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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2020

Govt sends fresh invite, farmers reject

Unions call it delaying tactic | Want laws repealed | Meet today to decide future course

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI/CHANDIGARH, DEC 24 The Centre again today invited farmers for talks, reiterating its readiness to discuss all issues. However, like his letter dated December 20, Joint Secretary Vivek Aggarwal neither mentioned the time nor date of the proposed meeting. Effectively throwing the ball in the court of farmers, he said the meeting with "high-level ministerial panel" would take place in the Vigyan Bhawan at the time and date of their choice.

Farmer unions rejected the letter terming it yet another "delaying tactic" by the government. Leaders of various unions will hold a meeting tomorrow to decide the further course of action. They want a written assurance on the MSP "even though that is not a part of the three laws".

The letter is addressed to 40 unions of the Sanyukt Kisan Morcha and not just Kranikari Kisan Union president Darshan Pal, main addressee of the previous letter.

The agitating farmers remain steadfast in demanding the repeal of new laws, while the Centre remains firm on not doing so. It is, however, ready to make amendments that the farmers want.

BKU (Lakhawal) general



Farmers protest against the new agri laws at the Singhu-Delhi border on Thursday. MUKESH AGGARWAL

REPEAL FARM LAWS: 11 OPPN PARTIES

In a joint statement on Thursday, leaders of 11 Opposition parties demanded repeal of the three farm laws. They also termed the allegations levelled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who has accused the parties of lying to the farmers, as "baseless", stating that such accusations were a "complete travesty of truth".

HELIPAD DUG UP, DUSHYANT'S VISIT OFF

Deputy CM Dushyant Chautala's visit to the Uchana Kalan segment in Jind was cancelled after protesters dug up a helipad on the school premises where his helicopter was to land. TNS

BKU (LOK SHAKTI) MOVES SUPREME COURT

secretary Harinder Singh said, "There is nothing new in today's letter. The government is sending these letters merely to show that it is serious about talks so that it can propagate that the farmers don't want a solution. PM Modi has the time to talk to

farmers in Kutch and other parts of the country, but not for the farmers sitting in the cold at his doorstep."

Jagmohan Singh Patiala, general secretary of the BKU (Dakaunder), said, "Earlier, the government was playing meeting-meeting with us, and

now it's playing letter-letter."

The Kisan Mazdoor Sangh from Baghpur has, meanwhile, extended support to the government on the three laws. Ahead of PM Narendra Modi's mega outreach to farmers on the birth anniversary of late PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee

tomorrow, Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar said his leaders told him that "the government should not succumb to any pressure on the laws". There were also reports of rallies being held at some places near Delhi in support of the three laws.

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Anger mounts, activists target pvt telco's towers

Of 9,000 in state, 600 damaged | Power supply to others snapped | No such call by farm unions

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

AMRITSAR, DECEMBER 24
As a fallout of the agrarian crisis due to the contentious farm laws and outburst against the corporate houses, mobile towers of a leading private telecom operator have been targeted in various parts of the state for the past few days.

While power supply has been snapped in most of the cases, reports of damage to the DG (digital generating) units and theft of batteries have surfaced from across the state.

This has led to disruption of Internet services, causing inconvenience to thousands of professionals, students studying online at homes, doctors, patients receiving medical consultations, government circuits and emergency helpline numbers.

Ironically, there has been no call from the farm unions to cause damage in retaliation to the properties or any infrastructure set up by the



corporate houses in the state.

Gurnam Singh Charuni, BKU (Charuni) president, had appealed to farmers not to shut down or damage the mobile towers as any such activity would cause inconvenience to the public and would weaken the farm agitation if social media messages put up by miscreants triggered a ruckus.

4 GROCERY STORES CLOSED IN FAZILKA

Fazilka: Farmers on Thursday evening forcibly closed four grocery stores of private firms, supporting the farm laws, in Fazilka. Dozens of farmers led by Harish Ladnuka, district chief, BKU (Dakaundera), asked the employees of four grocery stores to shut their establishments. Harish said the move was taken on the call of the state-level office-bearers of the union. He said two mobile towers in Salemshah and Rana villages were also closed. OC

◀◀ The cables of a mobile tower snapped at a Jalandhar village.

installed in the rural border belt of Majha region, including Attari, Ajnala, Patti, Chawinda Devi, Bhikiwind, Baba Bakala, Ranike, Khadoor Sahib, Jhabal, were affected.

In Ferozepur, the farm union activists on Thursday forcibly snapped power supply to another eight mobile towers situated at various locations. The power supply to mobile towers was snapped at Peer Mohammed village, Chakkhiya, Sheehanpuri, Behak Pacharian, Kohala, Fattewala, Chuchakwind in Makhu, Zira and Mallanwala blocks of the district. Another group of farmers snapped power supply to the mobile tower in Chak Bhangewala village in Mamdot.

The villages that are worst-affected in Bathinda include Natheha, Nangla, Bangi Ruldu, Kalawala, Pathrala and Gurthari. The villages where the tower sites were vandalised in Malaut included Bhai Khera, Phullu Khera, Fatehpur Manianwala, Raniwala, Panjwa, Mehna, Ghumriara, Shamkhera, Jandwala Charat Singh, Danewala and Sarawan Bolda villages.

In Makhu also, members of the BKU (Rajowal) and BKU (Krantikari) switched off the tower of the telecom company.

(With inputs from Anirudh Gupta and Aparna Banerjee)



An elderly farmer protests at the Singhu border on Thursday. PTI

Farmers reach out to other states through webinar

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CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 24

Fearing that the "propaganda machinery of the Centre" will succeed in convincing people across the country that the protest in Delhi was only for a cause that affects Punjab and Haryana farmers, a joint forum of the agitating farmers

on Thursday launched an outreach programme.

Through a webinar attended by thousands of people in India and abroad, farm leaders strategically tried to address the public, saying the protest was not just about the doing away with the Agriculture Produce and Market Committees, but also about their effect on the common man as the prices of food would be dictated by corporates.

This made an instant connect with the people of states like Bihar, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra among others, who otherwise had expressed reservations against the sti. A woman farmer from Bihar said the BJP had been successful in creating the narrative that only two states were against the laws, while these would be beneficial to farmers of other states. "But we know better; as small farmers from Bihar are forced to work as labourers to supplement their meagre incomes after the so-called

Say stir not just about Pb and Hry, new laws will hurt every citizen

reforms freed up the mandis."

Leaders Darshan Pal, Balbir Singh Rajewal, Jagjeet Singh Dallewal, Prem Singh Bhangar, Rajinder Singh Deepsinghwala (from Punjab) and Abhimanyu (from UP) put forth the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, saying it allowed corporates to store as much food-grain or crops, which would help them create huge stockpiles and using these to flood the markets around the harvest time, to artificially lower the prices at which farmers can sell. A farmer from Nagpur said: "This is exactly what the corporates do with citrus fruits. The MSP of all crops should be the legal right of farmers, and the Centre must grant us this right."

Deepsinghwala, who moderated the session, said to counter the Centre's narrative, they decided to use social media and give their side of the story regarding the new farm laws and clear the air about the protests. "We wanted to give the message that this is not a political protest. It is a protest to save the lives and livelihoods of farmers," he said.



HOPING AGAINST HOPE: Farmers raise slogans against the Centre at the Singhu border on Thursday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MUKESH AGGARWAL

SIDELIGHTS

Plea to join stir to mark martyrdom day

Chandigarh: The protest in Delhi may get a boost over the next three days as farm organisations have urged people of the state to mark the martyrdom day of Guru Gobind Singh and Mata Gujri's younger sons by joining the march. The 32 farmer organisations in the state have asked people to pay obeisance at the Fatehgarh Sahib gurdwara before heading to the Singhu border. Earlier, the BKU (Ugrahan) had announced that they would take 30,000 people in two batches to Delhi on December 25 and 26. On December 26, a contingent of 15,000 protesters would march from the Khamaria border, while on December 27, another 15,000 people would start their march from Dabwali.

Priests go on fast in support of farmers

Anandpur Sahib: Religious personalities from the district have come in support of the farmers. Former head granthi and two ex-Panji Pyaras of Takht Sri Kesgarh Sahib along with several others observed a one-day fast to express their solidarity with the farming community on Thursday. Former head granthi Giani Sukhwinder Singh along with Hari Singh, Balwinder Singh, Manjinder Singh Brar, Tirath Singh and Harminder Pal Singh reached Guru Ravidas Chowk and sat on a fast. Takht Sri Kesgarh Sahib head granthi Phool Singh performed 'ardas'. Giani Sukhwinder Singh urged people to continue a chain hunger strike.



Workers lie on a heap of unprocured cotton following the arthiyas' strike at the Bathinda grain market. PAWAN SHARMA

Cotton procurement hit

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BATHINDA, DECEMBER 24

The farm agitation against the contentious agricultural laws has taken its toll on the procurement of cotton in Punjab this season. Even as cotton procurement had begun early this season and the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) purchased a record volume of the produce till the second week of November, the procurement has registered a sharp decline after that.

Firstly, it was the farm agitation around a month ago that affected the procurement and now, the four-day strike by arthiyas in the state has impacted the procurement of cotton amid the peak season.

Data procured from the CCI revealed that while it was procuring approximately 65,000 quintals of cotton on a per-day basis in the state, the daily procurement had come down to approximately 21,000 quintals now.

Talking to The Tribune, Neeraj Kumar, CCI general manager and Punjab in charge, said, "We got an overwhelming response initially when the procurement started as many farmers turned up in the market to sell their

produce but after the farm agitation and arthiyas' strike, the procurement of cotton has got affected. However, farmers who want to sell cotton are directly going to the cotton factories and the procurement by the CCI is underway."

Sources said arthiyas, in order to muster up support for their strike call, had asked farmers to stay back and not to bring their produce to the mandis.

As per the records of the CCI, total 25 lakh quintals of cotton had been procured so far and payment of approximately Rs 1,250 crore was made to farmers this season.

Meanwhile, Ruldu Singh, state president of the Punjab Kisan Sabha, said, "The farm agitation will have ripple effects in the coming days. The cotton procurement will remain affected until the Union Government hears out our genuine demands and repeals the anti-farmer laws. We stand firmly with arthiyas in their call for strike in the state."

On December 3 night, she was hit by a speedy vehicle

Shun liquor, BKU leaders tell youth

SANGRUR, DECEMBER 24

For many farmer leaders of Punjab, the consumption of liquor is a personal issue and they are unwilling to discuss it during the ongoing protest at Delhi border. But for the leaders of BKU (Ugrahan), which is the largest outfit, the debate must go on it to convince its members against it.

All of its state panel members have shunned liquor consumption many years back as they say it may have an adverse impact over their fight for farming.

Even during the present protest, the "experienced" leaders, who once used to drink and understand the side-effects, are trying their best to convince maximum number of their members to stay away from liquor.

"Even during our routine meetings, we keep motivating our members to shun liquor.

During the present stir, our members are repeatedly trying to motivate our cadre to do so. Our members understand the gravity of the situation and take our advice positively. No one in our state panel consumes liquor," said Sukhdev Singh Kokri Kalan, general secretary of BKU Ugrahan.

Some young members, while talking to The Tribune, said that they usually have detailed discussions about liquor consumption during their meetings. Their leaders always try to convince them against liquor consumption.

BKU (Ugrahan) chief Joginder Singh Ugrahan admits that he was a hard drinker and stopped liquor consumption after many years. He said volunteers and senior leaders had been making regular checks during the tir and to date, not a single member had been caught with liquor. —TNS

"We got a better response from children of local migrant workers. Soon, the

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CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 24

Concerned about the sanitation at the Singhu border, an NGO started a community school there 10 days ago.

To date, 70 students have enrolled themselves, who attend the makeshift school regularly for three hours everyday.

'Saanjhi Sath' started the school to check the hygiene at the protest site. The NGO started distributing garbage bags, brooms and dustbins. "Soon, we noticed a large number of children participating in the struggle. We had some activists who were ready to volunteer as teachers. So, we thought of helping them with their studies," said Dinesh Chadha, Ropar-based activist, one of the founders of the school.

"We got a better response from children of local migrant workers. Soon, the

number of children swelled to 70," he added.

The students attending classes study Hindi, Punjabi, English and mathematics. The number of students as well as volunteer teachers has been growing every day. Navjot Kaur, Kawaljit Kaur, Manpreet Singh and Sonu Chahal are some of the volunteers, who teach the students at the school.

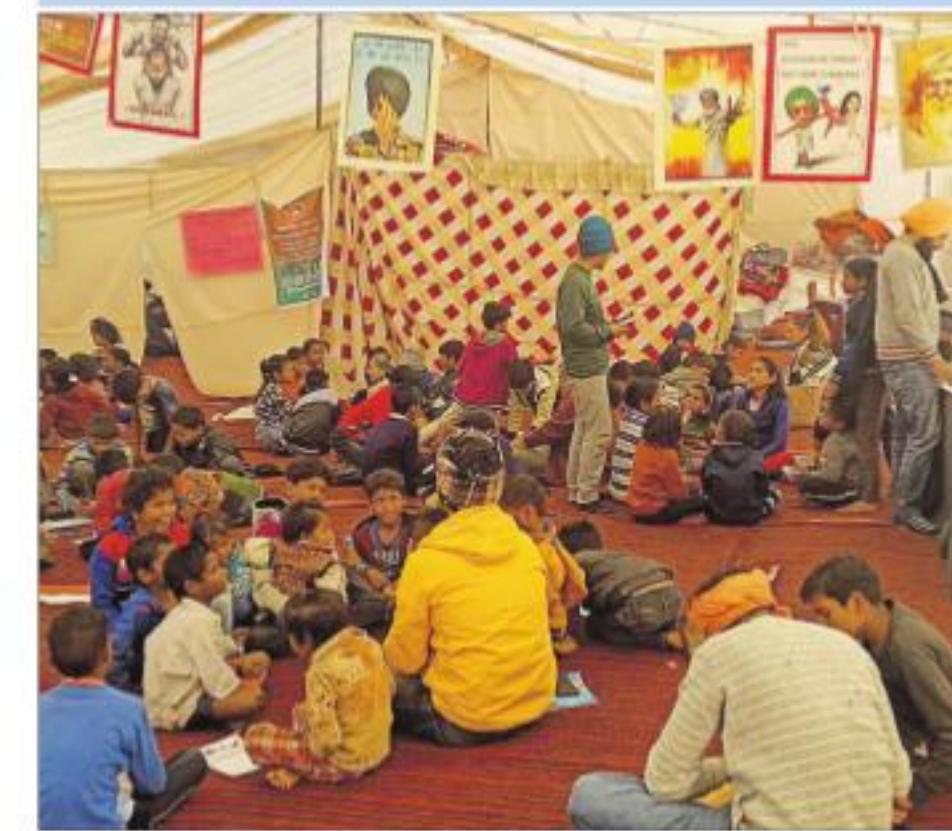
Looking at the response, the NGO has opened another branch at Tikri.

