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Sh. Manohar Lal
Chief Minister, Haryana

Rawat steps down as U'khand CM

Promised 'big' responsibility at Centre | Legislature party meet today to pick new face

VIBHA SHARMA

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NEW DELHI, MARCH 9

After days of speculation over the Uttarakhand Chief Minister's future amid rumours among state leaders over his "style of functioning", Trivendra Singh Rawat today tendered his resignation to Governor Baby Rani Maurya in Dehradun. This comes a day after Rawat met senior leaders in Delhi, including party president JP Nadda, and Rajya Sabha MP and BJP's national media in charge Anil Baluni.

Before the resignation, Rawat was closeted with close associates, including ministers Madan Kaushik and Dhan Singh Rawat, who has now emerged as a frontrunner for the post.

Incidentally, Baluni is another name on the long list of probables that includes

WHAT FORCED HIM OUT

- 'Serious discontent' among BJP MLAs and MPs over Rawat's 'style of functioning'
- Observers' report warns of difficulty for BJP to win Assembly poll with Rawat as face
- Concern over discontent 'spilling out in the open' amid ongoing five-state elections

GOLDEN PERIOD

These four years have been golden period of my political career. I had never imagined that the party will give such a big honour to someone like me.

Trivendra Singh Rawat, U'KHAND CM

AMONG 8 CMs WITH CURTAILED TERMS

- Only one of eight U'khand CMs have so far completed five years in office
 - Late Narayan Datt Tiwari is the only one to complete his tenure (2002-2007)
 - Rawat, who took over as CM in March 18, 2017, couldn't even complete 4 years

DHAN, BALUNI FRONT-RUNNERS

State minister Dhan Singh Rawat has emerged as a frontrunner for the CM's post. Others in the race include RS MP Anil Baluni, Union Minister Ramesh Pokhrayal Nishank, state minister Satpal Maharaj, MP Ajay Bhat and BJP general secretary Suresh Bhat

Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhrayal Nishank, state Cabinet minister Satpal Maharaj, Nainital-Udham Singh Nagar MP Ajay Bhat and general secretary of state BJP Suresh Bhat. There is also talk about a Deputy CM

"to assuage all sections and regions" of the state that goes to the polls next year.

While sources said "a name acceptable to all, with elections slated next year, has already been decided", BJP general secretary in charge of

Uttarakhand Dushyant Gautam insisted the decision would be taken at a meeting of legislators tomorrow. He said Rawat "will be given a big responsibility at the Centre".

Addressing mediapersons after the resignation, the out-

going CM thanked the BJP leadership for giving him the opportunity to serve the state. Regarding the resignation, he said all decisions are taken in a "collective manner" in the BJP.

While this is not the first time PM Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah have removed a CM of a BJP-ruled state before the elections — Anandiben Patel was replaced by Vijay Rupani in Gujarat — the situation in Uttarakhand is said to be "more serious". The change has certainly given an opportunity to adversaries, especially the Congress, to strike back with a reminder of the times "BJP engineered trouble" for the Harish Rawat government. Sources said

Shah, Nadda and national general secretary (organisation) BL Santosh discussed

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Covaxin safe, shows minimal side-effect: Lancet Ph-2 trial

NEW DELHI, MARCH 9

In a major boost to the safety profile of Bharat Biotech and ICMR-made Covaxin, the leading medical journal, *The Lancet*, on Tuesday published the Phase-2 trial results of the vaccine, saying it was safe and immunogenic with minimal side-effects.

In a study, *The Lancet — Infectious Diseases Journal* also said the efficacy could only be determined by the Phase-3 trials. However, the interim results of the Phase-3 trials of Covaxin have since been released and the vaccine has shown 81 per cent efficacy.

The research published today involved 380 individuals (children and adults aged between 12 and 65 years) who participated in the Covaxin Phase-2 trials between September 5 and 12, 2020.

Results showed higher (two-fold) neutralising antibodies in the Phase-2 trials as compared to the Phase-1.

Meanwhile, India today crossed a milestone in vaccine delivery by administering over 20 lakh doses in a day even as the daily new cases fell below 16,000 for the first time in four days. Maharashtra,

Daily new cases fall below 16,000 after 4 days

STOCK UP PVT FACILITIES FOR SPEEDY VACCINATION: PMO

New Delhi: The Principal Secretary to PM Narendra Modi on Tuesday directed states to stock up private facilities with vaccine supplies for 15 to 28 days for offering online booking slots to people. TNS

76+VE CASES IN HP'S AKAL ACADEMY IN WEEK

Solan: Baru Sahib-based Akal Academy and two buildings in its precincts at Lana Bhalta village in Sirmour district have been declared containment zones after 76 nursing students tested positive this week. INSIDE

CREW CAN'T FLY FOR 48 HRS AFTER TAKING JAB: DGCA

Kerala, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat and Karnataka continued to report a surge in the daily new cases. — TNS

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IN BRIEF

EC transfers DGP of West Bengal

NEW DELHI: The Election Commission on Tuesday directed transfer of Virendra as the DGP of poll-bound West Bengal with immediate effect and appointed P Nirajnayak in his place. — TNS

Al Badr chief killed in J&K encounter

SIRINAGAR: In a major breakthrough, the security forces killed Abdul Gani Khwaja, self-styled commander of the Al Badr militant outfit, during an encounter in Baramulla district on Tuesday. — PTI

Second Major held in paper leak case

PUNE: The police on Tuesday arrested another Major-rank officer in connection with the February 28 Army recruitment paper leak, an official said. — PTI

ED raids Khaira, others in drugs, fake passport cases

NEW DELHI/JALANDHAR, MARCH 9

Enforcement Directorate (ED) officials today raided several premises of rebel AAP MLA Sukhpal Singh Khaira, his family members and some jailed convicts under provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) in Punjab and Delhi in connection with the 2015 Fazilka narcotics trafficking case and an alleged fake passport case.

Besides Khaira's Chandigarh residence, the ED officials, led by Deputy Director Neha Yadav, searched nine places in Punjab and two in Delhi, including the house of Khaira's son-in-law Inderveer Singh Johal, officials said. The searches began early in the morning and continued late into the night. In Punjab, searches were conducted at Khaira's ancestral Ramgarh



MALKAT SINGH

BID TO GAG MY VOICE

It is an attempt to gag my voice. I have not done anything wrong.
Sukhpal Singh Khaira,
REBEL AAP MLA

village in Bholath (Kapurthala), his personal assistant's house in Kapurthala, and residences of three persons,

SEARCHES ECHO IN HOUSE

In the Assembly, rebel SAD MLA Parminder Singh Dhindsa called it "political intimidation". Cong minister Charanjit Singh Channi sought a resolution to "condemn" the action. PTI

including Rajwinder Kaur, and Bikker Singh (both from Kapurthala) and Harminder Singh

UK envoy summoned over farm law debate

NEW DELHI, MARCH 9

India made its extreme displeasure known over the Monday evening debate on farm laws in British parliament by summoning UK High Commissioner Alexander Ellis to the South Block.

Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla conveyed to Ellis strong opposition to the "unwarranted and tendentious discussion on agricultural reforms in India in British parliament".

The Foreign Secretary made it clear that this represented a gross interference in the politics of another democratic country and advised that British MPs should refrain from practising vote bank politics, said an MEA statement.

On Monday, responding to a two-hour debate in the House of Commons, UK Minister of State Nigel Adams had said

some issues of concern to London would be on the agenda at all high-level UK-India interactions. — TNS



Farmers at Ghazipur border.

GROSS INTERFERENCE

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Ahead of Haryana trust vote, JJP MLA breaks ranks

GEETANJALI GAYATRI

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CHANDIGARH, MARCH 9

On the eve of the Opposition Congress' no-confidence motion against the BJP-JJP Government in Haryana, the ruling alliance today issued a whip to its MLAs to attend the Assembly session even as voices of dissent began rising from the treasury benches while farm groups continued to pressure the legislators to support the motion.

late in the evening, JJP's Devinder Babli demanded that his party withdraw support to the BJP. "We have lost the moral ground to be in power. I will meet our leader and Deputy CM Dushyant Chautala in the morning and urge him to forgo his position



Babli wants support to BJP withdrawn



The NGT order has come on a complaint by an Una resident. FILE

NGT panelled by ex-judge to probe illegal mining in Swan

LALIT MOHAN

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DHARAMSALA, MARCH 9 The National Green Tribunal has constituted an independent five-member committee headed by Justice Jasbir Singh, former Punjab and Haryana High Court judge, to probe alleged illegal mining in the Swan riverbed in Himachal Pradesh's Una.

The panel will also comprise regional officers of the Central

Pollution Control Board, Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), Central Soil and Water Conservation Research Institute (Dehradun) and the Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla. A three-member NGT Bench comprising Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel, Justice Sheo Kumar Singh and expert member Nagin Nanda issued the order on a CONTINUED ON PAGE 11

Oppn stalls Parl, seeks debate on fuel price hike

NEW DELHI, MARCH 9

Both Houses of Parliament saw repeated disruptions today before being adjourned for the day without transacting much business as Opposition MPs created uproar over their demand for a discussion on the rising fuel prices.

In the Rajya Sabha, the Opposition members cited Rule 267 to seek a debate. The demand was rejected by Deputy Chairman Harivansh saying an order issued by Chairman Venkaiah Naidu on Monday still stood. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla adjourned the House till 12 noon and then again till 2 pm as the protesting MPs entered the Well of the House, demanding a rollback of the fuel price hike. — TNS

EDIT: REIN IN FUEL PRICES

For fair polls, use ballot paper: MLAs

Demand a resolution that no election in the state should take place on EVMs



Budget
SESSION

VISHAV BHARTI
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CHANDIGARH, MARCH 9

MLAs from across the parties in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha today demanded a resolution that no election in the state should take place on electronic voting machines.

The issue was raised during the Call Attention by the Lok Insaaf Party's MLA from Ludhiana Simarjeet Singh Bains, when he said his call attention on EVMs

TECHNOLOGY CAN BE MANIPULATED

Every technology, including EVMs, can be manipulated. If election doesn't take place on EVMs, the BJP can't win even a single seat in Punjab. Navjot Singh Sidhu, CONGRESS LEADER



was rejected by the Speaker citing lack of jurisdiction of the state Assembly. He said Under Article 328 of the Constitution, the state government had the right to decide whether it wanted Assembly elections to be conducted via ballot paper or EVM. He said the Seventh Schedule of Constitution gave that right to states.

Bains said using same provisions, the Speaker of the Maharashtra state Assembly had asked the government to bring a Bill to reintroduce ballot papers in elections in Maharashtra. Following that other MLAs joined the issue and supported Bains. Breaking his silence in the Punjab Assembly after a gap of almost two years, former min-

ister Navjot Singh Sidhu said various first world countries had already rejected the use of EVMs. He said with EVMs, people's power to elect their representatives was snatched. He called it the biggest attack on democracy. He said the BJP government had compromised every institution of the country.

Leader of Opposition Harpal Singh Cheema also said it had been established that EVMs could be tampered with. He said their party had already raised the issue in Delhi. In Punjab, he said even children knew that EVMs were fraud and the system should come to

an end. He also demanded resolution of the House against EVMs.

Agreeing to the demand, Shiromani Akali Dal MLA Sharnjeet Dhillon said the BJP government in The Centre was capable of doing anything to remain in power. AAP MLA Kanwar Sandhu said whatever Navjot Singh Sidhu had said about the system of EVMs concluded the whole issue.

When contacted, State Election Commissioner Dr S Karuna Raju expressed inability to comment on the issue as he said he was unaware of the development in the Punjab Assembly.

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Grant to civic bodies linked to property tax from next fiscal

CHANDIGARH, MARCH 9

From the next fiscal (2021-2022), the grant-in-aid to civic bodies will be linked to the recovery of property tax.

The recommendations of the 6th Punjab Finance Commission were tabled in the Vidhan Sabha on Tuesday. The civic bodies have reported only 63 per cent collection of the targeted property tax and that too from 38 per cent of the total taxable properties in the state for 2019-2020. While the recovery from residential properties is 40 per cent, from commercial and industrial properties it's 70 per cent.

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ACCEPTED PROPOSALS OF FINANCE PANEL

- Compensatory payment (for the loss of revenue due to abolition of octroi on power and liquor) to local bodies to continue besides the share in net profit of state's own tax receipt
- Continuation of 16% share in excise duty on IMFL and beer and 10% share in auction from liquor vends and 4% share in the state's net own tax revenue for 2020-21

lowest collection followed by Patiala (57.74).

As per the action taken report on the recommendations, the share of devolution of the grant-in-aid will be linked to implementation of the model property tax (being developed by Local Government Department). The civic bodies shall have to achieve annual buoy-

ancy, at least equivalent to the annual growth in the nominal GDP of the state in the year.

A Group of Ministers, comprising the Finance Minister, Local Government Minister, Rural Development Minister, and Water Supply and Sanitation, would recommend distribution of the grant-in-aid to civic bodies. — TNS

Cong MLAs target own govt, Oppn picks holes in Budget

RUCHIKA M KHANNA
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CHANDIGARH, MARCH 9

Embarassing their own government in the Vidhan Sabha during the Budget debate, at least two MLAs from the treasury benches today accused it of not being able to deal with various "mafias" that have continued to call the shots.

Ajnala MLA Harpartap Singh Ajnala and Amarghar legislator Surjit Singh Dhiman raised the issue of free availability of drugs in the state, prevalence of mafias and poor public facilities in their constituencies. Though the Opposition parties too raised similar issues, it was the questions from treasury benches that caused discomfort among ministers in the House.

Interestingly, as Dhiman continued his tirade against his own government, his mike went silent... to resume only when he said the Budget proposals were praiseworthy.

Opening his party's discussion on the Budget, SAD legislator Bikram Singh Majithia accused Finance Minister Manpreet Singh Badal of fudging figures. He said the state government had tried to hide the fact that they had taken a loan of Rs 8,360 crore, which would actually take the state's

DEVELOPMENT ELUDES BORDER AREAS

Development has eluded the border areas. Schools there do not have enough teachers. In the evening, people in rural areas along the border can be seen looking for intoxicants. Harpartap Singh Ajnala, AJNALA MLA

Surjit Singh Dhiman, AMARGARH MLA

debt to Rs 2.61 lakh crore.

"A lot of proposals announced yesterday — law university, medical colleges and skill university — have already been announced in previous Budgets but nothing has been done on ground. The Hara Tractor Scheme and Apni Gaddi, Apna Rozgar Scheme seem to have been quietly buried," he said, amid repeated interruptions from the treasury benches.

The Finance Minister said a loan of Rs 8,360 crore was availed by the state to get the GST compensation and the Centre was paying its interest. Majithia countered this, saying the loan would still stand in the books of the state government.

"You say the economy has been hit hard by the Covid-19

pandemic, then how has the GSDP grown in your Budget figures? The fact is that the state's debt to GSDP ratio has increased; social sector spending decreased and capital expenditure has come down," he said.

