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## Oppn's 'Budget for cronies' narrative wrong: Nirmala

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POLICIES FOR POOR

Centre's policies are meant to help poor and farmers and not the 'damads'. The Budget provisions are for poor, Dalits and tribals.

Nirmala Sitharaman, FINANCE MINISTER

ing to a debate in the Rajya Sabha on the Union Budget.

Sitharaman then went on to list the Centre's pro-poor initiatives that include 1.67 crore houses under PM Awas Yojana, over 2.67 crore houses electrified under PM Saubhagya Yojana, 80 crore people given free foodgrain and the government placing orders worth over Rs 8 lakh crore with MSMEs.

"Are they being given to big capitalists? They're being given to MSMEs," she stated, while counter-accusing the UPA government of having

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"It has now become a sort of habit for some in the Opposition to constantly lie, in spite of what we are doing for the poor. A false narrative is being created that this government works only for cronies," she said, respond-

## Ahead of poll, TMC MP resigns from RS

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 12

The ruling TMC on Friday suffered another pre-poll setback in West Bengal with former Railway Minister Dinesh Trivedi dramatically announcing his resignation from the Rajya Sabha saying he felt "suffocated in the party and could no longer condone political violence in its state."

"I can't condone political violence in Bengal. I feel helpless sitting here because I am bound by party discipline. I feel suffocated. My conscience is saying it is best to resign... to serve my state," Trivedi said, taking the House by surprise as he had risen to speak on the Union Budget.

Recalling the emotional exchange between PM Modi and Ghulam Nabi Azad, he said people entered politics to serve the motherland.

"Even as Railway Minister, I was faced with the same predicament as to who was greater: the nation, the party or self? I had even then heeded my conscience," Trivedi said, recalling the Railway Budget that had upset Trinamool Con-



TRIVEDI MAY JOIN BJP

- There is buzz Dinesh Trivedi may return to RS from Gujarat
- Bypolls are to be held for two seats in the state in March
- Fell vacant after the demise of Ahmed Patel, Abhay Bhardwaj

## Govt gets 6 more weeks to decide on Rajoana plea

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 12

The Supreme Court on Friday gave six more weeks to the Centre to take a decision on the mercy plea of Balwant Singh Rajoana for commuting the death penalty awarded to him in ex-CM Beant Singh assassination case.

A Bench headed by SA Bobde, CJI, had on January 25 given the last chance to the Centre to take a call on his mercy plea. INSIDE

## Tanks to shift 20 km from pullback site

Defence Ministry says no territory ceded in disengagement process at Pangong Tso

AJAY BANERJEE  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 12

Even as a debate is raging about the implications of Indian Army tanks vacating the strategic heights south of the Pangong Tso in eastern Ladakh, the ground reality is that these tanks will be located at their home base, less than 20 km from the site being vacated now.

In August 2020, the Army had captured the Rinchen La and Rezang La heights overlooking the Moldo Garrison of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) of China along the Line of Actual Control (LAC). The area comes under the Kailash



INDIA MAINTAINS PATROLLING RIGHTS TILL FINGER 8

BACK TO CHUSHUL

■ Prior to April 2020, Indian tanks were positioned in Chushul, which is less than 20 km from the vacated sites at Rezang La.

■ With Chushul site being a plateau, redeployment will not be an issue in case of any PLA misadventure.

US WELCOMES INDIA, CHINA EFFORTS TO DE-ESCALATE SITUATION IN LADAKH

The spot is less than 20 km from the Rezang La heights and since it's a plateau, redeployment would not be an issue in case of a misadventure by the PLA.

During the pre-April deployment, Ladakh had some four regiments of tanks stationed across the terrain. Each regiment has 46 tanks.

As reported in these columns yesterday, Depsang will be crucial and will be addressed in the next phase. On Friday, the Ministry of Defence issued a statement to counter instances of what it termed as "wrongly understood information".

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range, and its ridgeline is considered as the alignment of the LAC. In October-November 1962, India and China had fought a pitched battle at the base of Rezang La.

Now as part of the disengagement agreement between India and China, the Indian Army and the PLA will vacate the positions occupied in the past nine months from the south and north bank of the Pangong

Tso—a 135-km glacial lake. The target is to eventually return to the pre-April 2020 positions. In case of India, tanks were positioned in Chushul before April, sources confirmed to The Tribune.

## Kharge replaces Azad as Leader of Oppn in RS

NEW DELHI: Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge is all set to return as the Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha.

The Congress on Friday conveyed to RS Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu's office its decision to appoint Kharge as the LoP once Ghulam Nabi Azad retired on February 15. His appointment comes at the cost of party's deputy leader in RS Anand Sharma, long seen as Azad's successor.—TNS

## PM has ceded land to China, says Rahul

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### MOD REFUTES CONG ALLEGATIONS

#### RAHUL GANDHI'S POSERS

#### GOVT'S RESPONSE

- Why has PM given up area between Finger 3 and 4?
- Why have the Indian troops been asked to vacate Kailash heights?
- Why hasn't China withdrawn from Depsang and Gogra?
- LAC, as per Indian perception, is at Finger 4, not Finger 3
- India hasn't ceded any territory as a result of the LAC agreement
- To be taken up within 48 hours of Pangong pullback

gress leader Rahul Gandhi accused the government of compromising the original Indian demand of restoration

of status quo ante as part of the negotiations with China.

"There are some things that need to be made crystal

clear. The government position at the beginning of the LAC standoff was restoration of status quo ante as of April 2020. Now, sheepishly, the Defence Minister makes a statement and we find that the Indian troops are going to be stationed at Finger 3. Indian territory was till Finger 3 and 4 to the Chinese?" Rahul asked, accusing the PM of cowardice and not standing up to China.

## UP Police book Pichai, rescind

### VIDEO CONTROVERSY

- Google CEO Sundar Pichai and 17 others were booked over a video 'defaming' PM
- Pichai, names of 3 others removed after probe; complaint alleged over 8,500 threat calls

Minister Narendra Modi.

The complainant first approached both Google and YouTube to delete the video, failing which he lodged a

complaint, which among others named Pichai and three other Google India officials, including Sanjay Gupta. Ghazipur-based musicians who shot the video and a local music company too have been named in the FIR.

The names of Google officials were removed after initial probe suggested none of them were involved. The case includes Section 504 (intentional insult and intent to breach peace).—TNS



A helicopter ferries security personnel and essential goods to the rescue site in Chamoli. PTI

## Days on, 2 more bodies found; Tapovan tunnel a challenge

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### MORE TROUBLE AS STREAM BLOCKED

Dehradun: The debris brought by the avalanche in Uttarakhand has blocked a stream that joins the Rishiganga, forming a temporary lake which, if breached, can cause further damage in the valley, said a report by the Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology. PTI

flushing tunnel, where some workers might be trapped, officials at the Tapovan rescue site said. A senior official said the families of missing

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## Now, aptitude test part of HCS (prelims) exam

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CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 12

For the Haryana Civil Service (HCS) examination, the state government has decided to replicate the pattern used by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) for conducting the civil services examination.

### To replicate pattern adopted by UPSC

Now, there would be two papers of 100 marks each (objective/multiple choice questions type) in preliminary

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## Bail for former banker Kochhar in PMLA case

MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 12

Former ICICI Bank CEO and MD Chanda Kochhar was granted bail on Friday after she appeared before a court here in the alleged ICICI Bank-Videocon money laundering case. It was the former banker's first appearance in the court.

On January 30, the special court for Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) had summoned Kochhar, her husband Deepak, Videocon Group promoter Venugopal Dhoot and other accused

after taking cognisance of the chargesheet.

Kochhar's lawyers argued that she had been cooperating with the Enforcement Directorate's probe and had visited the ED office in

### ICICI ex-CEO told to surrender passport

Delhi whenever summoned. The central agency has never arrested her in the case, they pointed out.

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## SC: Free to choose life partner, approval of kin & clan not must

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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 12

Amid controversies over inter-caste and inter-faith marriages, the Supreme Court has emphasised the autonomy of an individual in choosing his or her life partner, saying it's integral to the dignity of the individual.

"We are fortified in our view by earlier judicial pronouncements of this court clearly elucidating that the consent

### AUTONOMY INTEGRAL

Educated boys and girls are choosing life partners... this is way forward where caste and community tensions will reduce by such marriages.

Supreme Court Bench

of the family or the community or the clan is not necessary once the two adult individuals agree to enter into a wedlock and that their consent has to be piously given primacy," a Bench headed by Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul said.

The Bench, which also included Justice Hrishikesh Roy, quashed the FIR lodged against the petitioner woman, a college lecturer from Karnataka who married

the Shriomani Akali Dal (SAD) and the BJP. Facing hostile protesters over the

recent farm laws, the latter has been able to field candidates on just 50 cent seats.

### PB CIVIC POLL COUNTING ON FEB 17

109 MCs & nagar panchayats, 8 corps go to polls on Feb 14 (8am-4pm)

9,222 candidates in fray

in all; 1st time

that SAD and BJP will fight separately after alliance snapped

Fought on local issues, the outcome of the civic body polls will reflect the mood of the voter in urban and semi-urban areas. The AAP has canvassed hard to expand its footprint in Punjab with a young and energetic Raghav Chadha attacking Punjab CM Capt Amarinder Singh. Unflapped, the CM says AAP is "totally faceless" and its ambition to form the next government in Punjab is just a "pipe dream".

Delhi Deputy CM Manish Sisodia, who canvassed in Amritsar on the last day of

## Sniffer dogs join rescue operation

MUKESH RANJAN

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JOSHIMATH, FEBRUARY 12

ITBP and SDRF teams have deployed sniffer canines Rambo, Diesel, Phantom and Arrow to help them locate those trapped inside the slush-filled tunnel at the devastated Tapovan power project here.

"These canines are highly trained in sniffing out human scent. We are hopeful that once the tunnel is cleared,

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# Videography of booths allowed: EC

Notification issued in this regard | HC asks poll panel to ensure no filming inside



**SAURABH MALIK**

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**CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 12**  
Just two days before the civic body polls in Punjab, the Punjab and Haryana High Court was today told that the Election Commission has issued notification permitting videography of the polling booths.

The Division Bench of Justices Rajan Gupta and Karamjit Singh made it clear that videography would be

confined to outside the polling booths and efforts would not be made by any person to conduct photography/videography beyond the barricade erected for entry of the voters to the booth.

The Bench was hearing a petition filed by Harjinder Kaur and other petitioners for directions to the State of Punjab and other respondents to ensure fair and impartial election for the Mohali Municipal Corporation. Directions were also sought for deployment of adequate forces at the polling booths to maintain law and order.

Appearing before the Bench, their counsel expressed grave apprehension of untoward

## LOST FAITH IN POLL BODY, SAYS SAD

SAD chief Sukhbir Singh Badal on Friday accused the State Election Commission of playing into the hands of the Congress and said they had lost faith in it. "No action has been taken on our complaints to the SEC. It has remained a mute spectator to violence."

TNS

incidents during the election process. Responding to the averments, the State counsel submitted that notification

dated January 29 on videography had already been issued by the election commission. The Bench was also told that the State counsel had no objection if the petitioners made arrangements for videography, as the enabling provision for videography was there.

"In view of notification dated January 29, there appears to be no hesitation on the part of the State if the videography is conducted by the petitioners and we also order accordingly. However, it is made clear that the videography shall be confined to outside the polling booths....," the Bench asserted, after taking note of the statement by the petitioner's counsel that

they would make arrangement for a videographer.

An affidavit was also placed before the Bench stating that adequate security arrangements had been made to ensure smooth and fair election and to avoid law and order problem in Mohali. The deployment of security forces, patrolling parties and assignment of polling booth to more than 1,000 police officials was also outlined.

The affidavit added gazetted officers and all SHOs had been directed to regularly patrol the area within their jurisdiction. The Bench also directed the furnishing of a status report regarding the conduct of the election.

# 50 'protesters' booked in Fazilka

FAZILKA, FEBRUARY 12

At least 50 unidentified persons have been booked under Sections 354 (criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the IPC on the basis of statement of BJP candidate Dr Rakesh Kumar Gupta from ward No. 20.

As per the FIR, 50 to 60 protesters, holding farmer unions' flags, on Thursday barged into Gupta's office and started misbehaving with women. Enraged, BJP activists led by former minister Surjit Kumar Jyani staged a dharna near Gupta's office on Gaushalla Road yesterday evening against the hooliganism and demanded action against the guilty. The dharna was lifted after the police assured BJP leaders of action.



BJP leaders protest 'hooliganism' in Fazilka. TRIBUNE PHOTO

so far. The culprits would be identified and arrested after thorough investigation", said Fazilka DSP Jasveer Singh.

BKU leaders, however, condemned Jyani and other BJP leaders, saying the party was trying to suppress the farmers' protest. — OC

## Cong giving freebies: SAD

MUKTSAR, FEBRUARY 12

The SAD leadership today accused the Congress of distributing free dinner sets bearing photos of Gidderbaha MLA Amrit Singh Raja Warring and his wife Amrita Warring to woo voters in Muktsar town. It also showed some videos of the incident.

Kanwarjeet Singh Rozy Barkandi, SAD's Muktsar district president-cum-local MLA, claimed: "Congress candidates are distributing free dinner sets. Some people have even broken these in ward No. 10. We have videos of free distribution and will lodge a complaint in this regard. The dinner sets bear photos of Raja Warring and his wife." The dinner set boxes are said to have been sponsored by an NGO run by Warring's wife. — TNS

# AAP has no face: CM

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 12

Terming Aam Aadmi Party's ambition to rule the state as a pipe-dream, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Friday said it was ridiculous that a party that was faceless in Punjab should talk of having a CM nominee in the 2022 Assembly elections.

"The AAP could not find a face from Punjab to campaign in the municipal elections and had to drag nonentities from Delhi for electioneering! And now they claim they'll find a CM face that will be the pride of Punjab?", said Captain Amarinder.

"What can a party which sold off the farmers' interests by implementing one of the farm laws in Delhi in November, know of Punjab's 'aan, baan and shaan', the

## BRINGING OUTSIDERS

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Chief Minister asked.

"All they see here is another state to rule, another seat of power. They do not see the pain and the problems of our people," said the CM, adding that the AAP was an outsider in Punjab and would remain so as long as it was disconnected from the state's ground realities. — TNS

# Centre, state govt don't care about farmers, says Sisodia

AMRITSAR, FEBRUARY 12

Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi and AAP senior leader Manish Sisodia on Friday said no concrete efforts were being initiated either by the Centre or the Punjab Government to break the impasse with the farmers.

On a visit to the holy city, he paid obeisance at the Golden Temple and Durgiana Mandir along with state AAP in charge and Delhi MLA Jarnail Singh.

Sisodia said the farm laws were enacted keeping in view the interest of a few corporate houses and the farmers' plight was being ignored both by the Centre and the state government.

"It is a pity that farmers



## 4 BJP CANDIDATES IN MOHALI JOIN AAP

The BJP received a jolt as four of its MC candidates from Mohali on Friday quit the party and joined the AAP, accusing PM Narendra Modi of adopting a dictatorial attitude.

<< Delhi Dy CM Manish Sisodia in Amritsar. TRIBUNE PHOTO

have been agitating for past many months, but the central government hasn't done anything to resolve the issue. Nor have any serious efforts been made by Capt Amarinder Singh-led state government in favour of farmers. Both sides are hand

in glove and concerned about their political motives only," said Sisodia. On the ensuing civic polls, Sisodia appealed to the people of state to repossess faith in AAP candidates on the basis of Kejriwal's governance in Delhi for the past six years. — TNS

# Cong won't let corporates monopolise farming: Rahul

RAJ SADOSH

ABOHAL/SRIGANGANAGAR, FEB 12

Congress former president Rahul Gandhi today said his party would thwart the NDA government's plans to make people of the country slave to a few corporates by implementing the three farm laws.

Addressing 'kisan maha-panchayat' at Padampur in Srigananagar and in Hanumangarh, he reiterated what he said in Parliament yester-

day. Rahul said 64 per cent of the populace lived in the rural areas, and millions of farmers, labourers and small businessmen were connected to agriculture business. The Congress had been fighting to safeguard their rights, but Prime Minister Narendra Modi had conspired to let a few corporates monopolise the agriculture business, he alleged.

"This will ruin roadside vendors also as the contentious



Rahul Gandhi at a mahapanchayat in Srigananagar. TRIBUNE PHOTO

laws promotes uncontrolled hoarding, black-marketing in agriculture produce and allied products. Come what may, the Congress will not allow this to happen," he said.

He slammed the central government for implementing "anti-people" policies, highlighting demonetization and GST. He said even laws enacted in the Covid-19 pandemic period were part of the BJP's plan to benefit a few big business houses that

enjoyed Rs 1.5 lakh crore relief in bank dues but migrants were denied even free and comfortable travel facility to reach their native places after the lockdown was announced in March last year.

Rahul was accompanied by Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot and former Rajasthan Congress president Sachin Pilot. Interestingly the sound-system for the rally was arranged from Dhuri town of Sangrur district in Punjab.

# In Jakhar's hometown, all 50 wards sensitive

OUR CORRESPONDENT

ABOHAL, FEBRUARY 12

The police today held a flag march through the main roads of the town as the election campaign came to an end. DSP Rahul Bhardwaj said the administration had declared ward Nos. 6, 21, 22, 23, 30, 31, 32, 35, 44, 46, 49 and 50 "super-sensitive" and the rest 38 as "sensitive". The police will be deployed at all 117 booths.

SDM Jaspal Singh Brar, at a meeting, told representatives of all parties that polling would be conducted from 8 am to 4 pm and no violation of rules would be tolerated.

Sources attributed this "abnormal" situation to the statement of a former SAD minister who reportedly said 500 outsiders would be deployed at booths to prevent rigging. BJP legislator Arun

Cops to keep vigil at all 117 booths

Narang in the presence of state party president Ashwani Sharma was quoted to have said an "army of BJP workers" would be deputed at each booth to prevent rigging.

Reacting over the "threats", PPCC chief Sunil Jakhar at his maiden rally on Thursday said the BJP and SAD, which parted ways, had jointly ruled the MC for nine years and were scared of defeat. Jakhar had told the administration to push out all outsiders from the town after the campaign ended.

While the Congress has put up 13 former councillors or their kin in the election, the BJP has fielded only two. The SAD has given ticket to half a dozen ex-councillors.

# Tript Bajwa firefights rebellion in Batala

RAVI DHALIWAL

Tribune News Service

BATALA, FEBRUARY 12

Specks of rebellion have surfaced in the Congress days before voting in the civic body poll, forcing Cabinet minister Tript Rajinder Singh Bajwa to initiate a fire-fighting exercise.

