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## MEA rebuts claim, blames China for border standoff

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**NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 11**  
The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) today hit out at China for recent observations by its foreign office holding India responsible for the LAC standoff.

MEA spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said contrary to the China's claims, the situation for the last six months was due to their actions to unilaterally change the status along the LAC in eastern Ladakh. He said: "We expect that further discussions will help both sides to achieve an agreement on complete disengagement at all friction points."

The MEA rebutted claims by the Chinese Embassy that Beijing had cancelled the joint release of commemorative stamps to mark the 70th anniversary of diplomatic relations because no feedback was given by the Indian side.

As the launch did not take place, the issue of going ahead with joint activities under its ambit did not arise, said Srivastava.

The MEA also criticised Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov's recent comments on India. "Our relation-

### STICK TO AGREEMENTS

**NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 11** The core issue remains that both sides need to strictly follow the bilateral agreements and protocols in entirety, which require no amassing of troops

Anurag Srivastava, MEA SPOKESPERSON

### ON TIES WITH RUSSIA

**■** The MEA says India's ties with Russia stand on their own merits and are independent of its relations with other countries

**■** Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov had recently said the West was "attempting to undermine Russia's close ties with India".

ship with each country is independent of its relations with other countries. We hope that this is well understood and appreciated by all our partners," said Srivastava.

Speaking in the context of Quad, Lavrov had said the West was drawing India into anti-China games as part of a "persistent, aggressive and devious policy" and also attempting to undermine Russia's close ties with India.

## Modi appeals to farmers as BJP charts out awareness campaign

Unions drop 'rail roko' plan | Tomar says awaiting response to proposal

VIBHA SHARMA  
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**NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 11** A day after Union Ministers Narendra Singh Tomar and Piyush Goyal argued in favour of Centre's farm laws, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today shared the video of their press conference and urged the protesting farmers to listen to them carefully.

"My two Cabinet colleagues have discussed in detail about the new farm laws and the farmers' demands. Must listen to this," he said.

With farmers planning to intensify their agitation, the BJP today decided to hold nationwide awareness drive, including chaupals, about the "benefits" of the laws.

Farm unions said there was no "rail roko" in their renewed strategy to intensify protest. BKU (Rajewal) president Balbir Singh Rajewal said the decision would be taken after consulting all unions.

Meanwhile, the government said "Left and Maoist" elements were trying to spoil the atmosphere as a controversy erupted with surfacing of "posters of jailed

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BKU's Rakesh Tikait addresses farmers at Delhi-UP border near Ghazipur on Friday. MANAS RANJAN BHUI

### 'NEW AGRICULTURAL LAWS ARE FLAWED'

**■** The new agri laws are flawed and will be detrimental to farmers. Our farm regulation needs change, but the laws will end up serving corporate interests.

Kaushik Basu,  
EX-CHIEF ECONOMIST,  
WORLD BANK

### TRAFFIC BLOCKADES, SIT-INS AT MORE PLACES

To intensify the stir, farm unions said they would block the Delhi-Jaipur highway among others and hold dharnas at district headquarters & state capitals.

### BKU FACTION MOVES SC

UP-based BKU (Bhanu) moved the Supreme Court against the farm laws, alleging these will make them "vulnerable to corporate greed". TNS

2 MORE DIE AT TIKRI, SINGHU

### 'DON'T TEST TOLERANCE OF FARMERS, STIR MAY SPREAD'

**■** The farmer is the 'annadata' of the country. His tolerance should not be tested. The protest is restricted to Delhi border, but it can't be ruled out that it might spread to other areas.

Sharad Pawar, NCP CHIEF

## Revoke farm laws, we'll carry Modi's posters, say unions

SANJEEV SINGH BARIANA  
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CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 11

"We are willing to return home flying the national flag as well as putting up posters of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on our tractors if the government repeals the contentious farm laws," said BKU (Kadian) president Harmeet Singh Kadian while talking to *The Tribune* today.

Not repealing the laws appears to be an ego issue with the PM and Home Minister Amit Shah, Kadian said while responding to a question on the deadlock.

Not just Kadian, a number of farm leaders are firm about their demand for the withdrawal of the new laws. They fear that corporates will ultimately take control of the pricing mechanism and subsequently their land. The farmers are also not ready to accept the MSP "lollipop" because at "present too the government is paying MSP only on two or three of the 23 listed crops".