Former Finance Minister Parminder Singh Dhindsa said he was dismayed by the revenue deficit which continues to rise. "The debt is increasing and the rate of economic growth has come down from 8 per cent two years ago to 3.98 per cent now. Little efforts are being made to increase the revenue receipts. The main focus of the government should be on improving the higher education and healthcare facilities, while bringing new excise and mining policies," he said.

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Issue of less relief for land acquisition echoes in House

CHANDIGARH, MARCH 9

The issue of inadequate compensation for land being acquired for the Jammu-Katra Expressway echoed in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha on Tuesday. Members across party lines demanded a special session of the House or a resolution on the issue.

The matter was raised by Simarjeet Singh Bains of the Lok Insaaf Party. Leader of the Opposition Harpal Singh Cheema said the Centre was acquiring arable land of Punjab farmers for the Jammu-Katra Expressway.

"These farmers are dependent on their land for livelihood. However, the government is offering inadequate compensation for acquisition, leading to a resentment among people," said the MLAs.

Earlier, they issued a notice to draw the attention of the House to the matter and to raise the compensation, but the Speaker rejected it. AAP MLAs accused the Speaker of not taking the issue seriously.

SAD MLA NK Sharma and Technical Education Minister Charanjit Singh Channi also supported Bains's demand.

Health Minister Balbir

Singh Sidhu said that there were a number of instances, wherein roads were built in the middle of fertile land and a farmer's land was divided into two parts. He demanded that the House should call a special session or pass a resolution to address the issue.

Giving an assurance in this regard, senior-most minister Brahm Mohindra said that issue would be discussed with the Chief Minister and the government would intervene wherever required. — TNS

Sweet opposition



SAD leaders distribute candies outside the Vidhan Sabha on Tuesday. PHOTO: PRADEEP TEWARI

Sidhu, Channi have House in splits

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CHANDIGARH, MARCH 9

Among the MLAs who took a dig at Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) MLA Bikram Singh Majithia while he spoke on the Budget, his bête-noire and Congress leader Navjot Singh Sidhu reacted the sharpest and had the House in splits with his witty comments.

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Strict norms in place for Hola Mohalla

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354 STAFF NURSES GET JOB LETTERS

Chandigarh: Health and Family Welfare Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu on Tuesday handed over appointment letters to 354 staff nurses and six pharmacy officials. The remaining candidates would get appointment letters soon, he said in a statement. Director, Health Services (Family Welfare), Dr Andesh Kang welcomed the newly appointed staff. TNS

would come to stay at hotels, serais and tent city during festival, she said.

The Deputy Commissioner said the area would be divided into 11 sectors, where mobile testing teams would be deployed.

RT-PCR test would be mandatory for those who

HC questions false implication in matrimonial dispute

SAURABH MALIK

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, MARCH 9 In an unprecedented order liable to send across a stern message to the police and prosecution against false implication of people in matrimonial disputes, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has made it clear that they were liable to furnish an explanation for their actions.

Making it clear that the court could travel beyond just the

quashing of FIRs in such matters and take the police and the prosecution to task, Justice Arvind Singh Sangwan has asked the Faridkot Senior Superintendent of Police, the Deputy District Attorney (Legal) and the investigating officer to file separate affidavits as to how offence was made out against the husband's cousin in the dispute.

"It is made clear that if the affidavits are not filed by the next date of hearing, they

Super-spreader events led to Covid spike in state: Govt

Gatherings at wedding ceremonies, funerals major contributors

NITIN JAIN
TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

LUDHIANA, MARCH 9 At a wedding function of a family from Amritsar in Delhi, 20 members turned Covid-positive out of 35 tested. At a Ludhiana school, 45 were found infected out of 750 tested. At a funeral in Mohali, eight members of a family turned positive out of 15 tested.

These were some of the super-spreader events that led to a spike in Covid cases in Punjab, which is among the six states accounting for over 86 per cent of the total caseload in the country for the past few days, the government has confirmed.

The gatherings at wedding parties, schools, offices, banks, funerals and containment zones are among the major contributors behind the spread of the infection in the state, information compiled by the state Health Department has revealed. Another major contributor to the caseload is the popula-



109-YR-OLD GETS JAB

Abohar: Har Kaur (109) was among 6,496 elderly persons who were inoculated at 85 centres in Sri-ganganagar district on Monday. She was administered the first dose of the Covid vaccine at the Public Health Centre, Banda Colony. oc

<< Har Kaur gets the vaccine shot in Sri-ganganagar.

tion above 50 years, which accounted for maximum 31.4 per cent of the total positive cases reported between February 22 and 28. The second most vulnerable is the 26-40 age group that showed 25.5 per cent infections in the last week of February. The safest age group is less than five years that recorded only 0.5 per cent cases while children in the 5-14 age group reported 8.96 per cent positivity rate in the week between February 26 and March 4. The state Health Department

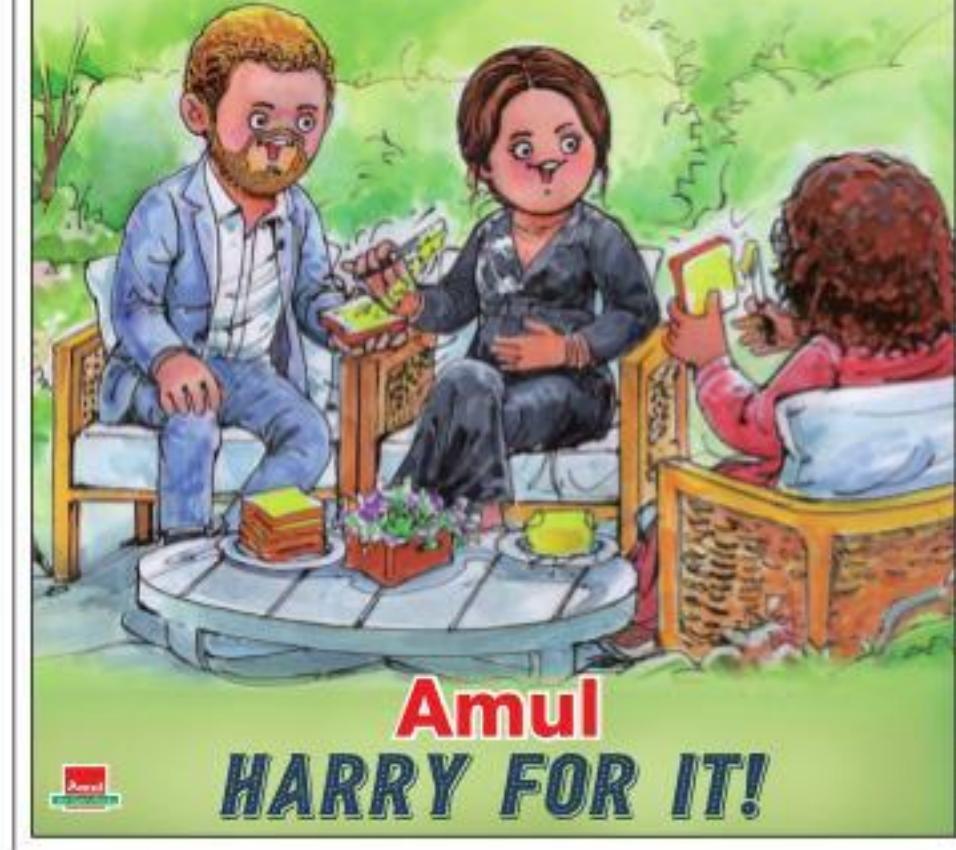
and 25 years of age showed 6.8 per cent cases between February 22 and 28.

Ludhiana was among the nine districts in the state reporting a high incidence of Covid, figures revealed.

While Jalandhar recorded maximum 684 Covid cases with 3.48 per cent positivity rate, Nawanshahr stood second with 625 infections and 8.96 per cent positivity rate in the week between February 26 and March 4. The state Health Department

foresees a sharp spurt in Covid cases in this month. "With the current growth rate, the total cases in the state will touch 40,000-mark by the end of March," said Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, Hussan Lal, adding that the daily cases would double to 2,000 by March 15 and three times to 3,000 per day by March 22. He said the department was fully equipped to tackle the situation.

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Murder case: KCF ex-ultra sent to 3-day police custody

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MOGA, MARCH 9

The police today registered a criminal case under Sections 302, 307, 148, 149 and 120B of the IPC and Sections 25, 27, 54 and 59 of the Arms Act against former Khalistan Commando Force (KCF) militant Gurinder Singh Ghali, his wife Karamjit Kaur, Jagdeep Singh alias Jagga, Pal Singh, Gurjot Singh, Mandeep Singh, Ashoka and at least five other persons hailing from Bathinda district at the Kot-ise-Khan police station in Moga district, SHO Lakhwinder Singh said.

Gurinder Singh Ghali, along with his accomplices, allegedly shot dead his sister-in-law Harwinder Kaur, who along with her husband Karanjit Singh, was coming from Amritsar to appear in a local court in connection with a case filed by Ghali against them.

The SHO said Ghali was produced before a judicial

court on Tuesday evening. The court sent him to three-day police custody for further investigation. "We will now interrogate the accused to find out from where he got the weapon to commit the crime," the SHO added.

In reply to a question, the SHO said the persons who accompanied Ghali to commit the crime were yet to be arrested. "We will also ask Ghali to reveal the names of unidentified persons and addresses of the persons who helped him in the crime," the SHO said.

HC to examine if deportation can be ordered without hearing

CHANDIGARH, MARCH 9 The Punjab and Haryana High Court on Tuesday stayed the deportation of an Indian by birth, but citizen of another country. The Bench, in the process, made clear its intent to examine whether expulsion for "overstaying" could be ordered without hearing on the ground that his Indian citizenship stood automatically terminated.

The direction by the Bench of Justice Rajan Gupta and Justice Karamjit Singh came on a petition by Jugraj Singh and his wife against the Union of India and other respondents. His counsel submitted the petitioner contacted a travel agent two decades ago to go to the USA, but was duped and sent to Kenya. As he was forced to reside in Kenya, he had to apply for Kenyan citizenship and passport. It was issued to him with validity up to December 21, 2019. There-

after, he visited India a number of times as he wanted to retain his original Indian nationality.

He entered India in February 2015 with a view to return permanently and was residing with his family since then. But his Indian citizenship stood automatically terminated following the grant of Kenyan citizenship.

His counsel added Indian citizenship was required to be restored as the petitioner was born in India and was permanent resident of Ferozepur district. He

approached the Foreigners Regional Registration Officer, Bureau of Immigration, with a representation. But reply was not received. On January 18, the Ferozepur police served a notice asking him to leave India as he was considered an overstaying foreigner. He was, as such, likely to be deported.

The counsel added the action would be violative of Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution as opportunity of hearing was not afforded before the decision. Section 9(2) of the Citizenship Act, did, envisage opportunity of hearing before decision.

Accepting the notice, the counsel for the Union and other respondents submitted she would seek instructions and find out about the petitioner's antecedents. Before parting, the Bench gave her the liberty to seek instructions from the intelligence agencies, if necessary. —TNS

ASI arrested on extortion charge in Faridkot

FARIDKOT, MARCH 9

The police in Kotkapura have arrested an assistant sub-inspector (ASI) of the Muktsar police for his alleged involvement in an extortion racket.

The racket kingpin is allegedly a Canada-based son of ASI Shamsher Singh. The accused has been booked under Sections 387 and 506 of the IPC. The ASI allegedly used to recruit potential victims and then passed on that information to his son Satinder Singh, alias Goldy Brar.

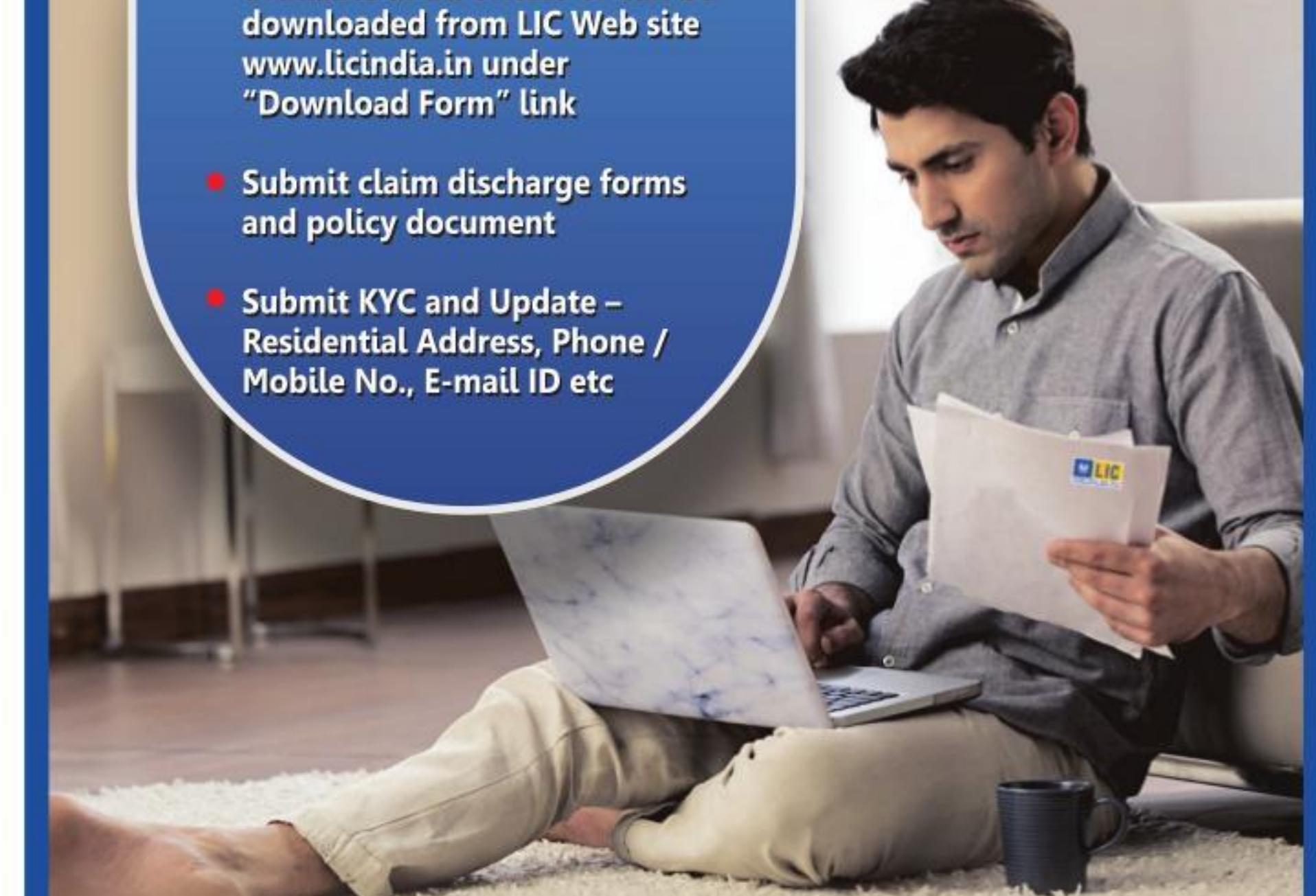
Satinder would then make WhatsApp calls or send text messages to extort money. According to the FIR registered by the Kotkapura police, the father-son duo had also involved some relatives in the racket.