This development has the potential to play havoc with his well-laid-out plans to propel his 'Man Friday' Sukhdeep Singh Teja to the mayoral post.

Bajwa appears to have won round one by bagging a lion's share of ticket for his loyalists, leaving Sekhri fuming.

Several party men who were

denied the nomination are former MLA Ashwani Sekhri ahead of the polls has become the talking point among cadre.

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OPPONENTS' HAND

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Tript Rajinder Singh, CABINET MINISTER

playing spoilsport by contesting as Independents. "My opponents had created a situation where the cadre felt repressed. And it is repression that provokes rebellion. Nevertheless, I will nip dissent in the bud," remarked Bajwa.

The stakes are high for the

minister. He will have to ensure the rebellion is crushed sooner or later if he has to see Teja in the mayor's chair. "Bajwa is both the king and kingmaker. I will pull out of the race if he asks me to do so," said an Independent candidate. Similar sentiments were expressed by some other dissidents.

Right now, Harinder Kalsi, a two-time councillor and former vice-president of the MC, is turning out to be the minister's Achilles heel. He is contesting as an Independent from ward No. 34. Likewise, the Congress faces a revolt in at least 11 more wards.

Addressing a rally in support of Congress candidates here on the last day of campaigning, Manpreet said, "In Bathinda, our slogan is 'Sharafat di siasat' as in this MC polls, we did not allow rejection of nomination papers of any candidate of the SAD, AAP or BJP or Independents." — TNS

# Manpreet promises solar panels to poor

BATHINDA, FEBRUARY 12

Finance Minister Manpreet Singh Badal today announced that free 2-KW solar panels would be installed at the houses of poor in the city this year, after which they won't have any tension of paying power bills.

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# Ashu to meet Shah on agri issues today

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CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 12

The Punjab Government has approached Union Home Minister Amit Shah, seeking his personal intervention to resolve Centre-state disputes, especially with regards to procurement of foodgrain at the earliest.

After Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh had a word with Shah earlier this week, Food and Supply Minister Bharat Bhushan Ashu has been deputed to meet the Home Minister.

The move is significant in the wake of the ongoing farmers' agitation and the belief that the Centre will stop procurement of their crops because of the three agricultural laws.

Meanwhile, Leader of Opposition Harpal Cheema, who also belongs to the district, along with other AAP leaders has also been alleging the misuse of power by the Congress government to win the poll.

Sangrur BJP chief Randeep Deol alleged their political opponents had been provoking farmers against their candidates. "Our candidates are getting a good response and we will definitely win in a majority of wards," Deol said.

The meeting between Shah and Ashu, and Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Piyush Goyal is scheduled to be held on Saturday. The issue of procurement of wheat by Food Corporation of India from the state in the coming rabi marketing season will be the main point of discussion.

Ashu said though the issue of withholding of two per cent of Rural Development Fund by the Centre will also be discussed, their main concern is that each grain of wheat should be procured from the state to quell the dissent amongst the farmers and other agrarian economy

related sections in the state. The minister said the issue of making direct payment to farmers would also be discussed. "While the Centre has been insisting on making direct payment to farmers, and restricting the role of commission agents (arthyas), we feel that it is a well-established mandi system and had to be dealt with more sensitively," he said.

This year again, Punjab is facing a severe shortage of jute/gunny bags, required for storing the procured wheat. In the last season, the state had allowed use of old bags because of the shortage.

"The state has also not received its subsidy under the National Food Security Act. I am hoping to briefly touch upon these subjects, before a formal agenda for taking the talks forward can be agreed and then worked upon," said the food minister.

# Stakes high for Cong, Oppn in Sangrur

PARVESH SHARMA

Tribune News Service

SANGRUR, FEBRUARY 12

The municipal elections have become a matter of prestige for many leaders of the ruling and the Opposition parties as they are leaving no stone unturned to garner support for their candidates.

Senior Congress leaders, including Cabinet Minister Vijay Inder Singh and former Chief Minister Rajinder Kaur Bhattal and her family, and other senior leaders of all parties have become foot soldiers to ensure work done.

Meanwhile, a couple, namely Vijay Kumar and his wife Shama Rani, are contesting from wards Nos



**Contractual workers to protest in Patiala**

Bathinda: Contractual workers from different government departments, under the banner of Theka Mulazam Sangharsh Morcha, will conduct a statewide rally in Patiala on March 12 against the government over the non-fulfillment of their demands. TNS

**Review flight decision: SAD MP**

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 12  
Former Union Minister Har-simrat Kaur Badal today asked the Centre to review its assessment that the Delhi-Bathinda flight was not viable. She also asked the Punjab Government to release its partial funding share of Rs 3 crore per year. — TNS

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**CORRIGENDUM NOTICE**

Reference Haryana Staff Selection Commission's Advt. No. 1/2021, dated 10.02.2021 which was published in the various newspapers and also available on HSSC Website i.e. [www.hssc.gov.in](http://www.hssc.gov.in), vide which online application forms were invited for various posts of Skill Development and Industrial Training Department, through the URL address i.e. <http://adv1/2021.hryssc.in/StaticPages/HomePage.aspx>.

It is notified for the information of candidates that in Advt. No. 1/2021, some new points have been added & as per clarification given by the department vide memo No. 4/105-2021 PGT-I(2) dated 11.02.2021, break-up of the posts may be read as under:

**POSTS (REST OF HARYANA)****Category wise detail of Posts Category No. 1**

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2.	The candidates who have earlier applied against the Advertisement No. 4/2015, Category No. 16, are eligible as per qualifications mentioned in the Advt. No. 1/2021 may also apply. The Commission has decided to give one time relaxation in fee and age to those candidates. However, such candidates will have to apply afresh along with proof of depositing the application fees. They are required to upload the E-challan along with the fresh application form and will produce the original E-challan at the time of test/verification. Those who do not fulfill eligibility conditions or don't want to apply, may claim refund of application fees.															
3.	As per resolution of the Commission Dated 29.09.2015, in case of multiple candidates having same marks in final merit list, candidate elder in age will be preferred and considered for selection.															
4.	As per resolution of the Commission Dated 23.11.2018, candidates equal to three times the Total No. of Posts will be called for the scrutiny of documents on the basis of marks obtained in written examination. The marks of the Socio Economic Criteria will be added after scrutiny of documents and only of those candidates, who will be eligible after scrutiny of documents.															

Sd/-  
**Secretary,**  
Haryana Staff Selection Commission,  
Panchkula.

Place: Panchkula  
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**Punjab Government Gazette****EXTRAORDINARY**

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**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB  
DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS  
NOTIFICATION**

The 19th January, 2021

No. 5/1/2021-1TC/67.- Whereas the Government is of the opinion that the building mentioned in the Schedule given below, has not been declared by or under the law made by the Parliament, to be a building of National Importance under Section 3 of the Ancient Monument Preservation Act, 1904 (Central Act No. VII of 1904).

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 4 of the Punjab Ancient and Historical Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1964 (Punjab Act No. 20 of 1964) and all other powers enabling him this behalf, the Governor of Punjab proposes to declare the aforesaid building to be an Ancient and Historical monuments and to further declare it to be a protected monument.

Notice is hereby given that any person may, within a period of two months from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, file objections, if any, as required under the said provisions of subsection (1) of section 4 of the said Act of 1964, before the Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs, Plot No. 3, Sector 38-A, Chandigarh.

A copy of this notification can be seen on the notice board affixed at said building so specified in the said Schedule, namely:-

**SCHEDULE**

Sr. No.	District	Tehsil	Locality	Name of Monument/ Site	Revenue Plot No. to be included under protection	Area	Boundaries	Owner-ship	Under which Possession ship
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Sangrur	Malerkotla	Malerkotla	Mubarak Manzil Palace Malerkotla	Habibast No. 58, Khevat No. 84 and Chehat No. 136 Khatouni No. 13 and Khatouni No. 223 Khasra No. 24327 min	15 Marlas	South side Krishna Colony East side Kanal 11 Marlas	Begum Munawar UI Nisa	Begum Munawar UI Nisa

**SANJAY KUMAR, IAS,**

Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs.

Chandigarh

The 19th January, 2021

DPR/Pb/1497

**AUCTION NOTICE: 14 FEB 2021 TO 05 MAR 2021****STATION HEADQUARTERS CELL BATHINDA****INVITATION FOR AUCTION OF SHOPS AT BATHINDA MILITARY STATION**

1. Applications are invited for auction of shop at Bathinda Military Station from following:-

(a) War widows, widows of defence person killed while on duty, Disabled Soldier, Ex-Servicemen, Spouses/widow of Ex-Servicemen.

2. Type of Shop:-

TYPE OF SHOPS		TYPES OF SHOPS							
RSC-1	RSC-2	RSC-3	RSC-4	RSC-5	RSC-6	RSC-7	RSC-8	Total	
Medical Store (Regt Pharmacist) applicable only)	-	-	01	01	01	-	-	-	03
Groce Store	-	02	02	03	03	01	01	01	13
Barber Shop	-	01	01	02	02	01	-	-	07
Tailor Shop	01	01	-	01	01	01	-	-	05
Ladies Tailor	-	-	01	-	-	-	-	-	01
Photo Studio	01	01	01	01	01	-	-	-	05
Cycle Shop	-	02	-	-	01	01	-	-	05
Bakery & Provision Store	-	-	01	-	-	-	-	-	01
Meat Shop	01	01	01	01	01	01	-	-	06
General Store	02	-	02	04	01	01	-	-	10
Cafeteria, Fast Food & Sweet Shop	01	01	02	02	01	01	-	-	08
Stationery Shop	02	01	02	01	-	01	01	01	09
Hosiery & Readymade Garment Shop/Army Store Tailor	01	-	02	02	01	-	-	-	07
Shoe sale/Shoe Repair Shop Cobbler/Mochi	01	01	01	01	01	01	01	-	08
Vegetable & Fruit shop	-	01	01	02	01	-	-	01	06
Confectionary Shop	-	-	-	-	-	-	01	-	01
Motor Cycle/Cycle Repair Shop	01	-	01	01	01	01	-	-	05
Dry Cleaner Shop	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01
Gen Order Sup	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	02
Branded Show Room	-	-	01	-	-	-	-	-	01
Beauty Parlor Shop	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01
Electronic/Mobile Shop	-	01	01	01	01	01	-	-	05
Electronic	-	-	-	-	-	-	01	-	01
Electronic/Sun Glasses	-	-	01	-	01	-	-	-	02
Bag Repair and Sale	-	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	01
Atta Chakkhi/Grocery Store	-	-	01	01	-	-	-	-	02
Restaurant/Hotel	-	-	01	-	-	-	-	-	01
Patanjali Store	-	-	01	-	-	-	-	-	01
Stove/Gas Chulla Repair	-	-	01	01	-	01	-	-	03
Mobile Shop	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01
Embroidery	-	-	01	-	-	-	-	-	01
Transportation	-	-	01	-	-	-	-	-	01
CSD Dealer	-	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	01
Car Washing/Repair	-	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	01
LIC/ITR/Railway Booking Office	-	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	01
Total	15	18	28	25	17	13</			

# Aiming to have 40 lakh tractors at farmer protest sites: Tikait

Says panchayats will be organised across nation to mobilise people

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JHAIJAR/SONEPAT FEBRUARY 12

Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) leader Rakesh Tikait on Friday said their next target was to have 40 lakh tractors at the protest sites and organise 'kisan panchayats' across the nation to mobilise people in support of their demand for the repeal of the three agricultural laws.

The farmer leader called upon the protesters to be ready for a 'foot march'.

Tikait was addressing a gathering during a 'sarva jatiya kisan majdoor panchayat' organised by Dalal Khar-84 at the Bahadurgarh-Tikri border.

"More kisan mahapanchayats will be organised across the nation to garner support. Farmers will march towards Delhi, if needed," said Tikait, while holding the government responsible for the Republic Day violence.

He called upon the farmers to write "Kisan Karanti Yatra January 26, 2021" on their tractor-trailers to spread the message that they would not go back till their demand was accepted.

The BKU leader said the new farm laws would lead to the dismantling of the MSP system and exploitation of farmers from



Youths from Gohana's Bhainswan Khurd prepare desi ghee 'jalebis' at the Singhu border.

## 'JALEBIS' TICKLE TASTE BUDS OF PROTESTERS

**Sonepat:** A stall set up by Sonepat youths offering desi ghee 'jalebis' has been the centre of attraction for farmers protesting at the Singhu border for over 50 days. Between 6,000 and 7,000 farmers have been savouring the 'jalebis' at the protest site every day. TNS

whom big companies would procure produce at cheaper rates and then store in big godowns.

Without naming anyone, Tikait said attempts had been made to divide the farmers' stir. "The agitation is pan-India and not limited to Punjab, Haryana or Uttar Pradesh, as is being projected by some," said the BKU leader.

He said farmer leaders would tour various parts of the country and he would also visit Gujarat soon.

Tikait alleged that Gujarati farmers were being told not to lend support to the agitation. "We will soon hold meetings in Gujarat and other states," he added.

The panchayat was attended by a large number of people. Farmer leaders, including Balbir Singh Rajewal, Gurnam Singh Charuni, Joginder Singh Ugrahan, Dr Darshan Pal, Jagjit Singh Dalewal, Harmeet Qadian and Yudhvir Singh, also attended the mahapanchayat.

Charuni said the protesters were ready for a long battle as they were fighting for justified demands. He demanded that there should be the guarantee of procuring the produce at the MSP while provision for punishment should be made if the produce was procured less than the MSP.

Charuni said they were working on identifying anti-social elements, who were making efforts to join the agitation in order to spoil it.

It was accepted by Addi-

"So far, 228 protesters have sacrificed their lives during the stir. It is shameful that the government is admitting on the floor of Parliament that it has no plans to extend support to the kin of such martyrs," said farmer leaders.

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The notice by Justice Arun Kumar Tyagi came on a suo motu case against the state.

In his detailed order, Justice Tyagi asserted that the matter was treated as criminal writ peti-

# Jail inmates can now meet kin

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 12

Nearly 11 months after the imposition of the Covid lockdown, prisoners in Haryana jails will be able to meet their family again with a high-powered committee permitting the resumption of 'mulakaat' on weekdays.

The undertrials and convicts have also been allowed to meet their lawyers every Saturday.

## COVID CURBS EASED

- Undertrials and convicts have also been allowed to meet their lawyers every Saturday.
- No less than 2,580 convicts, released to decongest the jails, will also be re-admitted.
- Jail authorities allowed to transfer the prisoners from one jail to another

meeting once a month.

The jail authorities have also been directed to take all precautionary safeguards to avoid infection, including the wearing of mask, sanitisation of hands and social distancing during the meetings.

The committee has also allowed the jail authorities to transfer the prisoners from one jail to another on security grounds or issues related to the pandemic.

The decisions were taken during the committee's

meeting held under the chairmanship of Punjab and Haryana High Court Judge and executive chairman of the Haryana State Legal Services Authority (HSLSA) Justice Rajan Gupta.

It was, among others, also attended by Haryana Additional Chief Secretary Rajeev Arora and District and Sessions Judge cum-HSLSA Member Secretary Parmod Goyal.

The committee was constituted at the state-level under the Supreme Court directions. Considering the prevailing situation, the committee has decided to re-admit convicts released on parole following its recommendations in nine phases. It was further decided that the prisoners released on parole/furlough from February 1 should surrender on the expiry of the specified period.

# Five killed, two injured in Rohtak firing

ROHTAK, FEBRUARY 12

Five persons, including a wrestling coach and his wife, were killed and two, including their three-year-old son, injured in a firing incident at an 'akhara' in Rohtak this evening.

Rohtak SP Rahul Sharma stated that police teams had been constituted to investigate the incident and nab the assailant(s).

As per sources, Sukhvinder, a wrestling coach from Baroda village, reportedly opened fire at another coach, Manoj, his wife Sakshi, their son Sartaj and Amarjit were injured. —TNS

# Notice to state over Nodeep confinement

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

## GETS BAIL IN 1 CASE, YET BEHIND BARS

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 12

Taking suo motu cognisance of emails alleging illegal confinement of Dalit labour activist Nodeep Kaur by the Haryana Police, the Punjab and Haryana High Court today issued notice of motion to the state.

- She would still have to stay in jail as her bail plea in another case registered on January 12 was rejected by the sessions court
- Her bail plea in yet another case would be taken up on Saturday



tional Advocate General Ranvir Singh Arya before seeking time to file reply or status report.

In his detailed order, Justice Tyagi asserted that the matter was treated as criminal writ peti-

tion and ordered to be listed on the judicial side under Justice Jaswant Singh's orders after complaints dated February 6 and 8 were received through email regarding her illegal confinement.

Justice Tyagi noted that the complainants did not mention their addresses and other relevant particulars in the complaints. Fixing February 24 as the next date of hearing, Justice Tyagi directed the matter to be shown on the "urgent list".

## Himachal Pradesh Jal Shakti Vibhag "Tender Notice"

E. E., Tubewell Division,  
Gagret Jal Shakti Vibhag  
Telephone No. : 01976- 241358,  
E-mail: tds6940@gmail.com

The Executive Engineer, Tubewell Division, Gagret invites offline tenders on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved and eligible contractors for the following works:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earliest Money	Cost of Tender	Time
1.	R/M of Rig SM-36HT-II Tubewell Sub-Division, Gagret in Ghanari Dist. Una (HP) (SH- Urgent repair of Rig)	Rs. 2,54,464/-	Rs. 5089/-	Rs. 250/-	15 days
2.	Last date of physical submission of Earnest Money deposit and cost of tender documents etc on 26.02.2021 up to 05:00 PM				
3.	Last date of submission of tender on 26-02-2021 at 11:00 AM and the same will be opened on 01-03-2021 at 11:30 AM.				

