though poor. Our farmers can't be led up the garden path. Strengthening of the agricultural marketing network, as per the Swaminathan Committee report, should be accorded high priority.

PREM SINGH DAHIYA, ROHTAK

#### Dictating terms

The farmers' unions are adamant to dictate their terms not only to the elected government, but also to the SC. It is a grave threat to our democratic setup. A former PM, Lal Bahadur Shastri, had aptly remarked: 'The rule of law should be respected so that the basic structure

of our democracy is maintained and further strengthened.' All must keep it in mind.

SK SHARMA, MUMBAI

#### Hema Malini ill-informed

Refer to 'Protesters unsure of what they want'; Hema Malini is right in the sense that she is very sure of what she wants to get by making this comment on farmers' historic protest and keeping the Central government in good humour. One does not start appreciating the problems of farmers by marrying a farmer's son from Punjab. She should visit the farmers' protest site and listen to what they have to say. Her comment is a reflection of her being both partisan as well as insulting to the entire farming community.

NIRMAL SINGH, PATIALA

#### At receiving end

Refer to 'Specialist doctors not paid salary for the past 5 months'; clerical mentality is an excuse that in appointment letters proper mention doesn't exist about allowances to be paid. How harsh it is for the doctors can well be imagined. Action without any delay is needed to release the salaries as an ad hoc arrangement. A similar case in respect of about 200 contract computer teachers in UT government schools has been han-

ging fire since June 2020, where first no salary was paid up to October, followed by verbal release orders from job w.e.f November 1. Now they are running to the judiciary, CAT, etc. as there was no response from the education department. How can society expect sincere services from doctors or teachers in such a vicious administrative atmosphere?

JS JASSAL, PANCHKULA

#### Adultery in armed forces

Apropos of 'Don't decriminalise adultery in armed forces: Centre to SC', it is a welcome move by the government to safeguard the ethics and sanctity of camaraderie among members of the armed forces. Such a judgment may cause instability, as defence personnel are expected to function in peculiar conditions, during the course of which many a time they have to stay separated from their families for long durations, when they are posted on borders or other far-flung areas or in areas with inhospitable weather and terrain. The possibility of occurrence of stray cases of adultery in the forces can be avoided with an exemplary legal tool. Family life in the forces is a peaceful and low-key affair. Its consecration must be respected and preserved by all.

SUNIL KUMAR MAHajan, BY MAIL

# Farmers' agitation will impact global trade



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to make farmers an equal partner in growth. This can only happen when a price assurance is given to farmers.

Take the case of coffee. While the global coffee market was estimated at \$102.5 billion in 2019, growers have only received a small fraction of the price — not more than one per cent — of the end price a consumer pays. While coffee roasters and retailers rake in huge profits, a majority of the 12.5 million coffee growers somehow survive below the extreme poverty line of \$1.90 a day. Although there are several proposals for responsible marketing initiatives, including the setting up of a Global Coffee Fund, probably the best way forward would be to provide an MSP to coffee growers.

Given the fact that even multinational giant Nestle has expressed helplessness, providing an assured price to coffee growers in an otherwise exploitative global value chain is actually what should constitute responsible marketing. This holds true for other agricultural commodities as well. The implications of the Indian farmers' protest, therefore, are far-reaching.

Writing in these columns, I had earlier explained how more than 90 per cent of the cocoa farmers were living in extreme poverty, receiving only \$1.3 as the average daily income.

Like the coffee growers, cocoa farmers' share of income in the end consumer price is hardly a fraction of the enormous profits the chocolate manufacturers make. Just because these farmers are poor, no one has actually bothered till recently to look at their plight, to know how markets have destroyed millions of farm livelihoods.

Coming back to the disruptions expected in international trade, and



Instead of leaving the farmers to face the vagaries of markets, which have pushed them globally into a debt trap, the demand for ensuring that no trading takes place below the MSP not only provides farmers with a safety net but it will also gradually become an economic design for the rest of the world to emulate. Across the globe, farmers are suffering the consequences of keeping farm-gate prices artificially low so as to keep economic reforms viable.

**ICONIC:** The protesting farmers have provided policymakers a direction to rethink and redesign economic policies. PTI

A DDRESSING the Oxford Real Farming Conference last week, I said that the iconic farmers' movement in India will have tremendous global implications. If the Indian farmers succeed in making Minimum Support Price (MSP) a legal right, it will cause major disruptions in international trade, with focus shifting from trade competitiveness to first ensuring that the livelihoods of farmers — the primary producers — everywhere in the world become economically viable and sustainable.

At the same time, instead of leaving the farmers to face the vagaries of markets, which have pushed them globally into a debt trap, the demand for ensuring that no trading takes place below the MSP not only provides them with a safety net but it will also gradually become an economic design for the rest of the world to emulate.

Across the globe, farmers continue to suffer the consequences of keeping farm-gate prices artificially low so as to keep the economic reforms viable. An economically worked out minimum assured price is what would make farming a viable proposition.

At a time when the world is increasingly looking towards 'growth without economic growth', time has come

contrary to the protesting farmers' demand, pressure continues to be built on India in the World Trade Organisation (WTO) to dismantle the Farm Support Programme, which means curtailing the MSP for wheat and rice to keep it within the prescribed limit of 10 per cent for product-specific support under the Aggregated Measure of Support (AMS).

According to the US, India has, for a number of years, exceeded its 10 per cent support limit, and is actually under-reporting the extent of support. While India has contested these claims, it does explain why India is reluctant to commit on the farmers' demand for extending the MSP delivery for 23 crops for which the prices are announced every year.

The US and its allies have time and again said that the MSP regime in India disrupts domestic and global

prices. Strangely, while the US points to Indian support to farmers as a hurdle in global trade, the product-specific subsidies being provided by the US, Canada and European Union actually distort trade and make agricultural exports from the developed countries appear globally competitive. In reality, it is the huge agricultural support that these countries provide for commercially important farm commodities that lowers the international prices. As a result of which the MSP being given to wheat and paddy farmers in India looks to be higher. Let us not forget that these subsidies are in addition to the \$246 billion of farm subsidies the OECD provided in 2018.

According to a joint paper presented some years ago by India and China before the WTO, the three big layers — the US, the EU and Canada — provide for 90 per cent of the product-specific

support for agricultural commodities, thereby grossly distorting global prices. The total farm support these countries provide — exceeding the five per cent AMS limit for rich countries — is to the tune of \$160 billion. In many cases, this support is twice the total value of the crop produced (215 per cent for wool; 141 per cent for mohair by the US; and in the EU, by 120 per cent for white sugar and 155 per cent for tobacco). This huge subsidy support depresses global prices.

As if this is not enough, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) comes out with another shocker. Even against these depressed international prices, the prices Indian farmers get are still 13 per cent less. Developing country farmers, therefore, have in reality been silently bearing the true cost of such enormous market price distortions.

The export competitiveness that we see is built on the massive subsidy support these countries provide to agriculture, year after year. The time to end these price distortions has come.

The protesting farmers have now provided policymakers a direction to rethink and redesign economic policies, to draw from inherent strengths rather than borrow failed policies from abroad.

The farmers' demand for making MSP a benchmark for domestic and international trade is expected to result in severe disruptions in international trade. It will also result in the betterment of a large section of the country's population. What the protesting farmers are standing for holds the key to future growth and provides a roadmap for bridging the huge income disparity that the world has failed to address.

## Vaccines hold the key to controlling pandemic

**T**HE new year has begun on a positive note with two vaccines against Covid-19 getting emergency use approval from the Subject Expert Committee of the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI). Covishield (Oxford University-AstraZeneca) is being manufactured by the Pune-based Serum Institute of India (SII), while Covaxin is being made by Hyderabad-based Bharat Biotech. India reached the tally of one crore Covid-19 cases and 1.5 lakh deaths earlier this month, while the total cases across the world have crossed 9 crore in the past 12 months since the pandemic began.

Since there are few effective drugs against the novel coronavirus, the world had been waiting for a vaccine to prevent the disease caused by the virus. A massive multi-national effort was launched soon after the detection of the viral genome in January 2020 with the cooperation of WHO, Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), Gavi Alliance, Accelerating Covid-19 Therapeutic Interventions and Vaccines (ACTIV) and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. By the beginning of December, developers of several vaccines had announced excellent results of large trials. On December 2, a vaccine made by Pfizer with German firm BioNTech became the first to be approved for emergency use against Covid-19. The fastest any previous vaccine had been developed was in four years — for mumps in the 1960s. The world has been able to develop Covid-19 vaccines so quickly because of previous experience, enormous funding, carrying out different stages of development



**MANDATORY:** Makers of Covishield and Covaxin vaccines will have to submit safety and efficacy data of the ongoing trials periodically. PTI

in parallel, and the urgency prompting early regulatory authorisation.

Currently, there are 172 candidate vaccines under development and another 62 have reached the stage of clinical development with 18 in phase III trials. Phase I trials cover safety while phase II trials look at safety and immunogenicity, i.e. production of neutralising antibodies and T-cell response. Phase III trials must include thousands of subjects with follow up as well before regulatory approval is granted. Emergency use approval is granted on the basis of safety data and confirmation of optimum immunogenicity, at times even in the absence of phase III trial data.

It is a matter of pride for India that these two vaccines are being made in the country. It is a big step towards the

goal of *Atmanirbhar Bharat*. Significantly there are other vaccines in different stages of development in India by Zydus Cadila, Dr Reddy's Laboratories, Biological E and Bharat Biotech (two vaccines) among others. The government has already started buying and transporting the SII vaccine across the country. The government has ordered 1.1 crore doses of Covishield and 55 lakh doses of Covaxin and plans to buy a total of 5.6 crore doses of Covishield by April. We should also be supplying vaccines to many countries soon, like the way India had exported hydroxychloroquine to 88 countries last year.

Covishield, being made in collaboration with Oxford-AstraZeneca, has an efficacy rate of 70% and 90% depending upon half or full dose of the first shot, respectively, in a phase III trial. This

exceeds the threshold of at least 50% efficacy set by regulatory agencies including WHO, DCGI and FDA. It was first approved for use in the UK recently. Bharat Biotech vaccine Covaxin, developed together with the ICMR and the National Institute of Virology, has been given emergency approval on the basis of its safety and immunogenicity data. Its phase III trial on over 25,000 subjects is in progress. There were some questions raised about the approval to Covaxin, but DCGI VG Somani has allayed these fears, saying that both approved vaccines are '100 per cent' safe. Minor side effects like local pain and fever are expected and should not be troublesome. Makers of both vaccines will, however, have to submit safety and efficacy data of the ongoing trials periodically.