Besides a painting exhibition, two seminars on various topics take place everyday. The topics also cover the farm laws as well as new ways to take the movement to new places.

"We do not know the fate of this struggle. However, children and local residents will remember the protesters as people, who gave something to the society," Chadha added.

Community school at Singhu a hit

Started by NGO to help student activists



Kids attend a class at a community school at the Singhu border.

INITIALLY AIMED AT CHECKING HYGIENE

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Leg injury fails to dampen 65-year-old's spirits

PARVESH SHARMA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SANGRUR, DECEMBER 24

Anger against the Central farm laws runs so deep that Mahendar Kaur (65) who suffered serious injury in her left leg at the Tikri border during the protest on December 3, following which her photograph appeared in the national media, is unwilling to undergo surgery and has requested doctors to allow her to participate in the stir.

A resident of Alloarkh village of the district, Mahendar fears losing her 1.5 acres of land, which is the only source of livelihood for her family, including two sons, their wives and children.

On December 3 night, she was hit by a speedy vehicle

while she was crossing the road at the Tikri border. First she was taken to the

PGI-Rohtak by the members of the Bharatiya Kisan Union (Ugrahan). Later, she

was brought back to the Sangrur Civil Hospital, where she was treated for 10 days and then referred to Rajinder Hospital in Patiala. She reached her village 10 days ago. She was unwilling to come back even after suffering serious injuries.

Even after being in a lot of pain, her activism is still brimming as she has started motivating other women, who come to inquire about her health, to join the protest.

When asked whether she

had any hope from politicians as neither of them had offered any help to me nor any government officer has come forward for my treatment so far. The present stir will give a new direction to Punjab politics and I want to be part of this historic moment."

Meanwhile, BKU (Ugrahan) Alloarkh village president Gurdev Singh said Mahendar had been adamant to join protest at the earliest. "Doctors have advised us for her operation and we are ready to bear all expenses but she is not ready. She first wants to see the rollback of the 'black' laws by sitting in the protest.

"My only hope is the BKU (Ugrahan), which apart from supporting my family is also paying for my treatment expenses.

More farmers to head towards Delhi today

ABOHAL, DECEMBER 24

Hundreds of farmers staging a dharna for the past 12 days near Shahjahanpur village in Alwar of Rajasthan today decided to move towards Delhi on Friday afternoon.

"We will not return without getting our demands met," said national vice president of All India Kisan Sabha and former legislator Amra Ram.

Raja Ram Meel of Jat Mahasabha said farmers from Kota, Bundi, Baran, Sri-Ganganagar, Hamunagar and Churu had been camping at the Shahjahanpur border since December 13. The joint Kisan Morcha, Rajasthan, has decided to move to the Delhi border on Friday. — OC

Insists on rejoining agitation at Tikri border, refuses surgery before rollback of laws



WILL TO FIGHT
"I won't die if I don't get my leg operated immediately. I want to be at the Tikri border at the earliest to raise my voice against the farm laws. If these laws are implemented, they will multiply our problems."

Mahendar Kaur, ALLOARKH RESIDENT

◀◀ Mahendar Kaur at her native Alloarkh village.

Facing shortfall in revenue, PSPCL seeks 8% hike in tariff

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PATIALA, DECEMBER 24 Power-surplus Punjab wants to hike electricity rates further following a shortfall in revenue in the current fiscal due to continuous lockdown and dip in demand during a large period of the year.

According to its annual revenue requirement (ARR) petition filed before the Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (PSERC), the Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) has sought almost over 8 per cent power tariff hike for the next fiscal.

The PSPCL has sought an increase of 53 paisa per unit which means that the power, which now costs somewhere Rs 6.51 per unit, will then cost Rs 7.04 per unit. Last fiscal, the PSPCL had sought a hike by around 12 to 14.10 per cent in the existing rates but the PSERC allowed an average power hike of 2.14 per cent across categories for 2019-20.

Every year, the Punjab Government gives a written commitment on subsidy and every year, there is a huge shortfall that impacts the PSPCL finances. This year, till December 15, the shortfall of subsidy is somewhere around Rs 5,187 crore which will rise further by March 31, 2021, when the fiscal ends.

The current financial year subsidy, including arrears, is

**CHARGES LOWER IN OTHER STATES**

Punjab is moving towards becoming one of the highest tariff states in the country, with a hike every year. The average tariff for domestic consumers comes out to be roughly ₹7.41 per unit in Punjab. Many states which are usually buying power to meet their demand are charging less than Punjab, which include Assam (₹7.25 per unit), Uttar Pradesh (₹7 per unit plus ₹110 /KW), Haryana (₹7.10 per unit), Chhattisgarh (₹4.85 per kWh as fixed charges plus ₹2.45 per unit) and HP (₹5.45 per unit)

EARNINGS HIT, TAKE BACK PROPOSAL: BJP

Chandigarh: The Punjab BJP on Thursday flayed the government for proposing a hike in power tariff, saying during the economic slowdown period, this would be a cruel blow to people. General secretary Subhash Sharma said the move would result in serious sufferings to the common man as well as trade and industry which were reeling under the adverse effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. He demanded that the proposal be rolled back immediately

Rs 16,400 crore. The arrears of the current financial year will add up to the subsidy of the next year. The next year's projected subsidy amount is Rs 13,398 crore where the revised tariff may exceed Rs 20,000 crore.

While the tubewell rate has been increased from Rs 5.6

to 6.4 per unit, the actual revenue may be around Rs 3 per unit due to subsidy deficit which implies a loss of Rs 3.4 per unit on agriculture power supply. "In the case of large industrial consumers, the rate has been increased from 7.4 to 8 per unit but the Punjab Government has

made a dash for Kalanaur. Intelligence agencies have been informed about the infiltration attempt. This is the eighth time in the past three months that Pakistan has flown in drones into the border district. BSF DIG (Gurdaspur sector) Rajesh Sharma said around 1 am, personnel of the 58th Battalion sighted and subsequently fired upon the drone, forcing it to fly back into Pakistan. An hour later, the security agencies again spotted the drone and opened fire. Sharma informed Gur-

daspur SSP Rajinder Singh Sohal, following which a joint search operation was launched in 15 villages located near the International Border (IB). The villages were sealed. Sohal said the search exercise could not be carried out at night because of poor visibility due to fog. "In the morning, we combed large tracts of agricultural land, including sugarcane fields," he added. A senior officer said drone guns and sky fencing system might be pressed into service in the future to ward off such intrusions.

Pak drone spotted twice along border

RAVI DHALIWAL
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KALANUR (GURDASPUR), DEC 24 Hundreds of security personnel drawn from the BSF and three police districts of Gurdaspur, Batala and Pathankot went into an overdrive early today after a Pakistan drone was sighted twice within an hour in Chandu Wadala and Rosse BSF border outposts (BoPs) in Kalanaur subdivision.

The incident occurred between 1 am and 2 am following which senior officers of the BSF and Punjab Police

High Court raps state for 'over-pedantic view'

SAURABH MALIK
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CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 24 Rapping the Punjab Government for a hair-splitting view in case of a widow being compelled to move from pillar to post for medical reimbursement after her husband's death, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has made it clear that introduction of the cashless scheme only for a particular year could not come in way of releasing the amount.

The state's stand in the matter was that the patient-husband did not get himself enrolled for the cashless medical treatment scheme — an argument that failed to find favour with the High Court.

Directing the government to reimburse the petitioner's medical claim within 60 days, Justice Arun Monga made it clear that the amount would carry 5 per cent per annum interest from the date of bill submission till its actual realisation.

Justice Monga said penal interest of 15 per cent per annum, calculated for expiry of 60-day period, would be handed over till actual payment in case of a delay. The penal interest would be recovered from the erring employee's salary.

Taking up Nirmal Shukla's plea against the state and other respondents, Justice Monga asserted: "It is rather a harsh case where an unfortunate widow, who lost her hus-

band to the battle of cancer is being made to run from pillar to post after her husband's death so as to get medical reimbursement of Rs 41,282 incurred on the treatment of her husband from August 13, 2016 to August 23, 2016, during the period he remained admitted at PGIMER, Chandigarh."

Justice Monga observed the petitioner's claim was diverted to Oriental Insurance Company on the ground that the government during the relevant period floated the scheme, making enrolment mandatory for employees to avail cashless benefits. In its absence, the state government was not liable to reimburse medical expenses for that particular year.

Referring to the mitigating circumstances, Justice Monga observed the widow was obviously over-occupied attending her husband suffering from prostate cancer. It was a "over-pedantic view" on state functionaries' part to expect the widow or the employee to have the knowledge of enrolment with the insurance company. The husband, too, was not in any mental condition or physical state to go and get himself enrolled.

Three arrested with 2 kg heroin in Amritsar

AMRITSAR, DECEMBER 24 Amid search operations in the border villages of Amritsar and Gurdaspur areas following dropping of arms and ammunition via a drone, the Counter Intelligence Wing of the Punjab Police here arrested three Gurdaspur residents and confiscated 2 kg heroin from their possession.

According to preliminary investigations, the contraband was smuggled through the Pakistani border near Behrampur, Gurdaspur. Those arrested were identified as Jaswinder Singh, alias Kala, and Baldev Singh, both residents of Toor village (Gurdaspur); and Mangit Singh of Wazirpur Afghan in Gurdaspur.

They were today produced in a local court, which remanded them in four-day police custody.

Investigating officer Inderdeep Singh said acting on a tip-off, the police seized 2 kg heroin concealed beneath the seat of a tractor-trailer. One of the accomplices, Harwinder Singh, fled the scene and raids were on to nab him.

Capt discrediting Kejriwal at Modi's behest: AAP

CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 24 Slamming Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh for discrediting his Delhi counterpart Arvind Kejriwal,

AAP Punjab co-in charge Raghu Chadha said Capt Amarinder was doing so at the behest of Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Centre.

Chadha said Capt Amarinder was making false and baseless statements against Kejriwal. Meanwhile, TV actor Surinder Farishta (Ghulam Shah), Rajinder Singh, an aide of Mohinder Singh KP, and social activist Jaswinder Singh joined the AAP today. — TNS



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I, Service No. 15740131M Rank NK Subham Kumar s/o Som Raj r/o Village Baroi, Mohalla Joggan Da, P.O. Ranipur, Tehsil & District Pathankot, declare that my brother name wrongly mentioned in my Army record as Rithik Kumar. Correct name Rithik vide affidavit No. 10349 Dt. 24.12.2020. (CL20076696)

I, Navin Jindal s/o Sh. Krishan Kumar, r/o House No. 1613, Sector 22-B, Chandigarh, declare that Naveen Kumar alias Naveen Kumar Aggarwal alias Naveen Kumar Aggarwal alias Naveen Kumar Jindal alias Naveen Jindal the above names are mine and are of one and same person. In future, I may be known as Navin Jindal for all purposes. (CL20076913)

I, Kamalpreet Kaur w/o Mohammad Imran, D/o Sh. Jaswant Singh, r/o Village Abhepur, SAS Nagar Mohali, Punjab, declare that I have changed my name from Kamalpreet Kaur to Mannat, and my new address is House No. 3780 Maloya Colony Chandigarh after marriage. All concerned please note and corrected in all the records accordingly. (CL20076989)

I, Neelam Devi w/o Ex. JC-347939-Y, Ranch Hony. Sub. Maj. Kumbh Dass, VPO - Daulatpur Chowk, Tehsil Ghaniari Distt. Una (HP) in army documents record mistakenly entered my name as Neelam Devi instead of Neelam Kumari and DOB be corrected as 08.01.1965 instead of 01.04.1965. (CL20077030)

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Vaccine dry run in Ludhiana, SBS Nagar dists on Dec 28, 29

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A medic collects swab sample in Nawanshahr. TRIBUNE PHOTO

CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 24

The Government of India has chosen Punjab to conduct a dry run of Covid-19 vaccine on December 28 and 29. Ludhiana and Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar have been selected as the two districts for the purpose and five sites would be identified in each district. This was stated by Health Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu in a press communiqué.

Sidhu said the dry run was aimed at testing the mechanisms laid out for the Covid-19 vaccination. It would give an insight into gaps or bottlenecks, if any, so that issues could be addressed before the commencement of the vaccination drive. The dry run would be conducted under the leadership of the district collector/magistrate.

The minister said immunisation partners—UNDP and the WHO—would support

TO INCLUDE DATA UPLOAD, DEBRIEFING

- The dry run will include beneficiary data upload, site allocation, reporting and evening debriefing
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evening debriefing, are to be covered in the two-day dry run. The primary objective of the dry run includes assessing the operational feasibility of Co-WIN, an

electronic application.

The implementation and reporting mechanisms would identify challenges and show the way for the actual implementation, said the minister.

Centre dithers on rural fund release

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Finance Dept examining matter, Goyal tells state

ARBITRARY MOVE

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Manpreet Singh Badal, FINANCE MINISTER

explanation for stopping the fund. Punjab had given its reply to the Centre after an objection was raised in October on how the money was used for the intended purpose of rural development," Badal told The Tribune.

Food Minister Ashu said this was a statutory tax, and the Centre should release it. "But no concrete assurance has been given to us," he ruled.

A letter to hold back the RDF was sent to the state on October 23, where the Centre sought information on how the state was using it. The Centre had decided to hold back the fund till the issue was sorted out.

This was right in the midst of the farmers' agitation against the farm laws and Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh had taken a strong objection to it.

Talking to The Tribune from Delhi, after the meeting ended late this evening, the ministers said they were just told that after the Legal Department had examined Punjab's case, the Finance Department was examining it. "I don't understand why they are delaying it. There is no legal sanction for this arbitrary act. In the past six decades, this fund has never been stopped. There was no

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Ensure testing, tracing of all UK returnees, civil surgeons told

Tribune News Service

SCHOOL WINTER BREAK FROM DEC 25 TO 31

Chandigarh: School Education Minister Vijay Inder Singh on Thursday said the state government had declared winter vacation from December 25 to 31 in all government, government-aided and private schools. The Cabinet minister said schools would reopen on January 1.

"In view of the winter season, we have decided to provide break to students and staff. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, students from Classes IX to XII only were allowed in schools to attend classes so far," he said. The state government was committed to ensuring safety of students and every possible measure was being taken to provide safe and secure environment to students, he added. TNS

CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 24

The Health and Family Welfare Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu on Thursday directed all civil surgeons to ensure tracing, surveillance and testing of passengers who have arrived from the UK within two days.

Sidhu said a list of 1,822 international passengers who arrived from the UK at the Delhi airport and then travelled to Punjab had been received and shared with all districts.

"As many as 1,550 UK passengers have arrived at Shri Guru Ramdas Airport, Amritsar, but details of only 709 passengers have been received so far. The details of the remaining passengers is awaited for further action," he said.