President of the BKU (Ekta Sidhupur) Jagjit Singh Dalewal said: "The entry of corporates in the fields of education, health and transport has affected the government set-ups. The same will happen to



FARMERS AT SINGHU BORDER.

### TRUST DEFICIT STAYS

**■** Whether we are being given 100% poison (farm laws) or whether it is being diluted, it will still be poison.

SS Pandher, KISAN MAZDOOR SANHARSH PANEL

agriculture. History shows that budget planning by the corporates allows them to bear losses for a few years. Initially, they will lure farmers with more money, leading to closure of government mandis. Finally, corporates will be controlling the price."

Voicing similar apprehensions, BKU (Ugrahan) general secretary Sukhdev Singh Kokrikalan said: "Agreeing to government amendments would have been akin to allowing the neck of the corporate camel inside the tent of farmers. If not stonewalled now, this will render farmers homeless."

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### IN BRIEF

**Biden, Harris Time's 2020 Person of Year**

NEW YORK: US President-elect Joe Biden and Vice-President-elect Kamala Harris have been named by the prestigious *Time* magazine as 2020 Person of the Year. PTI



Doctors across the country held protests against the government order on 'ayurvedic surgeons' on Friday. PTI

## Docs oppose 'ayurvedic surgeons'

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 11

Doctors at several hospitals, including All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), on Friday sported black ribbons in support of the protest call of the Indian Medical Association (IMA) against the Centre's move allowing postgraduate practitioners of ayurveda to be trained in performing surgical procedures.

The IMA, which had given

Seek rollback of order allowing ayurveda docs to perform surgery

the nationwide call on December 1, has demanded withdrawal of the notification.

Doctors at AIIMS and various Delhi government-run facilities, including LNJP Hospital, Rajiv Gandhi Super Speciality Hospital, DDU

Hospital, GTB Hospital, BSA Hospital, Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Hospital and civic-run Hindu Rao Hospital, performed duties while wearing black armbands and ribbons.

The notification by the Central Council of Indian Medicine to allow legal practice of surgery by ayurveda practitioners will only lead to "mixopathy", the IMA has said. — PTI

EDIT: PROTEST AGAINST 'MIXOPATHY'

## Mamata govt defies MHA summons over Nadda attack

KOLKATA, DECEMBER 11

The West Bengal Government on Friday decided not to send the state's Chief Secretary and police chief to New Delhi in compliance with Union Home Ministry's summons in the wake of a mob attack on BJP chief JP Nadda's convoy, the latest flashpoint between the state and Centre.

Chief Secretary Alapan Bandyopadhyay wrote to Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla, saying he has been directed to request to "dispense with the presence of the state officials" in the meeting convened on December 14, an obvious indication that he was just obeying the state government's order.

The MHA had on Friday summoned Bandyopadhyay and DGP Virendra asking them to present themselves on December 14 for an explanation on the

Refuses to send DGP, Chief Secy to Delhi

### 7 HELD IN BENGAL

WB Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar says he has sent a report to the Centre on 'extremely disturbing developments' in the state

Seven persons were arrested for their alleged involvement in the attack on Nadda's convoy

They have been booked for rioting, obstructing public servant in discharge of public functions and other offences

JAGDEEP DHANKHAR

law and order situation in the state, following Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar's report on the attack on Nadda's convoy by alleged sup-

porters of the ruling TMC.

The state's top bureaucrat said as requested by the Union Home Secretary on December 10, the state government had indeed made elaborate arrangements for security coverage of the protees on Thursday.

"The incidents regarding Z-category protees are already being examined at our end. The West Bengal Police had provided a bulletproof car and a pilot to JP Nadda, which was in addition to the escort (vehicle by state personnel by CRPF and PSOs (CRPF) he is entitled as a Z-category protee," he wrote.

The DIG (Police) of the range was stationed in the area to supervise the arrangements. "While the central protees had their own protection arrangements, these arrangements were made over and above the same from the end of the state," Bandyopadhyay wrote. — PTI

## Punjab extends night curfew till January 1

CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 11

Concerned over high fatality rate in Punjab, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Friday extended curfew restrictions (10 pm to 5 am) in all cities and towns till January 1. The night curfew was earlier imposed from December 1-15.

### MORE RESTRICTIONS

Gatherings at indoor events have been restricted to 100 and outdoor to 250

Only institutional quarantine for those above 70 years and having comorbid conditions

Besides, in view of complaints about violation of norms at weddings and other functions, the CM has limited gatherings to 100 for indoor events and 250 for outdoor.