It must be recognised that all clinical trials, including those on vaccines, have to be registered before their initiation and periodic updates have to be provided. This is to ensure transparency and an ethical obligation to participants and the research community. Based on the principles of the Declaration of Helsinki and good clinical practice (GCP) guidelines, clinical trials are overseen by a number of committees, like the Trial Steering Committee (TSC) and the Data Monitoring Committee/Data Safety Monitoring Board (DMC/DSMB). In addition to trial oversight committees, the trials are centrally monitored too. Every serious adverse event is reported to the ethics committee and the DMC/DSMB looks into it. Trials on Indian vaccines are also being conducted under similar monitoring. Bharat Biotech has a track record of clinical trials in 20 countries and has given

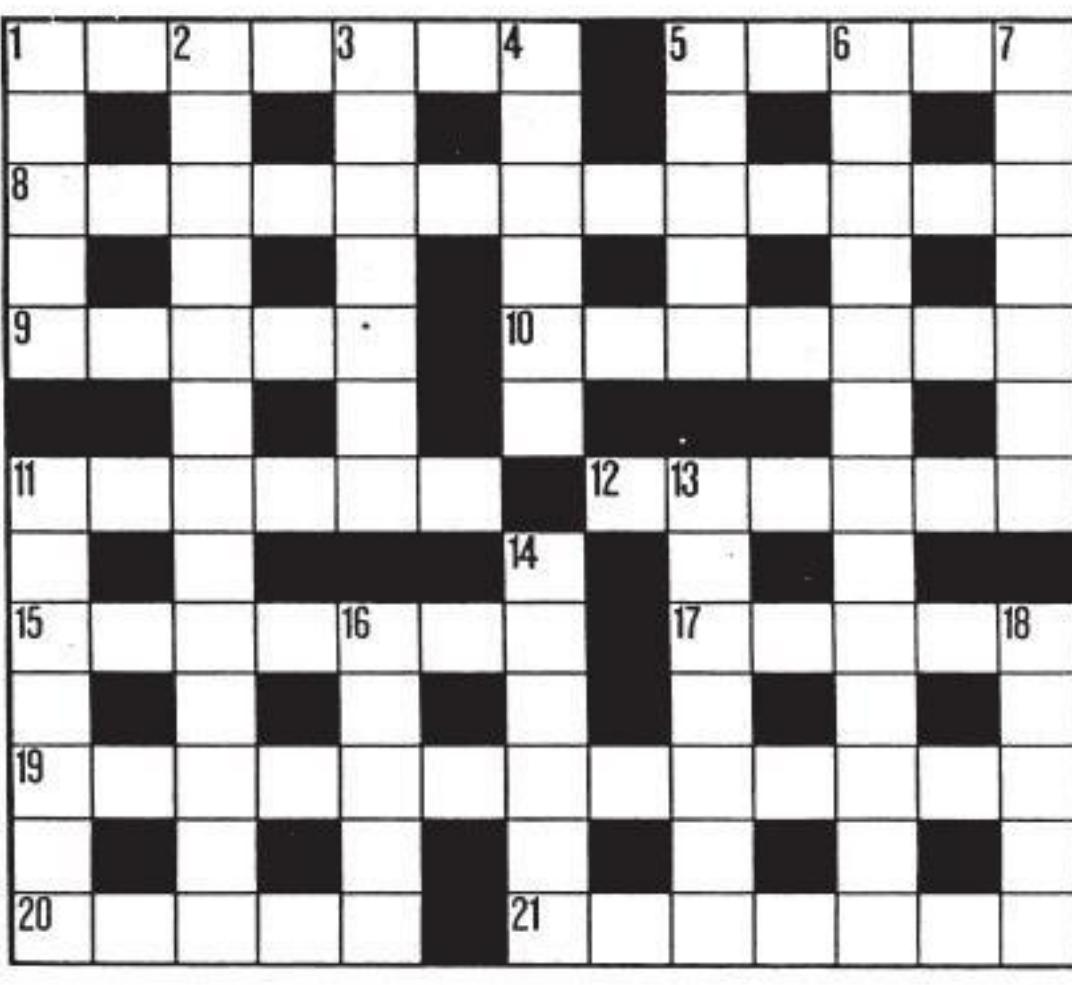
the world two innovative vaccines, one against rotavirus and the other against typhoid.

To dispel doubts arising from a report each about major adverse events in recipients of Covishield and Covaxin, the Indian Medical Association (IMA) has asked its 3.5 lakh members to voluntarily get vaccinated first. In a recent statement, the IMA said that it stood with "the scientists to endorse the safety and efficacy of both vaccines cleared by India".

Though vaccination has taken off in 50 countries since December 2020, only 2.5 crore people have received the vaccine. There have been problems in transportation and distribution, apart from vaccine hesitancy among many people. Vaccine hesitancy is common — 29 per cent of healthcare workers in US and 40 per cent in the UK said they were reluctant to get vaccinated. Various rumours have been floating on social media even before any vaccine was approved. In some countries, Chinese vaccine Sinovac was linked to a porcine component and termed *haram*. The Indonesian government had to get their religious leaders to announce that the vaccine is acceptable. Many other Muslim nations have also endorsed the vaccines. The Pope has reassured the Catholics that Covid vaccines are safe and do not infringe upon their religious beliefs.

Beginning today, the rollout of Covishield and Covaxin is a major leap forward in our fight against Covid-19. The use of these vaccines is safe and will be an important step in controlling the pandemic.

### QUICK CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Across: 1 Chase, 8 Burnt out, 9 Gruff, 10 Died down, 11 Clash, 12 Elk, 16 Botany, 17 Go away, 18 Ebb, 23 Tepid, 24 Overcome, 25 Solar, 26 Go-getter, 27 Adieu.

Down: 2 Hard look, 3 Soft-soap, 4 Jovial, 5 Snide, 6 Donor, 7 Stink, 12 Eye, 13 KGB, 14 Make good, 15 Badinage, 19 Bumper, 20 Forge, 21 Weigh, 22 Acute.

### ACROSS

- 1 Resentment (7)
- 5 Penniless (5)
- 8 In a more favourable position (2,2,9)
- 9 A characteristic (5)
- 10 Porpoise-like sea mammal (7)
- 11 Rob by trickery (6)
- 12 Trying experience (6)
- 15 Alleviate (7)
- 17 A marriage (5)
- 19 Systematic examination (13)
- 20 Robust (5)
- 21 Weariness (7)

### DOWN

- 1 Preliminary sketch (5)
- 2 Conceal discreetly (4,1,4,4)
- 3 Sprung (7)
- 4 Western US state (6)
- 5 Commonplace (5)
- 6 Using minimal capital (2,1,10)
- 7 Never-ending (7)
- 11 Provide (7)
- 13 Growing unchecked (7)
- 14 Religious conviction (6)
- 16 Attempt (5)
- 18 For this reason (5)

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### CALENDAR

JANUARY 16, 2021, SATURDAY

■ Vikrami Samvat	2077
■ Shaka Samvat	1942
■ Posh Shaka	26
■ Magh Parvishtha	3
■ Hijari	1442
■ Shukla Paksha Tithi 3, up to 7:46 am	
■ Vyatrapata Yoga up to 7:11 pm	
■ Shabatisha Nakshatra up to 6:09 am	
■ Moon in Aquarius sign	

### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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### FORECAST

SUNSET: SATURDAY 17:44 HRS  
SUNRISE: SUNDAY 07:20 HRS

CITY	MAX	MIN
Chandigarh	18	06
New Delhi	19	04
Amritsar	15	07
Bathinda	14	04
Jalandhar	15	07
Ludhiana	15	07
Bhiwani	19	07
Hisar	18	06
Sirsia	16	06
Dharamsala	14	07
Manali	15	02
Shimla	18	05
Srinagar	06	-07
Jammu	16	07
Kargil		

## MATRIMONIALS

## BRIDES WANTED

## MAHAJAN

Required bride for **MahaJAN boy**, 1982, settled in UK (PR) working construction company. 70062-82046. (CL20083426)

**Match for Mahajan Lamiye boy** 02.04.1990, 8:30 am, Chandigarh, 6 feet, BE, MBA, TCS Hyderabad, 10.5 LPA. WhatsApp 94173-49382. (CL20084246)

**MahaJAN boy, 1984/ 6'-1"**, B.Tech with Tata Motors, package 32 PA. Upper caste welcome. 98883-70372. (CL20084259)

## JAIN

Wanted tall, educated good looking bride for Punjabi Shwetambar Jain boy, 6'-2", 11.12.93, Govt. Bank Officer Dharmsala, (HP) high status family settled at Dhamshala, father Senior Bank Executive, vegetarian, upper caste welcome. 97666-30976, 94182-58500. (CL20084298)

## VAISH

Jaiswal boy, 87, MCA, own business. Required educated, beautiful girl. Bureau excuse. 94170-49290. (CL20079485)

## AGGARWAL

Beautiful, well educated girl for handsome Bansal boy, 5'-7", September 1992. B.Tech., high status business, Sriganganagar (Rajasthan), 97995-50008. (CL20082996)

**Gen. caste working girl pref Dlh NCR** for Agrwl B.Com boy working as Sr Ex Ftr in MNC Ggn, 6 ft, 28.11.85, 16.10 hrs, Panipat, h-5'-7". # 79880-78591. (CL20083887)

**Smar Bansal Chandigarh business boy** (5'-11", 11 Nov. 1995, 3:53 am (Chandigarh) 14 lakhs/ annum, own house hotel. 94633-7996, 94633-79959. (CL20085226)

**Goyal, 29 yrs., 5'-9", CA, Gurgaon need CA girl**. Call 92053-86001. WhatsApp 94141-39218. (CL20080714)

**Ludhiana Garg Industrialist boy**, 6 ft, handsome 29 March 90, 5:52 pm, B.Com (Hons), seeks tall, beautiful girl. 94643-83965. (CL20080802)