In the latest case, the accused had made an extortion call to a Kotkapura chemist demanding Rs 25 lakh. The CIA wing of the Faridkot police has already obtained two-day remand of Shamsher Singh. —TNS

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Book officials for tree felling: Sangrur residents

SANGRUR, MARCH 9

Axing of fully grown trees in the Patiala gate area by some PWD officials "without" the permission of the Nagar Council has drawn flak from residents.

They have sought the registration of an FIR against the officials for damaging the green cover of the city. According to information, some trees on the opposite side of Kali Mata Temple in the Patiala gate area have been axed in the past few days. However, the PWD officials said the step had been taken for road widening. "The road is already wide and has pavements on both sides," said advocate Dasvir Singh Dalle.



Residents have announced to launch an agitation against the PWD officials and Sangrur administration if the authorities failed to take any action. "Several fully grown trees have been cut in the city

for road projects. However, no plantation drive has ever been carried out after that. PWD officials are misusing government money to lay unnecessary interlocking

tiles and damaging the environment," said Avtar Ealwal, an AAP leader. Executive Officer (EO), Nagar Council, Ramesh Kumar said although they had handed over the Patiala gate road work to the PWD, the latter should have taken permission before axing the trees.

However, SDO, PWD, Ajay Garg said since the Nagar Council had issued them a no-objection certificate for the road widening, there was no need to take permission again. "If Nagar Council officials have any doubts, we are ready to clarify. We have already deposited Rs 1.89 lakh in treasury as per the assessment of the forest department," he said. —TNS

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Rein in fuel prices

Reduce excise duty to provide relief to consumers

EVEN as the Opposition has upped the ante against the NDA government over the skyrocketing fuel prices, oil marketing companies have desisted from hiking petrol and diesel rates over the past 10 days or so. This lull after the storm has coincided with the announcement of the Assembly elections in four states and a union territory. Speculation is rife that the Centre, finding itself on a sticky wicket, might have nudged the oil firms to freeze the prices for a while. With taxes accounting for the bulk of the retail selling price of petrol and diesel, fuel taxation is a major money-spinner for the government. Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan told Parliament on Monday that the tax collected on these two fuels was Rs 52,537 crore in 2013; it rose to Rs 2.13 lakh crore in 2019-20 and reached nearly Rs 3 lakh crore in the first 11 months of the ongoing financial year — a five-fold increase in less than eight years.

The government has managed to make its coffers swell through thick and thin, but it has been a no-win situation for the consumer all along. Between November 2014 and January 2016, the excise duty on petrol and diesel was raised on nine occasions to cash in on the plummeting global oil prices. In March last year, the disruptions caused by the outbreak of the pandemic were cited for imposing a stiff hike in taxes so as to prop up the tottering economy. Now, with the firming of prices in the global oil market, the masses are again at the receiving end.

It's the fear of electoral setbacks more than the plight of the common man that might prompt the government to take drastic action soon. According to a report prepared by a leading brokerage firm, the budgetary target of tax collection of Rs 3.2 lakh crore can be achieved even if excise duty on petrol and diesel is cut by Rs 8.5 per litre on or before April 1. This should give the government another reason to do the needful and pacify the hapless populace before it's too late.

Plans for crop diversification

Allocation not enough, but a step in the right direction

WHILE the Punjab Budget avowedly has the welfare of farmers on its agenda, the allocation of Rs 200 crore for crop diversification is only a tentative step towards reducing the state's dependence on the wheat-paddy cycle. The Rs 7,180 crore allocated for free power and the Rs 1,712-crore loan waiver spell out the priorities of the state government. Horticulture gets Rs 361 crore while Rs 40 crore has been allocated for crop residue management, besides an assured base price for kinnar and potato — the glut of which has seen farmers dump stock on highways — and payment of deficiency price as compensation to offset the loss of producers. The state government has cited the 'rigidity of the Union Government in passing three farm laws' as the reason for its largesse.

Official word will be awaited on the cycle of sowing paddy which has been pushed back to conserve groundwater and the delayed harvesting and the resultant stubble burning which causes pollution in Delhi-NCR. Whether the use of technology has led to an improvement in the depleting groundwater level and its contamination will also have to be ascertained. When it comes to crop diversification, the state also needs to tread with caution on account of scams in the past involving agencies like the Council of Citrus & Agro-Juicing and the Organic Farming Council of Punjab that were accused of misappropriating government funds. Also, the schemes were alleged to have covered less land than envisaged in the scheme.

The agriculture sector has served as a cushion for the economy, helping it absorb the shock of the pandemic and the lockdown while the manufacturing and services sectors were among the worst hit. While it may make political sense for the government not to rock the boat unnecessarily, it needs to keep its focus on making agricultural practices sustainable. Crop diversification has to be based on need and scope. A pragmatic approach that keeps the interest of farmers in view by offering them choices based on local conditions will encourage them to decide what is good for them.

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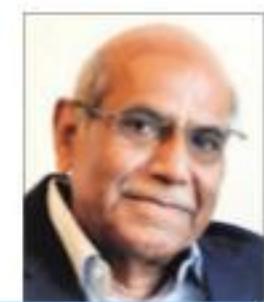
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Behar Executive Council.

ONE of the most indefensible things done by the Executive Government in the carrying out of the Government of India Act has been to retain two European members in the Behar Executive Council as against one Indian member. This is contrary to the recommendations of the Joint Committee, and the plain intention of the Act itself, and public opinion all over the country has already condemned the arrangement with singular unanimity and emphasis. And now it has been condemned by the Legislative Assembly itself. At the meeting of the Assembly, a resolution was moved by a non-official member recommending that the European element in the Behar Council be reduced on the retirement of the senior European member. The resolution was, on the face of it, a compromise, but even so it was opposed on behalf of the Government. Sir William Vincent, speaking on the resolution, emphasised that the retention of two Europeans had the concurrence of Lord Sinha and was a temporary measure, as none of the Indian Councillors had practical experience of administration, and gave the assurance that the arrangement would be reexamined on the retirement of the senior European member. The assurance did not go far enough and the arguments were far from convincing. How could Lord Sinha of all men be expected to oppose a proposal, the obvious object of which was to equalise the European and the Indian element in that part of his Government which is concerned with the administration of the reserved subject? If the measure was a temporary one, why had no declaration to that effect been made? And did the fact that it was temporary mean that it was to continue so long as the Province had an Indian Governor? What did it matter if the Indian members had no administrative experience? What are the permanent officials for?

Echo chamber of governance

There must be receptivity to positive as well as negative feedback



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FOR any modern government, strategic communication is the key to ensuring that it is able to convey to citizens its policies, the rationale behind them, create public awareness about the issues and mobilise public opinion behind the intended policies. Strategic communication is not a one-way street. The government machinery must have the capacity to receive feedback on public reaction to its policies, monitor implementation and make changes as may be required. Strategic communication is a continuous information loop in which the government and the citizens it serves are in constant and active conversation with one another. This is particularly important in a democracy where governments are accountable to the people and serve their interests. In some ways the Modi government, and in particular the PM himself, have been effective communicators, able to establish a direct and even emotional connect with a large number of ordinary citizens. In launching campaigns such as Swachh Bharat or Ujjwal Bharat, effective messaging has contributed to their relative success. But this messaging is mostly one way. Less attention is given to feedback from citizens, particularly if it is negative. For improved governance, there must be receptivity to positive and negative feedback. Highlighting only the positive and suppressing the negative will, over time, create an echo chamber within which an alternative reality begins to rule.

In a democracy like India, independent civil society, media and academia and an openness to dissent and debate ensures that there is credible and timely



TRANSPARENCY: Governance is a matter of trust between citizens and their governments and trust can only be based on the truth. FILE PHOTO

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ly feedback on government policies and their implementation. The government may claim that it has its own feedback mechanisms. Even the political party machinery at different levels may perform this role. However, those within the government are unlikely to acknowledge their own shortcomings or convey negative news to the political leadership for fear of being put in the dock. When things go wrong, bureaucrats become the favourite whipping boys and we saw that happen recently. Party functionaries, including senior ministers, may not wish to convey messages they believe may alienate the leadership, particularly if the top leader is seen as a powerful figure who could make or break political careers. It is for these reasons that democracies have other influential constituencies which can contribute to a more comprehensive and balanced critique of governmental actions.

An independent media has a critical role to play, as is political opposition and a well informed and equally independent academia. The advantage with such democratic institutions, which are empowered and safeguarded constitutionally, is that the whole range of citizens' feedback is constantly available to the government which

can then make timely revisions. Keeping such channels of feedback not only open, but also receptive to the opinions and insights that they feed back to the government can improve governance. This must not be viewed as a constraint on the government nor should there be an overly sensitive reaction to any criticism. Public opinion, as expressed through a free media and expert opinions from credible professionals in their respective fields, can only help the government in delivering benefits to the populace. If the role of professionals is only to validate what the political leadership's preference is, then sooner or later, we shall run into a dead end. These sources of feedback also serve as an early warning system alerting the government to public resentment against its policies which are best addressed before they become crises. We have a good example of consequences of the failure to do this in the ongoing farmers' agitation.

Governments have tremendous patronage to hand out and there is always the temptation to leverage that into positive coverage for preferred policies or to camouflage their shortcomings or failures. This is self-defeating. Governance is a matter of trust between citizens and their governments and

trust can only be based on the truth. This is also important in foreign relations. The most valuable asset a diplomat has is the credibility he enjoys with his interlocutors and such credibility reflects that of the country he represents. Having successfully deceived someone or gained advantage by being economical with the truth may work sometimes, but eventually undermines national interests.

It is in this context that one views with concern some recent trends in our country. A significant section of Indian media, which has a justifiable reputation of being professional, fiercely independent and investigative, has yielded to the fruits of governmental patronage or the fears of being targeted. Others remain immune and we must be thankful for the role that they are playing. Recent reports that the government may consider branding journalists as white, green and black, signifying pro, neutral or anti-government, and more ominously, seek to 'neutralise' the black category, are disturbing; as are some of the elements in the proposed regulation of OTT platforms and digital media. These provide the government with a wide scope of discretionary power to prevent the carrying of content that the government considers inconvenient. This is short-sighted because the shoe may be on the other foot if there is a political turnaround in future, as there well might be.

There are several new compliance requirements being imposed on independent think tanks and research institutions. They are discouraged from working together with international counterparts. This can only lead to intellectual impoverishment of a country we want to be seen as a 'vishwaguru'.

The great strength of India is its capacity to manage immense diversity. The very plurality of its society brings opportunities for intense debate, argumentation and the airing of an incredible spectrum of views and perspectives. This is the source of creativity, innovative spirit and adaptability of our people. Putting a monochromatic frame over this plurality has not succeeded in the past, and is unlikely to in the future.

Time can't heal some scars

COL HP SINGH (RETD)

IT is customary in the Army to seek the blessings of one's predecessors on taking over an outfit. Selected to command the regiment that was once led by my father, expectations from our veterans were high. Everyone dwelt upon the importance of saving lives and minimising casualties, given that we were deployed on the icy heights of the Siachen Glacier. 'Do pursue the case for the release of our prisoner of war' there was one who had asked me to do something different.

It was in the 1965 War when the ponderance of Patton tanks had forced our troops to fall back in the initial fog of war. By the time enemy offensive was blunted, we had suffered a few casualties. It was only

after the ceasefire that we learnt that one of our soldiers who was missing in action and presumed dead had been taken prisoner. His name figures on the list of 54 soldiers languishing in Pakistan jails, something our adversary has denied.

For days, my mind kept brooding over the onerous task assigned to me. What could one do when successive governments had failed to affect his release? Was he still alive after decades in captivity? Wasn't it my duty to ensure that no coffin was despatched from the war zone rather than divert energy in opening an old coffin? Practicality prevailed over emotions but this issue remained etched in my subconscious.

After de-inducting to a peace station, an idea crossed my mind, now largely

unburdened; while the release of our comrade could be a far cry, there was merit in doing something for his family. It didn't take long to dig out the coordinates of his wife, now in the autumn of her life living on a meagre pension.

I had a word with my officers and men and it was decided to renovate her dilapidated humble dwelling. Having reconciled to the futility of chasing rainbows, this was perhaps the least we could have done. I was overwhelmed when the entire regiment volunteered for monetary contribution. A team was created to accomplish this mission of charity wrapped in dignity. The camaraderie exhibited by our boys was enough to motivate other villagers to join in and the task was completed in record time. Visibly moved, the lady

expressed her desire to visit us.

There were tears of gratitude as she arrived at the function organised to felicitate her. Recollecting her journey of life was like reopening a page from history. She had been married for only six months when her husband went to war. She remained single and childless all these years in the hope that one day he would return.

Time had, however, failed to convert her scars into stars. Most eyes were moist by the time she finished.

'Gunner Sujaan Singh has certainly attained a fair measure of immortality. Taro Devi, his wife, isn't far behind; for she too has sacrificed her today for the sake of our countrymen's tomorrow,' I cut short my prepared speech as my own words brought a lump in my throat.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Path towards equality

Apropos of 'Dissecting toxic masculinity', asked for a synonym for 'man', most would use words like 'brave', 'fearless', 'powerful', 'bold'. With respect to 'woman', the words would be 'docile', 'submissive', 'polite'. It is time to stop considering females as puppets in the hands of a patriarchal society and to stop considering men as the sole breadwinners of the family. Society needs to undergo tremendous change to alter its mindset towards women. Women should not be bound by restrictions imposed by men; she should not remain caged. She is free to achieve her ambitions. Grandfathers, fathers and brothers should set an example that is free from toxic masculinity and both parents should work together towards the goal of equality.

MANVI MALHOTRA, AMRITSAR

Local quota

Political rhetoric is not new in India. But what the government of Haryana is doing by passing Bills of employment for local candidates is wrong. This was also done by Andhra Pradesh. What type of hypocrisy is this that the BJP-led Central government is pushing farmers to sell their crops anywhere in the country, and on the other

hand, they are stopping migrants to work anywhere in the country?

RAMANJOT KAUR, SULTANPUR LODHI

Battleground Bengal

Apropos of 'Electoral battle in Bengal', soaring political rhetoric has already set the tone for an intensely competitive Assembly election in West Bengal. The BJP has been trying to overcome its leadership deficiency by recruiting defectors, primarily from the TMC. CM Mamata Banerjee has rolled out new welfare schemes and reached out to regions and social groups that tilted towards the BJP. If the Left-Cong-ISF alliance claims a segment of the anti-incumbency votes, it will weaken the BJP; if it splits TMC votes, it will help the BJP. Mamata faces a fierce contest.

SS PAUL, NADIA

Budgetary astuteness

'Poll-year populism' conceptualises the financial needs of the state in an economically and politically restive environment. In the prevalent scenario, the FM has done a tough job reasonably well, given the limitations and nature of electoral politics. The government needs to create conditions where the innate spirit of the people of the state finds expression to reverse the adversarial trend. The total outlay for Punjab should test the mettle of the political leadership and

dutifulness of the sections of people in their assigned domains to produce desirable results efficiently.