DGP Dinkar Gupta has been asked to strictly enforce these restrictions at marriage palaces and other such places and impose penalties on hosts in case of violations. — TNS

## US imposes sanction on BrahMos' Russian ally

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**NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 11** Russian aerospace company Aviazapchast has said its sanctioning by the US State Department will not affect its dealing with Indian partners such as BrahMos, the Department of Space, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited and Bharat Dynamics Limited. The Ministry of External Affairs on Friday said it had no comments to offer on the issue.

The US State Department recently imposed sanctions on five Chinese and Russian companies, including Aviazapchast, for alleged violation of the regime for non-

## Locals object to structures at HP heritage site

LALIT MOHAN

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**CHAMBA, DECEMBER 11** Residents are up in arms against the raising of structures in the Chamba Chaugan area here. The area was declared a heritage zone by the state in 1995, so no construction can be undertaken in the Chaugan area.

Kangra painting artist and Padma Shri awardee Vijay Sharma says the administration had earlier tried to raise tin sheds in the area using funds provided by the National Hydro Power Corporation (NHPC). The construction was pulled down after prominent citizens objected to that.

Now, work has been started to raise concrete pillars in the



A concrete structure coming up in the Chaugan area of Chamba.

### CHAMBA CHAUGAN

- Chamba Chaugan was declared a heritage zone in 1995
- No construction can be undertaken in the protected area
- The DC said the work to refurbish an old sitting area was stopped as soon as the matter was brought to his notice

area. The work should be stopped immediately as it is against norms, he says.

bished. However, the work was stopped after some people brought the construction to his notice, he said. "We shall abide by orders of the Himachal High Court in the matter," he said.

Vijay Sharma says much damage has already been done to the local heritage. Akhand Chandi Palace, given to Chamba medical college, has been concretised by the authorities, causing permanent damage to ancient heritage.

A concrete pavement built by the NHPC in the Chaugan area under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) was demolished in the recent past following intervention by the Chief Secretary, sources say.

Deputy Commissioner DC Rana, however, said an old sitting area was being refur-

## Production delay can mar vax success: Study

ADITI TANDON

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 11**

As nations gear for Covid-19 vaccination, a new research has shown that factors related to implementation will contribute more to the success of inoculation plans than vaccine's efficacy.

The findings based on mathematical simulation of vaccination say the benefits of a Covid vaccine will decline substantially in the event of manufacturing or deployment delays, significant vaccine hesitancy, or greater epidemic severity.

"There is an urgent need for health officials to invest greater financial resources

and attention to vaccine production and distribution programmes, to redouble efforts to promote public confidence

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### COVID-19 CASES INDIA

# Another protester loses life at Singhu

OUR CORRESPONDENT

**MANDIAHMEDGARH, DECEMBER 11** A septuagenarian farmer, who along with his other associates was protesting at Singhu border against the Central farm laws, died on the intervening night of Thursday and Friday. The deceased was identified as Bhag Singh (75) of Baddowal village in Ludhiana district.

While the exact reason behind Bhag Singh's death would be ascertained on receipt of post-mortem report, Kisan Union leaders have alleged that he died due to the cold he caught after excessive shooting of water with high velocity by the Haryana Police.

Designating Bhag Singh with status of 'Kisan Movement Martyr' the union leaders demanded a compensation of Rs 10 lakh and a job for his kin, besides waiver of institutional and private loans.

Rajinder Singh Lalton, a Punjab Roadways Union leader, and Master Jasdev Singh said Bhag Singh had

## WAS DRENCHED BY WATER CANNON

■ Kisan Union leaders have alleged that Bagh Singh of Ludhiana died due to the cold he caught after getting drenched by water canon used by the Haryana Police

■ They demanded relief, complete debt waiver and job to the next of kin of the deceased farmer

been feeling unwell after being shot by water canons by the Haryana Police when their jatha was heading towards Singhu border.

"Though we had asked Bhag Singh to return home, he insisted on continuing his participation in the morcha till the farm laws were withdrawn. He kept motivating his fellow protesters till late Thursday," Leaders said. Bhag Singh had been playing a leading role in social welfare events being undertaken by his village residents from time to time.