**Match for fair, handsome IIITian boy** B.Tech. (Mechanical), 5'-9", 22.02.95 (Rohtak), SDO (Haryana Govt.) from an educated family. Contact 91381-58019, 93063-96819. (CL20080955)

**Yamunagar based Goyal businessman boy only son**, MBA, 30 Oct. 94, 06:58 pm Ambala City, Height 5'-7", with sufficient assets, sister already married. 93553-36651. (CL20081093)

**Garg boy Sep. 1991, 5'-9", Package 30** Lacs Bangalore. Requires Employed match. M. 94642-70853. (CL20081728)

**Suitable match for handsome Garg boy** 5/7/1988 time 1:05 am, Kandaghat (Himachal), 5'-11". Own well settled business. Contact No. 82199-43789. (CL20081887)

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**Qualified girl for Garg boy 5'-8", 04.12.1990, 5.5 pm, Sangrur, working as Superintendent (Gazetted) in GST and Central Excise, Mumbai. Contact: 98553-01821. (CL20083428)**

**Suitable match for Mittal boy** 21.2.1988, 7:00 p.m., Ambala, 5'-8", 12th, doing own business Chandigarh. 98722-91277. (CL20083500)

**Garg boy, 29, 5'-11", B.Tech, MBA from MDI College, Gurgaon, Sr. Manager, ICICI Bank, Mumbai, package 18 lacs plus. Preferred service/well qualified girl from Punjab, Haryana working near Mumbai. 98550-15057 Bathinda. Marriage bureau, please excuse. (CL20083519)**

**HIM-MBA Aggarwal only son slim/ 30.5"-6", MNC Delhi, 18 LPA. Doctor family Delhi professional working bride no dowry. 92554-05309. (CL20083542)**

**Suitable match for Aggarwal Doctor boy**, unmarried, 1980, 5'-10", fair. Upper caste no bar. Non working preferred. 97932-81168. (CL20083616)

**Unmarried, educated, vegetarian, upper caste girl for Aggarwal, unmarried, handsome businessman, 39, looks younger, 5'-10", B.Tech, good earning, Kunukshtha, Chhunu, Chadiana, 9881-89440. (CL20083622)**

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## PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED

PQM Arora Sikh boy, 84 born, 5'-7", NT, ND, behaved boy, Regular Govt. Job in Education Department, Patiala, 25% vision. Required Graduate Sikh girl, 98551-44045, 98144-55544. (CL20083579)

## RAJPUT

**Suitable match for Himachali Rajput boy** 03.08.1981, 12:38 am, Shimla, B.Tech, M.B.A., Class-I, H.P. Govt Officer. Preferred educated Himachali Rajput girl from respectable family background. 94189-28789. (CL20079365)

**Patiali Kshatriya Manglik boy**, 17.5.86, Jalandhar, 4:20 pm, ht 5'-2", B.Tech, job in IT MNC, package 17.8 lakh, 99149-86364, 88378-87828. (CL20080104)

**Working girl for bachelor Rajput boy**, working Deputy Manager, Axis bank, 5'-8", 22.08.92, 2:55 pm, Patiala, 87280-05678. (CL20083363)

**Suitable match for Rajput boy** 29, 5'-10", Class-I Gazetted Officer (HP Govt.), HP based Doctor/Lecturer girl preferred, 97369-83089. (CL20083429)

**Professional handsome Rana boy**, 1991/ 5'-7", B.Tech., Software Engineer, work visa Germany. Seeks professional Rana girl. Coming India January last, 94660-65177, 82953-56680. (CL20083549)

**PQM4 Mair Rajput (Goldsmith)** 1988/ 5'-9", handsome, slim Doctor (BAMS), having own Hospital, urban/rural property. Nuclear family case no bar, no other demands. 97812-26227. (CL20083734)

**Himachali Rajput (Pathania) boy** 29.04.1990, 3:30 pm, Kangra, Height 5'-6", B.Tech., working in IT-Company Chandigarh. Contact 83609-29604. (CL20083821)

**SM for Mair Rajput, 25, 5 feet** 8 inch, smart boy, Engineer in reputed American MNC at Bangalore, Ludhiana- family. Required beautiful well educated girl with family values. M-98766-76626. (CL20084084)

**Mair Rajput Hindu handsome boy**, 5'-9", January 1987, MBA, NET, Ph.D., State Bank India employee. Preferred Govt. employed, 98557-09832. (CL20084115)

**SM4 Rajput boy, 20.05.89,** 20:15, Nabha, working in Govt. Dept. Call 97800-32236. (CL20083824)

**SM4 for Mhimachali Manhas Rajput** boy settled at Jalandhar, B.Tech, 20.01.1990, 8:45 am, working private company. 8360418628. (CL20084210)

**Mair Rajput boy, Merchant Navy Officer**, 93 born, 5'-11". Seeks working, educated girl. Contact 90515-11076. (CL20084232)

**Mair Rajput only son 1989 born**, 5'-10", Master Degree settled business. Preference Govt. employee girl, 98769-61395. (CL20084341)

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**Suitable match for Tonk-kshatriya Canada PR boy** 29.5'-11", MBA, 98721-95951 (Ludhiana). (CL20084877)

## AHLUWALIA

**PQM4 handsome Sikh Walia boy** 07.12.88/ 5'-7", M.Sc. Microbiology, Canadian PR. Contact: 98729-87225. (CL20085091)

## MUSLIM

**Punjabi Muslim boy, 27, 5'-11",** M.Tech., handsome package. Qualified employed girl preferred. 94787-01056. (CL20081101)

## JAT

**Medico life partner for USA**, Caste-28, 6', preference Jaat or Jat Sikh. USMLE or resident girl. 91463-24588, goyatsabir@gmail.com (CL20083596)

**Army Officer (Captain) Jat boy** (Jaglan, Savant, Goyat), 11.06.92, 23:00, Hisar, 5'-10", Mech. Engineer, from well established Kaurabai family. Looking beautiful, tall, suitable working match preferred. Contact: 94162-85090. (CL20083857)

**Jat boy B.Tech., MBA (USA), 39/ 6'-0",** family business @ Panchkula. Income 30 Lakh annual. Gotras: Lamba, Sheoran. Upper caste welcome. 99884-14515. Email: rslambaa96@gmail.com (CL20083465)

**Haryanvi Jat boy, Mar. 93, 5'-8",** Manager I.T. Company Mohali. Working girl preferred. Mob: 84279-45192. (CL20085334)

## TONK-KASHTRIYA

**PQ match for Tonkshatri boy May** 1991, B.Tech. (ME), private job, 96447-49960. (CL20083441)

**Seeking educated beautiful match** for Tonk Kshatriya smart sikh boy 95 born 5'-10", working in M.N.C Gurugram, good package contact 81465-99022. (CL20083474)

**Match for Tonk-Kshatriya Hindu boy** 1991, 5'-8", Manager MD Radiology boy looking for Post Graduate Doctor girl. Caste no bar. 88475-44285. (CL20085290)

## COMPATIBLE TALL BRIDE FOR 1989 SIKH

**Compatible tall bride for 1989 Sikh MD 5'-10", Govt. Doctor an Early marriage solicited no girls. Please contact 94176-44642. (CL20084533)**

**Match for Ramdasia Sikh boy**, Born 1991, 5'-8", MBBS Doctor in Army, wanted employed teaching or Medical profession. 98554-77784. (CL20084898)

**Suitable match for Perijpat boy** 1987, 5'-10", MBBS-D Ortho Fellowship Spine Surgery D.N. B. Orth 22 acres agricultural land and urban property Doctor, Professor, Bank Officer preferred BC and upper caste no bar. 98147-68307. (CL20084998)

**Doctor girl preferably eye, skin, Psychiatry, Medicine for Punjabi Hindu eye Surgeon, 31 year, 5'-8", caste and religion no bar, own 2 Hospitals. 98145-44555. (CL20085002)**

**Proposals are invited for Punjabi boy** 5'-9", 4/1990, BDS, advance course in Endo. Father: Orthodontist, practicing in Delhi for last 40 yrs. own house/ clinic. Chopra, 99100-70803, 88002-20505. (CL20081503)

**Himachali (Nathi) boy 32, B.Tech.**, M.Tech., MBA, Ph.D. (ECE), Pos Doc. recipient of awards and Researcher, Chandigarh, father retd. Govt. employee seeks PQM preferably working. Upper caste no bar. 89883-86333, 94185-00434. (CL20085106)

**Wanted tall girl for Brahmin boy** MD Medicine (Fellowship Cardiology) 6.1.1992, 6'-1", well-settled own hospital all postgraduate Doctor family for Punjab. Caste no bar. 86992-24493, 75290-13330. (CL20085165)

**Suitable match preferable Medico** for Naval Officer (Surgeon Cdr) MBBS, MD Dermatology, 37, 5'-8", never married, posted at Navy Hospital, caste no bar. 94175-07099, 88392-20338. (CL20085274)

**Lubana handsome 1994, 5'-11",** Doctor MD Radiology boy looking for Post Graduate Doctor girl. Caste no bar. 88475-44285. (CL20085290)

**Divorcee**

**Young handsome Hindu Khatri** issues divorcee, 32/ 5'-11", Software Sr. Engineer, attractive salary package. Seeks beautiful, qualified girl. Working girl preferred. 84275-87429, 98154-30862. (CL20083476)

**Seeking alliance for innocent** issuesk Sikhi Khatri mutually divorce for 80 born pvt. School teacher. WhatsApp 84279-73129. (CL20079131)

**V' fair, 'some' boy 39/ 5'-6",** M.Tech., NYU, Harvard, Properties Del NCR, wkg Noida 50 LPA, only son. Parents Doctor, WhatsApp 96543-74256. (CL20082416)

**Homely beautiful, issueless** for permanent Govt. employee, 42000, Sikhi Arora cleanshaven divorcee, 1978/ 5'-7". No bar. 98885-37536. (CL20083846)

**Gursikh working girl for** Ramgarhia Government Employee 1985/ 5'-9", mutually divorced. Bureau excuse. 84370-01852, 70874-01013. (CL20083860)

**Govt employed match for handsome Hindu Khatri boy**, short time divorcee, 5'-10", 32, Senior Manager Govt. Bank. 99887-31088. (CL20083990)