JAGVINDER SINGH BRAR, PATIALA

Reinforcing prejudices

Apropos of 'Trolley suitcase, what a blessing!' as much as it brings into perspective the alleged unpleasantness of being harassed by porters, the writer goes too far in saying that trolleys were invented because of 'greedy porters who were overcharging for a very long period'. The Middle speaks of suffering at the hands of a very marginalised section of society, reminding one of conversations about transgenders, where victims are portrayed as oppressors. The writer's comments generalising that 'their families never benefited from their earnings' reinforce prejudices, making it look as if people take up these jobs out of choice. The essence could have been conveyed in a more nuanced manner.

ANKITA CHAKRAVARTY, DELHI

Matter of privilege?

'Privileged to take Covid-19 vaccine...' raises pertinent questions. Those living in metropolitan areas will be vaccinated but what about the 70% population living in villages? Will they have to trudge to cities and how long will the immunisation last? The nation of over a billion population has to be covered. Have the authorities given it a thought?

GURSHARAN S NARULA, LUDHIANA

Remembering Sahir

With regard to Sahir Ludhianvi's birth centenary celebrations, step-motherly treatment is meted out to our icons. On the literature front, Sahir had made Ludhiana proud, but there are little efforts to revisit the memory of the legendary poet. Our society has failed in recognising the contributions made by our heroes in every field. Sahir lives on in the hearts of peasants, the working class and the downtrodden.

JASVINDER S HUMSAFAR, MALOUDH

Glued to entertainment

Entertainment is become a daily need of our life. We are not giving ourselves time and we are forgetting the value of boredom. By watching movies all the time, we are losing the ability to do our best. In free time, we become more creative. Today, we are not making weekly plans with friends to go somewhere. We are, instead, making plans to watch a web series together. We are not playing outdoor games, but are indulging in mobile games together. This is not good. We should focus on creativity and read more books.

RISHABH RANA, CHAMBA

Strategic option of Quad to boost trade ties



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ONE of the consequences of the pandemic and the resultant lockdown was the disruption in supply chains.

These are the sinews that powered several market economies and integrated China at the core. The strategic apprehensions of China in the South China Sea and other areas accentuated the challenges. Dependence on a single source for supply chains was no more a realistic attitude. This aspect was enhanced by the US-China trade war, which suggested the importance of strategic options for diversification.

However, for most countries, their companies were reluctant to disengage from a lucrative economy like that of China. The strategic option of decoupling from China soon tempered the ambitions of companies which had already invested there. Diversifying from China, with a 'China plus one' strategy, was complemented by a search for new markets from where sourcing and market access as an alternative to China could develop.

The role of regional free trade arrangements (FTAs) became important. It was perhaps coincidental that both the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) completed their negotiations prior to the pandemic. This

gave several countries the institutional framework of preferred access to countries which produce efficiently. They were seen as alternatives to China. Vietnam was perhaps the biggest beneficiary due to its small domestic market, efficient production systems and its courageous steps towards FTAs. Not only did Vietnam stay the RCEP course along with other ASEAN members, but it also joined the TPP and entered into an FTA with the EU. Most other Asian countries did not take such steps towards becoming among the prime movers of the 'China plus one' diversification.

Japan started a system of government subsidies for securing its supply chains, including by shifting critical industries out of China. Its \$2.2 billion programme persuaded Japanese companies to return to producing critical elements within Japan itself. A sum of \$200 million was kept as incentive for the 'China plus one' strategy, focusing on ASEAN; later India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh were added to the programme. Thus, Japan assumed the leadership in the Indo-Pacific region for new trading arrangements, as its own strategic counter to the Chinese role in the region. Japan retains the edge with larger overall commitment to the development of ASEAN infrastructure, for instance, than China with its Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

Despite India's late withdrawal from the RCEP, its intent to engage with the region in terms of trade and investment is visible from the effort to review the working of the India-ASEAN FTA and the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) with Japan. India is keen not to be left out of the post-Covid economic developments in the region and to use the strategic



option of the Quad and the similarity of views on the Indo-Pacific to engage with Japan, Australia and France. The India-Japan-Australia (IJA) trilateral and India-Australia-France (IAF) trilateral arrangements are efforts to find strategic alternatives to the economic imperatives in the region.

The IJA trilateral for Supply Chain Resilience Initiative (SCRI) is ahead of the India-Australia-France initiative. Japan has signalled its intent to increase its investment in India, through which the latter could be integrated into wider regional and global value chains and thus become an alternative to China. The focus is on enhancing investment by Japanese companies already in India who are encouraged to enhance their export profiles. When Shinzo Abe was the PM, further Japanese

investment was envisaged, but with the change of guard and the current introversion of Japanese business, this process is moving slowly. NTT has announced a \$2-billion FDI in data centres over the next four years. Suzuki will invest Rs 3,800 crore in a new car plant and with Toshiba and Denso, Rs 1,150 crore in a lithium battery plant as well. Japan is the major motivator for India to be a fulsome partner in the region and despite India's absence from RCEP and TPP, it remains committed to engaging India robustly with a strategic intent.

The Quad-based SCRI strategy needs to find effective complementarities among the three partners. Japan seeks diversification; Australia seeks trusted relationships to develop partnerships and India looks to find ways to stay in tune with the

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EXPLORING ALTERNATIVES: India is keen not to be left out of the post-Covid economic developments in the region. REUTERS

new economic developments.

The Japan-Australia relationship has Australia providing food, energy and mineral resources and engaging in financial services. Japan is Australia's largest trading partner since the 1970s. Their trade is worth about \$86 billion, with trade in services around \$7 billion. Japanese FDI into Australia is \$225 billion, while Australia has invested \$125 billion in Japan. FDI now goes beyond natural resources to cover financial services, infrastructure, information and communication technology (ICT), property, and agri-business. This generates employment in Australia too.

India's Australia trade is to the tune of \$30 billion — the two-way FDI is another \$30 billion. The lack of a bilateral FTA manifests itself in the unresolved problems between the two

nations on economic issues. These are now sought to be overcome by means of better strategic understanding through the Quad and the SCRI. With Japan, India has a trade of less than \$20 billion. Japanese FDI into India is about \$30 billion.

While Japan has been a steadfast partner, Australia needs to establish its credentials of trust by providing market access, FDI and fair approaches rather than continue to pry open the Indian market with little in return. The complementarities need to be aggressively identified. Much greater B2B relationships will make the SCRI workable and it's time to move it to the business level from policy discussions.

Japan is keen to involve ASEAN, with whom it has regional value chains (RVCs) in the SCRI. The harmonisation with ASEAN standards and the review of the India-ASEAN FTA on goods can contribute to bringing ASEAN into this venture. But for now, India needs to be wary that the benefits of such RVCs don't just pass on to ASEAN. Here, India must be the main beneficiary of new investment and supported competitiveness. This will add heft to the post-pandemic policies announced by the government.

India seeks FDI focusing on manufacturing and its involvement in Japanese global value chains (GVCs). Japan prefers digital economy as an opportunity for the Japanese industry, with its financial prowess and access to global markets, to match India's IT core. If India will be part of Japanese-led value chains, Japanese companies will enhance the quality of their FDI and raise technology levels for competitiveness beyond the Indian market. If Australia joins this, a win-win possibility emerges.

Need to future-proof skills of students, workers



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The National Skill Development Mission focuses only on very basic-level skills rather than higher-order skills. Skilling India is essentially about improving productivity at the workplace. We need to send out a direct message that the opportunity to improve and excel is always available. In order to improve the average skill set across the board, we need to pay more attention to energising our institutions of higher education.

CAN generalising learning push Indian economy towards a healthier growth path? We say that is the only way possible. Otherwise, we shall remain stuck in our morass.

As the Indian economy struggles to get back on its feet, it is imperative we notice that this is still the same old bricks-and-mortar economy which is coming back to life. This economy, even when it is fully revived, will have serious limitations on how much it can grow, will extract heavy environmental costs, and remain extremely vulnerable. Moreover, as critic after critic has pointed out, this growth has been confined to a handful of companies, a handful of people. So much so that ruining this growth has become big business for some. The point is not to rue the existence of the handful who have been successful in growing; the point is to create a congenial environment where everyone else can grow. How can one do this?

The only way forward possible is by generalising learning. Indians have a tendency to be caring and relatively non-aggressive as compared to the cultures of Europe and North America. Perhaps this trait can be used to create a supportive social environment where the success of one need not be at the cost of another. What India really needs to do is to create force multipliers so that the size of the pie can increase dramatically. Fighting over who should get what piece of it is irrelevant and a waste of energy. We argue that a generalisation of learning is such a force multiplier.

So what does a generalisation of



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: Higher education institutions seem to see much more profit in creating small courses for very few students to teach them meta-skills. iSTOCK

learning really mean? It means first-lying, giving up an obsession with elite education. While the idea of a society led by the elites seems attractive initially, it actually is a failed idea, inappropriate for modern times. And yet, in its obsession with elites, the Indian state has consistently over-invested in institutions like the IITs and the IIMs at the expense of others. No one doubts the value of these institutions. But surely after more than seventy years of continuous financial support, they should have had enough material achievements to be able to stand on their own feet even while providing support to students from an economically weak background? High-achieving students, who excel in scholastics and also in the material world exist in all societies. However, societies show healthy and equitable eco-

nomic growth only when average skill levels increase.

Come to think of it, even today in India, there are some who did their schooling and college in villages and small towns and who have created much wealth for the nation, without any stamp of elite written on them. Their achievements, unfortunately, are entirely of their own making, without any help from either the state or the society and their numbers are too small to make a difference to society. For example, the wealth of Byju Raveendran, the owner of Byju's Classes, an educational technology venture, increased by more than 100 per cent during the pandemic from \$1 billion to more than \$2.5 billion. Raveendran studied in a Malayalam-medium school and graduated from Government Engineering College, Kannur. He refused to

join an IIM. He is only one of the many better-known wealth creators who never attended any elite institution.

If only India were to work towards a generalisation of learning and upgrade education in general, that would be the real key to a \$5-trillion economy. The skill landscape of the world is changing rather fast. Several surveys say that nearly half the people in the job market today will become unemployable if they do not upgrade their abilities. It is by upgrading the generality of education, by investing heavily in newer skills like artificial intelligence and data analytics that we can vastly upgrade the skills of Indians in the sunrise sectors of the future.

To achieve this kind of upgrade requires very substantial investments, often beyond the reach of the average student. The course fee is only one of the obstacles in the way of poor students. The far greater obstacle is that at the moment, higher education institutions seem to see much more profit in creating small courses for very few students in sectors like artificial intelligence (AI) and data analytics rather than teaching such meta-skills to all their students. An engineering course with a specialisation in AI, which is what many engineering colleges are doing, can create an elite cadre. Such a plan cannot reskill all the students even though these skills will be needed by all of them irrespective of the job that they join.

Actually, given that AI is merely a tool to look at data, it makes far more sense to offer such a course to students of the basic sciences, social sciences, medicine and engineering rather than

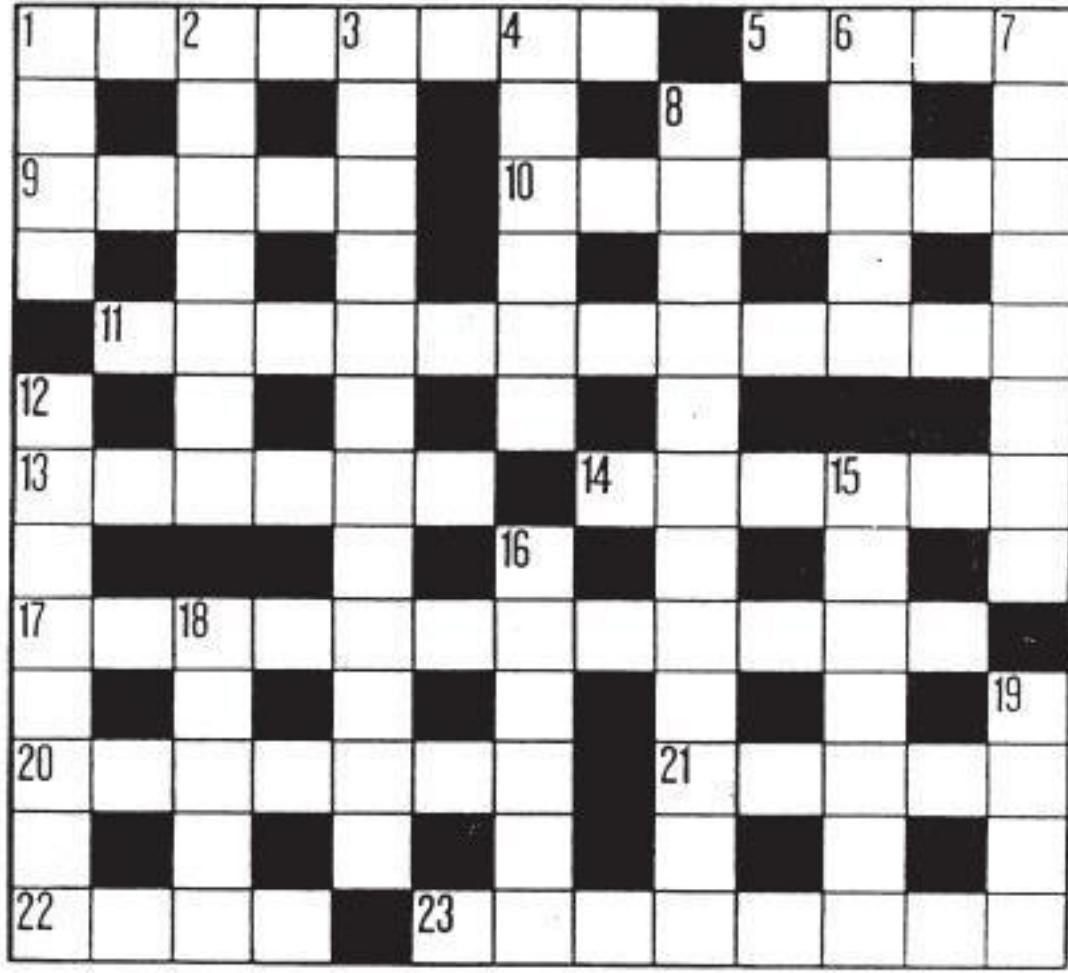
to create a stand-alone course.

And AI is only one of the emerging tools. Skills in analytical thinking, statistics, cyber security, clinical data management to name only a few, would be critical to any knowledge economy.

Yet the National Skill Development Mission focuses only on very basic-level skills rather than such higher-order skills. Skilling India is far more than merely teaching students how to be better menials, fitters, car painters, nurses, doctors, engineers, journalists, teachers or whatever. Skilling India is essentially about improving productivity at the workplace. Learning is a continuous process, it does not end with studenthood. What we need to do is to send out a direct message that the opportunity to improve and excel is always available and we need to make those opportunities available. For inculcating high-order skills and to improve the average skill set across the board, we need to pay more attention to energising our institutions of higher education.