DPR/H/5773

HIM SUCHNA AVAM JAN SAMPAK

## DIRECTORATE GENERAL BORDER SECURITY FORCE BLOCK NO. 10, CGO COMPLEX, LODHI ROAD, NEW DELHI – 110003

(MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS)

No. 1/04/2020(Vol-II)-Pers/BSF/4055

## FILLING UP VACANCIES OF GROUP 'A', 'B' & 'C' COMBATISED POSTS IN MI FLEET IN BSF AIR WING ON CONTRACTUAL BASIS

Applications are invited for short term contract basis on prescribed proforma from serving or retired eligible candidates belonging to various Ministries/Departments of Government of India/State Govt./Public Sector Undertakings for filling up the following Group 'A', 'B' & 'C' posts in MI Fleet of BSF Air Wing as per BSF Air Wing Officers (Group 'A' Combatised post) Recruitment Rules 2011 and Non-Gazetted (Combatised), Group 'B' and Group 'C' Posts Recruitment Rules 2012 and amendments issued from time to time:-

Sr. No.	Posts	Vacancies in MI-17 1V & V5 Helicopter Fleet	Consolidated Fixed Remuneration	Likely Place of Posting
1.	Capt/Pilot (DIG)	02	Rs. 3.25 to 3.5 Lakhs per month as per the following IR/flying rating a)AMG – Rs. 3,50,000/- b)BMG – Rs. 3,25,000/-	
2.	Comdt (Pilot)	06	Rs. 2.8 to 3.4 Lakhs per month as per the following IR/flying rating a)AMG – Rs. 3,40,000/- b)BMG – Rs. 3,15,000/- c)BG – Rs. 2,80,000/-	
3.	SAM (Inspr)	05	Rs. 1,40,000/-	
4.	JAM (SI)	11	Rs. 1,30,000/-	
5.	AAM (ASI)	16	Rs. 1,20,000/-	
6.	Sr. Flight Gunner (Inspr)	05	Rs. 1.55 to 1.65 Lakhs per month as per the following flying category a) A – Rs. 1,65,000/- b) B – Rs. 1,55,000/-	
7.	Jr. Flight Engineer (SI)	04	Rs. 1.35 to 1.55 Lakhs per month as per the following flying category c) A – Rs. 1,55,000/- d) B – Rs. 1,45,000/- e) c – Rs. 1,35,000/-	
8.	Jr. Flight Gunner (SI)	04		
9.	Total	53		

- Detailed advertisement (**Appendix 'A'**) containing Terms & Condition (**Appendix 'B'**), Posts wise eligibility conditions (**Appendix 'C'**) and prescribed format of application (**Annexure -I**) is available on BSF website [www.bsf.nic.in](http://www.bsf.nic.in).
- The Advertisement is open up to 31 Dec, 2021 subject to availability of vacancies as per the requirement. **Eligible candidates may apply and applications against these contractual vacancies will be accepted till 31 Dec, 2021** from the date of publication of this advertisement in the Employment/Leading newspaper. Application along with requisite enclosures should reach to DIG (Pers), FHQ BSF, Pers Dte, CGO Complex, Block 10, Lodhi Road, New Delhi – 110 003.
- Vacancies are subject to change (may increase or decrease) and BSF reserves the right to make changes or cancel or postpone the recruitment without assigning any reason. Applications that are incomplete in any respect such as those not accompanied by the documents will liable to be rejected.
- Any further information/notification in respect of this recruitment will be made on the BSF Website [www.bsf.nic.in](http://www.bsf.nic.in) from time to time. For any enquiry contact Telephone No. 011-24364851 to 55. Extension -2381 & 2380.

Sd/- (A.K. Sharma)  
DIG (Pers)

## NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Firozpur on behalf of President of India, invites open e-tender through website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) from interested tenderers for the following:

Total Estimate cost for a period of three years (with GST): Rs. 27,64,800/-

Name of work Estimated cost invoice without GST Approximate number of GST invoice to be fed during a period of three years Cost of Tender form Earnest Money Completion period of the work

Collection of manual GST invoices data of commercial department over Firozpur Division through e-mail, print out of the same, handing over to Railway & feeding of the same data on online CRIS utility provided at website <a href="http://www.gst.indianrail.gov.in">www.gst.indianrail.gov.in</a> on daily basis at Firozpur location and modifications/ corrections (if required) in data from time to time for a period of three years.	Rs. 4,33/- (Inclusive of all expenses including computer, manpower, internet connectivity, print out expenses, office space or any other whatsoever but excluding GST)	5,40,000 Nos.	Rs. 3,540/- (with GST @ 18%)	Rs. 55,300/-	Three Years
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Date & time for submission of tender & opening the tender

The tender will be accepted upto 15:00 hrs. on 15.03.2021 through website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) and the same will be opened after 15:00 hrs. on 15.03.2021.

Validity of tender

90 days from the date of opening of the tender.

No. MC/3938/outsourcing/GST/20 Date: 08.02.2021

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SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

## TILYAR LAKE TOURIST COMPLEX DELHI ROAD, ROHTAK, HARYANA Ph- 01262-273119, E-Mail:- [tilyar@hrynic.in](mailto:tilyar@hrynic.in)

### AUCTION NOTICE

Date & time of Auction and the shops/sites to be auctioned Year Period



व्युनियन बैंक  
Union Bank  
of India  
A Division of India Underwriting  
Bank of India  
Regional Office - Union Bank of India, SCO-29, Block B,  
Ranji Avenue, Amritsar 143001

#### Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002  
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/ physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Union Bank of India (secured creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Union Bank of India from the below mentioned Borrower(s)& Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder:

Branch Name, Address & Contact No.	Union Bank Of India Majith Mandi Branch Distt Amritsar, Punjab-143001 E-Mail majithmandiamritsar@unionbankofindia.com Mobile of Branch Head-8007498888
Name of the Borrower & Guarantor/s	<p>1. M/s Devgan Rice &amp; General Mills Through its partners Sh. Naresh Kumar Devgan, Situated at vill, Chabba, Tehsil &amp; Distt. Tararan Punjab</p> <p>2. Sh. Naresh Kumar Devgan S/o Sh. Harish Devgan R/o H No. 187, Shastri Nagar Lawrence Road, Tehsil &amp; Distt. Amritsar, Punjab</p> <p>3. Sh. Ajay Devgan S/o Sh. Pitamber das Devgan R/o H no. 4946East Mohan Nagar, Sultan Wind Road, Tehsil &amp; Distt. Amritsar</p> <p>4. Sh. Surinder Mohan S/o Parshotam Dass R/o H no. 6-A, Urban Estate, Sector 14, Tehsil &amp; Distt. Karnal</p> <p>5. Sh. Tilak Raj S/o Sh. Tuls Ram R/o H No. 4937, East Mohan Nagar, Sultan wind Road Tehsil &amp; Distt. Amritsar,</p> <p>6. Parshotam Dass R/o H. No. 6-A, Urban Estate, Sector-14 Tehsil &amp; Distt. Karnal Since deceased through legal heirs of at no. 4 &amp; 11 to 14</p> <p>7. Late harish Chander devgan Since deceased through its legal heirs</p> <p>8. Dr. Rajiv Devgan S/o Harish Chander Devgan R/o H No. 187, Shastri Nagar, Lawrence Road, Amritsar</p> <p>9. Mrs. Rajesh Sharma legal Heirs W/o Mr. Gurinder Sharma D/o late Sh. Harish Chander Devgan R/o H No. 89, Basant Avenue Amritsar</p> <p>10. Mrs. Ramesh Sharma W/o Dalip Sharma D/o late Sh. Sh. Harish Chander Devgan R/o H No. 89, Basant Avenue Amritsar</p> <p>11. Santosh Rani W/o parshotam dass R/o h No. 6-A, Urban estate Sector- 14 Tehsil &amp; Distt. Karnal</p> <p>12. Sunita Rani W/o Ramesh kumar D/o Parshotam Dass R/o VPO beans baba bakla Amritsar, beans Punjab 143201</p> <p>13. Pawan W/o narinder Mohan D/o Parshotam Dass R/o 479 Harnam Nagar, N.P. Batala W-8, tehsil Batal Distt. Gurdaspur</p> <p>14. Parveen Vasista W/o Naresh Vasista D/o Parshotam dass R/o 21 New garden Colony, Lawrence Road, Amritsar</p>
PROPERTY NO. 1-UNDER CONSTRUCTIVE POSSESSION	LAND & BUILDING OF RESIDENTIAL HOUSE SITUATED AT PLOT NO.187 KHASRA NO. 1873/751, SHASRTI NAGAR RACE COURSE ROAD, AMRITSAR ADM. 733 SQ. YDS IN THE NAME OF SH. HARISH CHANDER DEVGAN
PROPERTY NO. 2-UNDER PHYSICAL POSSESSION	LAND & BUILDING OF PETROL PUMP SITUATED AT KHASRA NO.338,MIN2-11,338 MIN 1-17, 336 MIN (10-0), 336 MIN (8-12) SITUATED AT SANGRANA SAHIB , RAKBA VILLAGE CHABBA TARAN TARAN ROAD NEAR GURUDWARA TAHLA SAHIB TEHSIL & DISTT. AMRITSAR ADMEASURING 6 KANAL 15 MARLA IN THE NAME OF SH. HARISH CHANDER DEVGAN AND BOUNDED AS NORTH: PROPERTY OF OTHERS, SOUTH: SAKARI RASTA EAST: DEVGAN SOLVEX PVT. LTD. WEST: TARAN TARAN ROAD Known Encumbrances-NIL
RESERVE PRICE FOR PROPERTY NO. 1-Rs.393.00 LAKHS. AND EMD IS RS.39,30,000 LAKHS	RESERVE PRICE FOR PROPERTY NO. 2 Rs. 248.60 LAKHS. EMD IS Rs. 24,86,000 Rs. 24,86,000
Branch Name, Address & Contact No.	Union Bank Of India, Jammu Main Branch, Ragunath Bazaar, Jammu Tawi , Disst. Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir, cbjsjammumain@unionbankofindia.com Mobile of Branch Head-8360090463.
Name of the Borrower & Guarantor/s	<p>1.M/s S.A. Enterprises Through Prop. Sourabh Gupta # F-82, Mohalla Naraiana Kachi Chawani, Jammu, Distt Jammu</p> <p>2. Sourabh Gupta S/o Shukeel Kumar Gupta # 228, Mohalla Naraiana Kachi Chawani, Jammu, Distt. Jammu</p>
Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold:- PROPERTY UNDER PHYSICAL POSSESSION	Land measuring 02 kanal bearing Khasra no. 369 min. ktha no. 300 and Khewat no. 71 min Situated at village Latori, Katra in the name of Sh. Sourabh Gupta S/o Shukeel Kumar Gupta Bounded by North : Open Land of Abhisek Gupta South :Open Land East : Hill Slopes West Front Road known encumbrances-NIL Reserve Price is RS. 30.00 LAKHS Earnest money to be deposited is Rs. 3,00,00/-lakhs
Branch Name, Address & Contact No.	Union Bank Of India, Jammu Main Branch, Ragunath Bazaar, Jammu Tawi , Disst. Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir, cbjsjammumain@unionbankofindia.com Mobile of Branch Head-8360090463.
Name of the Borrower & Guarantor/s	<p>1. M/s Shukeel Kumar &amp; Bro. Prop. Shukeel Kumar Gupta R/o #c82-F Mohalla Naraiana Kachi Chawani, Jammu</p> <p>2. Sh. Shukeel Kumar Gupta R/o # 82-F Mohalla Naraiana Kachi Chawani, Jammu</p> <p>3. Mr. Nardeep Singh Jamwal S/o Sh. K.S. Jamwal R/o Ward no. 7, Hari Nagar near Food &amp; supply Store, Udhampur</p> <p>4. Sh. Sumit Kr. Gupta S/o Kuldeep Kumar Gupta R/o H No. 228, Mohalla Naraiana Kachi Chawani, Jammu</p> <p>5. Sh. Sunil Kumar S/o Kuldeep Kumar Gupta R/o H No. 228, Mohalla Naraiana Kachi Chawani, Jammu</p> <p>6. Sh. Love Kr. Gupta S/o Sh. Kuldeep Kumar Gupta R/o H No. 228, Mohalla Naraiana Kachi Chawani, Jammu</p> <p>7. Sh. Kush Gupta S/o Sh. Kuldeep Kumar Gupta R/o H No. 228, Mohalla Naraiana Kachi Chawani, Jammu</p>
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Branch Name, Address & Contact No.	Union Bank Of India Majith Mandi Branch Distt Amritsar, Punjab-143001 E-Mail majithmandiamritsar@unionbankofindia.com Mobile of Branch Head-8007498888
Name of the Borrower & Guarantor/s	<p>1. Vohra Trading Co. Through Prop. Sh. Anuj # 647, Dana Mandi Outside Bhagawala Amritsar</p> <p>2. Sh. Yashpal Vohra R/o H No. 9, Cooperative Colony, Ward no. 44, Majitha Road, Amritsar</p> <p>3. Smt. Saroj Vohra W/o Sh. yashpal Vohra R/o H No. 9, Cooperative Colony, Ward no. 44, Majitha Road, Amritsar</p>
Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold:- PROPERTY UNDER CONSTRUCTIVE POSSESSION	Residential property house no. 9 Co-Operative Colony, Ward no. 44 Majitha Road Amritsar Kharana Sumari no. 1032/X11 min, Khasra no. 1376/1 min (as per jambanidhi Kharana no. 3998/1376 min) owned by Sh. Anuj Vohra, Sh. Yashpal Vohra and Smt. Saroj Vohra Area 250 Sq.yds. Reserve Rs. 118.27 LAKHS (Rupees one Crore Eighteen Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand only) Earnest money to be deposited is RS. 11,82,700/-
Branch Name, Address & Contact No.	Union Bank Of India (Erstwhile Corporation Bank),Leakwala Talab Inside Sabzi Mandi Jalandhar Road, Batala, Distt.Gurdaspur, PUNJAB, 143505, INDIA, TEL- 1871-227351, MOB- 9780732546,
Name of the Borrower & Guarantor/s	<p>1. Mr. Gurwinder Singh S/o Makhan Singh Prop. M/s Admiral Engineering Co. (Since Deceased) R/o # 132, Focal Point , Abadi Allowal Batala District Gurdaspur 143505</p> <p>2. Mrs. Ranjit Kaur W/o Gurwinder Singh (Legal Heir of Late Sh. Gurwinder Singh) R/o # 132, Focal Point , Abadi Allowal Batala District Gurdaspur 143505</p> <p>3. Mr. Gurjot Singh S/o Gurwinder Singh (Legal Heir of Late Sh. Gurwinder Singh) R/o # 132, Focal Point , Abadi Allowal Batala District Gurdaspur 143505</p> <p>4. Mr. Parampal Singh S/o Gurwinder Singh (Legal heir of Late Sh. Gurwinder Singh) R/o # 132, Focal Point , Abadi Allowal Batala District Gurdaspur 143505</p> <p>5. Mrs. Ranjit Kaur W/o Gurwinder Singh (Legal Heir of Late Sh. Gurwinder Singh) R/o # 132, Focal Point , Abadi Allowal Batala District Gurdaspur 143505</p> <p>6. Mr. Gurjot Singh S/o Gurwinder Singh (Legal Heir of Late Sh. Gurwinder Singh) R/o # 132, Focal Point , Abadi Allowal Batala District Gurdaspur 143505</p>
Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold:- PROPERTY UNDER CONSTRUCTIVE POSSESSION	All part and parcel of property bearing Plot No. 132-A (P) measuring 917 Sq yards situated at Focal point , Batala District Gurdaspur The Property is bounded as under: East: By Plot North : By Road West: By Road South : By Plot known encumbrances-NIL Reserve price Rs. RS. 60.94 LAKHS Earnest money to be deposited is Rs. 6.94 Lakhs
Branch Name, Address & Contact No.	UNION BANK OF INDIA RANJIT AVENUE BRANCH DISTT AMRITSAR E- MAIL: ranjitaveueasr@unionbankofindia.com MOBILE OF BRANCH HEAD- 9464140344
Name of the Borrower & Guarantor/s	<p>1. Sardar Gurwinder Singh S/O S. Manmohan Singh R/o H No. 4107 Gali No. 1 Kot Baba Deep Singh Amritsar</p> <p>2. Smt. Daljeet Kaur W/O S. Gurwinder Singh R/o H No. 4107 Gali No. 4 Kot Baba Deep Singh Amritsar</p> <p>3. Shri Tajinder Singh S/o Iqbal Singh R/o H No. 25-A, Kot Karnaill Singh Amritsar</p> <p>4. Smt. Kailash Kaur W/O Shri Manmohan Singh R/o H no. 4107, Gali No. 4 Kot Baba Deep Singh</p>
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## All accused in gangrape case arrested

MANDI, FEBRUARY 12

In the alleged gangrape case, the police have arrested all eight accused, including one minor, in Mandi district. The accused were today produced before court from where they were sent to one-day police remand.

Shalini Agnihotri, SP, said the police had arrested six accused yesterday, while two accused were on the run. On information received, two accused were also arrested late last night. "On the information given by the victim, the police raided the hideouts of the accused and nabbed them," said SP Those arrested are Rajat Kumar (19), Surya (18), Tikshin Sen (19), Ishan Gupta (19), Sahil Khan (22), Mohammad Mumtaj Manda (18), Mohammad Asif (19) and a minor, all natives of Sundernagar in Mandi.

The SP said the victim was taken to a hotel room at Sundernagar by these accused, where they committed the crime. The accused also robbed the victim of Rs 1,500. "A zero FIR was registered at Chandigarh on the complaint of the victim on February 6, from where the case was referred to police station, Sundernagar," said the SP.—TNS

"We have zero tolerance to sexual offences against children. Schools are considered as second homes and the custodians of schools indulging in sexual activities involving students cannot be spared," said Amarjeet Sharma, Director Higher Education.

"Teachers involved in

## COUNSELLING SESSIONS, AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

- The POCSO Act and an inquiry process made part of training programmes
- Lectures organised to point out conduct defined as sexual molestation or harassment
- Counselling sessions and awareness programmes organised
- Suggestion or complaint box installed
- Installation of CCTV cameras, creation of a helpline

such activities will be immediately dismissed from service if the student's complaint is ascertained in an inquiry by a Deputy Director Education or other officials and a medical report corroborates the same," said Sharma. "We have already dismissed teachers against whom ample evidence was available while others facing probes have been placed under suspension," he told *The Tribune*.

In 2019, nine complaints under the POCSO Act were received against the staff in the Education Department and following a spurt in the incidents of sexual abuse and molestation of children in educational institutions, schools were asked to constitute grievance committees for child sex abuse (CSA) to report such cases. The educational institutions remained closed for most of time in 2020 due to the Covid-19 breakout.

Acting tough against school managements and individuals failing to promptly report the cases of child sex abuse on school premises, and school transport during official hours or after or before it, the Education Department had cautioned them that the non-reporting of the commission of an offence would attract imprisonment and a fine under Section 19 of the POCSO Act.

## Losar festivities begin in McLeodganj



■ Losar, Tibetan New year celebrations, started on Friday with Tibetans offering prayers at the Dalai Lama Temple in McLeodganj

■ Due to Covid-induced lockdown, the festivities of Losar are subdued. No foreign tourist arrived here for the festival due to the pandemic

## Guv for more telemedicine centres in state

SHIMLA, FEBRUARY 12

Himachal Governor Bandaru Dattatreya has said more telemedicine centres should be set up in the state, especially in tribal areas, so that people of far-flung areas could get medical facilities easily by using telecommunication techniques.