**Kamboj Sikh boy 1991, 5'-11",** Govt. job Chandigarh landlord family seeks match from Govt. Sector. 94170-14421. (CL20084742)

**Seeking well qualified tall, beautiful** fair cultured girl for handsome turbaned Kamboj Sikh teetotaller boy 1991/ 6', B.Tech., working as Senior System Administrator reputed IT Company in Dubai having urban, retail, commercial property. Preferred Amritsar. 88378-77834. (CL20084448)

**Rajput Sunyar 34/ 5'-10", BCA & ITI Diploma, own business** requires qualification girl. No demand. 98888-73089. (CL20084577)

**Hindu Mair Rajput (Sunar) boy** July 1991, 5'-8", B.Sc. Biotechnology, Master in Microbiology from PAU Ludhiana, job MNC Nesle. Send bio data only WhatsApp. Marriage bureau excuse. 98142-17085. (CL20084638)

**Wanted unmarried, beautiful match** for Manglik boy 1991/ 6', 5"-5", D.B.M.A., private job (Mohali). Preferred well-educated girl. 76278-55752. (CL20084703)

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**KAMBOJ**

**Kamboj Sikh handsome boy, October** 1994/ 6', M.Com. India, Degree in Professional Accounting from Australia Melbourne, presently in Australia. Need Australia work permit or study visa. Preferred B.Sc. Nursing. Send biodata and photographs. 9988213157 WhatsApp. (CL20083618)

**Kamboj Sikh boy 1991, 5'-11",** Govt. job Chandigarh landlord family seeks match from Govt. Sector. 94170-14421. (CL20084742)

**Seeking a working math for** Himachali Rajput boy (6'-1") 1992, 5'-6", Mechanical Engineer (M.Tech.), working in Tier 1 company, Delhi, 12 Lpa. Himachali Rajput girl (ft. 5'-5") preferred. Contact 82191-77834. (CL20084448)

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**Employed match for B.Tech**  
Brahmin boy, Central Govt. job, age 33, height 5'-9", divorced. Contact: 97803-3810. (CL20084754)

**Manglik/ Non Manglik Saraswat**  
Brahmin boy 29.11.92, 8.40 am, 5'-10", M.Com., Morinda, working in real estate. Mohali as Account Manager. Mother Govt. teacher, father shopkeeper. Mob: 98153-82212. (CL20084762)

**Manglik Sharma boy 5.1.90,**  
Jagraon, 5:15 am, 5'-11", working as ASM with Bajaj Finance. 98881-13055. (CL20084763)

**Sarswat Brahmin boy born**  
15.11.1982, 07:32 am, Nangal Daman, height 5'-7", BA Arts, MBA Marketing, after matching Kundli please contact: 99141-10282. Girl should be educated, slim, height min. 5'-3", revert the same bio-data. (CL20084800)

**Preferably unmarried, qualified**  
match for teetotaller Saraswat Brahmin slim, fair, July 1989, 5'-6", B.Tech., MBA, 20 LPA, MNC. Shortly divorced. Upper caste acceptable. Well settled family. 98761-01502. (CL20084816)

**Wanted qualified, homely girl for**  
handsome, vegetarian, B.Com., MBA, November 1983, good earning, no demand. 62835-97756. (CL20084843)

**Suitable match for MD**  
(Anaesthesia) Brahmin boy, 1991-5'-5", doing SR in Govt. Institute, Amritsar. 94178-03233. (CL20084849)

**Match for handsome fair advocate**  
35, 5'-9", seeking educated working girl Chandigarh, Delhi NCR. 98882-94840. (CL20084937)

**Match for Brahmin handsome boy**  
1993, 5'-7", B.Tech. Job MNC (Bank). Preferred educated/employee girl, 62840-60944. (CL20084994)

**Saraswat Brahmin, Australian PR,**  
teetotaller boy, 5'-8½", Graduation from India. Master in IT and Diplomas from Australia. Own industry in Tricity, house in Panchkula. Agriculture/commercial property. 98968-58780. (CL20085000)

**Sharma family seeks suitable match**  
for handsome boy, 19 Nov. 1994, 6:44 pm, Jalandhar, height 5'-6", own well settled business. Contact: 88729-6116. (CL20085037)

**Saraswat Brahmin Punjabi boy**  
10.7.1989, 10.35 am, Sirsa, 5'-10", B.Tech. Computer Science, Govt. job as School Information Manager. (Contact basis). Preferred Yamuna Nagar, Ambala, Karnal. 98960-76124. (CL20085139)

**Well-settled affluent educated Jat**  
Sikh family settled in Canada for the last 49 years seek a slim girl preferably from North America for their son, fair, never married 41 years, 6 ft. LL.B., LL.M. running his own successful law firm. The boy is outgoing very well-travelled and has wonderful attributes to his personality. Contact: skhr4597@gmail.com (CL20085241)

**Jatt Sikh Canada PR handsome,**  
non-drinker only son, 1991/5'-8", convert, B.Tech., MBA IBM, currently working in US company. Urban rural property. Father Businessman. Mother Professor. Required educated, beautiful, equally qualified preferred in Canada girl from Patiala/ Fategarh Sahib/ Mohali/ Chandigarh/ Jalandhar/ Ludhiana. Contact: 76269-85595. (CL20085301)

**Beautiful, slim bride for handsome,**  
Saraswat Brahmin boy 5'-8", October 1989, BA, LL.B., LL.M. Officer on Govt. contract, also established practice in the High Court Shimla. Own law firm. Reputed family. Wanted Himachali, professionally qualified, preferably working match. Kundli must. M: 96544-80752, mogdrillattan@gmail.com (CL20085158)

**Match for Sharma boy 1999 born,**  
5'-7", B.Sc. Computer Science, well-settled, seeking educated girl want to settle abroad, having IELTS score 6+ preferred call 88724-97001. (CL20085167)

**H'some, tall, IPS Officer Assistant**  
Commissioner at Police, 1990, 5'-11", B.Tech., IIT 12.5 LPA. Req. b'ful match. Caste no bar. 80105-67339, 80105-82127. (CL20085194)

**Bride wanted for manglik Brahmin**  
boy, 32, 5'-6", own house own shop posh area Mohali. Upper caste welcome. WhatsApp only 91151-21680. (CL20085277)

**Qualified and equivalent status**  
match for handsome Army officer from reputed family, 12.4.1991, 8.14 a.m., Solan, 5'-8", BE (EEE), family settled in Mohali. Matches working in Government sector civic/Medico professionals from Tricity/Himachal/Punjab may kindly respond. Contact: 97605-68871. (CL20085305)

**Compatible well-qualified match for**  
handsome Punjabi Saraswat Brahmin B.Com., MBA boy from reputed business, vegetarian family. DOB 20 May 1991, 5'-9". Punjabi Brahmin respectable business family preferred only. WhatsApp 94637-93601. (CL20085308)

**Required suitable match for**  
Manglik Saraswat Brahmin Bhardwaj boy (birth Sihrih), CA Inter 17.11.1984, 1.26 pm, Pvt. job. Salary 21000. 98551-04219. (CL20085346)

**Radha Soami Sharma boy, MCA,**  
5'-10", 14.5.89, 11.20 pm, Yaminagar working in Ludhiana with IT company. 94663-01554, 90177-04799. (CL20085347)

**SM 4 Gau Brahmin Oct. 1992, 5'-6"**  
boy, B.Tech. PEC, working in Railways. Chandigarh, Tricity employed girl preferred. 98146-71156. (CL20085358)

### MANGLIK

**Wanted bride for Brahmin**  
Agnihotri Manglik boy 28 years, 5'-7", HIBA USA, MS CSE, preferably from the same Education and Hoshiarpur Punjab based family, upper caste no bar. Kundli match must. Contact: 0091815704733. (CL20085352)

**Wanted educated girl for Manglik**  
boy, fair, 1986, Canadian citizen. Immigration Lawyer. 98145-00361, 99888-29090. (CL20085294)

**Manglik Kansal 5'-11" boy,**  
23.10.1994 at 12:37 am at Sunam, MBA, working Gurgaon, MNC. Contact No. 88721-24333. (CL20085351)

**Affluent Jat-Sikh**  
looking for suitable match for 27 yrs. old, 5'-10", professionally qualified. B.Tech., M.Tech., working as an Engineer in Canada. Belongs to well educated and renowned family having a good agricultural, commercial property and running business required beautiful Jatt-Sikh girl equally qualified, belonging to similar family status. Contact with bio-data, pictures at aagil348@gmail.com, WhatsApp Mob. 78146-23583. (CL20084744)

**Professionally qualified match for**  
handsome Jat-Sikh clean shaven boy, 5'-10", 1991, B.Sc., Hotel Management & Administration, working in Multinational Company as Manager. Noida based family, urban properties, looking for Punjabi smart, sober, educated working girl. Caste no bar. Call/WhatsApp: 98109-52540. (CL20083631)

### JAT SIKH

**Jatt Sikh boy, 29 years, 5'-10",**  
vegetarian, handsome. Aerospace Engineer with urban & rural properties (45 acres) in India, California USA. We are seeking tall (5'-6" & above), young, 21-28), well educated & cultured girl. WA: +91-83178-83178. (CL20083469)

**Looking for an alliance for a Jatt**  
Sikh boy, age 28 year, height 6'-1", MBA Graduate well settled businessman in USA and 75 Acre land in India. The bride should belong to a well educated Jatt Sikh family preferably educated in the Medical or Engineering field. Contact No. 62840-15590, 98962-66526. (CL20083557)

**Suitable match for Jat Sikh 30/**  
31"-", B.Tech., Under Commercial Pilot Training, (Tie-up Arrangement with leading Airlines). Preferably from same Profession. Interested may details manmips18@gmail.com (CL20083427)

**Match for unmarried, qualified**  
match for teetotaller Saraswat Brahmin slim, fair, July 1989, 5'-6", B.Tech., MBA, 20 LPA, MNC. Shortly divorced. Upper caste acceptable. Well settled family. 98761-01502. (CL20084816)

**Wanted qualified, homely girl for**  
handsome, vegetarian, B.Com., MBA, November 1983, good earning, no demand. 62835-97756. (CL20084843)

**Suitable match for Doaba region Jat**  
Sikh boy, 40/6', clean, shaved handsone, very young looking boy, practicing Advocate, legally divorced, issueless, father well reputet Doctor, owing urban-rural properties, only son, looking for tall, educated, beautiful girl from well reputet family. Email: adv\_80@outlook.com (CL20083746)