# More farmers leave for Kundli border

Protesters from Amritsar, Jalandhar, Tarn Taran, Gurdaspur & Batala to add strength to stir

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AMRITSAR, DECEMBER 11

Eighty-year-old Bhag Singh from Attari is not physically fit to spend bone-chilling nights in open, yet he is determined to protest at New Delhi against the new contentious farm laws.

He is part of a large contingent of the Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee (KMSC) which proceeded to Delhi's Kundli border after paying obeisance at the Golden Temple and conducting ardas at the Akal Takht today.

"My conscience did not allow me to stay home when my colleagues were going to protest at Delhi. We prayed to the Almighty to keep everyone in 'Chadhdikala', including PM Narendra Modi and his ministers. We along with others will make the Centre revoke the laws that would destroy our ancestral occupation and coming generations," says Bhag Singh.

A youth, Amolakdeep Singh, from Attari wants to participate in the Delhi protest for another reason. "Young people like me are



going to participate in the protest to negate negative perception about youth and fight for our rights," he says.

Amid slogans of 'Bole So Nihal', the farmers' group consisting of approximately 2,000 farmers left from here in their tractor-trolleys and cars loaded with essentials, including eatables and other items. As a goodwill gesture, volunteers of the United Sikh Organisation offered tankful of fuel for free. Lat-

er, farmers from Jalandhar, Tarn Taran, Gurdaspur and Batala, too, joined the entourage on the way.

KMSC president Satnam Singh Pannu and general secretary Sarwan Singh Pandher, who led the contingent, said the Centre's stubbornness was troublesome.

They said this was the second contingent that would join the protest at Delhi. The earlier group under the banner of the KMSC was

already protesting at the Kundli border. The next group will leave on December 24 from Gurdaspur.

"The government wants to exhaust us and force us to leave Delhi; that's why various tactics are being adopted to scuttle the movement against the contentious laws.

We are firm on the repeal of all three farm laws. Now, we have no choice but to intensify the agitation", says Pannu.

Pandher says be it Con-

## WILL PUSH FOR REVOKING LAWS

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Bagh Singh, ATTARI FARMER

◀◀ Farmers depart for Delhi to protest the farm laws, in Amritsar. VISHAL KUMAR

Muktsar villagers await turn to join brethren in Delhi

MUKTSAR, DECEMBER 11

The farmers' protest at Delhi borders has completed 16 days, but a number of farmers in villages are still eagerly awaiting their turn to go there. They said when one batch would come back, the other would be able to go as a replacement.

Ranjit Singh, a farmer from Gurusar village, said: "In our village, nearly 30 farmers are awaiting their turn to go to the Delhi bor-

Eager to make contribution in growing movement

ders to join the ongoing protest. We have arrangement for nearly 10 people there, thus when some people will come back, a fresh batch will leave from here."

Similarly, Gian Singh, a farmer from Bhuttiwala village, said: "Nearly 25 farmers from our village are awaiting their turn to go to Delhi border to join the ongoing agitation." The situation is similar at Assa Buttar village too. —TNS

# Jailed rights activists' release part of charter of demands, say unions

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**CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 11** Amid the row over protesting farmers' demand for the release of intellectuals and human rights activists raised on Thursday, farm unions have said the demand had been there from the very beginning.

On International Human Rights Day, they sought the release of jailed activists, poets, student leaders, including Varvara Rao, Sudha Bhardwaj, Gautam Navlakha, Umair Khalid and others.

The demand for their release was added in the charter in the very first internal meeting of the 32 farmer organisations held in Moga in the third week of September. It was raised in the meeting with the union agriculture minister on November 16 also," said Rajinder Singh, vice-president, Kirti Kisan Union.

Reacting to the controversy, Bhartiya Kisan Union (Ugra-



Farmers protest the Central farm laws at the Singhu border on Friday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MUKESH AGGARWAL

We will keep on raising the issue in future also: BKU (Ugrahan)

han) president Joginder Singh said it was writings of scholars like Gautam Navlakha which helped us understand the economic policies and shape our struggles." He said people like Sudha Bharadwaj have spent decades in service of the poorest. "We can't leave them to lurch in jails," he said.

As per a demand charter submitted to the Union Agriculture Minister on behalf of 32 farmer organisations, the sixth demand read. "Withdraw all cases against the farmer leaders all over India, intellectuals, poets, lawyers, writers and human and democratic rights activists. Those who have been jailed in false cases should be released."