He said of 262 travellers who arrived from the UK between December 21 and 23 had been kept under observation and eight of them tested Covid-

FLIER UNTRACEABLE

Patiala: A traveller from the UK, who arrived in the state recently, is reportedly untraceable.

The Patiala health department said it had already informed the police. Dr Harish Malhotra, Patiala Civil Surgeon, said, "It seems the traveller on purpose gave wrong address and contact number. We have written to the police to help us trace him." TNS

itive. "They have been admitted to Fortis Hospital, Amritsar. Their samples will be sent to the National Institute of Virology, Pune," said the minister.

He said 216 contacts of passengers who arrived from the UK had also been identified and traced. "Tracing of the remaining contacts is being carried out on a war footing. Civil surgeons have also been instructed to submit the report of passengers to the state headquarters by December 27," he added.

Shaheedi Jor Mela kicks off today

FATEHGHAR SAHIB, DEC 24

The three-day annual Shaheedi Jor Mela is set to begin tomorrow. Thousands of devotees have already thronged Fatehgarh Sahib for the event.

Every year, the town hosts lakhs of devotees from across the world on the occasion. The district administration has pressed into service mobile Covid testing labs in view of the pandemic. It also plans to distribute one lakh masks among people. The district police have installed CCTV cameras at different locations and will also be using drones for surveillance.

Amneet Kondal, SSP, said the district police had installed high-tech CCTV cameras at all sensitive points in Fatehgarh Sahib. "The district police have launched a mobile app to help devotees get information on parking, medical facilities, medical aid, temporary bus stands, alternative routes and others. People can also register their complaints regarding missing persons or belongings on the app," she added. — OC

₹393-cr fake invoices issued via 23 bogus firms

GST FRAUD Eighth arrest in the case by Ludhiana CGST Commissionerate

SHIVANI BHAKO

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LUDHIANA, DECEMBER 24

During the course of investigation into alleged Goods and Services Tax (GST) fraud following the arrest of key suspect Sahil Jain by the CGST Commissionerate here on November 11, the name of Jain's relative Amandeep Singh Bhui has cropped up.

Bhui owned and operated seven firms under different names and permanent account numbers (PANs). These firms were allegedly involved in issuance of fake invoices and fraudulent avail-

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SUSPECT JAIN'S RELATIVE IN NET

- Suspect Sahil Jain's relative Amandeep Singh Bhui, through seven firms, issued fake invoices of ₹97.43 cr involving ITC of ₹8.08 cr
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registered on common commercial addresses and the name board of the firm displayed outside the rented premises was simply changed to hoodwink the GST authorities visiting the premises for physical verification.

This is the eighth arrest by the CGST Commissionerate here since November 11 as part of a drive against those defrauding the exchequer by issuing fake invoices and passing fraudulent ITC and monetising it.

No physical hearings, HC Bar to observe fast

CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 24

The Punjab and Haryana High Court Bar Association today resolved to observe a fast on the day courts reopen after the winter break to protest non-resumption of physical hearing.

"It has been unanimously resolved that all office-bearers, members of the executive committee of the Punjab and Haryana High Court Bar Association, along with members of the Bar, would observe a fast on January 4 from 10 am to 4 pm at the new Bar complex to protest non-opening of courts for physical hearing," the resolution released on Thursday evening stated.

The resolution came after an online emergency meeting of the Bar association's executive committee at 5:45 pm. The committee was informed about the outcome of the Bar and the bench coordination committee meeting attended by four senior judges, president GBS Dhillon and others. — TNS

Wheat crop over 50 acres damaged due to a breach in the Lambi sub-canal on Thursday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Preliminary inquiry indicated that roots of trees grown near the canal had caused cracks in the sidewalls and floor, resulting in a minor breach yesterday night, which widened to 40 feet.

Irrigation Department offi-

cials said a message was sent to the authorities that control the headworks that it may take 24 hours to dry the canal and plug the breach. This would deprive hundreds of farmers water-

ing their fields till then.

BRIEFLY

133 get disability certificates

Muktsar: The administration on Wednesday distributed disability certificates to 133 specially abled children at Giddarbaha. MLA Amarinder

Jind helipad dug up, Dy CM cancels visit

DEEPENDER DESWAL

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HISAR, DECEMBER 24 Deputy CM Dushyant Chautala's scheduled visit to his home constituency today was cancelled after protesters dug up a helipad on the school premises where his helicopter was scheduled to land.

A group of protesters dug up the helipad at Karsandhu village of the Uchana Kalan segment in Jind district. Farmers carrying black flags raised anti-government slogans and dug up the ground with a shovel.

Dushyant was scheduled to attend a function in the family of a supporter in the village. His programme was cancelled though no reason was cited for cancellation of the visit. Officials of the administration visited the spot, but left after sensing the mood of farmers.

The protesters stated that they would not let Dushyant enter the Bangar area in Jind until he announced support for agitating farmers. They urged him to withdraw support to the BJP government.

"People of the segment gave him victory by 47,000 votes, after which he became the Deputy CM. Since we have been raising issues, he should support us. If he wants to con-



Farmers dig up the ground where Deputy CM Dushyant Chautala's chopper was set to land in a Jind village on Thursday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

tinue supporting the BJP and be a part of the government, let it be. We will not let him step here," said Krishan Kumar, a farmer leader.

The farmers said they had high hopes from Dushyant as he was the great-grandson of Devi Lal, known as one of the towering leaders of farmers who always stood for

them. They said Dushyant had snubbed them in his greed for power and they would continue to oppose him until he announced support for them. Azad Singh, a khap leader, said a mahapanchayat had decided not to allow ruling party politicians in the Jind area till they came out in support of farmers.

Farm protests a gimmick CM

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PANCHKULA, DECEMBER 24

Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, who was in Panchkula today to campaign in support of BJP's mayoral and ward candidates in the Municipal Corporation election, triggered a controversy by terming the farmers' protests at the Singhu border a *tamasha* (gimmick).

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Former CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda in Sonepat on Thursday.

State tops in graft, joblessness: Hooda



TAKES POTSHOTS

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Bhupinder Hooda, FORMER CM

BJP-JJP government, on the contrary, is a byword for scams,” he claimed.

“The local body elections are an opportunity for the people to teach a lesson to the BJP. The government has ignored the aspirations of Sonepat residents,” the former Chief Minister said.

He claimed the previous Congress government had carried out several development works in the city.

“Railway lines were laid, roads were constructed, and hospitals, medical colleges and universities were built during my regime. The

Property dealer shot in G'gram

GURUGRAM, DECEMBER 24 A 46-year-old property dealer was shot near Gadoli village on Pataudi road today by some unidentified men.

The body was found near his car. An FIR has been registered at the Sector-10 A police station and the crime unit is investigating the matter.

According to the police, the deceased has been identified as Ravinder Yadav, a resident of Manesar village. He was involved in sale-purchase of cars and also started a property dealing business two years ago. His office 'Dream Home Reality' was near Kherki Daula. On Wednesday, he reached office as per his routine but did not return home.

Village sarpanch Vijay Pal, also Ravinder's friend, told the police that around 10 pm he was on a video call with Ravinder and the phone was disconnected after he heard a crash.

Around 8 am today, a passer-by informed the police that a body was lying in a pool of blood near Gadoli village. A police team reached the spot and Ravinder's family was called who identified him.

"We searched for him the entire night but got to know about the incident in the morning. Ravinder had no dispute with anyone," said Ravinder's brother Sudesh Yadav.

A murder case has been registered against unidentified accused and the body has been handed over to Ravinder's family after the post-mortem.

"We are trying to identify the accused with the help of CCTV footage," said Preet Pal Singh Sangwan, ACP, Crime. — OC

Mobles worth lakhs stolen, traders protest

KARNAL, DECEMBER 24 A group of unidentified burglars struck at a mobile phone shop in Assandh and stole phones worth lakhs. Subsequently, the traders blocked roads and gave a three-day ultimatum for arrest of the thieves.

Traders shut their shops in protest against the police inaction against the increasing crime. Assandh SHO Amit Sharma and DSP Gajender Singh assured traders of arresting the culprits. — TNS

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AMBALA SP SHIFTED

■ Two days after farmers showed black flags to Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and attempted to stop his convoy, the government transferred Ambala SP Rajesh Kalia on Thursday

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Birender joins dharna again

HISAR, DECEMBER 24 Birender Singh, BJP leader and father of Hisar BJP MP Brijendra Singh, staged a dharna in support of the protesting farmers at Chhotu Ram Chowk in Hisar town along with his supporters and other farmers today.

The protesters raised anti-BJP slogans during the protest. Singh announced that he would take out a "Tiranga yatra" to awaken farmers across the state and currently holding dharna in different districts to express his support to them.

Addressing mediapersons, he hoped that both farmers and the government resume discussions to end the month-long deadlock. The dharna was organised under the banner of Chaudhary Chhotu Ram Vichar Manch.

The former minister said the government should talk to farmers to come up with a formula for ending the deadlock and take measures in favour of farmers to bail them out of the crisis. — TNS



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A Christmas gift

Sister Abhaya verdict is a testament to the divinity of truth

COLONIAL Christianity had ushered in modernity by setting up some of the best schools, colleges, hospitals and charity institutions that India continues to cherish. An independent judiciary, the greatest contribution of the British, had enshrined a value system that had distinct elements of the Christian moral universe in it. Yet, the Church, particularly the Catholic Church, has been in the dock for its un-Christian conduct of standing with rapists and murderers in cassocks than those sinned against — the helpless, meek victims of power and lust. The Jalandhar bishop, Franco Mulakkal, is accused of raping a nun and is facing trial; but that has not stopped the Church from celebrating him in an official calendar issued by a diocese of the Syro-Malabar Church.

Worse, when a CBI court in Kerala this week concluded the trial in a 28-year-old case of murder of a nun and pronounced the verdict of guilty against a priest and a nun, the Church responded claiming that the charges against the priest and nun were "unbelievable". One of its own was killed and the court, after several hurdles thrown at it by the accused, has delivered its much-delayed judgment, yet all that the Church has to say is that it is unbelievable. Also for the Church, the priest and the nun are still merely the "accused", not convicts, despite the sentences of double life imprisonment in one case and life imprisonment in another. Instead of hailing the verdict as divine justice to a miserably poor 21-year-old bride of Christ, the Church reaffirms the right of the convicts to appeal against the trial court's order.

The Sister Abhaya verdict is a Christmas gift to believers and non-believers alike; a testament to the divinity of truth against the evil of lustful untruth, upheld by the patriarchal priestly class over three decades. Be it Asaram, Ram Rahim, Franco Mulakkal or the murderers of Sister Abhaya, believers should not allow religious leaders to manipulate them to defend the unspeakable sins of the soulless men in saintly garb nor should the laity fund their expensive litigation.

Ganguly & conflict of interest

Apex court needs to renew interest in BCCI's reformation

As the first-ever cricketer-president of the Indian cricket board (BCCI), Sourav Ganguly, inspiration to millions of young cricketers and fans, was expected to do the right thing. The former captain was expected to lead BCCI in the manner he led India — with passion and vigour, the interest of the team foremost in mind. This hope had its origin in the fact that in public consciousness, sportspersons are warriors who fight for the honour of the nation. However, bitter experience has shown us that in fact, off the field, sportspersons are just like us, weak and vulnerable in the face of temptation.

Ganguly is in a position of serious conflict of interest that is crying for immediate attention — he endorses My11Circle, a fantasy gaming company which is a rival of Dream11, the title sponsor of IPL 2020; this month, he also signed up to endorse Classplus, an educational coaching management company which is a rival of Byju's, a major sponsor of the Indian team. Typically, Ganguly brushes off questions about his commercial interests being in conflict with the interests of BCCI. This attitude is reminiscent of the methods of the discredited old guard, which had to step back after the Supreme Court intervened to clean up Indian cricket.

It is ironical that the BCCI under Ganguly is petitioning the apex court to water down the Lodha Committee's recommendations: It is these very reforms that allowed a great cricketer such as him to become BCCI's president, instead of the usual suspects — politicians or businessmen! Ganguly's efforts to remain BCCI's chief for longer than mandated by the court-approved reforms show that excellence on the field is no guarantee against desire for power. His endorsement of commercial entities that are rivals to BCCI's sponsors is against all principles of good corporate values, and it shows that even the greatest of cricketers, already fabulously wealthy, are susceptible to avarice. At BCCI's AGM on Thursday, Ganguly's conflict of interest was not raised by anyone — no one wants to antagonise the bearers of power. The court's efforts to cleanse cricket would become ineffectual unless it renews its interest in BCCI's reformation.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Christmas will always be as long as we stand heart to heart and hand in hand. — Dr Seuss

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

LAHORE, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1920

The Mandate Theory.

ONE would have thought that after all that had been said on the subject in the Press and on the platform, the so-called mandate theory with regard to a resolution passed by a majority at a session of the Congress would never again be trotted out. But old prejudices die hard, and it is with no sense of surprise that we find an esteemed contemporary urging once again in a recent issue that the Congress being India's unofficial Parliament, its resolutions should be regarded as binding in the same sense in which the laws of the British Parliament, for instance, are binding upon all Britishers. One answer to this argument is that the Congress, just because it is an unofficial Parliament, is saved from the necessity of making itself as truly and as fully representative of the country as an official Parliament must necessarily be. Secondly, the very knowledge that its measures are binding upon all must make a properly constituted official Parliament more careful as to what it does. Can the journal cite a single instance from the history of England or the United States in which it passed a law bearing the faintest resemblance, in comprehensiveness and character, to the non-co-operation resolution at such short notice and after such inadequate consultation of public opinion as the Congress passed that resolution at its special session in Calcutta? Lastly, in every country under representative Government, the sphere of the Government, though not definitely and irrevocably laid down, is more or less rigidly limited, and it is safe to assert that the obedience which a legislative or other measure of the State commands is due at least partly to the fact that the State itself scrupulously avoids, except in emergencies, interfering with the daily life or the ordinary habits and vocations of individuals.

Xmas during pandemic

Covid has put a damper on merriment but we should be thankful for small mercies



TRYSTS AND TURNS

JULIO RIBEIRO



FACT OF LIFE: The coronavirus has cast its shadow on celebrations this year. PTI

Remain useful to yourself, your family and society at large as long as you are alive and kicking.

EVERY year on Christmas Day, my two daughters host their aged parents. The younger one entertains the extended family of 25 which includes three Hindus, two Parsis and a Muslim to Christmas lunch. The older one has 50 friends at her home in the evening, not one Christian among them! There is much camaraderie in both gatherings and, of course, good food and drink.

This year the monster, Covid, has put a damper on merriment. Better be safe, than enjoy for a day and be sorry for the rest of the month and the months that follow. Our first thought is about the Midnight Mass on Xmas Eve. Every year, we keep awake till midnight to herald the birth of Christ. There is no question of doing so this year. Covid is particularly fond of nonagenarians and octogenarians! We have no intention of pandering to Covid's wants!