**Suitable match for Gursikh Jat Sikh**  
boy 30 years, 5'-5", B.Tech. (Computer), own business. Good income. Tricity preferred. Contact: 98776-03005. (CL20083729)

**Seeking qualified match (Canada**  
based only PR citizen) for Jat Sikh Bains boy 5'-6", 89 born, non-drinker. Well-settled in Toronto with a Master's Degree in Engineering. Working with one of top IT Companies. Contact with biodata and photographs. Email: bainsms88@gmail.com P. 647-786-5204. (CL20083725)

**Suitable match for Jat Sikh boy, 79**  
born, 5'-11", MBA, MA English, self employed, issueless divorcee, only son, caste no bar. Contact: 95573-03462, 78958-12425. (CL20083729)

**Seeking suitable match for Jat Sikh**  
boy 1993, 5'-6", Convent educated, LLB, LLM, preparing for Judicial exam, 23 Acres and urban property, Father retired PES, Mother Govt. Lecturer. Contact: 94177-83027. (CL20083812)

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boy 1993, 5'-6", Convert educated, LLB, LLM, preparing for Judicial exam, 23 Acres and urban property, Father retired PES, Mother Govt. Lecturer. Contact: 94177-83027. (CL20083812)

**Well established US Jatt Sikh family**  
seeks a match for their son, boy is 27, 5'-8" & has a Accounting Degree, employed with large firm. Girl should be well educated, beautiful, family oriented. Please respond with photographs and biodata at bridgewantedforri@gmail.com (CL20083851)

**Seeking suitable match for well**  
settled Canadian Jatt Sikh boy US born Canadian citizen, 1981/5'-10", non-drinker, non-smoker, real estate developer, and legal field, divorced, very well reputet Toronto based family. Email: simma99@yahoo.com Contact: 0012894008183. (CL20081857)

**Well-settled affluent educated Jat**  
Sikh family settled in Canada for the last 49 years seek a slim girl preferably from North America for their son, fair, never married 41 years, 6 ft. LL.B., LL.M. running his own successful law firm. The boy is outgoing very well-travelled and has wonderful attributes to his personality. Contact: skhr4597@gmail.com (CL20083840)

**Jatt Sikh MBBS Doctor, permanent**  
resident America from affluent Doctors family wants Medico Graduate/ Post Graduate girl. Contact: 96469-05380. (CL20083878)

**Match for Jat Sikh well settled boy**  
6'-2", born 1993, B.Com., MBA, engaged family business in Ludhiana, two sister Doctor in USA. Upper caste no bar. WhatsApp +9188722-50022. (CL20083893)

**Suitable match for Jat Sikh fair slim**  
boy, 24.11.1991, 5'-8", B.Tech. Computer Science MBA working private company Mohali. Own agriculture land in Haryana seeks girl working in private or Govt. Urban/rural property. Contact: 94652-26399, 094168-30074. (CL20083957)

**SM for Jat cutards graduate**  
businessman, 10.10.1994, 5'-7", having urban property, no demand, simple marriage. 99153-13918. (CL20083956)

**UK citizen Jat Sikh Sangha divorce**  
boy no baby, 39, 5'-9", requires Degree holder, landlord, educated family. 98763-34323. (CL20083657)

**Suitable match for 76 born, 5'-10",**  
US citizen. Medical Graduate live in Tristate Area of US. Prospective bride should be well educated, traditional with family values. Caste no bar. Please respond with picture and full biodata, surasials1@gmail.com (CL20084015)

**Looking for smart, well educated &**  
professionally qualified girl for Jat Sikh boy, 1991, 6', B.Tech. (from premier institute), MBA (IIM), working with reputed global company. Father retired from a senior position in Govt. organization. Chandigarh-based well established family having Urban & rural property. Email: blessings4312@gmail.com WhatsApp +9188722-02730. (CL20083148)

**Senior Defence Officer (retd.)**  
having U/R property, seek's for Tricity based Jat-Sikh handsome clean shaven son 1985, 6 ft, Master's in Law, working in reputed MNC, good package, looking for beautiful & convert educated girl from similar status family, send biodata photo's. Email: gds123.2016@gmail.com, WhatsApp 62840-55912. (CL20084016)

**Status match preferably Canada.**  
PR/ work permit Jat Sikh turbred. Boy 94/5'-11", schooling YPS Mohali B.Tech. India PG Canada work permit PR file submitted working IT Company Toronto family having urban/ agri property. 83609-56408. (CL20084017)

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**Match for Himachali Saraswat**  
Brahmin boy 16.10.1987, 6:30 am, Chandigarh, 5'-4", own business. Preferred educated girl in Tricity. Contact: 94171-31120. (CL20084987)

**Anshik Manglik Jat boy B.Sc. (IT),**  
03.10.1991, 08:58 am, Chandigarh, self employed (Hosiery). Rural, urban properties, Ludhiana. HP Guest house under construction in Manali. Father Prof. (Retd.). Mother housewife. Only two brothers, foreign settled. No bars. 99150-91030, 9880-79257. (CL20089100)

**Jat Sikh turban boy 34 year, 5'-8"**  
ht. B.Tech., own transportation business (40000-60000 monthly) + commercial land settled family looking educated girl. NCR NRI also contact Faridkot. 98768-42503. (CL20083686)

**Beautiful match for Jattsikh class**  
one officer Pb. Govt., 32/6', decent family. 97805-00231. (CL20084655)

**Seeking Australia PR/ citizen match**  
for Jat Sikh Randhawa boy B.Tech. Electrical Engineer 86'/ 5'-10", currently on study base in Australia, brother Australia citizen. 001647026868, WhatsApp: 99155-94275. (CL20083723)

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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF FINANCE,**  
**INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT**  
**कार्यालय: मुख्य आयकर आदेन्ट, आयकर बचन, मक्कूल रोड, अमृतसर।**  
**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF INCOME TAX**  
**AAYAKAR BHAWAN, MAQBOOL ROAD, AMRITSAR (PB) – 143001**  
**E-mail: amritsar.01.hq1.ccit@incometax.gov.in**  
**मा. No. 0183-2506392 मा. No. 0183-2506419**

**Public Notice**

It is informed that the last date for submission of application for empanelment of Special Auditor U/s 142(2A) of the Income Tax Act 1961 in the office of the Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Amritsar has been extended from 15.01.2021 to 22.01.2021.

Sd/- (Dhruv Narayan Saw),  
Income Tax Officer (HQrs.-1),  
O/o Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Amritsar.

DI-18304

**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB**  
**PWD B&R BRANCH**

**NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS****TENDER NOTICE NO. 24 DATED 15.01.2021**

On behalf of Governor of Punjab, Executive Engineer, Construction Division No. 2, PWD B&R Br., Mohali at Fatehgarh Sahib invites bids from eligible bidders enlisted with PWD (B&R) for the work of "Construction of various New Link Roads under Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Ru-Urban Mission Scheme (Sanghol Cluster) falling in M.C., Khamano, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib" falling under his jurisdiction.

Note:- i) For detailed terms and conditions refer to website <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>  
ii) Corrigendum, if any, will be issued on website only.

Sd/- Er. Sukhmander Singh Bedi,  
Executive Engineer,  
Construction Division No. 2, PWD B&R Br.,  
Mohali at Fatehgarh Sahib.  
E-mail: eecd2mohalipwdp@gmail.com  
Tel. No.: 98559-69039

DPR/Pb/891

**LOCAL GOVT. DEPARTMENT**  
**MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AMRITSAR**  
**E-TENDER NOTICE**

No:XEN-18 Dated:- 14.1.2021

The Municipal Corporation, Amritsar, invites online bids from eligible bidders for various works as per schedule given below:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Contract Period	Earliest Money
1	Design, Manufacture and Supply of 4000 Litres capacity suction machine Mounted on BSVI Chassis	Within 2 Months after Delivery of Chassis	98,000/-

Last date of submission is 25.1.2021, Opening date next working day. For Further Specifications, Terms & Conditions, Kindly visit [eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://eproc.punjab.gov.in). Further any Corrigendum/ Amendment shall be published in the above said website only. Helpdesk No. 83608-84878, 9988648605.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (O&M),  
Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

DPR/Pb/872

**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB**  
**PWD B&R BRANCH**

**NOTICE INVITING ON-LINE BIDS**

Bid No 23 DATED 14-01-2021

Dept. inviting work: Executive Engineer, Construction Division No. 2, PWD B&R, Amritsar.

Brief of work : Addition and Alteration work in sport Girls Hostel of Senior Secondary School (Girls) in village Karion to establish Shri Guru Teg Bhadur Law University in Village Karion, District Tarn Taran.

Area of Work : Tarn Taran

Date of Opening of Bid:- 01.02.2021.

For detailed terms and conditions of the notice inviting Tender please see to [punjab.gov.in](http://punjab.gov.in) [www.eprocppbwed.gov.in](http://eprocppbwed.gov.in)

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

Sd/- Executive Engineer,  
Construction Division No. 2,  
PWD B&R Amritsar

DPR/Pb/866

**PUNJAB PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Baradari Gardens, Patiala-147001

Website:<http://ppsc.gov.in>

**SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

It is for the information of all the concerned that Punjab Public Service Commission, Patiala requires 178 (approx.) videographers for carrying out the work of videography in two sessions (Morning and Evening) at different locations at Jalandhar, Kapurthala, Kharkar, Mohali, Sirhind, Fatehgarh Sahib, Nabha, Patiala, Ludhiana, Sangrur, SBS Nagar, Banur on 13.02.2021(tentatively).

Any agency/person interested in the above mentioned assignment may submit quotations in sealed envelopes addressed to "Secretary, Punjab Public Service Commission, Baradari Gardens, Patiala" along with bank demand draft of Rs. 30,000/- in favour of "Secretary, Punjab Public Service Commission" payable at Patiala as security (refundable). The quotations should reach the office latest by 22.01.2021 by 05:00 pm. The firm should have the previous experience of working with any Government Office/Department/Autonomous Body and should be capable of handling work of minimum 200 cameras. The firm should have valid G.S.T. & Income Tax Registrations. The price should be quoted for all locations collectively.