Stressing that attempts are being made to defame the farmers' struggle, the BKU president said photographs of these scholars had been put up at toll plazas and other protesting sites in Punjab for the past two months. "We will keep on raising the issue in the future as well," he added.

Earlier, the PPCC chief had a meeting with Cabinet Ministers and MLAs in Chandigarh. Jakhar said the state government had strongly presented the real picture of the farm laws before the people of the state who are now standing with the peasantry. —TNS

## Will stop trains, if 'rail roko' resumes: Rlys

OUR CORRESPONDENT

**LUDHIANA, DECEMBER 11** With the deadlock continuing between the Central Government and farmer organisations over the farm laws, railway authorities have indicated that the train services might have to be completely withdrawn from December 14 if the 'rail roko' agitation resumes and protesters squat on the tracks as announced by union leaders.

For the time being, Northern Railway authorities have further extended cancellation, partial cancellation and diversion of some trains in the state till December 13. Seal Jallianwala Bagh Express and Amritsar-Dibrugarh Express would remain cancelled till December 13. Trains which will remain partially cancelled are Amritsar-Nanded Sachkhand Express would short-terminate at and short-originate from New Delhi and remain partially cancelled between New Delhi and Amritsar till December 13.

## Anganwadi Mulazam Union members join protesters at the Tikri border on Friday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

# Women lawyers join Tikri protesters

MANSA, DECEMBER 11

Women advocates from Mansa have been standing strong with farmers in their agitation at the Tikri border. Apart from taking part in the protest, they can be seen preparing food at the site. Senior Bar member advocate Balveer Kaur Sidhu, Rajinder Kaur and Harsimran Kaur have been putting up at the protest venue for the past few days. Coming from families

with well-to-do backgrounds, these women have been sleeping on floor with other women protesters.

Balveer Kaur (40) has been participating in the stir along with her husband and children. She is also a leader and active member of BKU (Dakonda). While she can be spotted participating in and addressing massive gathering till afternoon hours, later she, along with her colleagues,

tends to chores and prepares food in the langar for farmers.

Balveer said: "We will stay put until the Centre repeals the new laws... burdened with debt, suicides, low income and ever-increasing input costs, the farming community in the state is already grappling with crises. But with these new laws, the agriculture sector would hit its lowest ebb and we cannot let that happen in front of us," she says. —TNS

# Take back plaint against farmers: SAD to Kejriwal

CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 11

SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal today condemned AAP convener and Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal for allegedly creating the grounds for use of force against peacefully protesting farmers at the Singhu border by getting an FIR registered against 1,000 farmers through its Health Department.

"Earlier also Kejriwal had proved that he was a wolf in sheep's clothing when he notified the Farmers' Pro-

# Will protest at Shambu border on Dec 14: Cong

CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 11

The Punjab Congress on Friday announced a large demonstration in support of farmers at Shambu border on December 14.

PPCC chief Sunil Jakhar said the inter-state Shambu border was chosen as the protest site as farmers had to face water cannons and tear gas shells at the border while moving towards Delhi on November 26 and 27.

The PPCC has also decided to send MLAs in batches to

join the party MPs who have been protesting the farm laws at Jantar Mantar. Jakhar said CM Capt Amarinder Singh would address a party rally in the coming days.

Earlier, the PPCC chief had a meeting with Cabinet Ministers and MLAs in Chandigarh. Jakhar said the state government had strongly presented the real picture of the farm laws before the people of the state who are now standing with the peasantry. —TNS

# Misleading narrative on farm laws: Chugh

CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 11

BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh on Friday regretted that a misleading narrative is being created on the agriculture laws because of which misunderstanding has spread among farmers.

While urging farmers to withdraw their protest as he Centre has promised to make amendments to the laws keeping in view the objections raised by the farmer leaders, Chugh said farmers should not get misled by false propaganda.

## Says Centre ready to address concerns

The seven undertakings given by the Centre, which included that the MSP and mandis would continue as they are, should dispel all doubts of farmers.

Chugh denied that corporate houses would grab farmers' land. "No private buyer can touch the land of a farmer," he said. —TNS

# Stir gets acceleration with modified tractors



A modified tractor at a protest site in New Delhi. TRIBUNE PHOTO

PARVESH SHARMA

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SANGRUR, DECEMBER 11

It is for the first time that a large number of tractors are lined up within a stretch of a few kilometres on the Delhi border. Each tractor-trailer doubles up as room with facilities like mobile charging points, electricity bulbs, mattresses and inverters.