So, we will spend the evening at home, listening to carols and hear Mass on YouTube. Even then, it will be better than the Christmas we spent in Bucharest in 1989. The Romanian dictator, Ceausescu, had that very morning been deposed and shot, along with his wife, Elena. There was much shooting in the street outside the ambassador's residence. We could only dare to peep out of the windows and watch shadowy figures with guns in their hands disappear behind the shadows.

There was no question of attending church service. Around lunch time, we sent some goodies to the policemen outside our gate. We thought they would welcome some victuals on Xmas Day. What we learnt was that the Orthodox Church to which

most Romanians belong, celebrate Christmas very cursorily, reserving merriment for Easter which is their main festival. Our goodies were accepted and demolished.

Reverting to our plans for Christmas in the time of Covid, we decided to limit the lunch to the immediate family. The evening repast was to be dropped. If the vaccine comes and family and friends are duly inoculated, a revival will be considered in 2021. In the meantime, we have to be thankful for small mercies.

Before the lockdown, my wife and I would drive to the small church round the corner from our flat to hear Mass. When the lockdown was announced, all places of worship were shut completely, and rightly so. These are places where people congregate in numbers, a sure recipe for contracting the coronavirus. Since March, we have not entered the church.

A month ago, the government of Maharashtra lifted restrictions on congregating at places of worship. But Melba and I will not be visiting any church till Covid is tamed, however long it takes. We will continue to hear Mass on the Net as we have been doing since March 29, when we

shifted to our daughter's home in order to survive the lockdown. The compulsion arose because domestic help frequenting the building from outside was banned by the housing society and we had no live-ins. That deficiency was rectified recently.

Melba and I are back home with our kind neighbours, most of them from my former service.

Diwali was very subdued this year. The usual crackers were few and far between. What we missed, though, were the lights and the dinner at our neighbours' place. This year, no one

was willing to take any chances. Covid had frightened even hardened policemen like us out of our comfort zones.

The usual gifts of sweets were reduced to a trickle. One Chinese lantern on the doorsteps and four diyas outside our front door were all we attempted, besides a fifth diya to honour our servicemen at the front as suggested by our PM. All in all, it was a 'Covidified' Diwali this year. Christmas will be no different. How long will this continue? Experts on TV hesitate to venture definite dates and that is how it is.

How has Covid changed my life? I am awake at the same time. I walk for 45 minutes in the compound at a pace

that is much slower now! But that speed reduction has not been Covid's fault. The culprit is the fall I suffered in 2019, and my advancing age. My walking companions are very considerate though. Satis Sahney, Raja Reddy and MN Singh are all retired IPS officers in their seventies who easily traverse two rounds for my one, but have decided to humour the old man by walking at half their normal pace!

It is only after bath and breakfast that life has changed. I used to attend the office of the Public Concern for Governance Trust (PCGT, an NGO) every day till lunch. That is over. Covid demands home quarantine for the elderly. One reads the newspaper more minutely. Then think about the subject of next week's column in *The Tribune*. The writing thereof takes up the time before lunch. And if the article is despatched in time on Wednesday, a big weight is off my shoulder and I have time to interact with other trustees and staff of the PCGT or one or other of the four charitable organisations in which I am still involved.

The Happy Home and School for the Blind caters to 200 blind boys, most of them residing in the school itself. The school closed when the lockdown was announced. The boys were sent home. The teachers cannot attend in the absence of public transport. But my monthly commitment to discuss the affairs of the school continues, albeit on a digital platform.

The Bombay Mothers and Children Welfare Society, an NGO in existence for the past 100 years, caters to the working class staying in the city's *chawls*. It runs two hospitals in the BDD *chawls*, one at Worli and the other at Parel. It also runs four crèches. But more about my NGOs in a future article, if and when I am stuck for a subject to write on. I beg readers to forgive me if I have bored them with my own life during the pandemic. My appeal to my readers is: Remain useful to yourself, your family and society at large as long as you are alive and kicking!

Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Tales of an inspirational CM

VIKRAM POONIA

A new book on Partap Singh Kairon that hit the stands recently reminded me of the tales about him that I had heard from my maternal grandfather Chaudhary Rizq Ram, who had an affable association with the popular chief minister of Punjab.

The first and foremost lore that came to my mind was that it was Sardar Sahab, aka Kairon, who pitched for him to be included in the new cabinet of Comrade Ram Kishan, who took over as the CM of joint Punjab after he resigned and made sure that he was sworn in as the Irrigation and Power Minister.

So immediately after taking over as minister, my grandfather visited Kairon village that later came under Tarn Taran district. On that day, Kairon had gone to take a round of his farms near his village and so grandfather also walked down to the fields to meet and thank him for his support.

Apparently in 1962, when Kairon was the Chief Minister and he an MLA from Rai, Kairon had got the water distribution plan devised by him which came to be known as the Rizq Ram Water Distribution Plan for the channelling of river waters of Punjab in all the regions of the then undivided state comprising pres-

ent-day Haryana as well as Himachal Pradesh.

The plan had won praise, pitched even as a basis for solving the intractable Sutlej-Yamuna Link (SYL) Canal imbroglio that has been lingering for decades. Political stances may today prevent revisiting of the plan to formulate a way forward by going back to the pre-reorganisation stage, pooling all the water resources and then redistributing them to the different command areas. Dispute over river waters is only natural, but it should be so resolved that the interests of the people are protected without giving rise to unseemly controversies.

The assassination of Kairon at Rai in Sonepat district also became another focal point of their association, completing its course in a tragic manner. My grandfather was representing Rai in joint Punjab when Kairon was slain near Rasoi village which falls in this constituency. Almost the entire Kairon family had descended on the Sonepat residence of my grandfather, who later accompanied the mortal remains of the leader to his native village.

I also remember having been told that Kairon was the inspiration in his political life and that his untimely loss had been a huge personal setback for him.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DDC results

Reference to 'DDC polls in J&K'; the election results suggest that the polls, the first since the nullification of Article 370 that revoked J&K's special status and downgraded it into two Union Territories, were successful. Even though this was a local bodies' election, both the BJP and the PAGD, whose constituents include the NC, PDP plus the CPI(M), among others, turned it into a referendum on those decisions. Naturally, the PAGD with maximum seats has projected its victory as a resounding rejection of all that the Centre has done in J&K over the last year-and-a-half, and as support for its own demand that special status and statehood be restored. This is a turning point in J&K which calls for political accommodation.

SK SINGH, VIA EMAIL

Message from Kashmir

The DDC poll outcome has taken the wind out of the BJP's sails. The abrogation of Article 370 has brought disparate sections together which the BJP never aspired to. This is a precursor to the assembly elections and an explicit message and time for reflection for the BJP to be accommodative and shun partisan politics at least in the interests

of the nation and democracy. The tall leaders of Kashmir valley cannot become history in one fell swoop. Let it realise its follies and restore the dignity of the people by restoring statehood.

DEEPAK SINGHAL, NOIDA

Nation-building

Apropos of 'Keep nation first before ideology: PM,' there is no doubt that it is a welcome gesture, but what about the narratives that seem to have been in currency for some years. As far as the concept of nation first is concerned, it is not new. Irrespective of ideologies, the people of this country have sacrificed their lives to free the nation from the British. Nation-building requires all to put in efforts without any room for divisiveness.

ROOP SINGH NEGI, SOLAN

Cong down, not out

Counting on the dislike for it among the three contenders in West Bengal, the BJP hopes to benefit from the resultant split of Opposition votes. After all, if the Left had suffered excesses under the Congress rule, the TMC had similar travails under the Left rule. But politics has always attracted strange bedfellows. Not long ago, the Left was an enduring architect of the

Third Front and to boot, both the TMC and the Left have been in Congress governments. Despite the BJP manoeuvres to keep these three at loggerheads, their survival instinct may well position the Congress as a glue and BJP could yet trip up in hubris, as it is green to the soil and ethos of 'Biplabi Bangla'.

R NARAYANAN, NAVI MUMBAI

BJP's Bengal foray

After 10 years in power, Mamata Banerjee seems to be slipping on issues like corruption, syndicate raj and the abiding perception that Bengal is a tough territory to do business. The absence of an acceptable local face can give Mamata a slight edge. She herself is to blame for losing TMC leaders. The TMC crises is not unique, it stems from a structural flaw, common to a lot of regional parties that revolve around one leader or a family.

LAL SINGH, AMRITSAR

Bedi's stand

Apropos of 'Bedi quits DDCA over Jaitley statue,' it hasn't come as a surprise because the former India skipper has always been known for his forthrightness, on the field or off it. While Jaitley's legal eminence and interest in the game may have been there, the fact that many office-

bearers with links with the ruling party are at the helm in sports bodies, gives rise to misgivings.

SPS NARANG, NEW DELHI

Tribunal ruling

Reference to 'India told to pay Rs 10.5K cr to UK firm,' why have the tax laws about foreign companies failed to acknowledge the basic principles of fair trade and reciprocity of benefits as the World Trade Organisation has laid down in its charter? If all recourse and appeals against the penalty by the international court fails, \$222 million of interest plus arbitration cost is whose burden anyway? It is time for ethical review of intents and measures relating to tax laws.

RAKESH SUDAN, KURUKSHETRA

Drone tactics

Pakistan, having failed in Jammu & Kashmir due to our internal and external security mechanisms, is now trying to supply arms and other equipment for creating disturbances using drones. Intelligence network needs to be strengthened to identify elements within and outside the country that are bent on carrying out nefarious activities by receiving aid from our hostile neighbours.

RAVI BHUSHAN, KURUKSHETRA

Visionary Vajpayee prioritised development



BANDARU DATTAUREYA

GOVERNOR OF HIMACHAL PRADESH

DECEMBER 25 is celebrated as Good Governance Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of Atal Bihari Vajpayee. A great statesman and a capable leader, he was a doyen of Indian politics. It was due to his charisma and administrative skills that he successfully led one of the most diverse coalition governments of independent India. Leaders from all political parties respected him and saw him as a role model. This was the reason that the then Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao sent him to represent India at the United Nations.

When the Emergency was imposed, he agitated for the protection of democracy and was put in jail. In 1977, he became the External Affairs Minister in the Janata Party government led by Morarji Desai. As External Affairs Minister, he won the respect of leaders from all over the world, especially Islamic countries. He was instrumental in developing good relations with our neighbours. This goodwill generated by him helped India build a strong international image when Vajpayee became the Prime Minister.



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TRUE LEADER: As PM, Vajpayee helped India build a strong international image. PTI

this ambitious project from the Red Fort. The scheme provided for 50 per cent grant by the Central Government and the rest to be released by the state governments or given as a loan by HUDCO (Housing and Urban Development Corporation). Vajpayeeji supported the scheme wholeheartedly and I got nearly Rs 1,000 crore in the first year itself. This was one of the happiest moments of my life. Lakhs

of houses were built for the poor and Dalits under the scheme. I still remember that Atalji, after announcing this scheme, invited me to his residence and appreciated the initiative. The then Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Mayawati also expressed gratitude for this scheme.

Atalji also gave me his full support for a scheme for street vendors. These people had no protection and

were greatly exploited. I discussed with him and he immediately directed me to formulate a policy for them. I had been the president of the street vendors' association, so I understood their problems. The draft policy went to the Cabinet and many allies were not in its favour. But Vajpayeeji told everyone, "We must think with compassion and empathy and understand the problems of the downtrodden

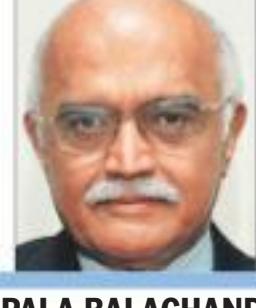
den and decide this matter on humanitarian grounds." After this, the Cabinet approved the plan.

Atalji had great affection for Himachal Pradesh and had a deep bond with Himachalis. He considered Himachal his second home. This is why he made his home at Prini in Kullu district. He wrote many poems on the beauty of the snow-clad hills here. He was so impressed with Manali that he wrote a poem titled *Bulat Tumhe Manali*. The Rohtang tunnel is his gift. In 1999, when the Kargil war broke out, the PMO was shifted to Manali. Many decisions related to the security of the country were taken here. It was at that time that the vision of constructing the strategically important Rohtang tunnel was crystallised. Recently, I got a chance to visit the Rohtang tunnel. It is a matter of pride for the countrymen that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has fulfilled Atalji's dream and dedicated this tunnel to the nation.

Vajpayeeji was awarded the Bharat Ratna, the highest civilian honour of the country, for his outstanding services to the nation. Earlier, he was conferred the Padma Vibhushan in 1992. He was also awarded the Best Parliamentarian Award in 1994.

His thoughts had an immense impact on my life. He quickened the pace of economic reforms initiated by Narasimha Rao. Today, there is a need to build a new India by fulfilling the dreams of Atalji and to make the new generation aware of his ideas.

How Buddhism waxed and waned in India



VAPPALA BALACHANDRAN

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CHRONICLING HISTORY: Nehru's interpretation of Buddhism's trajectory was appreciated and endorsed by global scholars. PTI

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The ruling elite found Buddhism

attractive, receiving initial impetus during the Bimbisara regime in Magadha, south Bihar (540 BC). Bimbisara had met Gautama before his Enlightenment. In fact, the Magadha empire, the doyen among contemporary kingdoms like Kosala (Oudh), was famous as one of the 16 kingdoms known as Mahajanapadas (great foothold of the people) in ancient northern India for all the three religions: Hinduism, Jainism and Buddhism.

Chandragupta Maurya, who captured Magadha from the Nandas in 322 BC, patronised all religions. He was mentioned in Buddhist, Jain, Hindu and Greek texts. Later, Ashoka expanded his empire through wars to practically the whole of India. Anguished by the bloodshed, he renounced violence as a policy under the influence of Buddhist ascetic Upagupta of Mathura. Yet, his-

tarians have doubts whether Ashoka had renounced Hinduism.

Years later, Asvaghosha, a Brahmin priest from Ayodhya who became a Buddhist, converted Kanishka to Buddhism. Kanishka was a Kushan (Yuezhi) from western China. He elevated Buddha from a preacher to God through 'Mahayana', borrowing the Hindu reincarnation theory and introducing Hellenistic features for Buddha's statues like Apollo with jewels.

The Hindu revival was seen during 405-643 AD, starting from Chandragupta-I (Gupta empire) till Harshavardhana. Commentaries by Chinese travellers Fa-hsien and Hiuen-Tsiang during this era indicate that the "ascetic realism of Jainism and Buddhism no longer appealed to the masses in contrast with the colourful deities of the Hindu pantheon", although the kings were patronising Buddhism.

Also, the evolution of a system of the self-supporting village community had its adverse influence on Buddhism, which was patronised only by the upper classes. The villagers no longer needed expensive monasteries for spiritual elevation since the 'New Brahmins' started rendering door-to-door services as priest, agricultural adviser, ayurveda doctor and astrologer. That was the beginning of the decline of Buddhism in India.