He took a brief regarding Covid-19 situation, vaccination and other health-related issues here today. He said a sufficient quantity of vaccines had been supplied to the state and about 76 per cent healthcare workers had been vaccinated in the first phase. —TNS

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## INHERITED ₹48,000 CRORE DEBT

SHIMLA, FEBRUARY 12 The Himachal Government will raise two loans of Rs 500 crore each to meet its developmental needs even as the debt burden has crossed Rs 60,000 crore. The Finance Department has already sought the consent of the Central Government to raise the loans, as required under Article 293(3) of the Constitution of India.

The other will be for 15 years. The loan money will reach the government treasury on February 17. With this Rs 1,000 crore loan, the Himachal Government will be left with a mere Rs 600 crore loan limit permissible in this financial year ending on March 31, 2021.

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur today admitted the grim financial health of the state and said it was the Congress that had pushed Himachal into the financial crisis. "I agree that the debt burden of Rs 60,000 crore is worrisome but the fact is that

HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION	
Bays No. 67-70, Sector- 2, Panchkula-134154 (www.hssc.gov.in)	
Notice to candidates for Interview for the post of Social Education Panchayat Officer of Development & Panchayat Department, Haryana Against Advt. No. 07/2015, Cat No. 06.	
In continuation of earlier notice date 07.12.2017 and on the basis of Revised result of Written Examination and Scrutiny of Document for the post of Social Education & Panchayat Officer of Development & Panchayat Department, Haryana Against Advt. No. 07/2015, Cat No. 06, the candidates bearing following Roll Nos. have been called for interview/viva-voce provisionally and further subject to the fulfillment of their eligibility conditions as per respective advertisement and service rules. The marks secured by the last shortlisted candidate have been given in bracket. Candidates who have already been interviewed need not come again for interview.	
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# Order asking Gulmarg hotels to cancel tourist bookings revoked

## KHELO INDIA

SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 12

The authorities in Baramulla district on Friday withdrew an order asking hotels to cancel pre-bookings at the famous ski-resort of Gulmarg to accommodate participants of Khelo India National Winter Games after the move drew sharp criticism.

The order was withdrawn a day after it was issued by the Additional Deputy Commissioner of Baramulla.

"The order has been withdrawn," Deputy Commissioner, Baramulla, Mohammad Ajaz Asad said.

The move had drawn sharp reaction from the National Conference, which termed it as "mindless application of government writ".

Asad said there was no need for such an order to be issued in the first place. "It



FOR ACCOMMODATING ATHLETES, OFFICIALS

The order by the Additional Deputy Commissioner of Baramulla on Thursday had asked hoteliers at the ski-resort of Gulmarg to accommodate athletes and officials of the Khelo India National Winter Games and cancel pre-bookings of tourists from February 25 to March 3.

was not required," he added.

Another official in the administration said the hoteliers had already committed to reserve the rooms for the games' period and, as such, there was no requirement for such an order which only created a controversy.

The order had asked hote-

liers to accommodate athletes and officials and cancel pre-bookings of tourists from February 25 to March 3.

In a letter to the Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Gulmarg, the Additional Deputy Commissioner had asked him to ensure that boarding and lodging facilities were

provided to the athletes and officials during the event.

"Further, all pre-bookings, if any, on this account may be cancelled," the letter read.

The week-long games are scheduled to start on February 25.

The letter had also been sent to president of Hoteliers' Club, Gulmarg chapter, Mukhtar Ahmad Shah for compliance.

National Conference vice-president and former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah had criticised the order, saying it was "mindless application of government writ".

"The games are a welcome addition to our calendar but its mindless application of government writ when the games become a reason to cancel hotel bookings & inconvenience tourists who have booked flights & made their plans well in advance," he tweeted. — PTI

## J&K ties up with UK agency for flood forecast

JAMMU, FEBRUARY 12

Jammu and Kashmir has joined hands with a UK-based space agency for a collaborative project on impact-based flood forecasting, an official spokesman said on Friday.

The national space innovation programme (NSIP), undertaken by HR Wallingford in collaboration with Oxford University, Sayers & Partners (SPL) and D-Orbit, is an initiative that supports collaborative projects between UK-based organisations and international partners, he said.

It is a big step taken by the Lt-Governor administration, which will help to predict fluvial flood risks in terms of expected loss to life, injuries to people, building collapse, infrastructure disruption and economic damage, the spokesman said.

At present, there is no such effective impact-based flood forecasting mechanism in Jammu and Kashmir, he added. — PTI



Children walk to school on a foggy morning on outskirts of Jammu. PTI

## Min temp rises, dry weather predicted

SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 12

There was a slight improvement in the minimum temperature at several places in Kashmir with the Meteorological Department on Friday predicting dry weather for the next week in the Valley.

Gulmarg in north Kashmir and other places recorded an improvement in the night temperature and the minimum there settled above the normal for this part of the season, officials said.

The minimum temperature in Gulmarg settled at -2.4°C — nearly two degrees up from -4.2°C the previous night, they said.

They added that the minimum temperature was 3.8 degrees above normal.

Srinagar recorded a low of -0.6°C, slightly down from the previous night's -0.4°C, the officials said.

Qazigund recorded a minimum of -3°C, up from the previous night's low of minus 4.1°C, they said. Pahalgam recorded a low of -4.6°C, half a degree down from -4.1°C the previous night. — PTI

## Sniffer dogs join rescue operation

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they will help us locate the trapped workers," said Pushkar Mehta, Phantom's handler from the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF).

German Shepherd canines Phantom and Arrow form part of the SDRF team, while the ITBP has brought Labradors-Rambo and Diesel. In all, nine sniffer dogs are at the rescue site.

Rambo's handler Manoj Kumar said they had not been allowed to enter the tunnel so far Diesel's handler Somveer said, "We are waiting for our chance to contribute and save those trapped inside." He said sniffer dogs were generally trained as trackers, explosive detectors, narcotics detectors and for undertaking search and rescue operations.



## SC: Free to choose...

a man from Uttar Pradesh without the consent of her parents. The top court expressed hope that the parents will have "better sense" to accept the marriage and re-establish social interaction with their daughter and son-in-law.

"Educated younger boys and girls are choosing their life partners which, in turn, is a departure from the earlier norms of society where caste and community played a major role. Possibly, this is the way forward where caste and community tensions will reduce by such marriages. But in the meantime, these

youngsters face threats from the elders and the courts have been coming to the aid of these youngsters," it noted.

The top court said, "The consent of the family or the community or the clan is not necessary once the two adult individuals agree to enter into a wedlock and that their consent has to be piously given primacy... the choice of an individual is an inextricable part of dignity, for dignity cannot be thought of where there is erosion of choice.

Such a right or choice is not expected to succumb to the concept of 'class honour' or 'group thinking'."

## Aptitude test...

examination. Questions related to general studies will be asked in Paper-1, while Paper-2 will have the aptitude test. It will be only a qualifying paper with minimum marks fixed at 33 per cent. The result of the preliminary exam will be based only on the marks obtained in the general studies paper.

## Bail for ex-banker...

The judge granted her bail on a bond of Rs 5 lakh and directed that she should report to the ED office whenever required and not leave India without the court's permission. The court also asked her to surrender her passport to the ED. — PTI

## Oppn's 'Budget for...

"happily encouraged" cronies when it was in power.

Sitharaman then went personal by stating that the Centre's policies were meant to help the poor and farmers and not the "damaads" in a reference to Robert Vadra, UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi's son-in-law.

The Budget's aim was to provide a "strong stimulus" to the economy and gain from the multiplier effect. "We also looked at medium, long term and sustainable growth that will help us remain one of the fastest growing economies," she added.

The Budget provisions

are for poor, Dalits and tribals. "Infrastructure creation, continuing reforms, transparency of accounts are the key features of the Budget," she asserted.

Later, she responded to skepticism about the Budget figures by again attacking Congress members. "Your track record is bad. Your Budget estimate was never met," she said while reading out statistics from Budgets by the UPA government.

She said the Budget draws on the experience, administrative capacities and exposure that PM Modi had during his tenure as CM and PM.

## Days on, 2 more bodies found

workers should not lose hope as round-the-clock efforts were being made to establish contact with those trapped inside the tunnel.

Family members of those trapped inside the tunnel on Thursday, the district administration directed the CISF personnel, guarding the project site, to stop the protesting kin 100 meters away from the mouth of the tunnel where massive efforts are being undertaken by a joint team of the ITBP, the Army, State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and National Disaster Response Force personnel to reach those stuck inside.

## Tanks to shift ...

"India has not ceded any territory as a result of this agreement," said the ministry as it detailed the future of the disengagement process. "Outstanding problems (are) to be addressed, including those at Hot Springs, Gogra and Depsang. The outstanding issues are to be taken up within 48 hours of the completion of the Pangong Tso disengagement," it said.

The Dham Singh Thapa post at Finger 3 is India's permanent base while the PLA permanent base is east of Finger 8.

"The assertion that the Indian territory is up to Finger 4 is categorically false. The territory of India as depicted by its map includes more than 43,000 sq km which is under illegal occupation of China since 1962," the Defence Ministry said.

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## CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY DAY — 2021

The Haryana State Council for Science, Innovation & Technology invites proposals for celebration of National Technology Day (NTD), 2021 from ITIs, Polytechnics, Engineering colleges and university Department of Engineering of Haryana State. The proposal should reach this office up to 15th March, 2021.

The Proposals should be submitted in the prescribed application format, which can be downloaded from the website of the office and must be submitted through their head of institution/department. Applications received after the due date will not be entertained. The amount of financial assistance for celebration of NTD is under:-

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## Fuel prices on fire

Onus on Central, state govt to reduce taxes

THE more things change, the more they remain the same for fuel consumers. In March 2020, the crash in international oil prices prompted the NDA government to sharply raise taxes on petroleum products in a bid to garner revenue amid the upheaval caused by the pandemic. Eleven months later, even as the global crude oil prices have firmed on the back of improving demand outlook in view of the worldwide rollout of Covid-19 vaccines, the Centre has ruled out any immediate move to reduce taxes. Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has stated that retail pump rates are governed by international prices as India is 85 per cent dependent on imports for meeting its needs. However, the fact remains that Central and state taxes account for around 60 per cent of the retail prices. Adding to the consumers' woes, the Union Budget has included petrol and diesel among the products on which a new agricultural infrastructure and development cess is being levied.

Though fuel prices are also rising in neighbouring countries such as Pakistan and Nepal, the relatively higher rates in India have given the Opposition time-tested ammunition to target the government during the ongoing Budget session of Parliament. On Wednesday, Samajwadi Party MP Vishambhar Prasad Nishad tauntingly asked the Centre why the prices of fuel were higher in the country of Lord Ram than in Sita's Nepal and Ravana's Lanka. Indeed, there have been reports in recent years of cheaper fuel being smuggled from Nepal into India across the border by unscrupulous elements out to make the most of the price difference.

The widely shared image of Atal Bihari Vajpayee arriving at Parliament on a bullock cart back in 1973 reminds us that fuel price hike is a perennial issue that never fails to strike a chord with the masses. With petrol and diesel rates skyrocketing, Central and state governments need to strike a balance between the economic compulsion of generating resources through the taxation route and the political exigency of providing relief to the suffering populace. It's a tough call, and the pressure to bite the bullet will only increase in the coming days and weeks.

## Mixing cricket and religion

Wild allegations against Jaffer must be probed

THE deafening silence of our cricketing legends over outlandish allegations against Wasim Jaffer, one of the most respected and admired players in domestic cricket, is unfortunate and disheartening. Jaffer recently stepped down as coach of the Uttarakhand state team, alleging that the Cricket Association of Uttarakhand (CAU) secretary and selectors had been 'pushing non-deserving players' to be selected in the team. As if on cue, and in a sign of the times we live in, CAU responded by dragging Jaffer's religion into the controversy. CAU's secretary Mahim Verma made several allegations against Jaffer, the most serious of which was that Jaffer was promoting 'religion-based selection' in the team.

This sort of a charge against anyone, let alone an India cricketer who played 31 Test matches for the country, must not be made lightly and without hard evidence. Predictably, Verma's allegation acted as a dog-whistle to a certain section of social media users, who attacked Jaffer's alleged religious bias. In his response, Jaffer denied the allegations and said if he had been communal-minded, he would have been sacked. 'This is a serious allegation. And if there was indeed a communal bias, I wouldn't have resigned, they would have sacked me,' Jaffer said.

Jaffer, 42, played in the Ranji Trophy until the 2019-20 season and is the all-time leading run-scorer in the tournament. He helped his last team, Vidarbha, to two consecutive Ranji titles. His record in public life, lasting over 25 years as a cricketer and an individual, is unimpeachable. The saddest part is that though he played for Mumbai for 18 consecutive First-Class seasons, not one among his 'great' teammates or former players from the city spoke for him. Anil Kumble, Manoj Tiwary and Irfan Pathan are the only cricketers who publicly expressed their support to him. His former India captains Sourav Ganguly, Sachin Tendulkar and Rahul Dravid have kept their silence, as has the Indian Cricketers' Association. Meanwhile, CAU officials have started diluting their allegations against Jaffer. The least that Ganguly, president of the Indian cricket board, must do is to investigate the matter so that the truth is out.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Privatisation technique: defund, make sure things don't work, people get angry, you hand it over to private capital. — Noam Chomsky

### ON THIS DAY...50 YEARS AGO

# The Tribune.

CHANDIGARH, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1971

### Nuclear-Free Seabed.

THE United States, Britain and the Soviet Union have signed the long-awaited treaty banning nuclear weapons and other instruments of mass destruction from seabeds and ocean floors. It exempts that portion of the ocean floor within 19 kilometres of a nation's coast. Article 3 of the document provides for inspection of seabed and ocean floor facilities. The effectiveness of the treaty is to be reviewed five years after it comes into force, and, it will come into force when 22 countries, including the present signatories, have ratified it. The oceans cover nearly two-thirds of our planet and are its last great frontier for natural resources. But until recently, political, economic and legal interest was confined to the land underlying the shallow waters of the continental shelf. It is only the last few years which have witnessed a spectacular change in attitudes. We now have underwater photography and television, the echo sounder and a variety of sophisticated seismic and other devices, such as scanning sonar, which provides a precise image of the ocean floor. All parts of the ocean floor, have, in fact, been made accessible by bathyscaphe, since the deepest parts of the ocean — the bottom of the Mariana trench — was reached by Auguste Piccard eight years ago. Several countries are also reportedly engaged in the construction of vessels which can submerge to depths of 9,000 ft. and serve a variety of specialised purposes. Even more than the commercial interest in the exploitation of seabed resources is the military interest in controlling the seabed. There are many military uses, both nuclear and conventional, to which the ocean floor could be put. It is this realisation which has led to the negotiation of the present treaty. Conventional military uses of the seabed include deployment of anchored sonar systems to detect and track vessels on or under the surface of the ocean.

# Not a private affair

Keep failed or tainted companies out of the denationalisation process



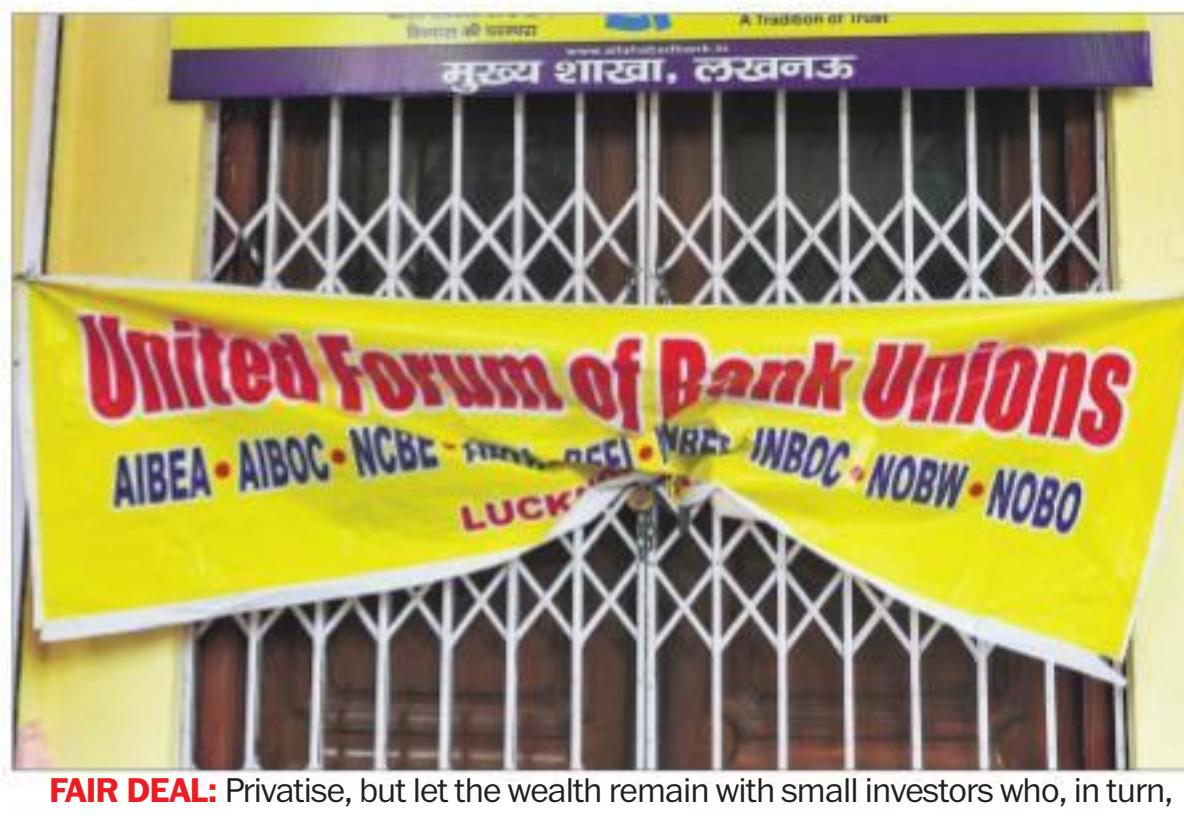
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FOR a lapsed Marxist like me, there is no greater mea culpa than a eulogy for private capital. Wealth can be distributed only if it is created in the first place. Mammon, and not Marx, can work miracles, generate jobs, break the feudal order, trigger innovations, and usher in a new dawn of democracy and self-respect; and the proof, of course, is offered by Communist China, which had to adopt State Capitalism to pull its population out of poverty, through overall prosperity. Hence, one has to agree with Prime Minister Modi when he roots for private enterprise, as he did on Wednesday in the Rajya Sabha. But in the fog of farm fires we seem to be missing a tectonic shift in our political economy — a moment of no return for the repositories of our national wealth, such as public sector banks and insurance companies.