Dated: 15.01.2021

Sd/- Secretary,  
Punjab Public Service Commission,  
Patiala.

DPR/Pb/900

**HARYANA STATE CHILD PROTECTION SOCIETY****WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

Bays No. 15-20, Pocket-II, Sector-4, Panchkula

Phone No. 0172-2580359

**ADVERTISEMENT**

Applications are invited to fill up posts of Chairperson, Child Welfare Committee & Member, Juvenile Justice Board as per provisions under Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Model Rules, 2016 as per following qualification, terms and conditions:-

Sr. No. Name of Post District wise number of posts

1 Chairperson (Child Welfare Committee) Palwal

2 Member (Juvenile Justice Board) Jhajjar-1 Post (reserved for Female)

Qualification of JJB Member: Minimum seven years experience of working with children in the field of education, health, or welfare activities, or should be a practicing professional with a degree in child psychology or psychiatry or sociology or in the field of law.

Age of JJB Member: Not less than 35 years on the date of Advertisement.

Qualification of Chairperson of CWC: Seven years of experience of working with children in the field of education, health, or welfare activities, or should be a practicing professional with a degree in child psychology or psychiatry or social work or sociology or human development or in the field of law or a retired Judicial Officer.

Age of CWC Chairperson: Above the age of 35 years on the date of advertisement

Tenure: Three years.

Honorarium: Member of the Juvenile Justice Board & Chairperson, Child Welfare Committee shall be paid as per sitting which shall include sitting allowance, travel allowance and any other allowance, as the State Government may prescribe.

Terms & conditions:

1. Applicant must have a domicile of Haryana.

2. Applicant will maintain his/her headquarter as the presence is required even at odd hours or on short notice and the appointment will be cancelled if headquarter is not maintained.

3. Applicant shall have to submit a self-declaration/affidavit on the following points with application form. All conditions from (i) to (vi) of the following point must be fulfilled.

i. He/She has not previous conviction record.

ii. He/She has not been involved in any immoral act or in the Act of Child abuse or employment of child labour.

iii. He/She is not holding such other full time occupation that does not allow him/her to give necessary time and attention to the work.

iv. He/She will give details about his/her Previous/Present post tenure in any district of Juvenile Justice Board and Child Welfare Committee.

v. No enquiry is pending against him/her in any agency/court.

vi. The applicant should not have any past record of violation of human rights or child rights.

vii. The applicant should not have been removed or dismissed from service of the Central Government or a State Government or an undertaking or Corporation owned or controlled by the Central Government or a State Government.

8. Willing candidates may submit their application form on the prescribed format or before 14.02.2021 till 5.00 p.m. along with supporting documents i.e. educational qualification and experience certificate etc. in the office of concerned District Programme Officer, Women and Child Development of respective District.

5. Direct application received at Headquarter of WCD, will be rejected.

6. Department has reserved the right to reject the incomplete application form without any prior notice of the candidate.

7. Incomplete Application form in any manner will be rejected.

Prescribed Application proforma may be downloaded from the departmental website [www.wcdhry.gov.in](http://wcdhry.gov.in).

Member Secretary,

Haryana State Child Protection Society

Women and Child Development Department

Shimla

Secretary, HPERC

Shimla

**हरियाणा शहरी विकास प्राधिकरण (हशविप्रा)**

सी-3, सेक्टर-6, पंचकूला

धार्मिक एवं सामाजिक संस्थाओं हेतु भूखंडों का आवंटन

हरियाणा शहरी विकास प्राधिकरण (हशविप्रा) द्वारा फरीदाबाद, हिसार, हांसी, करनाल, पंचकूला व गुरुग्राम शहरी संपर्क क्षेत्रों के अंतर्गत

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सकते हैं। अधिक जानकारी के लिए संबंधित सम्पर्क अधिकारी, हशविप्रा से संपर्क करें। आवेदन पत्र जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि 15.02.2021 सायं 05:00 बजे होगी।

मुख्य प्रशासक, हशविप्रा, पंचकूला।

**HARYANA MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED,**

(A Government of Haryana Undertaking)

Bays No. 59-62, Sector-2, Panchkula,

Phone: 0172-2590608

**NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (NIT)**

HMSCL invites e-tenders for two years Rate Contract for 5 Part

Differential Hematology Analyzer, Cryostat on the website [www.etenders.hry.nic.in](http://www.etenders.hry.nic.in). Please see corrigendum, if any, regarding these tenders on the website [www.etenders.hry.nic.in](http://www.etenders.hry.nic.in) only.

Managing Director,

HMSCL, Panchkula.

PRDH/2222/11/24/2021/1422/31/4

**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB****PWD B&R BRANCH****NOTICE RE-INVITING ON-LINE BIDS****TENDER NOTICE NO. 12 DATED 16.01.2021**

On behalf of Governor of Punjab, Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, PWD B&R Br, Gurdaspur re-invites bids from eligible bidders enlisted under "All Road Works" category with PWD (B&R) for the works approved under Special Repair of Link Roads Project 2020-21 (Phase-III) falling under his jurisdictions detailed in the following table. The bidders may submit bids for any or all of the following work(s).

Sr. No. Name of MC Group No's. Total No. Availability of tender online from Last date and time of submission of tender online

1 Gurdaspur 16 1 16.01.2021 to 27.01.2021 5:00 p.m.

\*For detailed terms and conditions refer to website <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

Sd/- (Er. Mannmohan), Executive Engineer,

Provincial Division, PWD B&R Br, Gurdaspur.

eepgdgspwdp@gmail.com 96460-36125

DPR/Pb/867

**MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AMRITSAR****LOCAL GOVT DEPTT PUNJAB**

NIT No. 02/2021

Dated: 14.1.2021

The Municipal Corporation, Amritsar invites tenders on Online Two bid system from eligible bidders, Firms/Agencies/General Contractors and Co-op Societies etc for development works.

• Last Date of submission Dated 29.01.2021 till 12.00 Noon and opening of Technical Bid 29.01.2021 at 03.00 PM

• EMD % of Estimated Amount for Firms/Agencies/General Contractors etc.

• For further specification terms & conditions, kindly visit [https://eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://eproc.punjab.gov.in)

# SC panel on farmers' stir in limbo

Experts feel the four-member committee needs to be reconstituted

SATYA PRAKASH  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**NEW DELHI, JANUARY 15**  
The Supreme Court's four-member committee on farmers' agitation appears to be in limbo after the lone farmers' representative and Bharatiya Kisan Union national president Bhupinder Singh Mann recused himself in view of criticism from his own union which sacked him from its primary membership.

Legal experts told *The Tribune* that the panel can't start its work until it was reconstituted and the vacancy filled.

"The SC will have to nominate some other person to the committee. Since setting up of the committee is a unilateral action on part of the court, only it can find a replacement for Mann," senior counsel Vikas Singh, who is appear-



Nihangs during farmers' agitation in New Delhi on Friday. PTI

ing a PIL petitioner seeking

with the government it may keep its order on hold or even refer it to a Constitution Bench."

While staying the implementation of the three farm laws, a three-judge Bench headed by Chief Justice of India SA Bobde had on January 12 set up a four-member committee to hear stakeholders' views.

Besides Mann, the other three members of the committee were Pramod Kumar Joshi (Director, South Asia International Food Policy), Agricultural Economist Ashok Gulati and Shetkari Sanghatana leader Anil Ghansawat.

They were mandated to talk to the agitating farmers on the Farmers' (Empowerment & Protection) Agreement of Price Assurance & Farm Services Act 2020, Farmers Produce Trade & Commerce (Promotion & Facilitation) Act & Amendment to Essential Commodities Act and file a report before the court in two months.

Advocate AP Singh, who is representing some farmers' bodies in the case, said, "it was bound to happen as most of the members were pro-farm laws and their views were already known".

Advocate Virag Gupta said,

"The SC may modify its previous order and allow the committee to continue with only three members or name Mann's replacement. Since kisan unions have expressed their

willingness to continue talks

vants for causing alleged loss of Rs 121.75 crore to the bank.

The officials said the PNB in its complaint has alleged that the accused company "had fraudulently sold its stock as well as machinery, which was hypothecated to it and had also not deposited the sale proceed with the bank".

The officials said the searches were conducted at three locations, including official and residential premises of the accused at Nissing in Karnal, which led to recovery of a number of incriminating documents.

In another case, the agency registered a case on the com-

plaint by State Bank of India against Delhi/Noida-based Naftogaz India Private Limited, the borrower company, and others, including its CMD and unknown public servants, "for causing an alleged loss of Rs 219.81 crore" to the bank.

The officials said the SBI in its complaint has alleged that the accused and the company had cheated the bank "by way of diversion of funds, fraudulent transactions, criminal misappropriation and submission of false stock/debt statements etc".

The officials said searches were conducted at three locations in Delhi/NCR.

positive" in RT-PCR test. As we lack mechanism to diagnose influenza strain, the samples have been forwarded to Bhopal." After December 30, the RDDL has received 5,092 samples from various states, 42 of which have been forwarded to the Bhopal lab for confirmatory tests.

Of the 42 samples, 23 are from Haryana, seven (all from Dera Bassi) Punjab, six Himachal, five Delhi and one from J&K. Sixteen samples from Haryana, all five from Delhi and the one from J&K are of wild or migratory birds while the rest are from poultry farms.

# NCP leader Khadse grilled by ED in Pune land deal case

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**NEW DELHI, JANUARY 15**

A team of Enforcement Directorate (ED) today questioned senior NCP leader Eknath Khadse at its office in Mumbai and recorded his statement under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) in connection with a Pune Mumbai Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) land deal case.

Agency officials said Khadse was questioned at the ED office in south Mumbai, as he came nearly three weeks after he was first summoned in the case.

Last month, a team of ED had gone to Pune to scrutinise evidence and gather documents



NCP leader Eknath Khadse at the ED office in Mumbai on Friday. PTI

ment in 2016, they said.

Subsequently, the ED recorded the statement of whistle-blower activist Anjali Damania in the matter.

Claiming innocence, Khadse (68)—who quit the BJP to join the NCP last October—said the entire transaction was absolutely transparent and without irregularities. The ED's probe is based on an FIR filed by the state Anti-Corruption Bureau in April 2017 against Khadse, his wife Mandakini, son-in-law Girish Choudhary and others. It is alleged that the land was purchased in the name of Khadse's wife and son-in-law for Rs 3.75 crore, much lower than the market price of Rs 40 crore.