There are reports that point out the need to future-proof the skills of Indian students and workers. NSSO data says that only 2 per cent of the Indian workforce has any formal training. For those students who do possess formal training, employability remains low. As of today, the Aspiring Minds Employability Survey for Engineers for 2019 says that only 3 per cent engineers possess new-age skills in areas such as AI, machine learning, data engineering and mobile technologies. Among science and social science students, the figure is close to zero per cent.

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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Across: 1 Spare time, 8 Spell, 9 Partial, 10 Fabric, 11 Remiss, 12 Especial, 15 Immortal, 18 Locust, 20 Ensign, 21 Veteran, 22 Tense, 23 Declining.

Down: 2 Phase, 3 Retain, 4 Transept, 5 Escape, 6 Refrain, 7 Black list, 11 Rudiments, 13 Pell-mell, 14 Amusing, 16 Rugged, 17 Screen, 19 Stain.

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MARCH 10, 2021, WEDNESDAY

■ Vikrami Samvat	2077
■ Shaka Samvat	1942
■ Phalgun Shaka	19
■ Phalgun Parvishite	27
■ Hijari	1442
■ Krishna Paksha Tithi 12, up to 2.41 pm	
■ Parigha Yoga up to 10.36 am	
■ Shravan Nakshatra up to 9.03 pm	
■ Moon in Capricorn sign	

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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Amritsar	29	14	12	8	6
Bathinda	31	17	15	11	9
Jalandhar	30	14	12	8	6
Ludhiana	31	17	15	11	9
Bhiwani	33	19	17	13	11
Hisar	32	18	16	12	10
Sirsa	31	18	16	12	10
Dharamsala	20	11	9	6	4
Manali	15	05	03	01	00
Shimla	20	10	8	6	4
Srinagar	12	05	03	01	00
Jammu	27	16	14	11	9
Kargil	07	-04	-02	-01	00
Leh	08	-05	-03	-01	00
Dehradun	30	15	13	10	8
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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS NOTIFICATION					
New Delhi, the 2nd March, 2021					
S.O. 1001(E)-In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laneing etc.), maintenance, management and operation of NH154 in the stretch of land from Km 11.00 to Km 42.00 in the district of KANGRA in the state of HIMACHAL PRADESH, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.					
Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section (1) of section 3C of the said Act.					
Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, SDM in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.					
Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.					
The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.					
SCHEDULE					
Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling NH-154 in the stretch of land from Km 11.00 to Km 42.00 in the district of KANGRA in the state of HIMACHAL PRADESH					
State: HIMACHAL PRADESH District: KANGRA					
Sr. No.	Survey/Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area (in Hectare)
Taluk: Nurpur					
Village: Bagh Raja					
1	1107/906/475/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0050000 (Hectare)	0.0050000
2	395/2/1	Private	Non Agriculture	0.0042000 (Hectare)	0.0042000
3	400/1/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0042000 (Hectare)	0.0042000
4	401/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0015000 (Hectare)	0.0015000
5	468	Government	Non Agriculture	0.0191000(Hectare)	0.0191000
6	469	Government	Non Agriculture	0.0249000 (Hectare)	0.0249000
7	885/391/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0065000 (Hectare)	0.0065000
8	890/392/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0117000 (Hectare)	0.0117000
9	896/394/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0063000 (Hectare)	0.0063000
10	963/889/392/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0024000 (Hectare)	0.0024000
Village: Baghni					
1	1117/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0027000 (Hectare)	0.0027000
2	1120/1	Private	Agriculture	0.1075000 (Hectare)	0.1075000
3	1163	Private	Agriculture	0.0006000 (Hectare)	0.0006000
4	1507/759/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0272000 (Hectare)	0.0272000
5	614	Private	Agriculture	0.0050000 (Hectare)	0.0050000
6	652/1	Government	Non Agriculture	0.1114000 (Hectare)	0.1114000
7	735/1	Government	Non Agriculture	0.0380000 (Hectare)	0.0380000
8	749/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0290000 (Hectare)	0.0290000
Village: Ban					
1	165/1	Private	Agriculture	0.1656000(Hectare)	0.1656000
2	314/1	Private	Non Agriculture	0.0020000(Hectare)	0.0020000
3	317/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0029000(Hectare)	0.0029000
4	318	Private	Non Agriculture	0.0100000(Hectare)	0.0100000
Village: Bassa					
1	1081/266/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0099000(Hectare)	0.0099000
2	1126/406/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0165000 (Hectare)	0.0165000
3	256/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0020000(Hectare)	0.0020000
4	257/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0040000(Hectare)	0.0040000
5	407	Government	Non Agriculture	0.0025000(Hectare)	0.0025000
6	449/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0235000 (Hectare)	0.0235000
7	464/1	Private	Non Agriculture	0.0020000 (Hectare)	0.0020000
Village: Bhadwah					
1	168/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0102000 (Hectare)	0.0102000
2	214/1	Private	Non Agriculture	0.0040000 (Hectare)	0.0040000
3	215	Private	Non Agriculture	0.0006000 (Hectare)	0.0006000
4	410/1	Private	Non Agriculture	0.0008000 (Hectare)	0.0008000
5	71/2	Private	Non Agriculture	0.0075000 (Hectare)	0.0075000
6	731/17/21/127/443	Private	Agriculture	0.0270000 (Hectare)	0.0270000
7	76/2	Private	Agriculture	0.0050000 (Hectare)	0.0050000
8	77	Private	Non Agriculture	0.0046000 (Hectare)	0.0046000
9	78	Private	Non Agriculture	0.0050000 (Hectare)	0.0050000
Village: Chatroli					
1	1698/622/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0400000 (Hectare)	0.0400000
2	1707/640/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0110000 (Hectare)	0.0110000
3	1744/645	Private	Agriculture	0.0005000 (Hectare)	0.0005000
4	1775/1689/338/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0060000 (Hectare)	0.0060000
5	1815/1777/127/1443	Private	Agriculture	0.0060000 (Hectare)	0.0060000
6	1830/1709/661/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0014000 (Hectare)	0.0014000
7	1831/1709/661/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0157000 (Hectare)	0.0157000
8	1897/1800/729/1	Private	Non Agriculture	0.0003000 (Hectare)	0.0003000
9	1978/1617/177/127/43/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0033000 (Hectare)	0.0033000
10	1978/1617/177/127/43/2	Private	Agriculture	0.0060000 (Hectare)	0.0060000
11	2021/362/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0180000 (Hectare)	0.0180000
12	347/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0050000 (Hectare)	0.0050000
13	361/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0006000 (Hectare)	0.0006000
14	590/1	Private	Non Agriculture	0.0048000 (Hectare)	0.0048000
15	621	Government	Non Agriculture	0.0098000 (Hectare)	0.0098000
16	641	Private	Non Agriculture	0.0002000 (Hectare)	0.0002000
17	643	Government	Non Agriculture	0.0130000 (Hectare)	0.0130000
18	649	Private	Non Agriculture	0.0179000 (Hectare)	0.0179000
19	652/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0378000 (Hectare)	0.0378000
20	653	Private	Agriculture	0.0150000 (Hectare)	0.0150000
21	742/1	Government	Non Agriculture	0.0040000 (Hectare)	0.0040000
22	770/1	Government	Non Agriculture	0.0020000 (Hectare)	0.0020000
Village: Choguan					
1	1015	Government	Non Agriculture	0.0070000 (Hectare)	0.0070000
2	1017/1	Government	Non Agriculture	0.0881000 (Hectare)	0.0881000
3	1029/1	Government	Non Agriculture	0.0351000 (Hectare)	0.0351000
4	1030/1	Government	Non Agriculture	0.0001000 (Hectare)	0.0001000
5	1034/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0166000 (Hectare)	0.0166000
6	1039/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0001000 (Hectare)	0.0001000
7	1047/1	Government	Non Agriculture	0.0136000 (Hectare)	0.0136000
8	1061/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0001000 (Hectare)	0.0001000
9	1124/1	Government	Non Agriculture	0.1747000 (Hectare)	0.1747000
10	1125/1	Government	Non Agriculture	0.0325000 (Hectare)	0.0325000
11	1128/1	Government	Non Agriculture	0.1143000 (Hectare)	0.1143000
12	1168/1	Government	Non Agriculture	2.1601000 (Hectare)	2.1601000
13	1188/1	Government	Non Agriculture	0.0001000 (Hectare)	0.0001000
14	1189/1	Government	Non Agriculture	0.2826000 (Hectare)	0.2826000
15	1191/1	Government	Non Agriculture	0.1773000 (Hectare)	0.1773000
16	832/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0022000 (Hectare)	0.0022000
17	834/1	Government	Non Agriculture	0.0013000 (Hectare)	0.0013000
18	841/1	Government	Non Agriculture	1.0678000 (Hectare)	1.0678000
19	847/1	Government	Non Agriculture	0.0404000 (Hectare)	0.0404000
Village: Durgh					
1	5	Private	Agriculture	0.0040000 (Hectare)	0.0040000
2	6	Government	Non Agriculture	0.0060000 (Hectare)	0.0060000
3	8	Government	Non Agriculture	0.0004000 (Hectare)	0.0004000
Village: Ghulyana					
1	160/3	Private	Agriculture	0.0022000 (Hectare)	0.0022000
2	176/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0140000 (Hectare)	0.0140000
3	187/1	Private	Non Agriculture	0.0020000 (Hectare)	0.0020000
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**NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (ni-msme)**

(Ministry of MSME, Govt. of India)

**TENDER NOTICE**

Sealed Tenders in two cover System and in the prescribed format are invited from the manufacturers or their authorized franchise for Supply, Erection, Installation & Commissioning of Machinery as follows:-

1. CNC Router
2. Seasoning Plant
3. Chemical Treatment Plant
4. Lacquer Coating Plant
5. Panel Saw with Duster
6. Multi Bore Double Head Machine
7. Grinder
8. Planner
9. Wood Saw Machine
10. Through Feed Edge Bending Machine
11. Sanding Machine with Duster
12. 25 KW Generator
13. Ancillary Tools

Including one-month trial run on turnkey basis for Wood Handicraft Artisans Welfare Society at Boothgarh, Hoshiarpur (District) Punjab.

In continuation to the previous tender.

1. Tender should be submitted in separate envelope for above work at below mentioned address and should reach on or before 31.03.2021 at 05:00 p.m. Tenders received will be opened before the "Purchase Committee" constituted for the purpose. Applicant should submit the EMD of Rs. 75,000/- (Seventy-Five Thousand only) through Demand Draft in favour of "Wood Handicraft Artisans Welfare Society". Payable at Hoshiarpur. Tenders (Technical and Financial bid) will be opened on 01.04.2021 at 11:00 a.m. at office of General Manager, District Industries Centre, Hoshiarpur (District) Punjab Pin - 146001.
2. Tender forms can be obtained from General Manager- District Industries Centre, Hoshiarpur (District) Punjab on any working day from 10.03.2021 to 30.03.2021 between 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with a fee of Rs. 2000/- (two thousand only) non-refundable through Demand Draft in favour of Wood Handicraft Artisans Welfare Society payable at Hoshiarpur.
3. The details of work and terms & conditions are available in the tender form. The Purchase Committee reserves the Rights to cancel the tender(s) without assigning any reason(s) thereon. For any clarification contact General Manager, District Industries Centre, Hoshiarpur, Implementing Agency of Wood Handicraft Artisans Welfare Society, at Village Boothgarh Phone: 01882-250318, E-mail IDs gmdchspgovi@gmail.com

Sd/- General Manager
District Industries Centre,
Hoshiarpur.

President

Wood Handicraft Artisans Welfare Society

Sd/- WOOD HANDICRAFT ARTISANS WELFARE SOCIETY

VILL BOOTHGARH (HOSHIARPUR)

DPR/Pb/2393

No. 675 Dated: 08.03.2021

DPR/HP/6367

TENDER FOR PROVIDING SECURITY SERVICES AT**R.G.G. PG. AYURVEDIC COLLEGE & COLLEGE PREMISES, PAPROLA**

No.

केन्द्रीय विद्यालय क्रमांक-1, जालंधर केंटKENDRIYA VIDYALAYA, NO. 1, JALANDHAR CANTT
फोन 0181-2262233/PHONE : 0181-2262233**सत्र 2021-22 के लिए फर्म पंजीकरण हेतु सूचना**

NOTICE FOR REGISTRATION OF FIRMS FOR 2021-22
केन्द्रीय विद्यालय क्रमांक-1, जालंधर केंट नियति एवं सेवा प्रदानकर्ता फर्म से वित्त वर्ष 2021-22 के लिए फर्मों के नये पंजीकरण पंजीकरण नवीनीकरण हेतु निवेदन उपर्युक्त फर्म में भरकर आमंत्रित करता है जोकि आवश्यकतानुसार सभी प्रकार की वस्तुओं को समय पर मुहैया करा सके। विस्तृत विवरण विद्यालय की वेबसाइट www.no1jalandhar.kvs.ac.in पर उपलब्ध है। पंजीकरण की अंतिम तिथि 31.03.2021 है। इसलिए अधिक जानकारी एवं उपर्युक्त फर्म के लिए वेबसाइट का अवलोकन करें।

Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 1, Jalandhar Cantt invites application on prescribed form for registration/renewal of registration of firms for the financial year 2021-22 from the different manufactures and service provider firms for KV related all material and services. Detailed notice for registration of firms for the session 2021-22 is available on the Vidyalaya website www.no1jalandhar.kvs.ac.in. Last date of registration is 31.03.2021. Please visit KV 1 Jalandhar Cantt website for details and format of application.

नोट : GeM पोर्टल से खरीद को पहल दी जायेगी।

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PRINCIPAL

STATE BANK OF INDIASTRESSED ASSETS MANAGEMENT BRANCH
1st Floor, SCO 99-107, Sector-8-C, CHANDIGARH-160018

Email: sbi.04262@sbi.co.in

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES ON 26.03.2021 from 11:00 to 13:00 Hrs.**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE/MOVEABLE PROPERTIES U/S 8(6) & 6(2)**

LAST DATE & TIME OF SUBMISSION OF EMD & DOCUMENTS (HARD COPY) 25.03.2021 upto 16:00 Hrs.

LAST DATE & TIME OF SUBMISSION OF EMD & DOCUMENTS (ON LINE) 25.03.2021 upto 16:00 Hrs.

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Movable/Immovable Assets under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) for immovable properties of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s) that the below described movable/immovable property(ies) hypothecated/pledged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS", AND "WHATEVER THERE IS" on 26.03.2021 for recovery of bank dues + interest (as mentioned below against the properties) due to the State bank of India (Secured Creditor) from below mentioned borrower/guarantors. The reserve price and earnest money deposit will be as mentioned below against the properties. For details terms & conditions of the sale are mentioned below/refer to Website:(https://www.mstccommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp).