Nehru's interpretation of Buddhism's trajectory was appreciated and endorsed by global scholars. What they could not understand was how a revived Hinduism could indulge in such inhuman caste oppression against non-Brahmins as to make Swami Vivekananda to call Kerala, even with high education levels, a 'lunatic asylum' in 1892. This was so cruel that he decided to appoint Srimad Ramakrishnananda and Sister Nivedita to

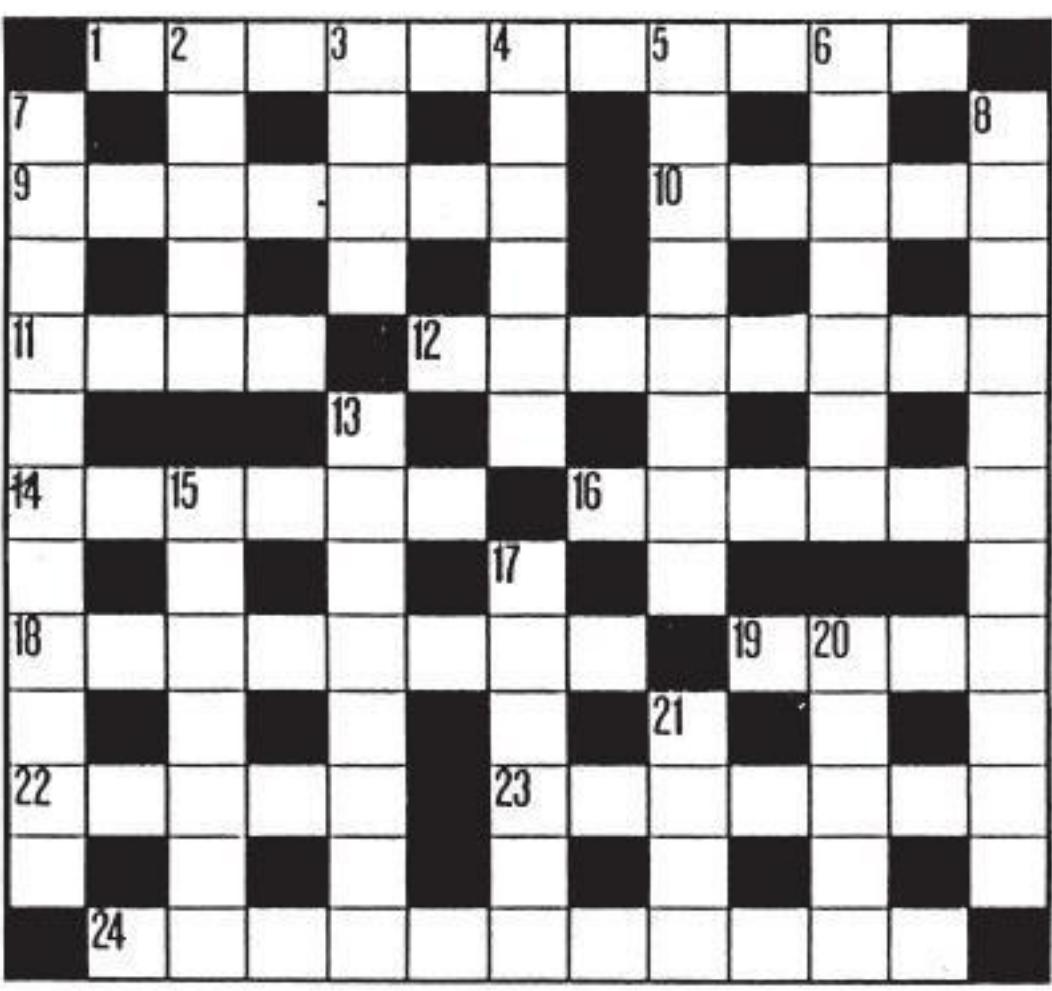
lead the struggle for reforms.

However, Sri Narayana Guru (1855-1928) had already started his struggle in Kerala for 'One Caste, One Religion, One God for Mankind' since 1888. Rabindranath Tagore and Mahatma Gandhi visited him in his ashram in 1922 and 1925, respectively. Swami Dharma Theertha, his close follower had published *A History of Hindu Imperialism* in 1941 from Lahore as an alternative interpretation of Vedas, Brahmanas and Sutras. Originally, he was Shri Parameswara Menon, an upper caste activist. In his book, he charged Brahminism with ignoring the teachings of Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Dayananda Saraswati, Swami Vivekananda and Gandhiji and denying the Dalits the "solace and benefits of education, sanitation, good water and air, use of tanks, wells and roads". However, the mainstream Hindu movement ignored all these.

Babasaheb Ambedkar started thinking about conversion to Buddhism while in London in 1933. It was only on October 14, 1956, that an ailing Ambedkar and his three lakh followers converted themselves as Buddhists at Nagpur. In his speech, he ridiculed the allegation that he chose Nagpur to confront the RSS based there. Instead, it was to commemorate the lone 'Nag' man who had escaped from the original Aryan massacre and from whom the 'Nags' living near Nagpur had sprung, who finally carried Buddha's message.

These are the points which should engage the attention of the new global library. In addition, they should also research why ochre-clad Buddhist priests like Ashin Wirathu in Myanmar are in the forefront in persecuting the hapless Rohingya against all Buddhist canons.

QUICK CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Across: 1 Octave, 4 Idealist, 9 Turnip, 10 Sweet pea, 12 Tart, 13 Musty, 14 Ague, 17 Interference, 20 Father figure, 23 Ugly, 24 Frail, 25 Limp, 28 Protocol, 29 Quaint, 30 Totality, 31 Make up.

Down: 1 Oustrip, 2 Temerity, 3 Vole, 5 Down the drain, 6 Apex, 7 Impugn, 8 Trader, 11 Rule the roost, 15 Break, 16 Scrim, 18 Fugitive, 19 Keep it up, 21 Output, 22 All out, 26 Cool, 27 Aura.

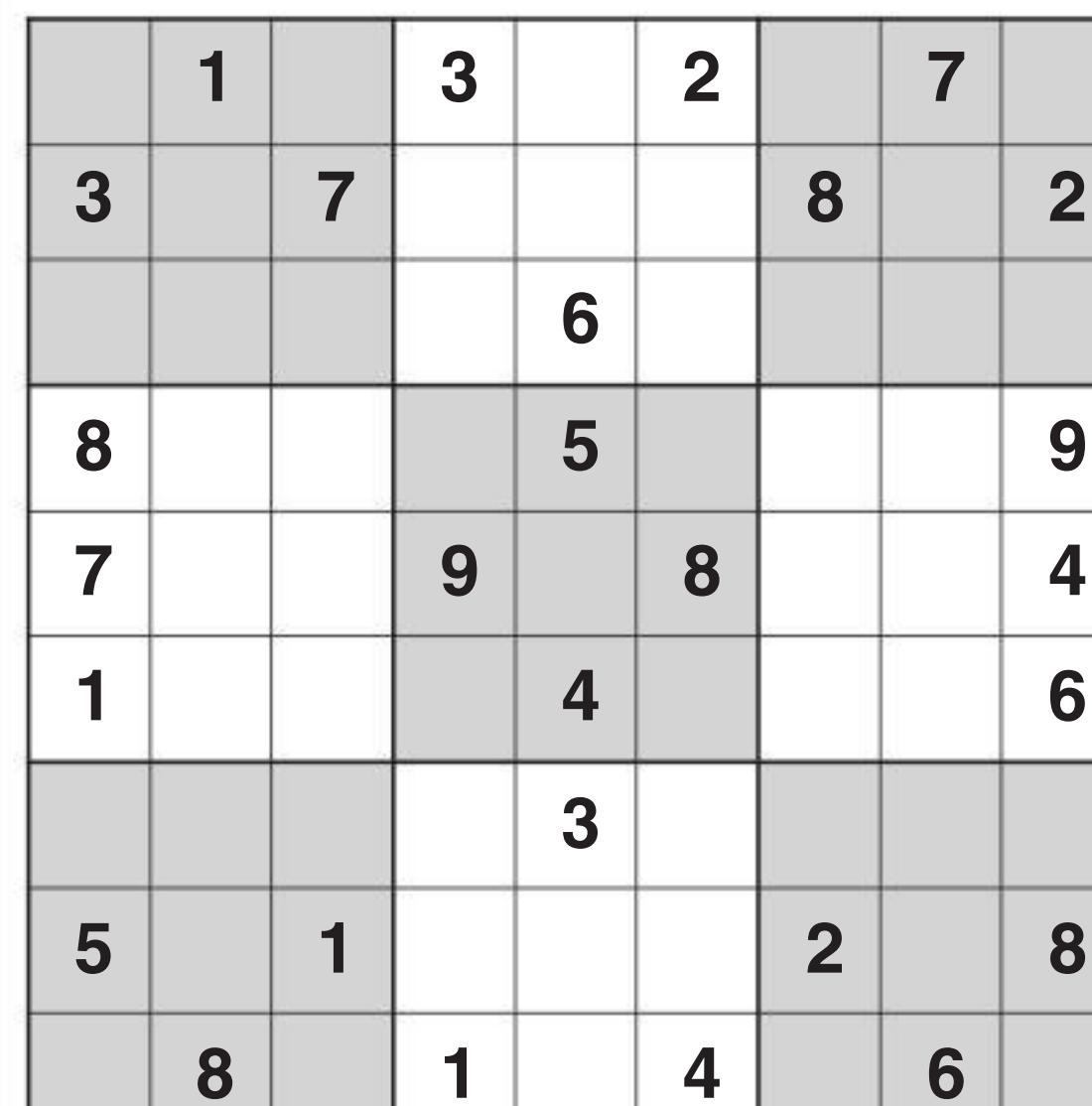
ACROSS

- 1 Closely pursued (4-7)
- 9 Specialist in eye diseases (7)
- 10 Swift (5)
- 11 Take notice of (4)
- 12 Famished (8)
- 14 Legally bound (6)
- 16 Defeated (6)
- 18 Uncommunicative (8)
- 19 Ponder (4)
- 22 The cream (5)
- 23 Avoiding commitment (7)
- 24 Disagree formally (3,2,6)

DOWN

- 2 Deep sky-blue (5)
- 3 Raised platform (4)
- 4 Regular procedure (6)
- 5 Wizard (8)
- 6 Bold feat (7)
- 7 Attending to every detail (2,3,6)
- 8 Miscellaneous articles (4,3,4)
- 13 To abuse (3-5)
- 15 To attribute (7)
- 17 Intensely cold (6)
- 20 Excessive (5)
- 21 Homeless child (4)

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MEDIUM

CALENDAR

DECEMBER 25, 2020, FRIDAY

■ Vikrami Samvat	2077
■ Shaka Samvat	1942
■ Posh Shaka	4
■ Posh Parvish	11
■ Hijri	1442
■ Shukla Paksha Tithi 11, up to 1.55 am	
■ Shiva Yoga up to 2.36 pm	
■ Ashwin Nakshatra up to 7.36 am	
■ Moon in Aries sign	
■ Christmas	
■ Gandmool up to 7.36 am	

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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FORECAST

SUNSET: 17:28 HRS
SUNRISE: 07:18 HRS

CITY	MAX	MIN
Chandigarh	20	05
New Delhi	22	05
Amritsar	20	05
Bathinda	21	05
Jalandhar	20	04
Ludhiana	20	02
Bhiwani	22	05
Hisar	22	03
Sirsa	22	06
Dharamsala	16	04
Manali	12	01
Shimla	15	04
Srinagar	09	-03
Jammu	21	07
Kargil	-07	-12
Leh	-08	-14
Dehradun	22	05
Mussoorie	17	05

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Shukla: No question of ignoring Sharma

TREND NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, DECEMBER 24

AICC in-charge for party affairs in Himachal Rajiv Shukla today said the question of omitting senior leader Anand Sharma from the committees made for state-level coordination does not arise as he is a national leader whose guidance for all important matters is always sought.

Shukla dismissed all such speculations that Sharma, signatory to the letter seeking organisation changes in

the Congress, had deliberately been left out. "I want to clarify that the three committees constituted yesterday primarily comprised state-level leaders who will coordinate and manage elections like the urban local body and panchayati raj polls," he said.

Shukla has recently been appointed in-charge of Himachal, replacing Rajni Patil, who is now looking after party affairs in J & K.

He said it would be wrong to construe that Sharma had deliberately not been included in the committees.

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Tender Notice

No. E-Tender/NP/2020/03

Nagar Panchayat, Ghanaur (Local Govt. Department) invites bids from eligible bidders enlisted with Local Government or Nagar Panchayat Ghanaur for 7 works of estimated cost 54.51 Lac rupees and for details terms & conditions of the notice inviting bid refer to <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in> and last date for the bid is 15.01.2021 up to 12:00 PM.

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

Sd/- President
Nagar Panchayat, Ghanaur. Sd/- Executive Officer, Nagar Panchayat, Ghanaur. Sd/- A.M.E., Nagar Panchayat, Ghanaur. Nagar Panchayat, Ghanaur.

DPR/Pb/140

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

Tender Notice Reference No. 17 Dt. 24.12.2020

On behalf of the Governor of Punjab, Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, Pb. PWD, B&R Branch, Sangrur Invites online bids for the following Work(s).

Sr. No.	Item	Quantity
1.	Four Laning/Widening of Patiala-Sangrur-Barnala Road Section RD 106,990 To 116,240 (Internal City Portion Sangrur - (Providing Road Lighting, High Mast Lighting and Green Belt Lighting)	1

*For detailed login to <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.

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

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Electrical Division, PWD, B&R, Sangrur.

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are invited from the interested parties for the disposal of following Vehicle. The Vehicle can be inspected on any working day between 9.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M. Sealed envelopes containing tenders should reach this office by 08.01.2021 up to 12.00 P.M., which will be opened on the same day, in the presence of concerned parties. The tenderer shall deposit earnest money equivalent to 10% of the reserve price through Demand Draft (Refundable) in favour of Assistant Director (DDO). The successful bidder shall have to collect the vehicle within 72 hours after depositing the balance amount of the bid, failing which the vehicle will be offered to the next highest bidder and his earnest money shall be forfeited.

Vehicle No.	Type	Model	Reserve Price
PB-12E-6444	Ambassador Car (Petrol)	2001	87500/-

The undersigned reserves the right to reject any offer without assigning any reason.

Sd/- Additional Director, IAOR, Punjab,
Vit e Yojana Bhawan Sector 33 A,
5th Floor, Chandigarh.

PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA (PMGSY)

Tender Notice No. 12 Dated: 23.12.2020

The Executive Engineer, Construction Division, PWD B&R, Barnala on behalf of Governor of Punjab invites the item rate bids separately for each package in electronic tendering system for Upgradation of roads under PMGSY-III (Batch-I) in the District of Barnala for Three Number Packages namely PB-18101 to PB-18103 including their maintenance for five years from the eligible contractors registered with Punjab PWD (B&R)/Punjab Mandi Board.

Date of release of Invitations for Bids through e-procurement: 24.12.2020

For further details regarding availability of bid documents, Mode of Submission, Detail of works & PIUs, DNIT, Bill of Quantities, eligibility of bidders, submission of bids and last date for receipt of Bids for each package logon to website www.pmgstenders.gov.in.

Detailed tender notice will also be available on website www.prbdb.gov.in and www.pwdpunjab.gov.in w.e.f. 24.12.2020.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Const. Divn., PWD B&R, Barnala.

DPR/Pb/130

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NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Bid Number-1
Tender bids are invited from eligible bidders for the project/works detailed in the following table:

Sr. No	Name of Project/Work/Works	Earliest Money (Rs.)	Period of Contract	Approx. Rent (in Rs.)
1	Lease out Grain Silos of 10,000 MT capacity (2 x 5000 MT) at Mega Food Park, Ladhawali, Ludhiana.	Rs. 25,000/-	5 years	To be furnished by the bidder

Last date for submission of online bid is 13.01.2021. Technical bids will be opened on the same day at 4.30 PM. Date for opening of financial bids will be intimated after evaluation of technical bids. Queries shall be taken up in pre-bid meeting to be held through video conferencing (VC) on 06.01.2021 at 11.30 AM. Details of the tender can be downloaded from <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>. For any clarification, please send an email at bhupinder.singh28@punjab.gov.in or contact us at 9914500655 General Manager, Mega Food Park

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E-TENDER NOTICE NO. PEDA/2020-21/31

Punjab Energy Development Agency (PEDA) invites e-tender from experienced / reputed companies for the following work.

Name of Work	EMD (Rs.)	Date of start of downloading tender document	Last date of sale of bid document	Last Date & time for submission of Techno-commercial & Financial bids	Date & time of opening of Techno-commercial bids
Supply & Installation of Energy Efficient Electrical Appliances (LED lamps, LED Tube-lights and BEE Star labeled Ceiling Fans) in 65 Govt. Primary & Middle Schools (Urban) at District S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali), Punjab	50,000/-	25.12.2020	18.01.2021 upto 1:00 PM	18.01.2021 upto 3:00 PM	19.01.2021 at 11:30 AM

Bid Document Fees Non-refundable tender document fee of Rs. 2,500/- through online

E-Processing Fee Non-refundable e-processing fee as per govt. norms through online

Earliest Money Deposit Earliest Money as mentioned shall be deposited through online

1. Eligibility criteria and other terms & conditions for the work are given in the E-tender document which can be downloaded from e-procurement-portal of Punjab Government.

2. Bidders shall have to get themselves registered with e-procurement-portal of Punjab Government.

3. Digital Signature, mandatory to participate in the e-tendering process. For any

clarification/difficulty regarding e-tendering process flow, please contact PEDDA at 98156-04399,

81462-45315, 0172-2663328, 2663382, or 0172-3934667, 92572-09340, 80546-28821.

4. Corrigendum / Addendum / Corrections, if any will be published on the website only; no separate

notice will be published in press.

Director

In a first, no midnight mass at Shimla's Christ Church

Morning prayers to be held twice by following protocols

BHANU P LOHUMI

TREND NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, DECEMBER 24

In a first in the history of the 151-year-old Christ Church on The Ridge, there will be no traditional Christmas religious services such as midnight mass in view of the Covid threat and night curfew in the district from 10 pm till 6 am. However, morning prayers would be held twice inside the church tomorrow at 9.30 am and 11 am by following health protocols, said Rev Sohanlal. Only 50 persons could attend indoor services at a time as per the guidelines, he said, adding that dry ration would be distributed among the poor.

"It was during World War II that a priest in Germany appeared as Santa Clause and distributed sweets and gifts to the poor and needy, and since then it is a practice to help the downtrodden," said youth president of the church Andrew Samuel.

Built in 1857 in the neo-Gothic style, the Christ Church is said to be the second oldest in North India after St John Church in Meerut. It was designed by Colonel JT Boileau in 1844.



The illuminated Christ Church on the eve of Christmas.

SECOND OLDEST CHURCH IN NORTH INDIA

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Minimum temp drops, snow likely from tomorrow

TREND NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, DECEMBER 24

The intense cold wave sweeping most parts of Himachal further tightened its grip as minimum temperatures dropped by a few notches and stayed two to five degrees Celsius below normal and Keylong in the tribal Lahaul and Spiti shivered at minus 8.4 degrees Celsius.

Kalpa in the tribal Kinnaur district recorded a minimum temperature of minus 2.2 degrees Celsius while Manali and Bhuntar shivered at freezing point, followed by Solan which saw a minimum of 0.5°C, Sundernagar 0.7°C, Una and Palampur 2°C and Shimla 4.1°C.

The local MeT office has predicted rains and snow in higher hills from December 26 to December 28 and in middle hills on December 27 and 28 as a fresh Western Disturbance looses over the region.

While the chances of white Christmas are bleak, the MeT office has predicted dry weather in the region from December 29, dashing hopes of hoteliers for a white New Year.



Igloos constructed near the Hamta Pass in Manali.

Igloo tourism a big attraction in Manali

DIPENDER MANTA

TREND NEWS SERVICE

MANDI, DECEMBER 24

Igloo tourism is getting a good response in Manali this year and service providers have received advance bookings till January 4. Two youths of Sethan village close to the Hamta Pass in Manali have been promoting igloo tourism in Manali since 2017.

Now, they are receiving a good business as tourists visiting Manali are aware about it. Most visitors are newlywed couples.

An igloo, also known as a snow house, is a type of shelter made of snow. Vikas and his friend Tashi have made three igloos on December 10 this year as the area had snowfall in the first week of December. They want to build two more igloos

but due to lack of snow, they are facing difficulties.

Vikas told The Tribune: "This year, we are getting good business. We have an advance booking till January 4 and the waiting period may go up till January-end."

"This village is situated at 9,000 feet near the Hamta Pass, which receives heavy snowfall in winters every year," he said.

"We are charging Rs 10,000 for a night stay that includes breakfast, lunch and dinner. An igloo is meant for two persons. Apart from this, a large number of tourists visit here to have their glimpse," said Vikas.

"We are planning to develop two more igloos. We are expecting fresh snowfall in the coming days, which will prove a boon for the tourism," he added.

HP tops in kids' immunisation

SHIMLA, DECEMBER 24

Himachal Pradesh has logged the highest full immunisation coverage (89.3 per cent), according to the fifth National Family Health Survey. It has registered an impressive jump of 20 per cent from the last survey in 2016-17. "The full immunisation coverage is measured on the basis of the number of children, aged 12 to 23 months, administered a complete set of vaccines, as per the universal immunisation programme," said National Health Mission (NHM) Director Nipun Jindal.

He said the huge improvement had happened because of the adoption of technological intervention for planning and implementation, increased awareness and diligent functioning. —TNS

Since Atal Tunnel was thrown open to traffic, it has become a tourist hotspot. Pankaj Rai, DC, Lahaul-Spiti, said: "It is expected that during Christmas and New Year, the tourist influx to Lahaul will increase. To avoid traffic chaos, we have decided to restrict parking on the roadside."

The DC asked the police to implement the directions and deal with offenders strictly.

A cleanliness campaign was launched at Sissu by the Mahila Mandals and Yuva Mandals of Sissu and Koksar panchayats.—TNS

7 arrested for nuisance in Atal Tunnel

₹5 lakh per family, PM to launch health scheme

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24 Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch Ayushman Bharat scheme on Saturday via video-conferencing to extend health insurance coverage to all residents of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Prime Minister's Office said on Thursday that the scheme would ensure universal health coverage, and focus on providing financial risk protection and ensuring quality and affordable essential health services to all individuals and communities.

Home Minister Amit Shah and union territory's Lt-Governor Manoj Sinha will also be present on the occasion.

The scheme will provide free of cost insurance cover to all residents of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, the PMO said, adding that it will provide financial cover of up to ₹5 lakh per family on a floater basis to all residents of the UT.

There is provision for operational extension of

'Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana' (PM-JAY) to approximately ₹15 lakh additional families, the PMO statement said, adding that the scheme will operate on insurance mode in convergence with PM-JAY.

The benefits of the scheme will be portable across the country. The hospitals empanelled under the PM-JAY scheme will provide services under this scheme as well, the PMO said. — PTI

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Mandate undermined'

"While DDC elections passed uneventfully, the exercise will be futile if you do not intervene immediately and forcefully, as many independent winning candidates are being coaxed and coerced into joining a certain political party."

The issue was taken up at the first post-poll meeting of the Gupkar alliance today. Alliance spokesperson Sajjad Lone later warned the authorities against "disrespecting" the mandate. "There are disturbing reports of the government acting in a partisan manner, directly or

indirectly facilitating moves by some people to woo independents... They must not humiliate the people's mandate," Lone said after the meeting. Citing ill-health, PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti skipped the meeting. Her party vote share in the valley fell to a mere 4.4 per cent in the DDC poll. Omar said the plan ahead was to execute the people's mandate for "undoing the unconstitutional and unjust changes" in J&K on August 5, 2019. "The NC will pursue its agenda through legal and constitutional means," he said.

Liquidated firm's land auction

its claim, plots were being offered by the bidder at ₹30,000 per sq yard. This means the land cost comes to over ₹350 crore, whereas it has been auctioned for ₹90.58 crore," said Bir Devinder Singh, former Deputy Speaker of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha, while

demanding a CBI probe into alleged scam.

PSIEC Vice-Chairman Mahesh Kumar Singh said in the BoD meeting held on October 21, 2020, he had sought advice of the Advocate General and income tax adviser and OSD (Finance) on the issue.

Govt announces winter vacations for degree colleges

JAMMU, DECEMBER 24 The J&K Government on Friday announced winter vacations for government colleges in the Kashmir valley and winter zones in the Jammu division from December 28.

Will be closed from December 28 to Feb 13 next

As per an order issued here, the colleges will be closed from December 28 to February 13, 2021. Colleges falling in the summer zone of the Jammu division will close on December 26 and open on January 4, 2021, it added.

The winter vacation for all government educational institutions and recognised private schools up to higher secondary level in the Kashmir division and winter zone areas of Jammu division is from December 21 to February 28. — PTI

ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL NEAR MILITARY HOSPITAL, JALANDHAR CANTT

TENDER NOTICE

1. Sealed Tender is invited by 04 Jan 2021 for the Single Seater Student Desk. Size - W16" x L24" x H32".
2. The technical specification and bid format may be downloaded from www.apsjalandharcantt.com under "News & Events" Head. Sd/- Principal

EXTENSION OF DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE POST OF STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

Vide advertisement dated 27.11.2020, Government of Punjab had invited applications from eligible candidates for post of State Information Commissioner in the office of Punjab State Information Commission, Chandigarh up to 24th December, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. In continuation of that advertisement, it is informed that these applications may now be submitted in the office of undersigned, Room No. 707, 7th Floor, Punjab Civil Secretariat-2, Sector-9, Chandigarh up to 07.01.2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Sd/- Under Secretary to Govt. of Punjab
Department of Governance Reforms & Public Grievances.

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS (B&R Works & O&M Cell Works)

No. 138/SE(TIC), Dated 24-12-2020

The Department of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (B&R) invites online Double Bids for 3 Nos. works (under PEUP) as per schedule given below:-

Last Date of online Submission of Bidding Document	Opening of bidding Documents	
	Technical Bid	Financial Bid
04.01.2021 up to 5.00 p.m.	05.01.2021 at 11.00 a.m. in the Office of SE(TIC), Zone A, MCL	Will be intimated later on

For details logon to: eproc.punjab.gov.in

Note:- Detail of works, other terms & conditions & tender documents any corrigendum/addendum to the tender notice shall be published on above website only.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (TIC),
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.
DPR/Pb/122577

हिमाचल प्रदेश ग्रामीण विकास एवं पंचायती राज विभाग

हिमाचल प्रदेश ग्रामीण विकास एवं पंचायती राज विभाग सेवानिवृत्त अधिकारीयों, कर्मचारियों, पूर्व पंचायत प्रतिनिधियों, पंशुवर छाया चित्रकारों, अन्य बृजग्रंथ व्यक्तियों एवं आम जनपानस से थे विनम्र निवेदन करता है कि वे ग्रामीण विकास एवं पंचायती राज विभाग से सर्वोच्च पुरोनी फोटो या वीडियो जिसका संबंध इस विभाग को पूर्व गतिविधियों से है, आर्थिक रूप से उत्सव के समय की है। उपरोक्त फोटो/वीडियो प्रेसेस के 25 जनवरी, 1971 (जब प्रेसेस को पूर्ण राजस्व का ढर्जा दिया गया था) के समय तथा उसके बाद के समय की है। उपरोक्त फोटो/वीडियो प्रेसेस की 50वीं वर्षगांठ पर राज्य स्तरीय समारोह में प्रदर्शित की जाएगी। विभाग की ये भी प्रस्तावना है कि उपरोक्त 3 संवेदित फोटो/वीडियो को पुरस्कृत किया जाएगा। यह सामग्री विभाग की वेबसाइट rddhimachal@gmail.com पर एक सप्ताह के भीतर प्रेषित की जानी होगी।

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ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL : HISAR MILITARY STATION HISAR, Pin- 125006 (HARYANA) (Private Un-aided School)

REQUIRES TEACHING STAFF ON REGULAR BASIS

1. Army Public School, Hisar requires PGTs (English, History, Maths, Pol Sci & Music) and TGTs (Geography, Physics, English and Compt Sci) having valid Score Card of Online Screening Exam conducted by AWES on Regular Basis/ Reserve panel.

2. Details of vacancies, eligibility criteria and format of application are available on School Website "www.apshisar.com". Interested candidate to download application form from school website and submit by post / hand alongwith relevant documents and DD of Rs 100/- (Non refundable) in favour of Army Public School, Hisar. Last date of submission is 13 JAN 2021.

Note :- (i) The school reserves the right to fill any or none of the posts as shown above.

(ii) The number of vacancies may increase/decrease without prior intimation.

(iii) Only shortlisted candidates will be called for interview.