It is rare for a Prime Minister to use the term 'babu' for a bureaucrat. But while accepting his contention that babus do not have a monopoly over commercial wisdom, it has to be underscored that the fear of privatisation or a corporate takeover has nothing to do with the efficiency of the babus. Our top bureaucrats, like all other achievers in our society, are a mixed bag of the good, bad and ugly — in fact, if only a tad more accountable than the rest. They do not necessarily make or mar, at least, the financial system, which has been inherited from an extremely avaricious private sector.

It was Feroze Gandhi who stood up in the Lok Sabha to attack his father-in-law and the Prime Minister over a scam in the Bharat Insurance Company. This private insurance company was then owned by Ramkrishna Dalmia, who had bought Bennett Coleman and Company, the publish-



FAIR DEAL: Privatise, but let the wealth remain with small investors who, in turn, can create entrepreneurs with domain expertise — India's new capitalists. PTI

ers of *The Times of India*, from its British owners. Nehru ordered an inquiry on the floor of the house and soon enough, the Vivian Bose Commission unravelled a multi-crore scandal that finally led to Dalmia getting convicted and serving a sentence in Tihar Jail. It was the nationalisation of Bharat Insurance Company and several other private insurers that created the country's most credible financial institution, the Life Insurance Corporation.

If not equally dramatic, there are stories of financial distress caused by inept and greedy owners behind the nationalisation of many other institutions. Sure, Indira Gandhi's tilt towards the Left after the Congress split in 1969 had created a political climate conducive for socialist slogan engineering, but the primary responsibility for all the scams in the financial sector has to be laid at the doors of the promoters. It is this history of nationalisation that we tend to forget when we reverse the process and decide to privatise banks and insurance companies.

Can privatisation alone clean up the banks and ensure that they do not go belly up? If it were so, the Yes Bank fiasco would not have happened. It was a private bank run by new-generation entrepreneurs with global exposure. Ownership — whether private or government — is no guarantee against fraud. A secure government employee of a PSU bank or an insecure, contracted employee of a private bank can commit the same fraud, provided they believe they will get away with the crime. After the Vijay Mallya or Nirav Modi scandals, it can be said with a great amount of certainty that behind every financial crime is a PSU bank employee — senior or junior. Yet, people trust PSU financial institutions only because they have a sovereign assurance about the investments and returns.

This is very important, more for depositors than borrowers. The private banks have grown exponentially in retail banking because of the risks and bold decisions they have taken to lend money to home and car buyers and entrepreneurs. Here the bankers had to trust their borrowers.

And India's small and retail borrowers have ensured that they can be

brought to justice. The days of Nehru ordering an inquiry on the floor of the house and soon enough, the Vivian Bose Commission unravelling a multi-crore scandal that finally led to Dalmia getting convicted and serving a sentence in Tihar Jail. It was the nationalisation of Bharat Insurance Company and several other private insurers that created the country's most credible financial institution, the Life Insurance Corporation.

If not equally dramatic, there are stories of financial distress caused by inept and greedy owners behind the nationalisation of many other institutions. Sure, Indira Gandhi's tilt towards the Left after the Congress split in 1969 had created a political climate conducive for socialist slogan engineering, but the primary responsibility for all the scams in the financial sector has to be laid at the doors of the promoters. It is this history of nationalisation that we tend to forget when we reverse the process and decide to privatise banks and insurance companies.

Can privatisation alone clean up the banks and ensure that they do not go

belly up? If it were so, the Yes Bank fiasco would not have happened. It was a private bank run by new-generation entrepreneurs with global exposure. Ownership — whether private or government — is no guarantee against fraud. A secure government employee of a PSU bank or an insecure, contracted employee of a private bank can commit the same fraud, provided they believe they will get away with the crime. After the Vijay Mallya or Nirav Modi scandals, it can be said with a great amount of certainty that behind every financial crime is a PSU bank employee — senior or junior. Yet, people trust PSU financial institutions only because they have a sovereign assurance about the investments and returns.

This is very important, more for depositors than borrowers. The private banks have grown exponentially in retail banking because of the risks and bold decisions they have taken to lend money to home and car buyers and entrepreneurs. Here the bankers had to trust their borrowers.

And India's small and retail borrowers have ensured that they can be

trusted with the banks' money. In fact, ours is a society where borrowers commit suicide when they cannot repay their debts. But the same cannot be said about deposit-seekers like Bharat Insurance Company of yore. An Indian depositor suffers the inefficiency and inconvenience of depositing his savings in a PSU financial institution only because of the fear of the loss of his deposits. It is this fear of loss of deposits that has got extended to the fear of privatisation of LIC and PSU banks.

Every investor wants better service and greater return on investments than what a PSU institution offers, but what if he loses the entire investment in the process? If the government would stand guarantee for retail investments and deposits, nobody would mind the privatisation of these institutions. In fact, it would even be a welcome move. But our contemporary history teaches us that for one successful Ambani brother, there is a bankrupt one as well. That ratio is scary. The fear of the farmers at the Singhu, Tikri and Ghazipur borders is also the same: what if a new private sector procurement entrant fails?

The government owes it to Indian retail depositors to ensure that failed, tainted or controversial companies are not allowed to participate in the privatisation process. The ideal situation would be to have mom-and-pop investors buying up the government offerings during an IPO whenever LIC and PSU bank shares get offloaded, with the assurance that they would all be professionally run by competent, credible boards. These behemoths have been created by generations of hardworking citizens and if they are handed over to cronies, who get into any sector where the government resources are up for grabs, they are bound to fail and take the entire economy with them.

Public sector inefficiency cannot destroy our economy, but unregulated private sector avarice after privatisation can finish us off. So, privatise by all means, but let the wealth remain with small investors who, in turn, can create entrepreneurs with domain expertise — India's new capitalists.

## A train journey and a friend for life

SHIV SETHI

AS a child, I had a predilection for writing letters and sending greeting cards on festive occasions like Diwali and New Year to friends and relatives. My passion for writing letters kept me close to many of the relatives and friends living in far-flung places, who were otherwise hard to approach in the absence of the modern and swifter means of communication.

Once, I was travelling to Delhi by Punjab Mail. And unlike the modern-day travellers, most people of my generation had a habit of indulging in garrulous gossip. They would never hesitate to broach discussions or inter-

vene in a talk with co-passengers while journeying by public transport. Thus, I began a conversation with a fellow passenger sitting cheeky-jowl with me in the train. He, too, reciprocated my warm gestures. In no time, a friendship was forged and the journey completed without an iota of the boredom that characterises the solo traveller.

But there is a dictum that in every end lies a new beginning. Our train journey had ended, but on its completion, a new journey of friendship began after we disembarked. While departing at the Delhi railway station, my co-passenger Ram Lal (who had more or less become a friend now) placed a piece of paper, which contained his postal address, on my

palm. The days rolled by. One day, I decided to write a letter to Ram Lal to enquire about his wellbeing. I was joyful beyond belief as he reciprocated my gesture in an equally befitting black-and-white manner.

Thereon, a round of letter writing followed, which was kept alive by both of us for more than a decade. In the process of writing, we had become the best of pen friends. Although we never met members of each other's families, we had, in a way, developed a close connect with them as well. He was blessed with a unique style of letter writing. His descriptive style would often make me visualise his home and village. Writing about his wife, he would hardly fail to jocularly explain

her constant habit of nagging.

As times changed and technology registered its presence in lives, our bond of friendship, too, was revolutionised. My pen friend had become my phone friend now. Though the frequency of writing letters had considerably decreased, the old mode of uniting communication was still not fully forsaken. Decades have glided by. Ram Lal and I never met each other in person after that rail journey. But our friendship is still intact. Rather, the bond of attachment is growing stronger day by day, as we both are now friends on social media. But once in a while, the past practice of writing a snail mail to each other spiced up our bonding all the more.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Public is the loser

It is not fair that farmers should keep the public on tenterhooks. The 'Rail Roko' slated for February 18 will only put the public to inconvenience and there will be no effect on the makers of the contentious farm laws. By disrupting transportation, the sufferers will mostly be daily-wage earners, patients, vendors, students, emergency travellers, etc. The Railways will suffer losses, which will not affect the lawmakers and the bureaucracy. All *andolans* should be peaceful and strike/agitations should be kept to a limited area and persons concerned. 'Rail Roko' and road blockades should be shunned.

JAGDISH SINGH JASSAL, PATIALA

#### China not to be trusted

Refer to the 'disengagement' understanding reached between China and India in Ladakh following the ninth round of talks between their core commanders; while such an arrangement entails the returning of the Chinese forces beyond Finger Point number 8, a position that obtained prior to its intruding up to Pangong lake, the fact also remains that the Dragon can't be trusted. Who knows what hidden game plan Chinese President Xi Jinping could be having up his sleeve. India should, in no case, lower its

guard and must constantly keep a hawk's eye on its disengagement-related commitment.

S KUMAR, PANCHKUL

#### Can't cede an inch

It is a matter of good sense that after several rounds of talks, China has started to disengage its troops from the Pangong lake on the north and south banks. Now we have to be more vigilant about the physical verification by our team of commanders. History has proved that China has not honoured any bilateral agreements with India since 1949. This time, we should not even leave one inch of our land, unlike in 1949 and 1962, when a lot of our territory was grabbed by China.

RK DAHIYA, YAMUNANAGAR

#### Be on guard

The beginning of disengagement of Indian and Chinese troops at the LAC is a welcome step. At places, the troops were dangerously close, within a rifle-shot distance. Such a situation could explode in a flash point anytime. Phased disengagement shall ward off the possibility of a bloody conflict, like we saw on June 14 last year. But the Chinese are known to make assurances and agreements but do not respect them on the ground. PLA soldiers

have been intruding across the LAC even in recent times. So, a foolproof verifiable process has to be put in place to ensure that synchronised withdrawal progresses smoothly. To have a peaceful environment, both sides must maintain the sanctity of the LAC. On the international border with Pakistan, we used to frequently carry out joint patrolling, combining troops of both sides, as per a pre-agreed schedule. Similar arrangements can be chalked out at the LAC to avoid clashes.

SUBHASH VAID, NEW DELHI

#### Wake-up call for all

Refer to 'Himalayan tragedy', it's high time for everyone to realise the environmental crisis in today's world. Such tragedies might become common in the next 20 years. Though everybody talks about the damage being done to the environment and climate by humans, barely anybody adopts environment-friendly practices.

What happened in Uttarakhand is a result of carelessness, not only by the natives, but all of us, because we all are responsible for global warming. MC elections in Punjab are approaching and all political parties are presenting their manifestos, but it is important that while these parties promise development, this

development is sustainable. If human progress and environment welfare don't go hand in hand, such tragic incidents of nature's fury will be a common feature. We citizens must also cooperate.

DIVIJA DEWAN, MOHALI

#### Need real empowerment

Even after 50 per cent reservation for women candidates to contest elections in Punjab, women need real exposure. There is no use of reservation if only the male members call the shots. Women are mere representatives. The actual decision-making powers remain with male members only. Pasting photos on hoardings and posters doesn't empower them. Give them the right to take necessary decisions by strengthening their abilities.

CHAHAT GILHOTRA, LUDHIANA

#### Drop in education budget

It is unfortunate that the government has reduced the budgetary allocation for the education sector. The sector was the most affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. The government needs to push in more money into the sector so that it can thrive. Education is the main catalyst for the development of a nation.

HILAL ZARGAR, ANANTNAG

# Why the Ladakh disengagement is on now



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SECURITY ANALYST

**T**HE disengagement in Ladakh was within expectations — classic to the India-China standoffs. But stabilising the borders will take a long time.

Soon, the troops are expected to cease their forward positions on both sides of Pangong in a phased manner, which means returning to the pre-April 2020 position — the Indian Army will hold its traditional base Dhan Singh post at Finger 3 and the PLA will hold Finger 8 at Sirijab on the North Bank. A similar status quo is to be restored in the South Bank. The structures built by both sides since April 2020 will be removed. There will be no patrolling for the time being by either side to the traditional areas.

India has certainly not conceded anything, as the Raksha Mantri assured the Parliament, except that some outstanding issues, probably in the Depsang and Demchok areas, are yet to be resolved, subject to further discussions with the Chinese side. Importantly, the breakthrough has been achieved through bilateral protocols. Rajnath Singh said that India had held to its resolve and expected China to display sincerity in resolving the remaining issues.

The Raksha Mantri placed the talks of the disengagement process starting from September last year when he met his Chinese counterpart in

Moscow. However, both sides have since mistrusted each other and put the onus of easing tensions squarely on the other side.

So, what explains the disengagement factor now?

Of course, China's Ladakh manoeuvrings remained opaque, but if the timing of the disengagement is anything to go by, Beijing's move seems strategic, subtly linked to the US factor of meddling in the Ladakh standoff.

The US, too, has made no bones about its China containment plans, as revealed by the State Department's declassified strategy document released on January 12.

All along, India was made to appear as a willing partner of the American trade and tech onslaughts against China, affording for the spread of coronavirus, while also using it as a pretext to impel business decoupling etc. Mike Pompeo, in his parting shot, admitted to have built an "enormous coalition", enabling the banning of 300 Chinese apps. Former US envoy Kenneth Juster revealed how the US shared real-time information and logistics support to pre-empt Chinese activities across Ladakh.

But for New Delhi showing restraint, it was an outright US incitement to a wider conflict. New Delhi and Beijing, however, rejected Trump's mediation offer and, instead, both resolved to end the row peacefully through dialogue.

But as time began to run down on the Trump administration, China made the first disengagement offer in November when it proposed to turn the Sirijap Finger areas into a "no-troop area". For India, it amounted to ceding its traditional patrolled areas. The PLA later relocated its 10,000 troops from depth areas (80-100 km from the LAC).



EXEMPLARY: Both India and China are taking steps to defuse the situation. PTI

Tension started to ease since then, but China possibly withheld further talks until Trump's stay in the Oval Office ran down the clock. The current disengagement, therefore, is within expectation, when the ninth round of talks was held on January 25 — days after Trump made his exit from the White House.

The takeaways are clear: Beijing wanted to test the limits of Indo-US strategic partnership and waited to weigh its options after the Biden administration took a call on the China-centric Quad and "Indo-Pacific" strategy.

What has emerged now is that PM Modi and President Biden in their recent conversation differed over Quad. It also found no mention in the Indian statement issued after Secretary of State Antony Blinken and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar spoke to each other on January 29.

India's wariness to Quad taking an exclusive military alliance shape was

known. It seems still reluctant to join the next upgraded meeting called by the US. The question is whether China's disengagement is linked to deterring India from joining the US-led alliance system.

Meanwhile, signs of differences are also surfacing between Washington and New Delhi, with US officials, including the Congressional India Caucus, voicing concern over democratic norms on the farmers' protest and their right to access the Internet, shutting down of Twitter accounts etc. The State Department has also started making exceptional statements on Kashmir affairs. India's unwillingness to endorse a tough American line to push a democratic agenda in Myanmar is a new addition.

Against these evolving backdrops, the Chinese Defence Ministry was quick to announce the end of the Ladakh impasse — a day before India

issued a statement. Curiously, Chinese analysts had earlier implied the waning of America's China-centric India policy under the Biden administration. They had insinuated a bumpy road ahead, owing to differences over India's domestic issues, the Pak-Afghan factor, besides frictions stemming from looming US sanctions over India acquiring Russian S-400 defence systems. Chinese media also termed the signing of the Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement (BECA) as compromising India's own strategic autonomy rather than balancing the 'China threat'. In fact, even Kenneth Juster referred to the facts of differences hitherto overlooked because of the China factor, as he saw they could potentially drive India-US ties in different directions.

That being the case, the Chinese though never discounted the US factor in India-China equations, but the

trajectory, it believed, would be determined largely by structural issues that could only be addressed through bilateral means.

Clearly then, the Chinese disengagement move in Ladakh, coming on the heels of Biden taking charge, is surely aimed at lessening any prospect of India partnering with the new administration to form an anti-China coalition.

A shift towards a bilateral means is also interesting at a time when the Biden administration is yet to formalise its Quad strategy, though Pompeo, before leaving office, enacted new protocols and laid sufficient landmines aimed at constricting Biden from changing the course on China and India. Of course, some excessive actions by the Trump administration have already narrowed India's options.

If earning US support was essential for India's standing up to China, it has paid off. China has certainly failed to repeat 1962. India hasn't really budged, but has shown its resolve and staying power. The persisting psychic burden of the 1962 defeat is being removed once and for all.

To be sure, China can't be trusted or taken at their word. The initial steps being taken so far indicate that troops haven't been pulled back from the heights on the South Bank opposite the Spangur gap.

Yet, the partial disengagement should be seen as the first sign of thawing. While the process may take time, what is required now for both sides is to send the right kind of political messaging. But the admirable part is the exemplary step taken by both sides to defuse the situation while taking enough precaution in time and space to avoid adverse public reactions in both countries.

## Ecological damage will take its toll on farming



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**E**VEN as the struggle to save lives continues, we can see a strong link between the Chamoli tragedy and the farmers' agitation hundreds of kilometres away. That commonality lies up in the Himalayas, and it arises from a problem that few in India know much about, or even if they do, think that it's something that can be set aside for another day.

Despite the overwhelming evidence of the destruction wrought by the flash floods, or the memories of the Kedarnath tragedy, few care to look at the problem head-on. Within the government, the ongoing pretence is that each problem can have cash thrown at it and passed on. It can't.

The flash flood — a rather understated term for several thousand tonnes of snow, ice and debris rushing through a valley at about 20 metres per second — is now understood to have been caused by a hanging glacier breaking off, thereby creating a mass with a 20-25 metre head, that gathered further debris as it hit the under-construction Rishiganga power project and then the Tapovan power project further downstream.

These are the findings of the Defence Geo Informatics Research Establishment (DGIRE), an establishment created last year by merging two other institutions, both researching high-altitude mountain terrain. Both are focussed on defence, rather than the environment. Both are inextricably interlinked, but as their own experts admit, there is little ability for daily data gathering to be able



ON PRIORITY: The Chamoli mishap underlines the need to tackle the problem. PTI

to predict a disaster.

The thing is you don't need a daily dose of data to be able to say that the whole glacier belt is in serious danger. The Himalayas, often called the 'Third Pole' for the quantity of ice and thereby water that it provides, has seen its glaciers retreating, with this worsening at least since 2005.