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantors	Details of Property/ies Assets	Outstanding Amount Demand Notice Date	Reserve Price EMD Bid Increase Amount	Date & Time of inspection of property	Contact Person & Mobile No.
1.	M/s. Bhomia Buttons Pvt Ltd, Regd. Office: 48/52, Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi-110026. Shri Amit Jain S/o Davinder Kumar Jain, H.No. B-1-1125, Vishnu Puri, Street No. 1, Brindaban Road, Civil Lines, Ludhiana-141001 M/s. Bhomia Buttons Pvt Ltd., C/o Sh. Sandeep Jain, Flat No. 5-B, Sunder Apartment, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110087 Sh. Sandeep Jain, Flat No. 5-B, Sunder Apartment, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110087 Smt. Archna Jain W/o Shri Sandeep Jain, Flat No. 5-B, Sunder Apartment, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110087 Shri Ripan Jain, S/o Shri Davinder Kumar Jain, House No. B-1-1125, Vishnu Puri, Street No. 1, Brindaban Road, Civil Lines, Ludhiana-141001 (Punjab) Smt. Ruchi Jain wife of Shri Ripan Jain, House No. B-1-1125, Vishnu Puri, Street No. 1, Brindaban Road, Civil Lines, Ludhiana-141001 (Punjab) Smt. Sneh Lata Jain W/o Shri Davinder Kumar Jain, Resident of House No.B-1-1125, Vishnu Puri, Street No. 1, Brindaban Road, Civil Lines, Ludhiana-141001 (Punjab) M/s. Bhomia Chem (India), C/o Flat No. 5-B, Sunder Apartment, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110087	Property No. 1. Plant & Machinery of buttons unit installed at factory of Bhomia Buttons Pvt. Ltd. situated near H.P. Service Station, Shiv Udyog Vihar, Village - Ashoda Siwan, DelhiRohtak Road, Tehsil Bahadurgarh, Distt. - Jhajjar, Haryana-124507 Property No. 2. Plant & Machinery of knitting unit installed at factory of Bhomia Buttons Pvt. Ltd. situated near H.P. Service Station, Shiv Udyog Vihar, Village - Ashoda Siwan, DelhiRohtak Road, Tehsil Bahadurgarh, Distt. - Jhajjar, Haryana-124507 Property No. 3. Commercial Shop No.2 (Only Uppar Groud Floor), (Portion of Multi-Storey Building M.C.No.B-IX350/350-A/2) measuring 16.00 Sq. Yards (144.00 Sq.Ft.), situated at City Palace, Chauri Sarak, Near Divisini No.3, Ludhiana, Punjab-141001 vide Sale Deed No.628 dated 12.04.2002, standing in the name of Sh. Ripan Kumar Jain s/o. Sh. Davinder Kumar Jain Property No. 4. Residential House bearing M.C.No.B-1 1125 on Plot measuring 335.00 Sq. Yards, comprised in Khasra No.3177184/872, Khata No.1676/2079 (as per Jamabandi for the year 198485) and Khata No.1753/2344 (as per Jamabandi for the year 2009-10), situated at Mahat Baghat, locality known as Vishnu Puri, Street No.1, Bindra-ban Road, Civil Lines, Ludhiana, Punjab-141001 vide Sale Deed No.27667 dated 17.06.1998 (for area 167.50 Sq. Yards) standing in the name of Sh. Ripan Kumar Jain & Smt. Sneh Lata Jain wife of Sh. Ripan Kumar Jain & Smt. Sneh Lata Jain and Sale Deed No.7092 dated 23.06.1998 (for area 167.50 Sq. Yards), standing in the name of Sh. Amit Kumar Jain & Smt. Sneh Lata Jain. Property No. 5. Residential Plot measuring 500.00 Sq. Yards comprised in Khasra No.843, Khata No.682/963 as per Jamabandi for the year 2006-07, situated at Village Barewal Awana, locality known as New Asha Puri, Near Mata Bishan Kaur Gurudwara Sahib, Ludhiana, Punjab-141001 vide Sale Deed No.6708 dated 27.08.2010, standing in the name of Smt. Sneh Lata Jain w/o. Sh. Davinder Jain & Smt. Rushi Jain w/o. Sh. Ripan Kumar Jain Property No. 6. Entire back side Flat on 1st floor measuring 1350 square ft. and 2nd floor, measuring 1400 sq feet , a part of free hold property built on plot no.48 on road no.52, situated in the layout plan of The Refugees Co-operative Housing Society Ltd, approved colony known as Punjabi Bagh, West, New Delhi-110026 vide sale deed no.2431 dated 07.05.2007 & sale deed no.2687 dated 27.04.2015 in the name of Sh. Sandeep Jain s/o. Sh. Deputy Kumar Jain and Smt. Archana Jain W/o Sh. Sandeep Jain Property No. 7. Factory Land & Building constructed on land measuring 4Kanal-0Mara (2420.00 Sq. Yards or 0.50 Acres) comprised in Khetaw No.213 min, Khasra No.253, Rect. No.24, Killa No.14/1 min North-east (3-13), 15/1 (0-7) - situated near H.P. Service Station, Shiv Udyog Vihar, Village - Ashoda Siwan, DelhiRohtak Road, Tehsil Bahadurgarh, Distt. - Jhajjar, Haryana-124507 vide Sale Deed No.2181 dated 13.08.2001, standing in the name of Bhomia Buttons Pvt. Ltd. All above properties are under Physical Possession.	Rs. 18,74,53,016.00 (Rupees Eighteen Crore Seventy Four Lac Fifty Three Thousand Sixteen Only) as on 19.02.2020	Rs. 4.12 Crore Rs. 41.20 Lakh Rs. 50,000/-	20.03.2021 11:00 Hrs. to 13:00 Hrs.	Sh. M.K. Singh Mobile : 9463927109
		PROPERTY NO.-1:	Rs. 0.67 Crore	20.03.2021	Sh. M.K. Singh	
		PROPERTY NO.-2:	Rs. 6.70 Lakh	11:00 Hrs. to 13:00 Hrs.	Sh. M.K. Singh	
		PROPERTY NO.-3:	Rs. 20,000/-	11:00 Hrs. to 13:00 Hrs.	Sh. M.K. Singh	
		PROPERTY NO.-4:	Rs. 0.06 Crore	20.03.2021	Sh. M.K. Singh	
		PROPERTY NO.-5:	Rs. 60,000	11:00 Hrs. to 13:00 Hrs.	Sh. M.K. Singh	
		PROPERTY NO.-6:	Rs. 10,000/-	11:00 Hrs. to 13:00 Hrs.	Sh. M.K. Singh	
		PROPERTY NO.-7:	Rs. 0.88 Crore	20.03.2021	Sh. M.K. Singh	
		PROPERTY NO.-8:	Rs. 8.80 Lakh	11:00 Hrs. to 13:00 Hrs.	Sh. M.K. Singh	
		PROPERTY NO.-9:	Rs. 20,000/-	11:00 Hrs. to 13:00 Hrs.	Sh. M.K. Singh	
		PROPERTY NO.-10:	Rs. 0.96 Crore	20.03.2021	Sh. M.K. Singh	
		PROPERTY NO.-11:	Rs. 9.60 Lakh	11:00 Hrs. to 13:00 Hrs.	Sh. M.K. Singh	
		PROPERTY NO.-12:	Rs. 20,000/-	11:00 Hrs. to 13:00 Hrs.	Sh. M.K. Singh	
		PROPERTY NO.-13:	Rs. 3.27 Crore	20.03.2021	Sh. M.K. Singh	
		PROPERTY NO.-14:	Rs. 32.70 Lakh	11:00 Hrs. to 13:00 Hrs.	Sh. M.K. Singh	
		PROPERTY NO.-15:	Rs. 50,000/-	11:00 Hrs. to 13:00 Hrs.	Sh. M.K. Singh	
		PROPERTY NO.-16:	Rs. 2.75 Crore	20.03.2021	Sh. M.K. Singh	
		PROPERTY NO.-17:	Rs. 27.50 Lakh	11:00 Hrs. to 13:00 Hrs.	Sh. M.K. Singh	
		PROPERTY NO.-18:	Rs. 50,000/-	11:00 Hrs. to 13:00 Hrs.	Sh. M.K. Singh	

M/s Japshichem Pharmaceuticals, Village Saini Majra, Tehsil Nalagarh, District Solan, H.P. 2nd Address: SCO No. 66, Sector 32 C, Chandigarh & Partner/ Guarantor: namely: Shri Amarjit Singh S/o Sh. Bhagwan Singh and Smt. Maninder Kaur W/o Sh. Amarjit Singh, Both R/o H.No. 338, Phase-4 (Part-2) SAS Nagar, Mohali, (Punjab). PROPERTY NO. 1:- All that part & parcel of Factory & Building charges, etc. Notice date: 19.10.2016	NALAGARH DISTRICT SOLAN	Rs. 10,51,71,386.70	PROPERTY NO. 1:
Property No. 1:- All that part & parcel of Factory & Building charges, etc. Notice date: 19.10.2016	Rs. 4.14 Crore	20.03.2021	Sh. Santosh Kumar Mobile : 9417823463
	Rs. 41.40 Lakh	11:00 Hrs.	
	Rs. 1.00 Lakh	to 13:00 Hrs.	
Property No. 2:-	Rs. 1.91 Crore	20.03.2021	Sh. Santosh Kumar Mobile : 9417823463
	Rs. 19.10 Lakh	11:00 Hrs.	
	Rs		

4 kg charas seized

CHAMBA, MARCH 9

A Special Investigation Team of the police last evening nabbed a person with 4.12 kg charas. The person was travelling in a bus near Udaipur in the district.

The police laid a 'naka' near Udaipur on the Chamba-Panthkot national highway and stopped a bus. On inspection, charas was seized from a passenger.

The accused, Taj Mohammad, was arrested and a case was registered against him under Section 20 of the NDPS Act.

During investigation, it was

found that the accused was to give it to Daman Sharma, who was waiting for him near the Nainikhud bus stop. The team also arrested Daman.

Meanwhile, Sessions Judge Rajesh Tomar today sentenced Kishan Chand, a resident of Naghei village, Churah tehsil of Chamba district, to a rigorous imprisonment for 10 years with a fine of Rs 1 lakh under Section 20 of the NDPS Act for possessing 1.55 kg of charas (cannabis).

In case of default in the payment of fine, the convict shall further suffer imprisonment for one year. — OC



Tribune News Service

SHIMLA, MARCH 9

Despite being in huge losses, 12 boards and corporations of the Himachal Government will neither be wound up nor appointments of their chairmen and vice chairmen be stopped.

This was stated by Irrigation and Public Health Minister Mahender Singh in reply to a query by Jagat Singh Negi during question hour in the Vidhan Sabha today. He was replying on behalf of the Chief Minister who had till then not returned from Delhi.

"The practice of appointing chairmen and vice chairmen in these boards and corporations is not a new one and our regime has no intention of winding them up," he informed the house. He said while the previous Congress regime had appointed six

chairmen and vice chairmen of boards and corporations, the BJP regime had only made five appointments.

"There are 11 corporation and one board which are in losses but there was no proposal to wind them up," he stated. Divulging details of the expenditure made on the chairmen and vice chairmen of some of the boards and corporations in the last three years, he said a sum of Rs 56.75 lakh had been spent in case of HP Forest Corporation, Rs 30.16 lakh in the case of HP Forest Corporation, Rs

Development Commission and Rs 13.33 lakh in case of HPSC, ST Development Corporation, Rs 5.45 lakh in the case of HP Power Corporation and Rs 2.67 crore in the case of HP Tourism Development Corporation.

These loss-making Public-Sector Undertaking (PSUs) include HP State Electricity Board with a loss of Rs 1,520.59 crore, Himachal Roadways Transport Corporation with a loss of Rs 1,533.70 crore, HP Forest Corporation with a loss of Rs 110.42 crore, HP Pow-

er Corporation with a loss of Rs 361.99 crore, Rs 262.37 crore, HP Forest Corporation with a loss of Rs 153.48 crore, besides others.

Replying to a query by Lakhwinder Rana, Health Minister Rajiv Saizal said permission had been received from the Centre for opening Level-III trauma centres at Kotkhai, Nalagarh and Una for which a sum of Rs 8.29 crore had been released. He said the Covid makeshift hospital made at Nalagarh would be converted into a trauma centre.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tender Notice No. 1

Dated:

Dept Inviting Work : PUNSUP
Brief of Work : Stationery Article
Cost of work/Earnest Money : Rs. 10,000/-
Area of Work : PUNSUP, Head Office Chandigarh
Date of opening of Bid : Sale of e-tender form start from 10.03.2021 at to 24.03.2021 at 5 PM.
Technical Bid will be opened on 25.03.2021 at 11.00 A.M. Financial Bid will be opened on 26.03.2021 at 03.00 P.M. For detailed terms and conditions of the notice inviting tender please see <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in> or www.punsup.gov.in Corrigendum, if any, will be issued on above mentioned website only.

Managing Director,
PUNSUP, CHANDIGARH.

DPR/Pb/2419

Teen found dead

SOLAN, MARCH 9

The unidentified body of a boy was found in the bushes on an open plot at Himachal Housing and Urban Development Authority (HIMUDA) colony at Paonta Sahib in Sirmour district on Tuesday morning. DSP, Paonta Sahib, Bir Bahadur said a post-mortem examination would be conducted. — TNS

Policy likely for legal plantation of cannabis

OUR CORRESPONDENT

HAMIRPUR, MARCH 9

The cannabis production will be a boon for patients suffering from diseases like cancer and AIDS. This was stated by Ram Lal Markanda, Technical Education Minister, here today.



TO IMPROVE ECONOMY

Legalised cultivation of cannabis will not only improve economy of the state but also enable it to clear all debts in a few years. — Ram Lal Markanda, TECHNICAL EDUCATION MINISTER

medicines were imported from European countries.

He said the CM was himself monitoring every aspect of the policy for cannabis cultivation and wanted to plug every loophole before finalizing the policy.

He said that legalised cultivation of cannabis would not only improve economy but it would enable state to clear all debts in a few years. The policy would attract investment worth crores in pharma industry. He dismissed suggestions that this could encourage illegal production.

Govt misusing funds, biased: Congress MLA

SIMLA, MARCH 9

The Congress today accused the BJP regime of misutilisation of funds and discriminating with other Assembly segments as projects were being concentrated in select constituencies, including that of Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur and Irrigation and Public Health Minister (IPH).

Participating in the debate on the budget proposals for the year 2021-22, presented by Chief Minister in the Vidhan Sabha on March 6, Congress legislator Asha Kumari today said it was unfair to concentrate development funds in select constituencies.

"This is nothing short of a scam as injustice is being meted out to the people of the state as 47 per cent of the tenders floated by the IPH department are only for Seraj, CM's Assembly segment and Dharampur, IPH Minister's assembly segment," she remarked.

She said on the other the status of most of the project under MLA schemes was dismal. "Out of a total of 673 proposed schemes, DPR was yet to be prepared in case of 466 schemes. Work had been sanctioned in 98 and the work finished in mere one scheme," she said. — TNS

Akal Academy cases rise to 76

AMBIKA SHARMA

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SOLAN, MARCH 9
Baru Sahib-based Akal Academy and two buildings in its precincts at Lana Bhalta village in Sirmour district have been declared containment zones after 76 nursing students tested positive this week. As many as 32 females in the age group of 17 to 23 tested positive today.

Deputy Commissioner (DC), Sirmour, Dr RK Pruthi, said the ACN hospital, isolation ward in Akal Charitable Hospital as well as the hospital and two adjoining buildings in Lana Bhalta village were declared containment zones today.