Contact No - 8929232380

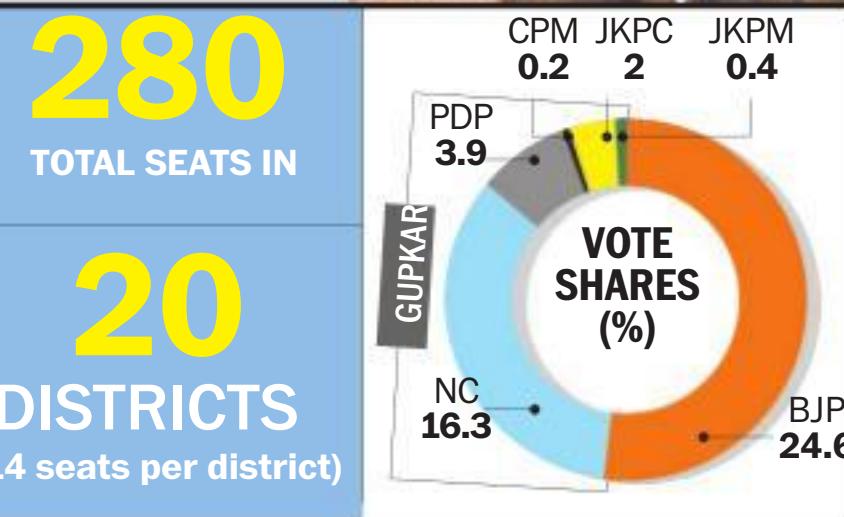
Sd/ x x x Principal

The Tribune INTERVIEW: TARUN CHUGH, BJP GEN SECY
'BJP has made inroads, hope to form dozen councils'



DDC POLL

Apart from emerging as the single largest party, a large number of our candidates lost by a very small margin. At many places, the BJP tactfully fielded Independents and won. We have made a good beginning under the leadership of PM Modi and we will soon consolidate our position.



The BJP got only 3 pc votes in the Valley. Is this a rejection of Art 370?

It is not a reflection on Article 370 nor a Gupkar victory or a BJP loss. We contested for the first time in Srinagar and made its appearance for the first time, so people will take time to have confidence in us. The popularity of PM's policies is there for all of us to see. Let us not assess the BJP in isolation. At many places, we supported others. The election was against the "Gupkar gang" and you can see their base being eroded in

many areas. At many places, the BJP-supported candidates have won.

The PAGD says the BJP is trying to "poach" Independents. How many were supported by the BJP?

The "Gupkar gang" is day-dreaming all the time. Since they did not have courage to contest separately, they formed a gang against us. The results are a slap on their face. The BJP had an election strategy to support the Independents at many places. They were our undeclared partners, so where is the question of poaching or wooing?

Al-Badr terror module busted in Pulwama

Srinagar, December 24

Security forces have busted a terror module of the Al-Badr outfit by arresting four militant associates in Pulwama district of Jammu and Kashmir, the

police said on Thursday.

During the intervening night of December 23 and 24, security personnel launched a cordon and search operation in Dadsara and Larmoh vil-

lages of Awantipora in the south Kashmir district after receiving specific information about the presence of militants there, a police spokesperson said. — PTI

TENDER NOTICE GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

Executive Engineer, DWSS Division, Moga invite online bids for the following work in District Moga:

Description of works

Providing and Installing of Centralized Sodium Hypochlorite Storage Facility including FRP Tank of capacity of 10000 Ltr. and all other works contingent thereto at Water Works WSS Ajit Wal, Block Moga-I, Distt. Moga. (Under Head PRWSSIP 3a/JMM)

Est. Cost: Rs. 8.26 Lacs. Bid Security: Rs. 16,500/-

Date & time of start of sale of Bid document: 28.12.2020 at 12:00 Noon

Date & time for submission of Bid document: 12.01.2021 up to 12:00 Noon.

Date & time of Bid Technical Opening: 12.01.2021 at 12:45 Hrs.

Completion period: 2 Months

Bid processing fee: As per Website.

Note: 1) Any corrigendum(s) to the Tender Notice shall be published on the above website only.

2) For detailed information, scope of work and Terms & Conditions, please refer to Bid document uploaded on website: <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

Ph.: 01636-237378, E-mail: DPR/Pb-135

Sd/- Executive Engineer, W/S & Sanitation Division, Moga.

PUNJAB HERITAGE AND TOURISM PROMOTION BOARD

Plot No. 03, Sector 38-A, Chandigarh,

Ph. 0172-2625951

E-mail: phtpbengg@gmail.com

Tender/Reference No.: 03 Date: 24.12.2020

NOTICE RE-INVITING ONLINE BIDS

Chief Executive Officer, Punjab Heritage & Tourism Promotion Board, under the department of Tourism, Government of Punjab invites online bids from eligible bidders for the following work:

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Bid Security/Earnest Money (Rs.)	Last date and time for online submission of bids	Period of Completion
1	Conservation/Restoration of Quila Sarai at Sultanpur Lodhi	13.00 Lakhs	15.01.2021 up to 03:00 P.M.	12 Months

i) Period of availability of Tender online shall be: From 28.12.2020 to 15.01.2021 up to 3:00 P.M.

ii) Last date & time for online submission of bids : 15.01.2021 up to 3:00 P.M.

iii) Date & time of opening of Technical Bid : 15.01.2021 at 3:30 P.M.

For detailed terms and conditions refer to e-tendering portal (www.eproc.punjab.gov.in)

Note: Addendum/Corrigendum, if any, will be issued on e-portal only.

DPR/Pb/156 Sd/- Chief Executive Officer

E-Tender Notice

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES PUNJAB

Website: www.eproc.punjab.gov.in

E-Tendering Notice No: 002/DCD/FDK/2020/5-A Dated: 24/12/2020

E-Tenders are hereby invited on work order basis on behalf of the Governor of Punjab through website

ਦਾਤਰ ਨਗਰ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ, ਅਰਨੀਵਾਲਾ ਸ਼ੇਖਮਾਨ (ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਫਾਈਲਕਾ)

(ਈ.-ਟੈਂਡਰ ਮੰਗਣ ਦਾ ਨੋਟਸ)

E-Tender/NAGAR PANCHAYAT, ARNIWALA SHEIKHSUBHAN/2020-21

ਨਗਰ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ, ਅਰਨੀਵਾਲਾ ਸ਼ੇਖਮਾਨ ਵੱਲ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ ਲੋਕਦਾਰ ਸਹੀ ਵਿਚ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਦੇ ਕੌਮੀ ਲੀਏ-ਟੈਂਡਰਿੰਗ ਵਿਧੀ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਟੈਂਡਰ eproc.punjab.gov.in 'ਤੇ ਦੇਖੋ ਅਤੇ ਜੋ ਜਾ ਸਕੇਂਦੀ ਹੈ।

ਲੋਕੀ ਅਨਾਈਨ ਸੇਲ ਆਫ਼ ਬਿੱਡਿੰਗ ਅਨਾਈਨ ਗੱਗੀ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਖੁਲ੍ਹੇ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ

1 25.12.2020 from 11:00 hours 18.01.2021 UP TO 17.00 hours 19.01.2021, 16.00 hours

ਉਕਤ ਕੌਮੀ ਲੀਏ-ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨਗਰ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ eproc.punjab.gov.in 'ਤੇ ਦੇਖੋ ਜਾ ਸਕੇਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਜੇਕਰ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਦੇ ਕੌਮੀ ਲੀਏ-ਟੈਂਡਰਿੰਗ ਵਿਧੀ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ।

ਸਹੀ/- ਪ੍ਰਾਨ, ਨਗਰ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ, ਅਰਨੀਵਾਲਾ ਸ਼ੇਖਮਾਨ।

ਸਹੀ/- ਕਾਰਜਸਾਧਕ ਅਫਸਰ, ਨਗਰ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ, ਅਰਨੀਵਾਲਾ ਸ਼ੇਖਮਾਨ।

DPR/Pb/122553

PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA (PMGSY)

Tender Notice No. 49 Dated: 23.12.2020

The Executive Engineer, Construction Division, PWD B&R, Malerkotla on behalf of Governor of Punjab invites the item rate bids separately for each package in electronic tendering system for Upgradation of roads under PMGSY-III (Batch-I) in the District of Sangrur for Three Number Packages namely PB-17210 to PB17212 including their maintenance for five years from the eligible contractors registered with Punjab PWD (B&R)/Punjab Mandi Board.

Date of invitation for Bid through e-procurement: 24.12.2020

For further details regarding availability of bid documents, Mode of Submission, Detail of works & PIUs, DNIT Bill of Quantities, eligibility of bidders, submission of bids and last date/due date for receipt of Bids for each package logon to website www.pmgstenders.gov.in.

Detailed tender notice will also be available on website on www.prbdb.gov.in and www.pwdpunjab.gov.in w.e.f. 24.12.2020.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Construction Division, PWD B&R, Malerkotla.

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD
8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh

PRESS NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION

Executive Engineer-III, CHB on behalf of the Chairman, Chandigarh Housing Board invites e-Auction bids for Disposal of Surplus (serviceable and un-serviceable) material lying in CHB Central Store, Industrial Area, Phase-I, Chandigarh on "as is where as basis" as per schedule mentioned below:-

Auction publish date / Document submission / Payment date	Start Date : 01.01.2021 at 10:00 Hrs. End Date : 06.01.2021 at 17:00 Hrs.
Document / Payment approval date	Start Date : 07.01.2021 at 10:00 Hrs. End Date : 11.01.2021 at 12:00 Hrs.
Auction Date	Start Date : 12.01.2021 at 12:30 Hrs. End Date : 27.01.2021 at 17:00 Hrs.

Detailed Terms & Conditions can be download from the website : <https://www.eauction.gov.in>

Ph: 0172-4601722 Executive Engineer-III for & on behalf of Chairman Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh

WEAR MASK, WASH YOUR HANDS, WATCH YOUR DISTANCE

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD
8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh

PRESS NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION

Executive Engineer-IV on behalf of the Chairman, Chandigarh Housing Board invites e-Auction bids for Dismantling & Disposal of the existing building structures at RGCTP Habitat Project I.T. Park, Chandigarh on "as is where as basis" as per schedule mentioned below:-

Auction publish date / Document submission / Payment date	Start Date : 01.01.2021 at 10:00 Hrs. End Date : 06.01.2021 at 17:00 Hrs.
Document / Payment approval date	Start Date : 07.01.2021 at 10:00 Hrs. End Date : 11.01.2021 at 12:00 Hrs.
Auction Date	Start Date : 12.01.2021 at 14:00 Hrs. End Date : 27.01.2021 at 17:00 Hrs.

Detailed Terms & Conditions can be download from the website : <https://www.eauction.gov.in>

Ph: 0172-4601710 Executive Engineer-IV for & on behalf of Chairman Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh

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STATE ELECTION COMMISSION HARYANA

NIRVACHAN SADAN, PLOT NO. 2, SECTOR-17

PANCHKULA

FAX NO. 0172-2585904

TEL. NO. 0172-2584810

www.secharyana.gov.in

SHORT TERM TENDER FOR THE PRINTING OF BALLOT PAPERS

e-tenders are invited from the Security Presses approved by R.B.I./I.B.A. having their own Web Offset Printing Machine with previous experience of printing of ballot papers for the printing of about 2 Crores and 1.5 lacs ballot papers in respect of Panchayat and Members of Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads for the Panchayat General Elections to be held in the near future, the details of which can be seen in the terms and conditions of the tender form.

Tender Form can be downloaded from the e-Procurement Portal i.e., <https://etenders.hry.nic.in>. The last date for submission/uploading of completed e-tenders will be 21.01.2021 up to 11.00 A.M. The Technical Bids shall be opened in the presence of tenderers or their authorised representative(s) at 11.30 A.M. on the same day.

Any other information regarding tender and tender form can be had from the Superintendent, Panchayat Branch of the State Election Commission Haryana on any working day during the office hours.

STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER, HARYANA

PRDH/1034/11/1/2021/1087/3/14

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Midland Financial Centre

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT), NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BID (NCB) REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

Bid Reference No.: 44(a)/JSCL/2020

Jalandhar Smart City Limited (JSCL) invites online unconditional bids through e-procurement portal <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from eligible bidders under National Competitive Bidding (NCB) with Single Stage - two envelopes bidding procedure for the following works.

Name of Work Estimated Cost (Rs.) Earnest Money (Rs.) Tender Fee (Rs.) Period of Completion

SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF EXCAVATOR (POCLAIN) MACHINE FOR CLEANING OF KALA SINGHAN NALLAH FOR MAINTAINING OF WARYANA MSW DUMPING SITE ALONG WITH SERVICE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR FOUR YEARS IN MUNICIPAL CORPORATION JALANDHAR UNDER SMART CITY MISSION - 2nd Call	Rs. 67,34,533/- (Rs. Sixty Seven Lakhs Thirty Four Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty Three Only)	Rs. 1,35,000/- (One Lakhs and Thirty Five Thousand only)	10,000/- plus GST	For Supply and Delivery - 60 days from placement of Confirmed Supply Order along with Service Maintenance Contract for 4 years.
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Important dates of the RFP are as below:

Availability of Tender online for Bidding Last Date & Time for online Submission of Bids Date & Time of Opening of Tender

From To Technical Bid Financial Bid

25.12.2020 09.01.2021 09.01.2021 11:00 hrs To be intimated later

1. Detailed NIT & Bid documents can be seen at the website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> and may be downloaded free of cost from <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.

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BCCI to back ICC bid to include T20 in 2028 Olympics



Not a single question was asked and contrary to a particular media report, it was never a topic of discussion. Ganguly is legally in the clear. A BCCI state unit member.

Sourav Ganguly's conflict of interest situation was not discussed at BCCI's AGM. PHOTO: BCCI

AHMEDABAD, DECEMBER 24

No official of any state association raised the question of Indian cricket board (BCCI) president Sourav Ganguly's conflict of interest situation at the board's AGM here today. There was no discussion on Ganguly endorsing a fantasy gaming company and an educational coaching management company, both of which are direct competitors to two major BCCI sponsors.

"Not a single question was asked and contrary to a particular media report, it was never a topic of discussion," a state unit member said. "Ganguly is legally in the clear and as far as asking questions is concerned... The BCCI never questioned erstwhile president N Srinivasan after his son-in-law was arrested for alleged spot-fixing in 2013. That issue was way more grave."

10 IPL teams from 2022

The governing body of the BCCI ratified the entry of two new franchises in the

IPL to make it a 10-team affair from 2022. The decision to add new teams in 2022 instead of 2021 was taken because it was felt that there was not enough time to plan even a nine-team IPL next year — an elaborate tender-floating process, increase of matches and other organisational details would not have been possible to complete by the next IPL in 2021.

T20 cricket in Olympics

The BCCI, in principle, decided to back the ICC's bid for inclusion of cricket, in the T20 format, in the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics, "after getting some clarifications from the International Olympic Committee". "BCCI is an autonomous body and it would like to maintain its autonomy. Our legal team is looking to get a few clarifications. Obviously, cricket in Olympics is great for the game. Let's hope we can move in the right direction," a member who attended the AGM said. — PTI, TNS

OTHER DECISIONS**Compensation for domestic players**

It was decided all First-Class players, both men and women, will be compensated for the curtailed domestic season due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The BCCI will give a lump-sum compensation amount to the state units.