A startling example is of the Gangotri glacier retreating 850 metres between 1996 and 1999. In recent years, black carbon deposits due to stubble burning and forest fires have hastened that process. Gaumukh has already been pushed back several metres. The Rongbuk glacier, which feeds Tibet, is similarly placed, and Chinese glaciers are similarly affected. In sum, waters that feed the Gan-

ga, the Indus, the Brahmaputra, the Salween, the Mekong, the Yangtze and the Yellow river are all going to face initially a huge rush of water, flash floods and avalanches, followed eventually by drought.

It is not just India, but also China, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Myanmar that are affected. And with some 25,000 glacial lakes, expect repeats of the Uttarakhand tragedy. Everyone is affected, and everyone will face disasters, China included. The presence of a large number of forces in the sensitive Ladakh area is not doing any good either. Expect an acceleration of decay and natural disasters.

There's a second issue that worsens all of this. Few again have heard of the Asian Brown Cloud (ABC)

which is not to be confused with your computer's back-up plans. The ABC is a man-made cloud of carbon emissions, dust and other poisons released by 'developed' cities, trapping the air across continents, including China and Southeast Asia. That means less sunlight, less rain, and an inverse warming effect that also means glaciers will melt at a faster rate. It also causes unusual weather patterns, which means your farmers are going to have to deal with erratic weather.

And to sum that all up, farmers depending on water will find less rain, less river water, and polluted air that doesn't allow crops to grow. So, the farmers protesting against the farm laws today could soon be in deep trouble, even as groundwater depletion continues to accelerate across Punjab in particular. It's an entirely closed loop. The more the burning of agricultural waste and other pollutants, the less the chances of survival of present crop patterns, and down the road, any crops at all.

Now, consider the government's plans. The Rishiganga power project was pushed through despite committee after committee warning against its building. Meanwhile, mega-dams are back with the Centre, the spending of about Rs 1.3 trillion planned for multi-purpose dams such as the Etalin and Dibang in Arunachal Pradesh, Athirappilly in Kerala, and Bodhghat in Chhattisgarh. Two are in ecologically sensitive zones, and the others will involve displacement of entire tribal villages.

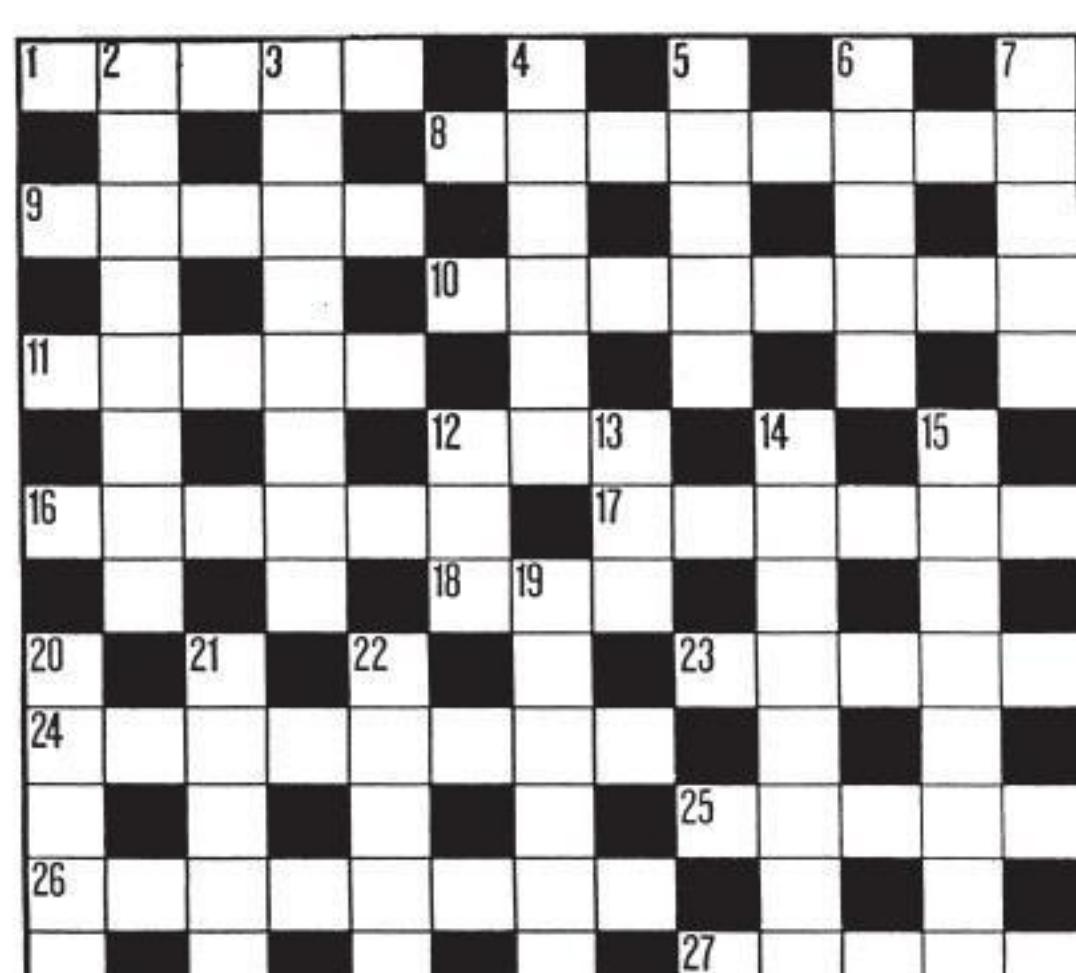
In a twist, these large projects have been slotted as 'alternative energy' programmes, which means getting environmental clearance is easier. In addition, the Environment Ministry has decided to classify 'small' HP projects as 'linear' (like a road) which exempts it from Gram Sabha permission. Its Environmental Impact Assessment 2020 report tells its own tale, as it was attempted to be rushed through during a pandemic.

The ministry could argue the project delay due to multiple levels of decision-making, and it would be right. But those multiple levels were designed to prevent just such a disaster as the Chamoli tragedy. The answer is not to ride roughshod over the environment. It is to generate admittedly much-needed power by alternative means including solar, wind and even micro dams. It is all doable. What's needed is an understanding of the utmost urgency at the top.

Finally, given the constant need to compare our own growth to that of China, remember that Beijing's environmental policies plan to come down heavily on polluters, even as its own environmental problems multiply. With the initiation of disengagement in Ladakh, another confidence-building measure between the two sides can be a data-gathering exercise for the entire Himalayan area.

Sure, both are going to do it anyway for defence purposes. It simply requires an expansion of data collection and placing of ground and space assets to do so. Again, Beijing will do it anyway. Delhi might as well play catch-up.

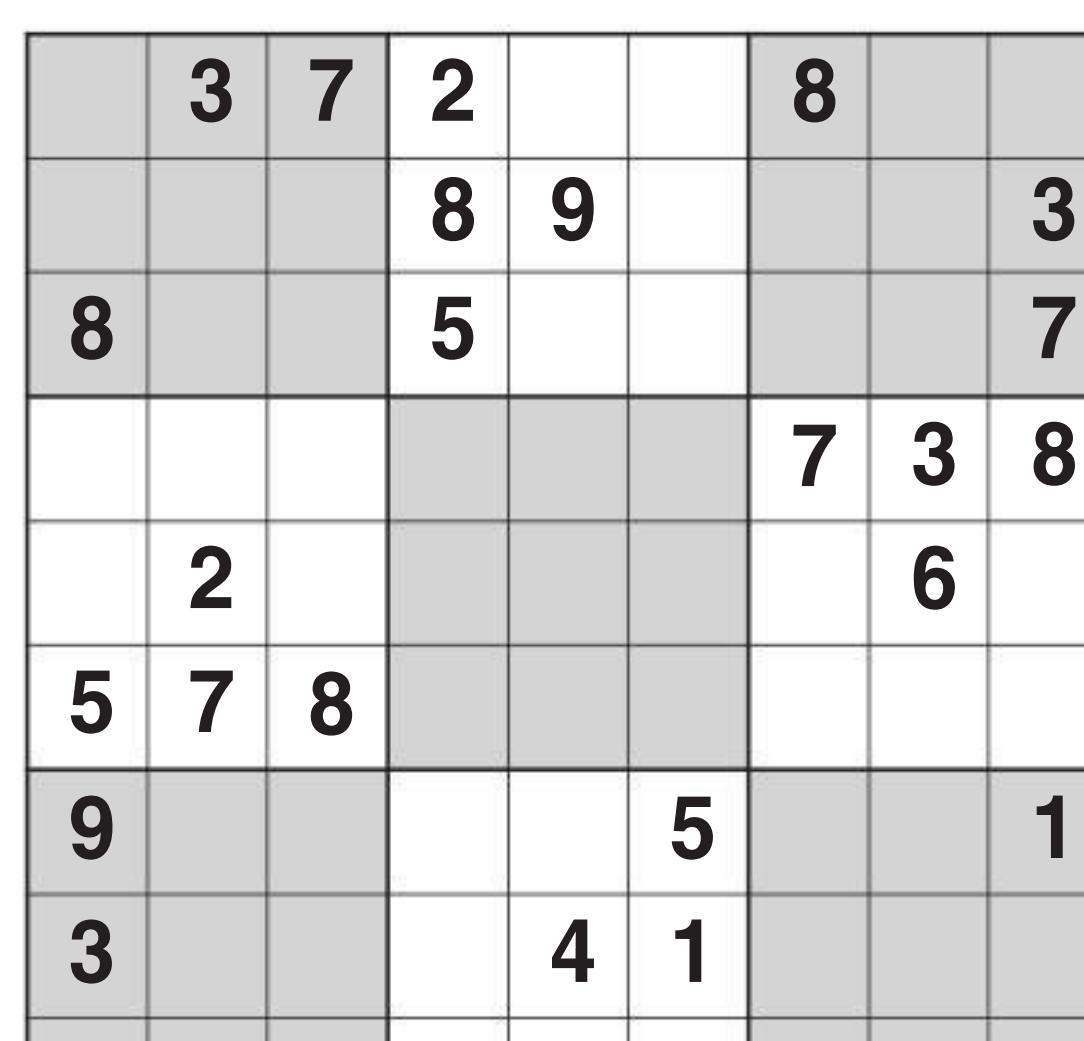
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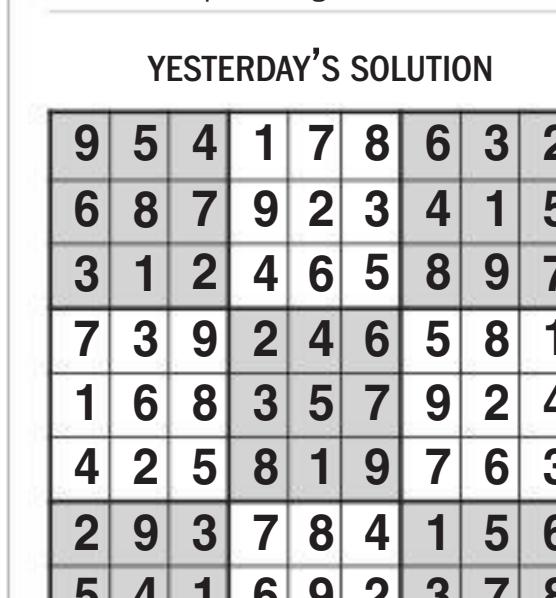
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■ Shiva Yoga up to 1:32 am	
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**Jatt Sikh boy, unmarried 40/ 5'-9", Govt. service, 90000/- Preferred employed or foreigner girl. 62845-75565. (CL20095151)**

**A well established family inviting proposal for their handsome, turbanned, teetotaller and Govt. Veterinary Officer boy 31, 6'-1". Seeks well educated/Govt. employee and tall girl minimum 5'-6" from educated and well cultured family. Mobile 90413-92093, 98766-66601 (WhatsApp). (CL20095225)**

**Australian PR Jat Sikh Amritdhari 25 years, 6 feet, Graduation International Business Management beautiful girl Australian TR/ PR. Patiala based preferred. 97735-71528, 98150-42373. (CL20095229)**

**39 yrs/ 5'-8" MBA/ Jat Sikh boy (cuts hair) 10 lac PA/ presently working in Govt. bank at Abhara Punjab. Father Retd. from Army. WhatsApp: 98886-99130. (CL20095258)**

**Suitable match for Jat Sikh smart handsome boy 1988, 5'-10", commercial pilot rural urban property. 97793-68922. (CL20095268)**

**Match for Jat Sikh turbanned Gill boy, September 1988 born, Height 6', PR Canada. M.Tech, from Canada, doing job in Toronto. Professional girl on work permit or PR preferred in Toronto Area. Interested may contact on 84279-93203. (CL20095270)**

**Wanted beautiful educated bride for Sikh Rajput boy, 30/ 6', B.Tech. Masters Canada PR, working MNC Toronto. WhatsApp biodata, photo. 99628-24084. (CL20095350)**

**Match for Jat Sikh boy, 29/ 5'-10", MBA, Job at Patiala. Girl should be eligible for Canada PR. Elder brother Canada PR. No agricultural land. Father retired. Bank Manager. 9815696806. (CL20095432)**

**Jatt Sikh Manglik turbanned non-drinker boy +2, 25, 6", Industrialist, own urban property. Caste no bar. Contact: 90566-94546. (CL20095439)**

**Jatt Sikh Gill born 1993/6'-4", MA Political Science teetotaller having agriculture property, near Fatehgarh Sahib, seeks girl tall, beautiful, educated. Want to settle Canada. NRI welcome. 97819-20089, 70995-57825. (CL20096287)**

**USA Green Card Jat Sikh handsome boy athletic body, teetotaller, Oct. 1992, 5'-11", working as Engineer (citizenship due in November 2021). Preference American student visa/ PR girl. WhatsApp: +9196461-10240. (CL20096307)**

**Match for Jat Sikh boy, 29/ 5'-10", MBT, PR Canada, working Toronto. Father Class-1 ret'd. Rural Urban property. Boy in India. Mohali settled. WhatsApp: 95010-53400. Email: [s e k h o n . 1 @ g m a i l . c o m](mailto:s e k h o n . 1 @ g m a i l . c o m) (CL20095734)**

**Match for vegetarian Jat Sikh Gursikh boy, 5'-8", September 1989 born, working in MNC as Software Developer, own kothi in Mohali. 82649-76384. (CL20096271)**

**Suitable match for Jatt Sikh boy, 5'-10", 27, M.Sc., B.Ed, regular Govt. Teacher. 98158-0678, 76961-6229. (CL20096280)**

**SM4 Jatt Sikh boy 29, 5'-11", middle class family non drinker, non turbanned Central Govt. Employee posted at Delhi. Trained Science Graduate/ Post graduate girl from Mohali, Ropar, FGS preferred. Girl's merit main consideration. WhatsApp 98778-58174. (CL20096287)**

**Match for Arora Gursikh boy, 1992, 5'-10", 27, M.Sc., B.Ed, regular Govt. Teacher. 98158-0678, 76961-6229. (CL20096289)**

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**Match for Arora Gursikh boy, 1992, 5'-10", 27, M.Sc., B.Ed, regular Govt. Teacher. 98158-0**

## CLASSIFIEDS

**Suitable match for handsome Goel boy, 5'-9", B.Tech, 01.01.1993/ 2:20 p.m. (Narwana), Commission Agent Kaithal, 94175-16705. (CL20095116)**

**Manglik handsome Garg boy MBA 7.2.1991, 3:20 AM, Bathinda, 5'-10", Job MNC Gurugram Pkg 11 Lac PA. Job prefer. girl. 98153-90460. (CL20095152)**

**Patiala based high status Aggarwal MBA boy, November 1980, never married, 5'-9", own business, 98789-8082. (CL20095156)**

**Manglik Garg boy, 16.02.1987, 11:25 a.m., 6' height, Graduate, own business Patiala, Contact 9886888939, 9780651867. (CL20095128)**

**POM for Bansal boy 5'-4", 27.01.1993, 8:17 pm, Mansa, B.Tech, & B.Sc. MLT, running 36 year old Pathological Lab. Girl from Medical background preferred. 98722-09036. (CL20095222)**

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**Match for Bansal boy 8.6.93, Sangrur, 5'-4", MBA, own business. 98157-43261, 98720-29561. (CL20095403)**

**PMS Goyal slim boy 23.04.1992, 10:18 am, Sangrur, 5'-11", B.Tech, MCA, MNC Noida, 9.5 LPA, 1997-72059, 98764-2456. (CL20095404)**

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**Suitable match for Bansal boy 5'-4", 23.01.1990, 11:45 pm, Ludhiana, BCA, own business. 62809-57141. (CL20095433)**

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**SM4 Goel boy, 11.06.91 (1:32 am) 5'-11", B.Tech. (CSE) working at Pune. Will be going to Canada for Masters and permanent settlement. Only like-minded and professionally qualified should contact 98160-63191. (CL20095604)**

**Suitable match for divorcee Bansal Manglik boy 1989, born, 5'-10", Lankly well settled, running own business. 96464-25208, 95409-5202. (CL20095611)**

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**Bansal fair 5'-11", 1990, MBBS, MD (Medicine), short marriage, permanent Govt. Specialist. Parents Govt. officers. 94633-20866, 94175-79702. (CL20095669)**

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**Garg boy 5'-11", 18.9.1989, 7:45 pm Jalandhar, MBA Finance, job ICICI Bank. 98881-57142, 85270-21535. (CL20095775)**

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**Garg boy, 6'-2", B.Com., LL.B., 04.04.1994, Kharar, businessman, 95927-20042, 98155-16342. (CL20095804)**

**Suitable match for Bansal Manglik boy 20.04.91, 00:05 am, Sangrur, 6' MCA from RIMT College Software Engineer, 6 Lac package. Seeks educated girl. Preferred Chandigarh employee. 94177-6718. (CL20095836)**

**Smart educated homely match for established handsome industrialist Chandigarh. Only son handsome rental income. December 92, 5'-10", and March 95, 5'-10", 90340-81328. (CL20095837)**

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**Chartered Accountant Garg boy (Anshik Manglik), 21.02.1994, Chandigarh, 5'-7", fair colour. Own Practice in Chandigarh, 10 to 12 Lac per annum. 99885-52394. (CL20095888)**

**Match for Patiala based Anshik Manglik educated, pure vegetarian, handsome Singla boy, Dob 4 July 1993, 5'-8", 4:47 am, Patiala, well settled high status business family. HR & Pb. Required beautiful non working, educated, vegetarian, same family. 98880-60511. (CL20095934)**

**Vegetarian match (55) for well settled unmarried aged teacher (Ph.D), teetotaller, youthful, own house. 85589-60511. (CL20096569)**