## BRIEFLY

Former IAS officer is BJP candidate for UP council polls

New Delhi: Former IAS officer Arvind Kumar Sharma, who is considered close to PM Narendra Modi, was today named by the BJP as its candidate for the upcoming Legislative Council polls in Uttar Pradesh. The buzz is that after his election to the council, Sharma may be given a key position in the Yogi government. TNS

Kidnapping case: Former AP minister sent back to jail

Hyderabad: Former Andhra Pradesh Tourism Minister Bhuma Akhila Priya, the main accused in the kidnapping of three brothers that include a former national hockey player, was sent back to jail on Friday. She was produced before a magistrate after medical examination, following which she was sent to judicial custody. TNS

## TRP scam...

FROM PAGE 1  
to power in this government." Several netizens questioned the chats which reveal the alleged role of Dasgupta in convincing Arnab to thwart the TRAI proposal of measuring TV viewership digitally through a specially installed software in a set-top box.

The conversations reveal the proximity between Dasgupta and Arnab with the former writing to Arnab on May 5, 2017, 'Best wishes boss from my heart and not from BARC. I really want you to succeed.' Arnab replies to the thread, saying, 'Life is so strange Partha. Had you not met me in Delhi, I would have been languishing in NDTV.' Another chat dated July 18, 2017 has Dasgupta asking Arnab who the next Information and Broadcasting Minister would be and Arnab replying: 'Smriti... Was worried about J.'

Another chat reveals Dasgupta asking Arnab if he could get him a media adviser's role in the PMO. Yet another conversation has Arnab telling the ex-BARC chief: 'The PM is being dealt differently.' The chats became public on a day when the Mumbai Police told the Bombay HC it would not take coercive action against Goswami till January 29 in the TRP case.

# Lanka okays Adani project days after Jaishankar visit

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**NEW DELHI, JANUARY 15**

The Adani group is the frontrunner in a Indian and Japanese investment project at Colombo port that has been green-lighted by Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa less than a fortnight after External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar met him to seek its revival.

Despite the severe cold and difficult terrain, the morale of Indian soldiers was "higher than the mountains" they were defending, he said.

On the situation along the Line of Control with Pakistan, the Army Chief said 300 to 400 terrorists were present in camps in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir and were waiting to sneak into India. Pakistan was adamant about using terrorism as state policy, he said. —TNS

The tripartite deal by the previous government was on hold due to trade union pressure but Rajapaksa has now approved after reviewing the "regional geopolitical concerns".

The terminal will have

majority, 51 per cent ownership by the Sri Lankan Government and the rest will be invested by Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone and

other stakeholders including Japan. The facility will come up next to the Chinese-run Colombo International Container Terminal.

The Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) had signed a memorandum of cooperation in May 2019 with the governments of Sri Lanka, India and Japan to develop the east container terminal during the tenure of Mathripathala Srisena who was backed by India in the 2015 polls

against the current President's elder brother Mahinda Rajapaksa, who is now the Prime Minister.

Both India and Japan are members of the Quad grouping that comprises the US and Australia to counter Beijing's influence in the Indo-Pacific region.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Applications are invited for Registration of Seed Potato Growers of Haryana State for the Rabi Session 2020-21. Seed Potato Growers may kindly submit their registration application at their concerned Distt. Horticulture office or PTC Shangr, Karnal in prescribed proforma, upto 20.01.2021 time at 05:00 PM. No application will be entertained after due date. Application form may also be downloaded from Horticulture Department website [www.hortharyana.gov.in](http://www.hortharyana.gov.in).

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## NORTHERN RAILWAY

### Tender Notice

Open tender through E-tendering are invited by Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRD, Northern Railway, Ambala from the willing Contractors for following work upto 15:00 hrs on the date of closing shown against the work and will be opened thereafter:

S N	Open Tender No	Name of work	Date of Closing/Opening	Approx. Cost	Earnest Money	Completion period	Validity period	Cost of tender form
1	ETrU-24-11A-2019-20	Design, drawing, supply, testing and commissioning of 25 KV AC 50 Hz OHE in c/w Electrification of unelectrified Sidings at UMB, YJUD, JUDW, Barwala & NLDM stations in electrified section of Ambala division	08.02.2021	Rs. 3,27,59,370.75	Rs. 13,800.00	6 Months	45 days	Downloading through IREPS portal, NIL रुपये 1000/- UMB/TRD/Sr DEE अंगिरा से हार्द कीरी के लिए

1. Tenderer(s) are required to upload scanned copies of all related eligibility documents including PAN/GSTIN as per conditions. The required Earnest Money will be acceptable On-Line payment through Net Banking/or Payment Gateway payment only well before & upto 1500 hrs of closing date & time of tender.  
2. Tenderer(s) should have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate to participate in E-Tendering of Works Tenders.  
3. All Taxes i.e. GST, BOWCC, Income tax etc. are applicable as per extant rule.  
4. The condition of "Similar Nature Work" is applicable and the Similar Nature Work is "Design, drawing, supply, testing and commissioning of 50 Hz, Single phase 25 KV AC OHE".  
5. For details, please log on to IREPS website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)

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## MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHANDIGARH

### E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No. Name of Work Bid submission Schedule (Online) Opening Technical Bid (Online)

#### EXECUTIVE ENGINEER - MCPH Division No. 1

1.	Replacement of 600mm id flow sensor & recalibration of new flow sensor with existing electronic signal converters IFC-021 alongwith LPU/CVTs signal & power cables etc. inlet line from water works Sector-52, Chandigarh. (Ch To: Revenue Head) Estimated Cost : Rs. 11.92 Lacs EMD : Rs. 23,841/- Tender Fee : Rs. 1,000/- Time Limit : 03 Months	18.01.2021 To 25.01.2021 Upto 1.00 P.M.	25.01.2021 at 1.30 P.M.
2.	Replacing of Damaged 1000mm Dia PSC Pipe Line at various locations with MS Pipe Line supplying clear water to Water Works, Sector-32 & 52, Chandigarh. (Ch To: Revenue Head) (Re-Invite) Estimated Cost : Rs. 9.98 Lacs EMD : Rs. 19,960/- Tender Fee : Rs. 1,000/- Time Limit : 02 Months	18.01.2021 To 25.01.2021 Upto 1.00 P.M.	25.01.2021 at 1.30 P.M.
3.	Repair of 800 KVA T-2 Transformer by Rewinding of HV/LV coil and replacement of tap changer, insulation providing and filling of Transformer Oil, Painting overhauling testing and other allied works at 11 KV Substation at Water Works Sector-26, Chandigarh. (Ch To: Revenue Head) Estimated Cost : Rs. 6,43,300/- EMD : Rs. 12,866/- Tender Fee : Rs. 1,000/- Time Limit : 01 Month	18.01.2021 To 25.01.2021 Upto 1.00 P.M.	25.01.2021 at 1.30 P.M.

#### EXECUTIVE ENGINEER - MCPH Division No. 3

4.	Manufacturing and supplying of moveable water Trolley fixed on MS Channel with tyre & tubes of 2000 Ltrs. capacity for supplying the water at various places in Chandigarh (under the charge of S.D.E. M.C.P.H. Sub Divn. No. 11, Chandigarh) Ch. To :- (Revenue Head). (Re-Invite) Estimated Cost : Rs. 6,40,000/- EMD : Rs. 12,800/- Tender Fee : Rs. 1,000/- Time Limit : 02 Months	16.01.2021 To 25.01.2021 at 01:00 P.M.	25.01.2021 at 02:00 P.M.
5.	Providing and fixing of 4" id DI pipe and other allied works near M.W. Indl. Area Phase-I, Chandigarh, under the jurisdiction of SDE MCPH Sub Division No. 16, Chandigarh. (Ch. To : A/mtc. of water supply and running of tubewell at Chandigarh) Estimated Cost : Rs. 7,39,415/- EMD : Rs. 14,788/- Tender Fee : Rs. 1,000/- Time Limit : 01 Month	16.01.2021 To 25.01.2021 at 01:00 P.M.	25.01.2021 at 02:00 P.M.

#### EXECUTIVE ENGINEER - MCPH Division No. 4

6.	Urgent repair and maintenance of existing sewage/SWD line, construction and repair of machine holes/road gullies (on dividing road 29/30, 27/28 (upto Madhya Marg) and Udyog Path (i.e. road dividing 28/29, 27/30, 19



# Rookies keep India in game

Labuschagne ton after dropped catches, Australia 274/5

**BRISBANE, JANUARY 15** Thangarasu Natarajan's incredible fairytale got better today, his two wickets on debut headlining a commendable effort from the second-string Indian bowling attack, which reduced Australia to 213/5 at one stage before the hosts recovered to 274/5 at stumps on Day 1 of the fourth and final Test.

Marnus Labuschagne, dropped on 37 and 48, scored a stylish century after Australia opted to bat first after winning the toss.

The Indian bowling attack, with a total experience of 4 Tests and 11 wickets, was pitted against a batting line-up that had 59 Test hundreds. But two Tamil Nadu rookies, Natarajan and Washington Sundar, making their debut in the absence of the injured Ravichandran Ashwin and Jasprit Bumrah, can hold their head high for a lion-hearted effort on a good batting pitch. Medium-pacer Natarajan picked up two for 63 off 20 overs, while off-spinner Sundar took the important wicket of Steve Smith, conceding 63 runs off 22 overs.



SCOREBOARD			
AUSTRALIA 1st innings			
D Warner c Sharma b Siraj	1		
M Harris c Sundar b Thakur	5		
M L'Chagrin c Pant b Natarajan	108		
S Smith c Sharma b Sundar	36		
M Wade c Thakur b Natarajan	45		
C Green not out	28		
T Paine not out	38		
Extras: (B 4, LB 4, NB 5)	13		
Total: (5 wickets, 87 overs)	274		
FOW: 1-4, 2-17, 3-87, 4-200, 5-213			
Bowling	O	M	R
Mohammed Siraj	19	8	51
Thangarasu Natarajan	20	2	63
Shardul Thakur	18	5	67
Navdeep Saini	7.5	2	21
Washington Sundar	22	4	63
Rohit Sharma	0.1	0	1



Labuschagne was then dropped on 48 by Cheteshwar Pujara at first slip.