"Violations in social distancing norms have been observed in the institute and those who had come with RAT-negative test reports tested positive here in RT-PCR. All students are being tested to ensure that the infection is contained,"

72 COVID CASES, 2 DEATHS IN STATE

Shimla: With 72 cases being reported on Tuesday, the tally of Covid cases reached 59,269. Two persons succumbed to the virus in the past 24 hours. The deaths were reported from Kangra and Shimla. The highest number of 32 cases was reported from Sirmour, 13 cases in Kangra, nine in Una, seven in Shimla, four in Bilaspur, two each in Hamirpur, Kullu, Mandi and Solan and one in Chamba. TNS



informed the DC. The adjoining labour colony and two more adjoining buildings have been declared buffer zones in a bid to contain the further spread of the virus in Baru Sahib.

These zones would be cordoned off and no person residing in these areas would be permitted to assemble or congregate and would have to remain indoors except for emergencies.

The administration has also banned the organisation of all functions, meetings, workshops, community events etc. All shops, expect chemist shops and those providing essential services, have been permitted to operate with

door-to-door provision of essential commodities being made available.

Regular sanitisation will be undertaken and the Chief Medical Officer will station health teams to monitor the health of the people in the said area.

Violations will be dealt with legally and the Disaster Management Act has also been invoked.

The sudden surge in Covid cases has once again rung alarm bells among the authorities and they were once again in a state of high alert. There were 86 active cases in the district till last evening which was the second highest in the state after Kangra district.

Independent India's 1st voter gets jab

SHIMLA, MARCH 9

The first voter of independent India, Shyam Saran Negi (104), today took the Covid vaccine at Kalpa in Kinnaur district.

Negi, who has the honour of being the first voter of independent India as elections to the tribal areas were held before anywhere else in the country, took the vaccine at the Primary Health Centre (PHC) in Kalpa.

Negi said he did not feel any discomfort while getting



Shyam Saran Negi (104) gets vaccinated at Kalpa in Kinnaur.

the vaccine and he felt that everyone should take it to remain protected against the Covid virus. Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Kinnaur, Dr Sonam Negi said that in the first phase, 1,010 health workers and 2,032 frontline workers had been vaccinated in the tribal district.

The CMO said so far, 890 people above the age of 60 years had been given the vaccine which included 104-year-old Shyam Saran Negi. — TNS

POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH

TENDER NOTICE-2020-21/31

ALLOTMENT OF SHOPS/SITES

Sealed tenders are invited for licensing out following Shops/sites at PGI, Sector 12, Chandigarh.

Sr. No. Shops/sites Last date for downloading of tender forms from PGI Website Last Date and time for submission of tenders and opening of Tender document/Tender Bid Price Bid shall be opened on

1. Built up Chemist Shop No. 2, New Shopping Complex for sale of medicines, drugs and surgical items at PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh 05.04.2021 (Monday) up to 04.00 P.M. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02.00 P.M.

2. Built up Chemist Shop No. 5, New Shopping Complex for sale of medicines, drugs and surgical items at PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh. 05.04.2021 (Monday) up to 04.00 P.M. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02.00 P.M.

3. Built up Shop No. 13, New Shopping Complex, PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh. 05.04.2021 (Monday) up to 04.00 P.M. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02.00 P.M.

4. Built up Shop No. 18, New Shopping Complex, PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh. 05.04.2021 (Monday) up to 04.00 P.M. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02.00 P.M.

5. Built up Photostat & Provision Store at Shop No. 2, APC (Basement), PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh. 05.04.2021 (Monday) up to 04.00 P.M. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02.00 P.M.

6. Mess services in the Guest House & Cafeteria services in the OPD at PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh. 05.04.2021 (Monday) up to 04.00 P.M. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02.00 P.M.

Tender form containing terms and conditions can be downloaded from PGI website and same can be submitted personally in the office of Administrative Officer (Estate), PGIMER, Chandigarh along with Demand Draft/Banker Cheque of Rs. 500/- payable at Chandigarh drawn in favour of Director, PGIMER, Chandigarh along with other documents. The Director, PGI, Chandigarh reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever without prior notice to the tenders.

Website: <http://pgimer.edu.in> DI-22256 DIRECTOR

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No. NAME OF BOARD/CORP/J AUTH. NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME) AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN Rupees WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/CORP/J AUTH. NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL

1. MC MANDI DABWALI CONST OF IPB STREET DR JASSI HOSPITAL STREET IN WARD 17 AND OTHER WORKS 08.03.2021 15.03.2021 227.38 LACS <https://etenders.hry.nic.in> 9466489250 mcdabwalinew@gmail.com

2. MC SOHNA PUBLICATION NOTICE FOR E-TENDERING FOR CATCH TERROR MONKEY, SUPPLY OF FOOD & TRANSPORTATION OF MONKEYS FROM M.C. SOHNA AREA. 08.03.2021 24.03.2021 - [www.etenders.hry.nic.in](https://etenders.hry.nic.in) 9034837507

3. HARYANA SEEDS DEV. CORPN. LTD. REQUEST FOR PUBLICATION OF RE-E-TENDER NOTICE IN NEWSPAPER FOR LABOUR CONTRACT FOR THE YEAR 2021-22 (01.04.2021 TO 31.03.2022) OF SIRS, TOHANA, PATAUDI AND YAMUNA NAGAR UNITS 08.03.2021 16.03.2021 2 LACS <https://etenders.hry.nic.in> 8168607110

4. HVPNL PROVIDING 132 KV DOUBLE BUS BAR ARRANGEMENT ALONG WITH 132 KV BUS COUPLER BAY AT 132 KV S/STN. HVPNL, AMIN 08.03.2021 17.03.2021 4.76 LACS [www.hvpn.org.in](https://etenders.hry.nic.in) 01722583789 pro@hvpn.org.in

5. HVPNL 1. REPLACEMENT OF 66 KV SF-6 CIRCUIT BREAKER AT 66 KV S/STN YARA 2. TRANSPORTATION AND REPLACEMENT OF 66 KV SF-6 CIRCUIT BREAKER AT 66 KV S/STN SONDA 08.03.2021 18.03.2021 1.70 LACS [www.hvpn.org.in](https://etenders.hry.nic.in) 01722583789 pro@hvpn.org.in

6. MC, PANCHKULA PROVIDING AND LAYING 40 MM THICK BITUMINOUS MACADAM ON DIVIDING ROADS OF SECTOR 1 AND 6, WARD NO. 2, MC PANCHKULA + 20 WORKS 06.03.2021 19.03.2021 319 LACS <https://etenders.hry.nic.in> 9050060000 xenmpkpl@gmail.com 01292233277 seopfaridabad@dhbvn.org.in

7. DHBVN EMPANELMENT OF WELL REPUTED TRANSPORT AGENCIES 24.02.2021 17.03.2021 - [www.dhbvn.org.in](https://etenders.hry.nic.in) 01292233277 seopfaridabad@dhbvn.org.in

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GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No. NAME OF DEPARTMENT NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL

1. PWD B&R, JIND WIDENING WITH HARD SHOULDERING & STRENGTHENING OF DHAROULI-ASSAN ROAD IN JIND DISTT. (ROAD ID 6598) 30.03.2021 72.73 LACS <https://etenders.hry.nic.in> 94671594 pweepdjjind@gmail.com

2. PWD B&R, CHANDIGARH CONSTRUCTION OF HARYANA GOVT. HOUSES PLOT NO. 1501 TO 1512 (12 NOS.) (1-KANAL) IN SECTOR 39

Mehbooba challenges ED summon in Delhi HC

NEW DELHI, MARCH 9
J&K former CM Mehbooba Mufti on Tuesday approached the Delhi High Court (HC) seeking quashing of the summon issued to her by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for March 15 in a money laundering case.



The 61-year-old PDP leader, who was released last year after more than a year in detention following the scrapping of J&K's special status, has been served notice to appear at the ED headquarters in the national capital. The petition is likely to be listed for hearing on Wednesday before a Bench headed by Chief Justice DN Patel. Besides, she has also sought to declare Section 50 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act as void and inoperative, being unfairly discriminatory, bereft of safe-

guards, and violative of Article 20(3) of the Constitution.

Section 50 of the Act gives powers to authorities regarding summon, production of documents and to give evidence. Mufti has also sought an interim stay on the summon until the question of law in relation to constitutionality of Section 50 of the Act is decided. "She has not been informed if she is being summoned as an accused or as a witness. She has also not been informed of what she is being summoned in connection with," the plea said. — PTI

635 terrorists killed in 2 yrs, 42 outfits banned: Centre

61 infiltration cases, 115 civilians lost their lives between 2018 and 2020

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, MARCH 9
The government today informed the Lok Sabha that 42 terror outfits, like Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed, had been banned for their involvement in various acts of terrorism, largely sponsored from across the border.

In a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha, Minister of State (MoS) for Home G. Kishan Reddy also said 635 terrorists were killed by security forces in J&K between 2018 and 2020, while 115 civilians lost their lives to terror violence in the Union Territory during the period.



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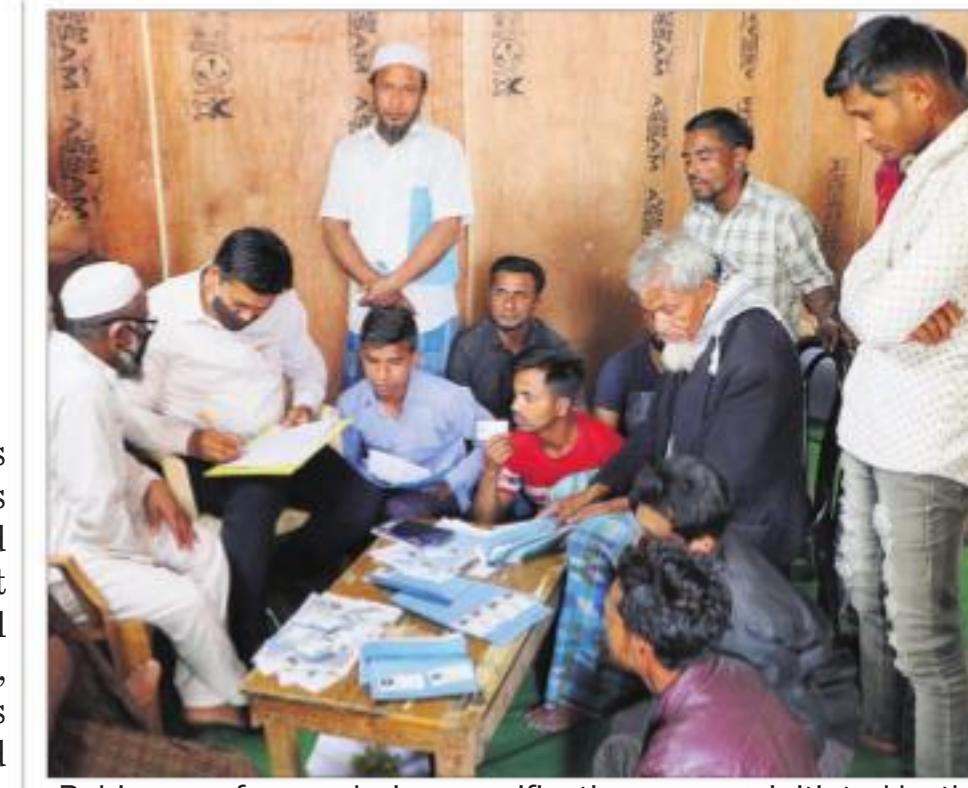
• The government has declared 42 organisations as terrorist groups and listed their names in the First Schedule of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. Terrorism in India has largely been sponsored from across the border," the minister said.

G. Kishan Reddy, MoS, Home

ART 370 ABROGATION: 173 STILL UNDER DETENTION

The government said around 173 people, involved in separatist activities, stone pelting and overground workers of terror outfits, continued to be under detention since the Article 370 was abrogated in August 2019 in J&K. According to G. Kishan Reddy, 627 people were detained and 454 were released gradually.

Three civilians were also killed in the hinterland due to the terrorist violence in the last three years, he added.



Rohingya refugees during a verification process initiated by the police outside their makeshift camp in Jammu on Tuesday. PTI

See humanitarian angle in Rohingya issue: CPM

JAMMU, MARCH 9

'NOTHING CONCERNING'

• Nothing adverse has been found against the refugees in the UT. The administration must deal with the issue on a humanitarian basis.

Sham Prasad Kesar, REGIONAL SECRETARY, CPM

Many political parties and social organisations in Jammu have urged the Centre to take immediate steps for the deportation of Rohingyas and Bangladeshi nationals,

alleging that their presence is a "conspiracy to alter the demographic character" in the region and a "threat to peace".

The Rohingyas are a Bengali-dialect speaking Muslim minority in Myanmar. Following persecution in their country, many of them entered India illegally through Bangladesh and took shelter in Jammu and other parts of the country. — PTI

More than 13,700 foreigners, including Rohingya Muslims and Bangladeshi nationals, are settled in Jammu and Samba districts of Jammu and Kashmir, where their population has increased by over 6,000 between 2008 and 2016, according to government data. — PTI

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INTERVIEW NOTICE

An Interview will be conducted at 9:00 hrs for preparing select Panel for Part Time Teachers purely on Contractual basis as per schedule given below. Details of Educational qualifications & payment are available on vidyalaya website.

POST	SUBJECT	DATE
PGTs	English, Hindi, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Economics, Commerce, Computer Science	19.03.2021
TGTs	Hindi, English, Maths, Sanskrit, Social Science, Science	
PRT	Sports coach, Yoga, Music Dance, Doctor, Nurse, Educational-Counsellor, Computer Instructor & Punjabi Language Teacher, Data Entry Operator	20.03.2021

Instructions: 1. Apply offline in the prescribed proforma available on Vidyalaya Website <https://no2ferozepur.kvs.ac.in/>. 2. Written test may be conducted in case of candidates are more for any post. 3. Please bring your documents in original on the day of Walk in Interview. 4. Candidates are required to bring one identification proof in original. **Sd/- Principal**

Rawat steps...

JJP MLA 'breaks ranks'

the political situation and all possibilities with party observers — vice-president Raman Singh and Gautam.

Apart from "serious discontent" amid BJP MLAs and MPs and objections regarding Rawat's "style of functioning and allowing bureaucracy to become more powerful peoples' representatives," it is learnt an observers' report also mentioned it will be difficult for the BJP to win next year with Rawat as the face. Seemingly, the Sangh paravaar too was upset with over some of the decisions of the government. Some Congress imports were also threatening to jump ship ahead of Assembly elections next year, spelling trouble for the ruling party amid "increasing influence" of the Aam Aadmi Party in the state.

against the central farm laws in the House, said they were with the Khattar government.

The Congress too has issued a whip to its MLAs. Though the numbers favour the government (BJP-JJP has 56 MLAs, including five Independents and one HLP MLA), the Congress (30 plus two Independents) aims to "expose" the government's "anti-farmer stance".

Former CM and Leader of Opposition Bhupinder Singh Hooda said, "The main job of the Opposition is to give voice to the sentiments of the people, who have lost faith in the government. The numbers will favour us if voting takes place without any whip."