BCCI may lose \$123 million in ICC revenue

If the government does not give tax exemption for hosting next year's the T20 World Cup, BCCI would lose around \$123 million, which would be deducted by ICC from BCCI's annual revenue.

Junior, women's cricket during IPL

Women's tournaments (senior and junior) along with age-group tournaments (U-23, U-19, U-16) will be held simultaneously at the time of IPL-14 which, in all likelihood, will be held in India despite Covid-related concerns.

Shukla becomes new VP

Veteran Congress leader Rajiv Shukla was named BCCI's vice-president in place of his protege Mahim Verma from Uttarakhand. Brijesh Patel will continue as the chairman of the IPL Governing Council.

Chetan Sharma new chairman of selectors

AHMEDABAD: Former India pacer Chetan Sharma was today appointed chairman of the senior national selection panel by the BCCI's Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC), which also picked Mumbai's Abey Kuruvilla and Odisha's Debasish Mohanty in the five-member team. The panel also comprises former India players Sunil Joshi and Harvinder Singh. PTI

BRIEFLY**BARCELONA****Asensio spurs Real Madrid to 2-0 win over Granada**

Marco Asensio came off the bench to help lead Madrid to a 2-0 win over Granada. The win ensured that Real stayed level on points with Spanish league leaders Atletico Madrid.

MANCHESTER**Man United set up rematch with Man City**

Edinson Cavani grabbed an opponent's throat, then grabbed a crucial late goal to

send Manchester United into the English League Cup semifinals and a rematch with fierce rivals Manchester City. United beat Everton 2-0, while Tottenham beat Stoke 3-1.

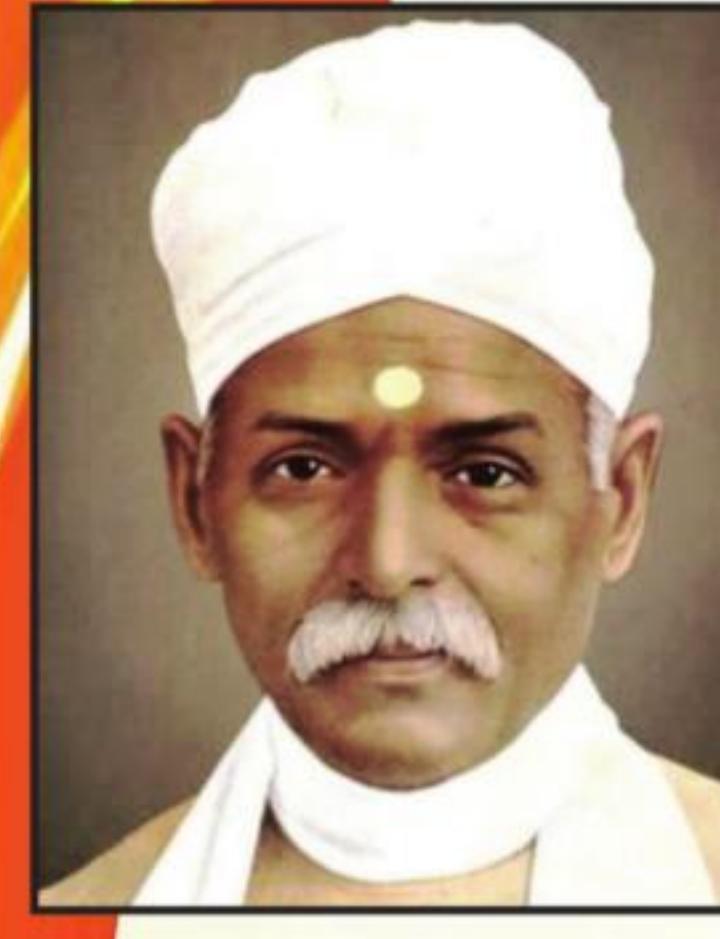
BHUBANESWAR**New hockey stadium at Rourkela for 2023 World Cup**

Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik today announced that a new hockey stadium would be constructed at Rourkela for the 2023 World Cup to be hosted by the state. AGENCIES



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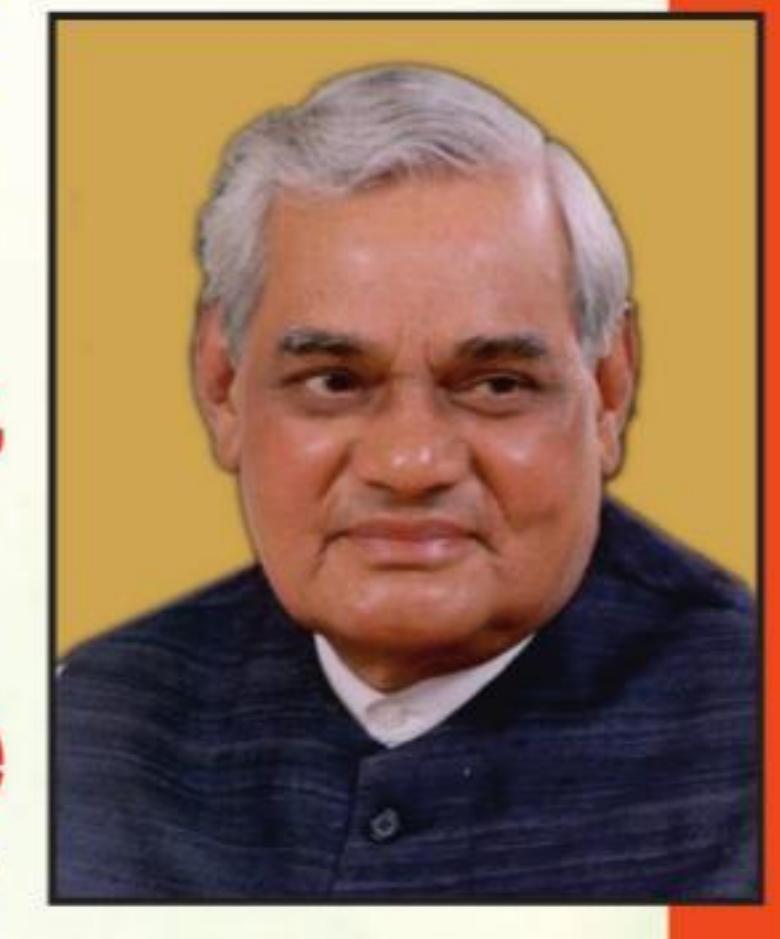
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₹1.85-crore assets attached in gold case

NEW DELHI: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) said it had issued a provisional attachment order under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) to seize assets worth Rs 1.85 crore in the Kerala gold smuggling case. The seized gold was stated to be worth Rs 14.82 crore. The ED said it was "camouflaged as diplomatic baggage to the UAE Consulate, which has immunity from checking at airport as per the Vienna convention". TNS

ED attaches ₹4,109-cr assets in Ponzi case

NEW DELHI: The ED has attached properties worth Rs 4,109 crore spread across various states in a money-laundering case linked to an alleged Ponzi scheme, the agency said on Thursday. Officials in the ED said the case pertained to Agri Gold Group of Companies, whose three promoters had been arrested yesterday by the agency. TNS

Convene Parl session...

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Other Congress MPs and leaders were prevented from walking to the Rashtrapati Bhawan amid prohibitory orders.

AICC leaders, including Priyanka Vadra, Anand Sharma, Jairam Ramesh, Randeep Surjewala, Kumari Selja, Pre-

neet Kaur, Deepender Hooda and Shashi Tharoor, were detained by the Delhi police after they sat in protest outside the AICC headquarters here.

Priyanka said it was sinful of the government to dub agitating farmers as anti-nationals. — TNS

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Tagore's vision essence of self-reliant India: PM

SANTINIKETAN, DECEMBER 24 Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore's vision is the essence of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' mission of his government for empowerment of India and the world, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Thursday.

Addressing a function to mark the centenary celebrations of Visva-Bharati, the country's oldest Central University, he extolled the pivotal role it played in India's freedom movement and in furthering the cause of universal brotherhood. Visva-Bharati was declared a Central University and an Institution of National Importance by an Act of Parliament in 1951.

"Gurudev's vision for Visva-Bharati is the essence of Atmanirbhar Bharat. Atmanirbhar Bharat is the path to India's development for the development of the world. It's a campaign for India's empowerment and prosperity, and through it, the prosperity of the world," he told the gathering through video



MAMATA NOT INVITED, SAYS TMC LEADER

■ The ruling TMC in Bengal on Thursday alleged that Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee was not invited to the centenary celebrations of Visva-Bharati.

■ Addressing a press meet here, TMC leader Bratya Basu also claimed that Prime Minister Narendra Modi made "factual errors" in his speech.

conferencing from New Delhi.

He said Tagore and the institution he founded not only strengthened the spirit of nationalism but also promoted inclusiveness that strengthened "vishva bandhuva" (universal brotherhood). — PTI

The Prime Minister, who addressed the convocations and centenary celebrations of four universities within a span of little over two months, dwelt on the role played by educational institutions in driving the freedom movement. — PTI

Cong finalises alliance with Left for WB poll

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

The Congress on Thursday formally approved its electoral alliance with the Left parties for the Assembly elections in West Bengal, party's state unit chief Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury announced. The West Bengal PCC had earlier recommended an alliance in favour of the Left parties.

The Left parties had also favoured an alliance with the Congress for the state elections. "Today, the Congress high command has formally approved the electoral alliance with the Left parties in the impending election of West Bengal," Chowdhury said on Twitter. The Left and Congress did not contest the Lok Sabha elections in Bengal together.

The two parties are also pitted against each other in Kerala. The 294-member Bengal Assembly will go to the polls next year. While the Trinamool Congress has the challenge to retain power, the Congress also has to retain its ground in the state.

The Congress is up

SHOW OF STRENGTH BY SUVENDU

■ Suvendu Adhikari said he made the right decision to join the BJP.

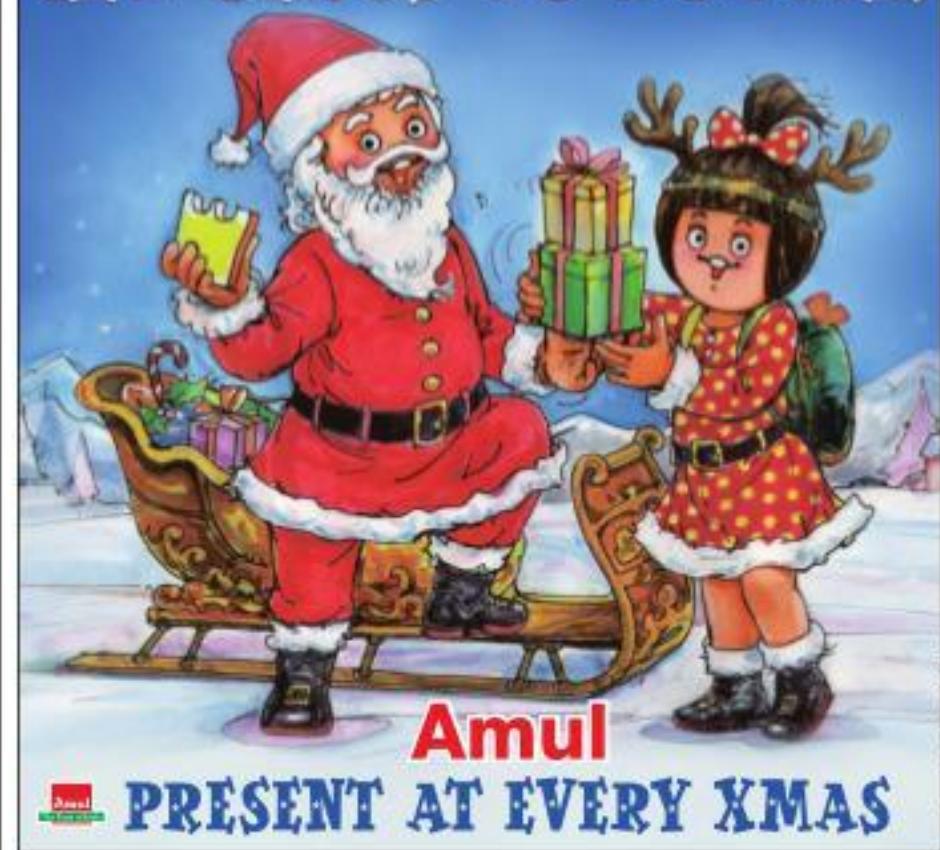
■ Leading a roadshow in his home town Kanthi, Adhikari said he would address a rally in Nandigram on January 8.

■ A huge gathering at the roadshow led to traffic snarls.

Assembly polls WEST BENGAL

against an upbeat BJP which has made inroads in the state after winning 18 Lok Sabha seats in the 2019 general election. The party was in a dilemma over whether to go with the Left or the Trinamool. But its state leaders have been talking to the Left informally and holding programmes in the state simultaneously. — Agencies

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No meeting with Ramani in hotel: Akbar to court

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

Former Union minister MJ Akbar on Thursday said before a Delhi court that there was no meeting between him and journalist Priya Ramani in the hotel where she alleges that he sexually misbehaved with her.

Akbar made the submission

during the final hearing of a criminal defamation complaint filed by him against Ramani for accusing him of sexual misconduct 20 years ago when he was a journalist. Ramani had made the allegation of sexual misconduct against Akbar in the wake of #MeToo movement in 2018. — PTI

Ladakh's Tso Kar wetland complex 42nd Ramsar site

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NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

One more wetland in India has been added to the list of recognised sites of international importance under the treaty of Ramsar Convention, taking the number of such wetlands in the country to 42, the highest in South Asia.

The latest site to be added to the list is a high-altitude wetland complex of two connected lakes, Startapsuk Tso and Tso Kar, in Ladakh. Union Environment Prakash Javadekar said, "Happy to share that high-altitude wetland complex in Changthang region of

ECOLOGY PRESERVATION

■ The Ramsar Convention, signed in 1971 in the Iranian city of Ramsar, is one of the oldest accords for preserving wetlands.

■ Wetlands provide a range of important resources and ecosystem services such as food, water and fibre.



Ladakh is recognised as wetland of international importance. The complex is a notable example of two connected lakes, the freshwater Startsapuk Tso and the hypersaline Tso Kar. Now, India has 42 Ramsar sites."

Last month, two wetlands—the Lonar lake in Maharashtra

and Sur Sarovar, also known as Keetham lake, in Agra—were added to the list of Ramsar sites. The Tso Kar Basin is a high-altitude wetland complex, consisting of two principal waterbodies, Startapsuk Tso, a freshwater lake of about 438 hectares to the south, and Tso Kar itself, a hyper-saline lake of 1,800 hectares to the north, situated in the Changthang region of Ladakh.

It is called Tso Kar, meaning white lake, because of the white salt efflorescence found on the margins due to the evaporation of highly saline water, according to a statement issued by the ministry.

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- Manohar Lal, Chief Minister, Haryana

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