Thangarasu Natarajan dismissed Marnus Labuschagne and Matthew Wade. AP/PTI



**INJURY CONCERN** Navdeep Saini bowled 7.5 overs before going off due to pain in the groin region.



## TENDER NOTICE

Punjab Markfed invites e-tender for the sale of unserviceable stock articles "As is where basis" lying at various districts/centres of Markfed in the state of Punjab.

Tenders can be uploaded on <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> on or before 08.02.2021 up to 10.00 a.m. The Technical bid will be opened on 10.02.2021 at 2.00 p.m.

The Financial bid will be opened on 12.02.2021 at 2.00 p.m. The detailed Tender Notice can be seen at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> or on [www.markfedpunjab.com](http://www.markfedpunjab.com). Any corrigendum(s)/clarification(s) shall be uploaded on [www.markfedpunjab.com](http://www.markfedpunjab.com) only.

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DPR/Pb/915 Sd/- For: Chief Eng. HRD, PSPCL, Patiala.

## Pacer Siraj abused at Gabba, called 'grub'

**BRISBANE, JANUARY 15** It's Aussie slang for an unclean person with messy habits

*Morning Herald* today quoted a spectator as saying that a section of the crowd at the Gabba here targeted Siraj.

"The guys behind me have been calling — shouting — both Washington and Siraj 'grubs,'" a spectator named Kate was quoted as saying by the newspaper.

According to the report, at one point, a man in the crowd was heard yelling, "Siraj, give us a wave, give us a wave, give us a wave. Siraj, you bloody grub."

— Agencies

A report in the *Sydney*

defending champions Real Madrid in the Spanish Super Cup with a 2-1 win, setting up a final against Barcelona.

**KOLKATA** Real earn first win of season

Real Kashmir notched up their first win of the I-League season, beating Chennai City FC 2-0 here today.

**GALLE** England dominate rain-hit day

Joe Root's unbeaten 168 has put England in firm control of the first Test against Sri Lanka as they closed a rain-hit second day on 320/4, a first innings lead of 185 over their hosts.

**MALAGA** Athletic knock out Madrid

Athletic Bilbao knocked out

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**Vaccination for prevention from COVID-19 starts in Haryana from today**

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- Maintain 6 feet (2 gaj) physical distance
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**Registration is mandatory for vaccination**

**National Health Mission, Health Department, Haryana**

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### NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Online bids are invited at the office of Director General of Police, Punjab from eligible, reputed and qualified Bidders with prior experience of conducting Optical Mark Recognition (OMR) and Computer Based Test (CBT) examinations to participate for the "Selection of Single Solution Provider for the recruitment of Police Personnel vacancies in Punjab Police Department". Interested bidders are required to visit the portal <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>, [www.punjabpolice.gov.in](http://www.punjabpolice.gov.in) and [www.punjab.gov.in](http://www.punjab.gov.in) to download the RFP and submit their responses.

Detailed terms and conditions along with qualification criteria etc. can be seen in the tender document available on above website.

Any clarification required can be addressed on above portal. All corrigendum will also be issued on above portal which can be viewed from time to time.

Sd/- (Arun Kumar Mittal), Inspector General of Police, Headquarters, Punjab.

# Led by Rahul, Priyanka, Cong workers gherao Raj Niwas

Party holds nationwide protest against central farm laws

TREASURE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 15  
Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Friday led protests outside the Delhi Raj Niwas in solidarity with the agitating farmers and demanded repeal of farm laws.

As the Congress marked 'Kisan Adhikar Divas' by gheraoing Governor houses across India, several of party leaders offered arrests, including in Delhi where Congress leaders from Punjab were detained and kept at the Mandir Marg police station for long hours.

Congress MPs from Punjab Ravneet Singh Bittu, Gurjeet Auja, JS Gill and MLA Kubir Jira were among those detained from Jantar Mantar, where they have been sitting in solidarity with the farmers for 41 days.

Priyanka also joined the protesting Congress leaders from Punjab at Jantar Mantar and said the party



Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi with protesting Congress leaders from Punjab at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi on Friday. PTI

## GOVT HELPING CORPORATES

**“**The Central farm laws have been drafted to aid corporates like Ambani and Adani. The government had earlier attempted to usurp farm land by bringing in the new land acquisition Act. The Congress foiled that attempt. **Rahul Gandhi, CONGRESS LEADER**

would not withdraw until the laws were repealed.

"We will stand with the farmers till the black laws are repealed...the government will have to budge," said Rahul. "The laws are meant

not to help farmers, but to destroy them. They have been drafted to aid corporates like Ambani and Adani. The Congress will continue to stand with the farmers. The government had earlier

attempted to usurp farm lands by bringing the new land acquisition Act. The Congress frustrated that attempt. Now the BJP and their corporate friends have again made a bid to attack the farmers and we will again stand against the government," he said before going to Jantar Mantar, where he said the Prime Minister did not respect the farmers and wanted to tire out the protesters in battle with the Centre.

AICC general secretary KV Venugopal later said water cannons were used against Congress workers in Chandigarh while they were trying to gherao the Punjab Raj Bhawan. Uttar Pradesh leaders of the party were detained when they were trying to march towards Raj Bhawan in Lucknow. "Haryana leaders, including state chief Kumari Selja, held a protest march and courted arrest. Reports of protests also came in from Bihar, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan," Venugopal said.

# Don't take Covid for granted, get a shot: Nimhans Director

ADITI TANDON  
TREASURE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 15

Ahead of the Covid-19 vaccination drive starting tomorrow, leading international neurologist and outgoing head of neurology at AIIMS, New Delhi, MV Padma Srivastava today called upon healthcare and frontline workers to get vaccinated in large numbers.

Director-designate at the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences, Bengaluru, Srivastava was the first from AIIMS to volunteer for phase 3 Covaxin trials, which are about to be concluded.

"I have completed my two doses under phase 3 trials. It has been over 14 days since I received the second dose. I am fit and fine," she told The Tribune, seeking to settle the controversy around the safety of the indigenous Covid vaccine, which is part of the national rollout plan.

Srivastava said everyone, particularly healthcare workers, "needed to have healthy respect for Covid and get protected with the two national



MV PADMA SRIVASTAVA  
A Covaxin trial volunteer, Srivastava says both Indian vaccines safe

ly approved choices".

"Covid-19 continues to be unpredictable. There is no typecasting the disease. We cannot take it for granted. I will continue to have a very healthy respect for Covid-19 rather than saying I know everything about it. I hope everyone else will do the same and get vaccinated. Both vaccines approved in India are safe. No regulator will approve a product without taking safety into account. We must believe the system. I am an Indian and I believe in the scientific rigour of my system," Srivastava said.

Appset with data breach?



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# Army displays combat swarm drone system



A mock drone attack during the Army Day parade in New Delhi. PTI

TREASURE NEWS SERVICE

technologies to transform itself into a technology-enabled force," the Army said in statement.

The Army is investing heavily in AI, autonomous weapon systems, quantum technologies, robotics, cloud computing and algorithm warfare in order to achieve a convergence between the Army's war-fighting philosophies and the military attributes of these technologies.

Army Day is celebrated on January 15 every year in recognition of Field Marshal KM Cariappa's taking over as the first Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army from Sir Francis Butcher, the last British Commander in 1949.

One such project is the AI offensive drone operation. The project symbolizes the beginning of Army's tryst with autonomy in weapon platforms.

"This demonstration is recognition of the Indian Army's ability to embrace emerging and disruptive

# Xi asks Starbucks' Schultz to help repair ties with US

BEIJING, JANUARY 15  
President Xi Jinping has asked Starbucks former CEO Howard Schultz to help repair US-Chinese ties.

A letter from Xi to Schultz reported on Friday by the official Xinhua News Agency was a rare direct communication from China's paramount leader to a foreign business figure. Schultz opened Starbucks' first China outlet in 1999 and is a frequent vis-



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## BRIEFLY

### PM to flag off 8 trains to Statue of Unity

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will flag off eight trains connecting different regions of the country to Kevadiya on January 17. The trains will facilitate seamless connectivity to the Statue of Unity in Gujarat. The Prime Minister will also inaugurate other projects related to the Railways in Gujarat during the event. TNS

### Construction of new Parl building begins

New Delhi: The construction work of the new Parliament building started on Friday, over a month after Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the project under the government's ambitious Central Vista redevelopment plan. The new building will have a triangular shape and is expected to be completed by the 75th anniversary of India's Independence in 2022. PTI

# Nepal for early solution to boundary dispute, India talks development

FMs discuss trans-border pipeline, Kathmandu-ly link

SANDEEP DIKSHIT  
TREASURE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 15

Nepal said it discussed the boundary dispute with India at the Foreign Ministers' meeting on Friday under the rubric of the sixth India-Nepal joint commission. The issue found no mention in the Indian read-out of the meeting chaired by Foreign Ministers S Jaishankar and Pradeep Gyawali, respectively.

The Nepalese Foreign office's assertion did not find a mention in the Indian statement about the joint commission's proceedings. Rather, it suggested that both sides had kept aside their political differences to focus on bilateral cooperation, including a railway line to Kathmandu, a second oil pipeline, another inter-

### REVISING PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY

The Nepalese Foreign office said not just the boundary issue, but another political matter of revising the Peace and Friendship Treaty of 1950 was also discussed at the Foreign Ministers' meeting.

grated check-post and funding of two more cultural heritage projects in Nepal.

But the Nepalese Foreign office said not just the boundary issue, but another political

matter of revising the Peace and Friendship Treaty of 1950 was also discussed.

On Thursday, on being

asked if the boundary issue

would be discussed, MEA

spokesperson Anurag Srivastava had said, "Let me say that

the Joint Commission meeting and boundary talks are separate mechanisms."

Later, Nepal Foreign Minister Pradeep Gyawali publicly underlined both the political issues. "We should sincerely attend to the issues that we have inherited from the past, address them appropriately and creatively work out the agendas for future," he said, hinting at the unresolved boundary issue. On a review of the treaty, he said the Eminent Persons' Group had done its work to review the entire spectrum of Nepal-India relations and "it is our job to receive their report and implement it".

Both sides discussed connectivity, economy and trade, power, oil and gas, water resources, and political and security issues.

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