On the eve of the trust vote, farmers protested outside the houses of state ministers and

MLAs in Karnal, Kaithal and Yamunanagar. BKU national spokesman Rakesh Tikait took to the social media urging the MLAs to vote against the government. Haryana minister and BJP chief whip Kanwar Pal said, "The members are requested to be present at the time of voting and must not leave without permission." The JJP, under fire for "failing to stand with the farmers", has issued a similar whip. Any member going against the whip will invite the provisions of the anti-defection law.

Moved by ex-CM Hooda and signed by 28 Congress MLAs, the no-trust motion was accepted by Speaker Gian Chand Gupta on March 5, the first day of the Budget session, and fixed to be taken up in the House on March 10.

Illegal mining in Swan

complaint filed by an Una resident, Amandeep.

The NGT has directed the committee to visit the site to prepare an independent report on "illegal" mining.

In his petition, Amandeep stated that the Centre had sanctioned Rs 922 crore for channelisation of the river. Seventythree 'khuds' (mini water channels) too were channelised as part of the project to save agricultural land from flooding in rainy season.

"The sand mafia, enjoying political patronage, under the garb of mining licence has been lifting sand and gravel from the riverbed in an unscientific manner, thus defeating the purpose of channelisation. Overloaded trucks are damaging link roads, causing pollution and putting the locals at inconvenience," he claimed. The mining, he alleged, may even cause damage to bridges over the Swan.

The NGT has also directed the state environment secretary, pollution control board and the Una District Magistrate to take remedial steps to control the menace of sand mining after verifying the facts stated in the application.

DDC members protest, demand better status

JAMMU, MARCH 9

Cutting across party lines, the newly elected district development council (DDC) members on Tuesday boycotted a two-day training-cum-workshop here and staged a protest in support of their demand for better status and monthly honorarium, forcing J&K L-G to cancel his inaugural session.

Various political parties, including the BJP, the Congress, the CPM and the Peoples Conference, came out in support of the agitating DDC members and urged Lt Governor Manoj Sinha to ensure they get adequate powers to mobilise government departments and address public grievances. — PTI

ED raids Khaira, others in drugs, fake passport cases

Kaur (Jalandhar), who are reportedly suspects in the fake passport case.

Others to gather more evidence to take forward the probe in the two cases.

The officials said the action pertains to the 2015 Fazilka (Punjab) drugs smuggling case, in which 1,800 gm heroin, 24 gold biscuits, two weapons, 26 cartridges and two Pakistan SIM cards were

seized from a gang of international smugglers by security agencies. An ED official said searches on Khaira's premises were linked the drugs case.

The central agency had recently filed a case under the PMLA in this connection following an FIR lodged by the Punjab Police. "The drugs

were smuggled through the Pakistan border and one of the kingpins is in the UK. Khaira was actively aiding and supporting the gang of international smugglers and enjoying the proceeds of crime," the ED alleged, adding a few of the convicts of the drugs case, currently

lodged in jail, were also searched and questioned.

The officials identified them as Gurdev Singh, Manjot Singh, Harbans Singh and Subhash Chander, all residents of Fazilka district.

During the search operations, the team could recover incriminating documents

and digital devices, the officials said. The firebrand leader, who switched from the Congress to AAP before floating the Punjab Ekta Party in 2019, had recently taken up the case of suspicious death of farmer Navreet Singh on January 26 during the farm protests. — TNS

Annexure - A

Punjab Skill Development Mission
SCO No. 149-152, 2nd Floor, Sector 17 C, Chandigarh
Tel. 0172-2720152, 2720153
NOTICE INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR SELECTION OF AGENCY(S) FOR PWD SPECIAL PROJECT UNDER DDU-GKY
Memo No.: /20417/2021 Dated:- 09.03.2021

Punjab Skill Development Mission (PSDM) invites the Expression of Interest (EoI) from eligible agencies for empanelment of Agency(s) implementing special project for PWDs under DDU-GKY Scheme. The EoI document can be downloaded from Mission's website www.psdm.gov.in.

Interested agencies should submit their proposals on or before 24.03.2021 up to 5:00 p.m. on <https://erp.dugky.info>. Any change in the EoI shall be published on www.psdm.gov.in.

Sd/- Project Co-ordinator, PSDM

DPR/Pb/2420

CIN NO : U 40105PB1983SGC034715

TENDER NOTICE FOR CUT MATERIAL LOTS GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

Tender Notice Reference No. 1/2020-21

The Department of Punjab State Forest Development Corporation Ltd. (PSFDC), Opp. OCM Mill, G.T.Road Chheharta, Amritsar Open Tender for sale of Cut Material bids for the following:-

Sr. No	Date of Tender/Bid	Place of Tender	Name of Depot	Item	Closing Time
1	18-03-2021	Bohru Chabal Road	Rasulpur, Sur Singh, Ibban, Bohru	As per list Cut Material Lots	12.00pm
2	19-03-2021	Dhariwal Canal	Dhariwal	As per list Cut Material Lots	12.00pm

Note:- List of Cut Material Lots & any corrigendum(s) to the Tender Notice shall be published on the above website: (www.psfdevcorp.gov.in) and list of Cut Material Lots can be seen in the Regional Manager Office, Punjab State Forest Development Corporation Ltd. (PSFDC), Opp. OCM Mill, G.T. Road, Chheharta, Amritsar.

Sd/- REGIONAL MANAGER, P.S.F.D.C. LTD, AMRITSAR.

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE

In Continuation to this office letter no. BLS-ADM/PA (Nalwari) 2021-8264-67 dated 23.02.2021, sealed tenders in two bid system (Technical and financial bids in separate envelopes) are again invited from interested parties for providing /installing/operating sound system/PA system during day time in Kehloor Lok Utsav, Kushti/Wrestling , Games and cattle Exhibition from 17 to 23 March, 2021 respectively on the same term and conditions. All interested parties must submit bids with a bank draft of Rs. 25,000.00 (Twenty Five Thousand) in the name of Deputy Commissioner-cum-Chairman State Level Nalwari Fair-2021, District Bilaspur H.P. to the undersigned latest by 15th March, 2021upto 11:00AM which will be opened in the presence of interested parties on the same day at 12:30 PM. Financial bids will be opened only for the bidders, whose Technical Bids have been found to be acceptable. The terms and conditions can be downloaded from the Bilaspur District Website <http://hpbilaspur.nic.in> or www.hpbilaspur.nic.in

Additional Deputy Commissioner-cum-Convenor, Cultural Committee, State Level Nalwari Fair-2021 Bilaspur H.P.

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IN PARLIAMENT

Rahul should be sent back to school: Giriraj
Taking a swipe at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi over his comments on creating a separate fisheries ministry, Fisheries Minister Giriraj Singh on Tuesday said the Congress leader should be "sent to school" so that he knows what ministries and departments exist under the central government. TNS

Over 3 lakh cyber crimes in 18 months

The government on Tuesday said in the past 18 months, 3,17,439 incidences of cyber crimes and 5,771 FIRs were registered online through a centralised portal, as a vast majority of them were reported in Maharashtra and Karnataka. In reply to a question in the LS, MoS for Home G Kishan Reddy said the MHA operationalised the national cyber crime reporting portal on August 30, 2019, to provide a centralised mechanism to the citizens for online reporting of incidences of all types of cyber crime. TNS

230 got VIP security from Union Govt

The government informed Parliament that 230 persons are currently being protected by the CAFPs, including the CRPF and CISF, under different categories of VIP security like "Z-plus", "Z" and "Y". In a written reply to a question in the LS, MoS for Home G Kishan Reddy, however, remained silent over the expenditure incurred on security to these protegees. TNS

Spending ₹1,418 per capita per yr on health

The government on Tuesday said in the Rajya Sabha that India was spending a nominal ₹1,418 per capita per year on health. This compares poorly to the rest of the world with spending on health pegged at nearly ₹4 lakh in the US, ₹2.65 lakh in the UK; and ₹64,000 in Russia. TNS

Only Pb objecting to MSP transparency: Goyal

Consumer Affairs Minister Piyush Goyal on Tuesday said the FCI procurement was going on well in the country and only "one state, Punjab", is objecting to the "transparent" way of the MSP disbursement adopted by the Modi government to benefit farmers. Replying to a supplementary by SAD leader Harsimrat Badal, where she raised the issue related to the FCI seeking land record details for providing e-payment to farmers in Punjab, Goyal asked her the reason for not providing the information. TNS

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Parl disorder to continue as govt outreach to Cong fails

NEW DELHI, MARCH 9
The first week of the ongoing Budget session of Parliament is all set for a washout with the Congress-led opposition determined to continue disrupting proceedings on the issue of fuel price hike.

A crucial meeting between government strategists and Congress top brass ended inconclusively today with the Opposition expected to continue sloganising in both Houses against the rise in petrol and diesel prices.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman led the discussions from the government side with Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi, his deputies V Muraleedharan and Arjun Ram Meghwal along with BJP leader Bhupendra Yadav present.

The Congress was represented in the meeting by Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge, Deputy Leader Anand Sharma and party chief whip in RS Jairam Ramesh. — TNS

PM inaugurates 'Maitri Setu' to connect India, Bangladesh

Opening preponed, coincides with 3 years of BJP rule in Tripura

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, MARCH 9

A fortnight ahead of his visit to Dhaka, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today inaugurated the "Maitri Setu" (Friendship Bridge) between India and Bangladesh.

"Maitri Setu" spans 1.9 km, connecting Sabroom in India with Ramgarh in Bangladesh over Feni River.

The flurry of activity coincided with March 9 marking the completion of three years of the BJP government in Tripura. Today was also the last day of filing nomination papers for the first phase of the Assembly polls in West Bengal and Assam.

Sources said the inauguration of the bridge was slated during PM Modi's Dhaka visit on January 26, but the event was brought forward to South Block's request.

As a result, Bangladesh



■ PM Narendra Modi released 11 volumes of manuscript with commentaries by 21 scholars on shlokas of Srimad Bhagavad Gita in New Delhi on Tuesday.

■ Manoj Sinha (L), J&K Lt Governor and Congress leader Karan Singh were present at the event. The manuscript has been published by Dharmarth Trust.

Bridge spans 1.9 km, connecting Sabroom in India with Ramgarh in B'desh over Feni river

PM Sheikh Hasina could not be present real-time when PM Modi was inaugurating the bridge. Instead, a tape recorded address by Hasina

was instead inserted.

"This is a historic moment as we are creating a new era in South Asia by providing connectivity to India. Polit-

ical boundaries should not become physical barriers to trade," she said.

At the same time, Hasina said the project was conceived by an earlier Chief Minister (Manik Sarkar of the CPM) who had then approached her to facilitate various clearances. The CM, she said, had also assured that his side would take care of the financing.

PM Modi said the developmental activity was a result of a double-engine government, BJP at the Centre and BJP in Tripura".

With this inauguration, Tripura is set to become the "Gateway of North East" with access to Chittagong Port of Bangladesh, which is 80 km from Sabroom, said a statement from the PM's Office.

The PM also laid foundation stones for integrated check post at Sabroom, highway in Tripura and 40,978 low-income houses in Agartala.

Japan PM raises 'concerns' about China with Modi

NEW DELHI, MARCH 9
PM Narendra Modi today spoke to his Japanese counterpart Suga Yoshihide and agreed to further enhance cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region. The conversation with an emphasis on the Quad comes ahead of a virtual summit of the four-nation grouping being initiated by US President Joe Biden.

Quad summit on Friday

The Japanese read out of the conversation portrayed an alarming picture of China's aggression across several domains. "PM Suga expressed serious concerns regarding unilateral attempts to change the status quo in the East and South China Sea, China's Coast Guard Law and the situation in Hong Kong and the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region (XUAR)," it said.

The Indian read out said, "They emphasised that their engagement with like-minded countries such as Australia and the US holds value." — TNS

Day after Batla verdict, BJP slams Cong, TMC for 'supporting terrorists'

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A day after the verdict on the Batla House encounter, the BJP today slammed opposition parties, the Congress, TMC, SP and AAP, for "supporting terrorists" for "vote-bank politics" and portraying the Delhi police as "murderers in a fake encounter" and "shattering its morale".

The BJP demanded a proper inquiry into the matter on how "sustained campaign by vested

political interests against the Delhi police for vote-bank politics" affected its morale.

"We know how scared the Delhi police were at that time because of this sustained cam-

ASSEMBLY POLLS 2021**DMDK walks out of AIADMK-led front in Tamil Nadu**

CHENNAI, MARCH 9

The ruling AIADMK's ally DMDK on Tuesday walked out of the alliance protesting non-allocation of specific constituencies and the number of seats it sought for the Assembly poll in Tamil Nadu.

"Congress leader Salman Khurshid said pictures of the Batla case had brought tears to Sonia's eyes. Will she now apologise to the country, will Mamata Banerjee say sorry to the nation," Prasad said, calling the conviction "a triumph of India's judicial process.

SC rejects PIL against 'Jai Shri Ram' slogans**ADR SEEKS HEARING ON ELECTORAL BONDS**

Citing Assembly polls in WB, Assam, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Puducherry, the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) on Tuesday moved the SC seeking urgent hearing of its PIL challenging the electoral bonds scheme for funding political parties. TNS

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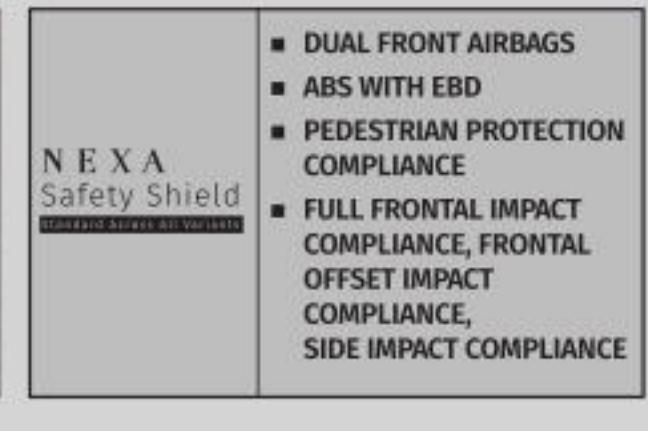
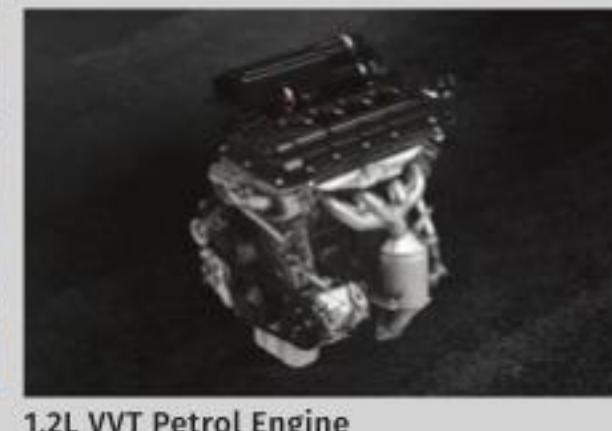
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