**Match for Bindal boy 02.03.1991, 5'-6", 5:30 am Karnal. Own business in Panchkula. 98140-39634. (CL20095874)**

**Jindal boy 5.1.1991, 11.40 p.m. Ambala, 5'-7", B.Tech, job, 12 Lac. 94662-84448, 99961-65904. (CL20095853)**

**Match for Goyal smart B.Tech boy July 1993 born, height 5'-11", own business. 98882-93441. (CL20095878)**

**Mittal boy 18.3.89, 4 p.m. (Malerkotla), 5'-3", Law Graduate, readymade garments showroom. 62398-74042. (CL20095880)**

**Chandigarh based renowned business family looking for beautiful & I.T. Professional girl for their handsome Software Engineer son 5'-9". Placed at Hyderabad in Microsoft 34 LPA. (21.11.1991, 10:55 pm, Panchkula). Call WhatsApp biodata with photograph @ 98762-02700. (CL20095897)**

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Match for Sunni Muslim boy, (Left leg normal Polio), 32'/ 5'-6", Government job Chandigarh. 98888-00715. (CL20096354)

**CHRISTIAN**

Match for Christian boy, 28/ 5'-7", fair complexion, only son, Degree holder IT, Working Govt. office in Chandigarh. Package 1.5 to 2 LPA. 99141-21536, 83602-52704. (CL20096500)

**AHLUWALIA**

Hindu Ahluwalia boy Mohali 20 February 1982/ 5'-7", +2, salary 20000 pm. Upper caste no bar. 95926-20039. (CL20095931)

Sikh Ahluwalia Aug 90/5'-7", Diploma Electronic Communication Engineering, MA Public Admin, Real Estate business, urban rural property. 92776-00001, 81468-97515. (CL20096276)

**TONK-KASHATRIYA**

Doctor, Lecturer, Teacher, Govt Employee match for Sikh teetotaller Tonkashatriya boy, 30/ 5'-7", B.Tech (ECE), Assistant Officer Punjab Govt. Father Bank Manager rd. Caste no bar. 76575-69129, 94179-54463. (CL20094821)

Employed match for Hindu 07-04-1988, 5'-7", B.Tech. (Mechn.) Tonk Kashatriya boy, working in Pvt. Company. Caste no bar. Mobile 80917-18015. (CL20095036)

Government Bank Officer, 89 born, 5'-6", seeks employed match. Castle no bar. 85809-87765. (CL20095132)

Suitable unmarried / issue less divorcee match for Sikh Tonk shah divorced boy MBBA, PCMS, 36/ 5'-6". Bureau excuse 7739-6097. (CL20095401)

Professionally qualified match for Sikh cleanshaven handsome and smart, B.Tech. (CSE), 5'-11", 1985 born, working in America as Senior Software Engineer. Educated family. Father Engineer. Upper caste no bar. 017-2210143, 9779062635. (CL20095411)

Tonk Kashatriya boy, 5'-9", 1993, BBA, MBA, Govt. job regular. Required Govt. employee girl. 95412-61656. (CL20095908)

Tonk-kashatriya handsome boy, 25, 5'-9", M.Sc. pursuing. Well settled family, Jalandhar. Seeks IELTS 6.5 bands clear girl. Caste no bar. Contact: 9417897450. (CL20096019)

Suitable match for Tonk-kashatriya Sikh boy 1992 5'-10", M.Sc. Physics, B.Ed., working as permanent Lecturer semi-Govt. Aided School. Caste no bar. 96467-25023. (CL20096336)

Sikh Tonkshriya boy 33 yrs, 5'-7", B.Com., USA Greencard holder, seeking fair and well educated girl, 82839-69844, 82839-79843. (CL20095567)

Sikh Tonkshriya boy 11.08.1990, 8:30 am, Khamma, 5'-8", MCA, Software Engineer Mohali, 11 LPA. Wants professional qualified girl. 98884-05049. (CL20096777)

**KAMBOJ**

SM for handsome clean shaven Kamboj Sikh boy, Jun 1990 born, 6 ft. MS Comp Sci., working in Microsoft, USA, having urban and rural property in Punjab. Belongs to cultured and educated family. Elder sister married and settled in USA. Seeks beautiful, tall and educated girl. PR/ work permit preferred. Share complete bio data with photo on WhatsApp No. 99882-41027. (CL20094612)

Kamboj Sikh boy, 199/ 5'-7", B.Sc. Hospitality and Hotel Management, MBA (HR) from India, work permit applied after study in Canada. Preferred Indian/ Canadian educated girl. Marriage bureaus excuse. Phone. 7528805251. (CL20095064)

Match for Hindu Kamboj boy 1986 born, 5'-9", B.Tech, MBA job Delhi, residence Yamuna Nagar, 88514-84353, 90508-71584. (CL20095322)

Kamboj Sikh boy, clean shave, Canada PR, B.Tech (Mech), 1993/ 5'-9", preference to girl already in Canada or from Malwa region. Boy is currently in India for visit. Caste no bar. 90415-35380. (CL20095585)

Match for Sikh Kamboj Mehrokh boy, 5.1.1990, 5'-8", permanent Assistant Professor SIIET. 97807-30025. (CL20095603)

Kamboj Sikh boy, 199/ 5'-8", M.Tech, Software Engineer Canada PR, own house, required well qualified, only Canada PR/ work permit/ study base girl. 98159-62163. (CL20096285)

Canadian PR Kamboj Sikh boy Dec, 1989, 5'-9", Masters of Physiotherapy, Masters in Global Health, Human Sciences, seeks well qualified girl. 98140-57074. (CL20096475)

**MISC.**

SM Ramdasia boy, Nov. 1978, 5'-10". Permanent employee reputed hospital in Chandigarh. Innocent divorcee. No bar. palsurinder3@ yahoo.com 94170-44943. (CL20094728)

Wanted bride for Sikh clean shaved 85 born boy, Ht. 5'-7", Running his own business in abroad. Interested may contact at 75083-27571. (CL20094902)

Match for Manglik Saraswat Khatri (Arora) family from Chd seeks educated match for son 29 yrs, 5'-11", Manglik B.Tech, working in Chd. 16.10.1991, 7.32 a.m. 98784-28821. (CL20094728)

Jat Manglik boy, 1991, 5'-8", Advocate Chandigarh, Property business, Convent educated, only son. No caste bar. 98728-12923. (CL20095134)

Hindu Khatri Engineer Manglik/ Non-Manglik PR Canadian boy (in USA). Seeks Engineer/ well educated girl. 95014-53688. (CL20095863)

Suitable match for Ramgarhia Sikh family cleanshave Manglik boy 20.12.1991, 5:30 am, 5'-9", B.Com Jalandhar. Own business. Contact: 98140-40662. (CL20095873)

Manglik/ Non-Manglik vegetarian Mai Raiput boy 5'-8"/ 1986, Ludhiana, job IT Company, Mohali. 60,000 pm. 98766-83484. (CL20096681)

**WIDOWER**

Needed widow life partner hale & hearty 60-65, no liability, educated for 70 years widower, no liability. Living alone. Owns car, handsome income. Tricity preferred. 98725-55585. (CL20096448)

Match for Jain boy, 19.2.1985, 10:25 pm, Mukerian, goadi Gaddiya, 5'-7", own business. Required well educated girl, other caste considerate 85879-70115, 98108-60278. (CL20095483)

Educated match without liability for Hindu Khatri widower 69+. Monthly pension 4500/-, Contact: 70095-91273. (CL20095702)

Match for widower Rajput, Age 4 (looks 38), height 5'-6". Required widow/ divorcee issueless. Preferred Himachal/ Punjab. 7901712565. (CL20095958)

Amritsar based tall educated established 50 Brahmin Widower seeks life companion preferably issueless no bar. 79735-85046. (CL20096147)

Match for Jat Sikh widower, 42 years, 2 kids. Urban/rural property. Established businessman. Contact: +918760-52991. (CL20096800)

**DOCTORS/ENGINEERS**

PQM 4 h'some SC boy 29, 5.85", MS, (IT) Engineer in New York seeks US working girl, caste/religion no bar. WhatsApp: 99536-12328, #vijaymohan07@hotmail.com (CL2009581)

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Match for November 86 born, Ravidasia, 5'-6", Software Architect in MNC, having decent package, belongs Doaba status family residing Urban Estate Patiala. Whatsapp 797389057. (CL20094596)

Suitable match for fair, teetotaller Aggarwal boy, Nov. 78, 5'-8", DNB (Anesthesia), divorcee. Status family. 98143-67196. (CL20094915)

Wanted MD/ MS girl for Ludhiana Native Aggarwal Doctor boy, doing MCH Surgical oncology from Govt. College 4th Nov, 87, Barnala 1535 hours, 5'-7". Upper caste no bar. 9731-33614, WhatsApp: 98741-91720. (CL20094917)

SM for turbanned Sikh fair, Parjapai boy, non-trimmer, non-drinker, 5'-9", Dec. 1988 born, PCMS-I MS Surgery, Surgeon in Panjab Govt. Caste no bar. 73474-33758. (CL20095143)

MD, MS, MCh, DM match for Hindu Chauhan Rajput boy, MS General Surgeon, 1 June 1988, time 6:52 pm, 5'-11" in Govt. hospital Chandigarh. Tricity preferred. Contact: 95289-49218. (CL20095234)

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**Parjapati Sikh boy Nov. 1988, 5'-10", B.Tech, Pharmacy Technician PR Canada looking for beautiful educated girl, 98154-02919. (CL20095641)**

**US settled suitable match for handsome Sikh Khatri boy, 27%, 5'-8", MS (CS) USA. Software Engineer in renowned US based company, excellent salary, H1B Visa. Professionally working, educated family. Caste no bar. Contact WhatsApp +12566000786, +9180546-0046 (CL20095644)**

**Canadian PR Software professional Gursikh Saini boy, 29, 5'-10", Masters Degree from Canada. Girl must be educated professional and living in Canada. Elder brother & bhabhi well settled Canadian Citizen. Contact: +91-99154-96275. (CL20095661)**

**Verma boy B.Tech (IT), MBA, UK PR, divorce, now in India. 94635-78661. (CL20095696)**

**Canadian PR Aggarwal family boy Chandigarh based, 1994 (5'-11"), handsome complete Mechanical Engg. from Canada presently doing job in MNC company Toronto and owns IT company in Canada, looking girl from Aggarwal, Sharma and Arora families. 98145-88234. (CL20095708)**

**Well qualified slim minimum 5'-6" match for highly educated 1990, 5'-10", Australian citizen Khatri boy, only Khatri or Jat Sikh preferred. 99158-39595. (CL20095714)**

**Match for Khatri Manglik divorcee boy in Canada. 15.1.1990, 12:00 p.m., 5'-11", looking girl in Canada. 98159-78537. (CL20095724)**

**Gursikh Khatri boy, 5'-11", 1987, B.Tech, Canada citizen, doing job. Girl preferred Surrey area. 98155-86148. (CL20095727)**

**Punjabi Saini cleanshaver boy Canadian citizen 35/5'-9", B.Pharma divorcee interests seek girl in Canada, upper caste no bar. 94634-50284. (CL20095733)**

**Suitable match for Indian (Chandigarh, Punjab), Australian Citizen, Master Information Systems, 1980, 5'-8", Ramdasi Sikhs. Divorcee. Have children in shared care with ex-wife. Father Class-I Gazetted Officer (Retired). Preferred Chandigarh, Mohali or nearby. Send biodata with photo. E-mail: ranjeetcoburg@gmail.com (CL20095757)**

**Match for Saraswat Brahmin two boys, 30, 5'-8", job Five Star Hotel in Dubai. (2) 27, 5'-7", job Five Star Hotel Dubai. Contact only NRI. 98885-15164, 83602-10375. (CL20095895)**

**Suitable match for Ramgarhia boy, 29/ 5'-9", Mechanical Engineer, PR in Canada. 95271-8422. (CL20095927)**

**SM 4 very handsome Punjabi Canadian Citizen issues divorcee, businessman, 39/ 6'-1", looks younger. Parents Delhi based father businessman welcome life 25.7@gmail.com (CL20096008)**

**Match for SC (Manglik) handsome boy 28.11.1990, 2.44 p.m. Jalandhar, 6'-2", B.Tech. Biotechnology, PG Diploma Business Management Canada. PR applied, working in reputed firm Toronto. Preferred Canada girl. 98140-79851. (CL20096021)**

**Suitable match for two Aggarwal boy 23, 28, Australia PR. Preferred Australia & Canada PR girl. Caste no bar. 99158-63777. (CL20096027)**

**Looking a girl for Punjabi family, Oct. 1991 born, 5'-9" boy. Boy is Canadian PR holder, employed in Amazon, Bachelor in Computer Science, PG Diploma in Colou Computing and Big Data. Contact: 84274-11220, nirmalsingh\_pnb@yahoo.in Girl working in Canada will be preferred. (CL20096089)**

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## SITUATION VACANT

**Staff Required: Sarvhitkari Vidya Mandir (CBSE) Bhikhi, Panjab Shish Vatika In-Charge, PGT Mathematics, PGT Physical Education, Art and Craft Teacher. Send resume immediately. Salary negotiable. Contact: 98153-42457. (Principal). Email: svmbcbsbhikhi@gmail.com (CL20094660)**

**Staff required: S. Chetan Singh Sarvhitkari Sr. Sec. Vidya Mandir Mansa. (Affiliated to CBSE). PGT - Mathematics, Physics, TGT - English, Science, Librarian. Send resume immediately. Salary negotiable. Contact: 98720-82604 (Principal) Email: svmbcbsbhikhi@gmail.com (CL20094666)**

**Marketing Manager, Visa Counsellor, IELTS & PTE Trainers & Telecaller required at Skylark Immigration, SCO-6, 1st & 2nd Floor, Leela Bhawan, Patiala. +91-9850900013. (CL20094714)**

**BGSBUST Sr Sec. School, Khadur Sahib, Dist. Tarn-Taran-14311. Requires qualified teachers for English PRT (3), Punjabi PRT (2), Maths PRT (2), Maths TGT (2), Science TGT (2), Biology PGT (1) and DP (1). Attractive salary. Apply before 28 Feb. 2021. E-mail: bgsbust.school@yahoo.com Contact No. 62613-31296, 70875-4789. (CL20094744)**

**Required PGT in Chemistry, Maths, Physics & Biology, heights Academy in Hoshiarpur and Gurdaspur Distt., 94178-07780, 87600-00071, heightsacademy12@gmail.com (CL20094774)**

**California Public School Moga Punjab (affiliated to CISCE) required immediately Senior Coordinator (PG in English or Science) Salary: 30000-40000. PGTs: Physics, Chemistry, English, History, Political Science, Commerce, Computer salary 25000-35000. TGTS: Geography, Maths, English, History, Salary: 20000-25000, PRTs: English, Maths, S.S. & Art and Craft. KG Teachers, KG Coordinator: Trainers: Abacus, IELTS French, Martial Art Coaches: Football, Basketball, Hockey, Athletics. Experienced and fluent in English only need to apply. Qualification as per CISCE. Walk-in interview and demonstration on any working day between 10 am- 12:30 pm after an appointment 98783-07686, 88725-99400, apply on californiapublic.singh@gmail.com (CL20095733)**

**Required contractual Teachers & Activity Teacher/special Educator required: Qualifications: Graduation with B.Ed/D.Ed/NTT. Fluency in spoken English and computer knowledge. Knowledge of Playway Activities. Age: Minimum/maximum age 25/52 years. Salary: Monthly salary Rs. 18,000/- Selection Methodology: Selection will be through panel interview for which only shortlisted candidates meeting all criteria based on qualifications and experience will be called. Application Forms: Available in SAPPS Chandimander from 15 Feb. 2021 and on School Website: www.sappschm.com Last date for receipt of applications: 27 Feb. 2021. School Management reserves all rights of selection/rejection. 0172-2589033. (CL20096491)**

**Shahed Bhagat Singh International School, affiliated to CBSE urgently requires qualified KG and Art & Craft Teachers with excellent English communication skill. Attractive salary for deserving candidates. Attend interview on 14th Feb. 2021 (Sunday) 10:30 am onwards. Email: sbisbats@gmail.com Contact 70878-39999 (between 10 am - 5 pm). (CL20096480)**

**Mahani Gurmant Dass Memorial College of Pharmacy, Anup Nagar, Opp. Gian Jail Singh Engineering College, Dabwali Road, Bathinda. Contacts: 98724-06457, Email: collegework524@gmail.com w.e.f Session 2020-21. Walk in interview for the following post on 15.02.2021, Monday. Urgently required: Applications are invited for the Lecturer. Qualification: B.Pharma, M.Pharma. As per AICTE and PCI norms. (CL20096491)**

**Shivalik Public School, Jaitu (Faridkot) CBSE, urgently requires following trained professional with excellent academic records PGTs: Mathematics, Chemistry, English, Economics, History, TGT- Science, S.St, English, Computer Science. Primary teachers, Dance teacher and Lab Technician, Co-ordinator Kindergarten. Salary scale: PGT (15000 - 30000), TGT (13000 - 25000), PRT (8000 - 10000). Candidates based on excellent communication skills will apply within seven days. Email CV at spsjaitu@gmail.com Contact 6280-2030, 90410-30734. (CL20094786)**

**D.A.V. Public School, Ropar Distt. requires teachers in Biology, English, Science, Maths, S. Studies, Hindi, Punjabi, Music, Kindergarten, Fine Arts, Computer, PTI, LDC and Receptionist on purely temporary/ Probation basis. Apply within 10 days. Salary no constraint for deserving candidates. Free transport facility available from Patiala. Contact 70877-18522, 01762-220629. Email: davrajputra@gmail.com (CL20094875)**

**Site Supervisor with some experience for Apartment Project Woods Barog (2.5 km from Kumarhatti), Distt. Solan. Accommodation available Mail C.V. woodsbarg@gmail.com (CL20094904)**

**Requirement staff IELTS trainers, English teacher, Computer and Receptionist at Patiala, Distt. Ludhiana. 75887-11535, 94644-75860. (CL20095032)**

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**Urgently required MD Medicine, General Surgeon, Orthopedic Surgeon, Pediatrician, Gynecologist, ENT, Dermatologist, EMO (MBBS). Preferably Medico couples, accommodation available, remunilation will be best in industry. Contact: S.Nihal Singh Pahwa Charitable Hospital, Ludhiana. 700914-6463, 99148-33048. Send CV: at pahwahospital1@avonsteel.com (CL20096965)**

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**CORIGENDUM**

The on-line tenders for the works invited vide this office N.I.T. No. PWD/BWD/T/A/NIT/2020-21/19805-64 dated 27/01/2021 published vide R.O. No. 5383/2020-2021(Classified) dated 29/01/2021 in Weekly Giriraj Shimla for which the downloading is now 24/02/2021 at 10:30 AM and submission of bid is 05/03/2021 at 11:30 AM and the Technical bid shall be opened on dated 05/03/2021 at 03:00 PM. The NIT on revised format may be read as attached.

**ON BEHALF OF GOVERNOR OF H.P.**

Executive Engineer, HPPD Division, Bhawarna,  
Pin-176083, Tel: 01894-24777  
e-mail: eepwd-bhaw-hp@gov.in  
HIM SUCHANA AVAM JAN SAMPAK

**CORIGENDUM NOTICE**

In partial correction to notice published earlier by HPPTCL (Himachal Pradesh Power Transmission Corporation Limited) in Amar Ujala on dated 02/01/2021 and in 'The Tribune' on dated 03/01/2021 in respect of 'Disclosure of Tariff Petition for 220 KV D/C Charot-Banala Transmission Line' filed by Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission for the period COD (24.07.2019) to FY 2023-24'.  
2. Proposed charges for the Control Period may be read as under:

Particulars	FY 20 Proj.	FY 21 Proj.	FY 22 Proj.	FY 23 Proj.	FY 24 Proj.
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2 Capacity (MW)	106.45	106.45	106.45	106.45	106.45
3 Transmission Charges (Rs/MW/Month)	75533	111799	109166	106540	103919

All other information shall remain unchanged.

General Manager (Projects),  
HPPTCL, Shimla - 05.

DPR/HP/734

**MAHARAJA AGRASEN MEDICAL COLLEGE, AGROHA (HISAR) HARYANA - 125 047****E-Tender Notice****(Installation of Fully Automatic ESR Analyzer )**

E-Tender is invited for installation of Fully Automatic ESR Analyzer at Maharaja Agrasen Medical College, Agroha (Hisar). Details may be seen at <https://etenders.hry.nic.in/nicgep/app>

Tender ID:- 2021\_HRY\_159703\_1

SD/- Dy. Med. Suptd.

DI-20294

DPR/HP/735

Signature of the applicant  
Name of the applicant  
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# Desperate gamble

India opt for rank turner, despite struggling against spin in first Test

CHENNAI, FEBRUARY 12 India, desperate after losing the first Test, have decided to go for the jugular by opting for a spicy turner against a well-prepared England in the second Test, which starts here tomorrow. Preparing a rank turner is a big gamble which can hurt the home team too, which Virat Kohli would be aware of, as defeat would cost them a spot in the World Test Championship (WTC) final.

After heroics in Australia, India suffered a sobering 227-run defeat in the first Test, which must have shaken a complacent team out of its stupor ahead of three high-stake Tests. It is the perfect stage for India's mercurial skipper Virat Kohli, who loves to bring his A game to the fore when the chips are down.

With the crowd back inside the stadium, ready to egg him on, something he thrives on, the captain would be eyeing a good slugfest against a very resolute opposition. India need to win two Tests and not lose any in this series to make the WTC final.

## No James, Archer

England will have a new wicketkeeper in Ben Foakes and Stuart Broad will replace James Anderson as part of the team's workload management. Also in the mix is Moeen Ali, a long-time nemesis of India, likely to replace Dom Bess, the top wicket-taker in the first innings of the first Test. Jofra Archer's elbow injury might lead to the inclusion of bowling all-rounder Chris Woakes. "Jofra is a slight setback but hopefully he is fit and ready for the third Test,"



Virat Kohli would be under pressure to perform. PHOTO: BCCI

“Yeah, it looks completely different. I am sure it will turn from Day 1... But again, as I said before the first Test match, you have to wait and see how it plays in the first session and take it from there,” Ajinkya Rahane

skipper Joe Root said today.

## Early turn

A look at the newly-laid Chepauk track, dark in colour, indicates that unlike the strip used in the first Test, this one will offer turn early. “Yeah, it looks completely different. I am sure it will turn from Day 1... But again, as I said before the first Test match, you have to wait and see how it plays in the first session and take it from there,” vice-captain Ajinkya Rahane said today.

Ravichandran Ashwin will need a lot of support from the other end in terms of both restrictive and attacking options. A fit-again Axar Patel is the closest to being a like-for-like replacement for an injured Ravindra Jadeja,

and his Test debut looks imminent. However, Kuldeep Yadav, who last played a Test two years ago, would fancy his chances of getting into the XI, for he is a better attacking option than Washington Sundar. However, on a rank turner where batting becomes important, all-rounder Hardik Pandya can come into the mix. The 20-year-old Sundar currently doesn't seem good enough to play as a specialist third spinner. Yadav is an excellent option, but the team management's continued reluctance to play him is an indication of its lack of faith in him.

Pandya, on the other hand, might just be able to score quick runs against the spinners and bowl eight-ten overs, the likely maximum required from a pacer on a spinning pitch.

## Toss crucial

The toss will be very crucial and even the pitch turns square, Kohli will look to bat first and expect Rohit Sharma to go beyond the two or three pretty shots that he has been contributing in recent times. He would have to give the team a big score, which it desperately needs from him.

Kohli gave a masterclass on how to play reverse-swing in the first Test but he needs the others to stand up, too. Whether it's Cheteshwar Pujara or Ajinkya Rahane or Rishabh Pant, the skipper will need support to keep his team's chances alive of booking a flight to London. — Agencies

## I won't give you masala on captaincy: Rahane

CHENNAI: When he faced the media in a video-conference today, Ajinkya Rahane had a fair idea that a question about his indifferent form would pop up. He met the challenge head-on with a never-seen-before aggression. “See we are playing at home after two years. Our last home series was against South Africa. If you take (the scores of that series) out, you will find something over there,” Rahane answered in third person with a deadpan expression, referring to his scores of 59 and 115 against South Africa in that series in 2019. He has scored 1,002 runs in his last 15 Test matches. “It's all about the team and not the individual and my focus is how can I contribute for the team. If you take out the last 10-15 Test matches, you will see some runs over there,” he said. “I don't need to think about

what's happening on the outside.” Rahane, for a change, was not ready to take a backward step when faced with difficult questions. When a scribe asked him if the “drooping shoulders and negative body language” in the first Test were due to a change in captaincy, he was far from amused. “There are moments when you don't have that energy but that doesn't mean that it has happened because of a change in captaincy. As I have said earlier, Virat is our captain and will remain our captain,” Rahane said testily. “If you are trying to dig in and find some ‘masala’ (controversy), unfortunately you will not get it. Look, body language can be a bit down at times and the wicket was such in the first two days, it could be because of that. There could be many reasons.” AGENCIES, TNS

## Djoker survives



Novak Djokovic receives medical attention during his match. REUTERS

fans clear out but many left slowly and grudgingly. Some booted and shouted for refunds on their tickets.

Djokovic ended up completing victory some 20 minutes after midnight and his roars of triumph echoed around the arena.

He was proud to survive but unsure whether he could continue his bid for a record-extending ninth title at Melbourne Park.

“I know it's a tear, definitely, I don't know if I'll manage to recover from that in two days,” he said.

## Serena through

Serena Williams roared back from 3-5 down in the opening set to overcome Russian Anastasia Potapova 7-6(5) 6-2. The American will next face in-form Belarusian Aryna Sabalenka. — Reuters

## MAJOR RESULTS

**MEN:** Dominic Thiem bt Nick Kyrgios 4-6 4-6 6-3 6-4; Felix Auger Aliassime bt Denis Shapovalov 7-5 7-5 6-3; Alexander Zverev bt Adrian Mannarino 6-3 6-3 6-1.

**WOMEN:** Simona Halep bt Veronika Kudermetova 6-1 6-3; Naomi Osaka bt Ons Jabeur 6-3 6-2; Iga Swiatek bt Fiona Ferro 6-4 6-3.

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STAR SPORTS

Fans were advised well in advance that they would need to leave the arena at 11:30pm, half an hour before Melbourne entered a snap lockdown at midnight today to contain a fresh outbreak of Covid-19. Play was suspended in the fourth set of Djokovic's match to have

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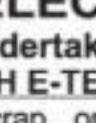
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## IN PARLIAMENT



## Deepender accuses govt of doublespeak

Congress leader Deepender Singh Hooda on Friday attacked the Modi government in the Rajya Sabha and said Budget proposals were inconsistent with the ideals the Centre claimed to represent. He said while the government never got tired of flaunting its admiration for the defence forces, the allocation for the pension of defence personnel saw a drop (compared to FY 2020-21) in the Budget. "The government talked of becoming 'aatmanirbhar' in research and development, but the allocation for scientific research has dropped," Deepender pointed out. TNS

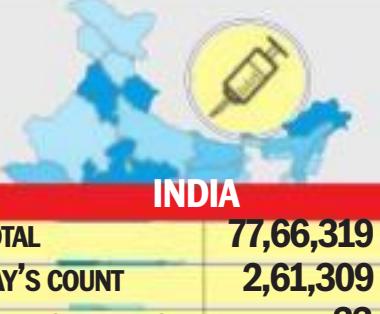
## See merit while admitting PILs: Law Minister

Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad on Friday appealed to courts to examine which public interest litigation (PIL) to admit and said a competition was underway in the country to file PILs. Prasad said this while replying to a debate before the passage of the Bill replacing the Arbitration Council Amendment Ordinance 2020 which seeks to make India a hub of arbitration besides welcoming arbitrators of any nationality. TNS

## Irani apprises LS of pension schemes for women

Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani on Friday apprised the Lok Sabha of the three pension schemes being implemented by the Centre for the destitute women across all states and union territories. IANS

## COVID-19 VACCINATION



## 410L vax doses ordered: Govt

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 12 The government today told Parliament that it had placed supply orders for 410 lakh doses of both Serum Institute's Covishield and Bharat Biotech's Covaxin for the national inoculation drive. "These orders are sufficient for the ongoing vaccination drive to cover healthcare workers and frontline workers," the government said. —TNS

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# Startup boom: Ninefold rise in patent applications in 3 yrs

Maharashtra gets maximum requests, Chandigarh leads in North

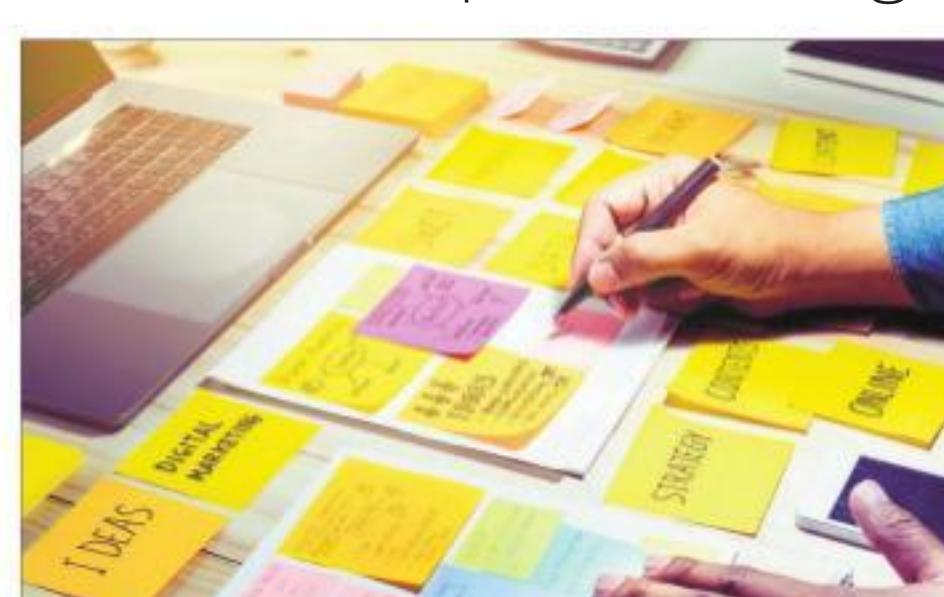
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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 12

The Indian startup sector is booming with a ninefold rise in the number of patent applications filed by new firms over the last three years.

Domestic startups filed 1,824 requests for patents in 2019-2020 as against 207 in 2016-2017. Individual patent applications also surged, though the pace of growth was not as sharp as for startups. Individual patents filed in India were 15,550 in 2017 and rose to 20,844 through 2019-2020.

Official data show Maharashtra leading the startup boom with maximum patent applications filed from the state last year — 774 out of 1,824 nationally. In the north, Chandigarh led the startup innovation with 89 patent requests as



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against 54 by Haryana, three by Himachal Pradesh, four by Jammu and Kashmir and 22 by Punjab.

Among individual patients, Punjab was the regional leader in 2019-

2020 with 1,435 applications as against Chandigarh's 171, Haryana's 672, Himachal's 141 and Jammu and Kashmir's 45.

Nationally, Maharashtra led in individual patents

filed last year — 4,741 out of the total 20,844.

Science Minister Harsh Vardhan today said India's global position both in innovations and publications had seen a rising trend over the years with the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2020 ranking India at 48, up from 81 in 2015. India made it to the top 50 in the GII ranking for the first time ever in 2020.

The ministry data further show the number of researchers per million increasing to 255 in 2017 as compared to 110 in 2000.

The Union Budget 2021-2022 provides Rs 50,000 crore for five years for the National Research Foundation (NRF), an autonomous body envisaged to support researchers working across science and technology sectors, especially in universities.



Fire officials at the explosion site in Sattur, Tamil Nadu, on Friday. PTI

## 15 killed, 30 hurt in TN fireworks unit explosion

VIRUDHUNAGAR (TN), FEBRUARY 12

At least 15 workers were killed and 30 injured in an explosion that ripped through a fireworks factory near Sattur in Tamil Nadu on Friday.

The explosion took place when some chemicals were being mixed to produce fireworks at the unit in Achankulam village, said the police.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister K Palaniswami, Gover-

nor Banwarilal Purohit and Congress MP Rahul Gandhi mourned the deaths.

Modi and Palaniswami announced an ex-gratia of Rs 2 lakh each and 3 lakh each to the kin of the deceased from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund and the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund, respectively. Palaniswami, in a statement, said 11 workers were killed on the spot. He has ordered a probe into the incident. —PTI

## Unable to pay school fee, girl dies by suicide

HYDERABAD, FEBRUARY 12

A Class X student, daughter of daily wagers, has died by suicide here after a private school in the city allegedly pestered her to clear the school fee.

Initially, Yashaswini (15) stopped going to school as her parents could not deposit Rs 3,000 in school fee arrears and when she continued to receive phone calls from school, she took the drastic step. Sources said the school staff was allegedly pressuring her to pay the pending dues. Her parents told the police that she was depressed as she was unable to continue her studies. A police official said the girl's parents had not complained of harassment by the school. —TNS

## Centre, 16 states asked to reply to PIL over delay in dues to cane farmers

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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 12

The Supreme Court on Friday asked the Centre and 16 sugarcane-growing states, including Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra, to respond to a PIL seeking a direction for immediate release of Rs 15,683 crore dues to farmers in a time-bound manner.

A Bench led by Chief Justice of India SA Bobde agreed to examine the issue after senior lawyer Sanjay Parikh alleged that due to the delay in payment, farmers were committing suicides.

The 16 states/UTs asked to respond to the petition are Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Punjab, Bihar, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Telangana, Odisha, Goa, Telangana and Puducherry.

The petition also sought a

## Rlys to pay passenger for stolen luggage

New Delhi: The Railways are liable to compensate passengers for stolen luggage, the Supreme Court has said. A Bench headed by Justice DY Chandradhup upheld a compensation of Rs 1.33 lakh awarded to a passenger whose luggage was stolen during her Delhi-Secunderabad journey. TNS

direction to the authorities to take action against defaulting sugar mills.

Parikh explained that the livelihood of over five crore farmers and their dependents involved in cultivating sugarcane in an area of almost 50 lakh hectares was adversely affected due to delay in the payment of dues.

"UP is the worst-affected, where the sugarcane companies owe us at Rs 10,174 crore to farmers," he said.

## SC: No place for custodial violence

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 12

Maintaining that custodial violence has no place in the civilised world, the Supreme Court has refused compounding of offence against two Odisha policemen who had mercilessly beaten a man leading to his death in 1985.

"The custodial violence on the deceased is abhorrent and not acceptable in the civilised society. The offence committed by the accused is a crime not against the deceased alone, but against humanity" said an SC Bench said. —TNS

## 8 killed in Andhra bus accident

AMARAVATI, FEBRUARY 12

Eight persons, including women and children, were killed when a tourist bus fell into a valley near Damuku in Andhra Pradesh's Visakhapatnam district on Friday, the police said. "Rescue operations are under way at the accident site," Visakhapatnam Rural Superintendent of Police B Krishna Rao said. —IANS

## Enhanced pension for death during natural calamities, says AFT

VIJAY MOHAN

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CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 12

The Armed Forces Tribunal has ruled that the next of kin of a soldier who dies while on duty combating natural calamities is entitled to higher pensionary benefits than those applicable to death during routine service.

Closing the case of the widow of a soldier, who lost his life while extinguishing a forest fire on the Indo-China border, the tribunal has directed the Centre to grant her Liberalised Family Pension rather than Special Family Pension that she was getting.

Liberalised Family Pension is equivalent to the last drawn emoluments of the deceased, and is applicable in case where death occurs during operations or other specified field circumstances, whereas Special Family Pension is 60 per cent of the last drawn pay.

Champa Devi's husband, late Naili Surinder Kumar of the Punjab Regiment, was deployed near the China border in the northeast when he died after he was called to assist in extinguishing a forest fire. He died after a tree fell on him.

Though the Army had declared the death a "battle casualty" as per applicable provisions, the office of the Principal Controller of Defence Accounts (Pensions) at Allahabad had rejected her papers saying the death fell in the category of rules which dealt with organised sports and recreation.

Setting aside the rejection order of the accounts branch, the tribunal's Bench comprising Justice Mohammad Tahir and Vice Admiral HCS Bisht held that the death fell in the category of the rules that dealt with deaths arising out of duty during natural calamities, which entitled a widow to Liberalised Family Pension.

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Lt Gen Subramani takes charge of Kharga Corps

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 12

Lieutenant General NS Raja Subramani has been appointed as the General Officer Commanding (GOC) of the Ambala-based Kharga Corps, one of the Army's three strike formations.

He takes over from Lt Gen SS Mahal. On change of guard today, both commanders paid tributes to the martyrs at the Vijay Samark war memorial in Ambala Cantonment. Meanwhile, Lt Gen PS Minhas took over as the GOC of Konark Corps headquartered at Jodhpur from Lt Gen Anil Puri. Prior to this, Lt Gen Mihans, an Armoured Corps officer, was the GOC, Madhya Bharat area, and had earlier commanded the White Tiger Division. —TNS



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