Six to seven persons can easily sleep in each trailer while for every eight to 12 trailers and its occupants, there is a special trailer loaded with vegetables like onion, potato and ration like sugar, flour and ghee. After modifying the trailers with iron grills and special nets and tarpaulins, hay is laid on its floor to provide heat while above it, spe-

cial mattresses are placed.

Besides, each trailer has quilts and blankets. "During nights, our trailers look like rooms as we have every facility here. We have so many inverters that we can light up our areas for around 55 hours continuously. We have made separate arrangements for women also," said Harjeet Singh, a Bhartiya Kisan Union (Ugrahan) leader from Sangrur. From his village, 12 trailers have gone to the Delhi border, of which four are for women, one for ration, while the remaining are for male members of organisations.

# Scholarship tests deferred

FARIDKOT, DECEMBER 11

Due to the farmers' protest, the State Council of Education Research and Training (SCERT) on Friday postponed the scholarship examinations for the selection of students for PSTSE (Class VIII and X), NTSE (Stage-I) (Class X) and NMMS (Class VIII). While the PSTSE was scheduled to be held on December 12, the NTSE and NMMS test was to be conducted on December 13. These tests have been postponed to December 19 and December 20, respectively. The time of examinations, roll number, examination centres of the candidates etc will remain the same, the SCERT said. —TNS



MANAV MANDER

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The plough of the farmer is his identity but if needed, he can also turn it into his strength. The strength and unity being put up by farmers at the Delhi border has set an example before the nation. Inspired from the struggle and strength of the protesting farmers, a Khanna-based sculptor has turned a plough into a cannon depicting the power of the agitating farmers. With so many requests for taking the sculpture to Delhi, a draw of lots will be done by him to select the farmer.

Jaswinder Singh from Mehdipur village, Khanna,

is a symbol of hard work of the farmers and the cannon symbolises their strength. The two wheels symbolise fearless treading and constantly fighting for one's demands. The slogan of 'Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan' is also fully represented in this art. I have created the art as a mark of protest," he said.

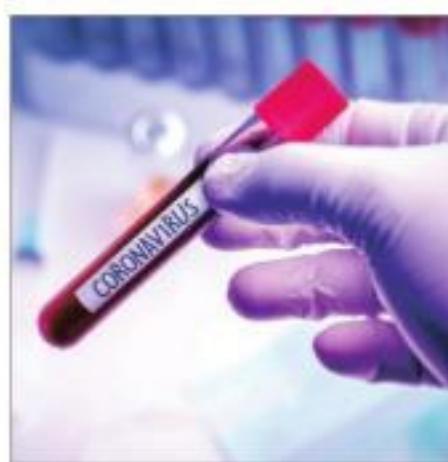
"His art piece will be a source of inspiration for the farmers to succeed in their mission. I, along with other farmers, will be marching to Delhi in the coming week. I expressed my desire to take the piece of art with me but Jaswinder candidly asked me to take part in the draw of lots," he said.

"The plough has been combined with a cannon. Plough

# State gears up for vaccine rollout

22 district vaccine stores being readied | High-risk populace to be covered first

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## HOTEL OWNER BOOKED FOR VIOLATING NORMS

**Fazilka:** The owner and the manager of a hotel in Fazilka have been booked for violating Covid norms. Rajesh Goyal, a resident of Fazilka, and manager Rajesh Kumar, a resident of Himachal Pradesh, have been booked under Sections 188 and 269 of the IPC. However, no one has been arrested so far. OC

the successful rollout of the vaccination, which is expected to be available

soon in India, Capt Amarinder said.

Besides a state-level vaccine store, 22 district vaccine stores and 127 block-level vaccine stores are being prepared for the rollout of the vaccine in Punjab, which will also have 570 cold chain points. Besides a walk-in freezer at Ferozepur, the Government of India has decided to provide one more at Chandigarh. In addition, the state will have one walk-in cooler each at Amritsar, Hoshiarpur and Ferozepur with more to be received from the Centre. In addition, the state has 1,165 ice-lined refrigerators and 1,079 deep freezers.

In line with the Central Government's guidelines, data of about 1.25 lakh healthcare workers (government and private) has been compiled by the state government for the first-phase vaccination.

## 24% infected by Covid in state: Sero survey

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 11** As much as 24.19 per cent of Punjab's population has been infected by Covid, according to the second sero survey conducted in 12 districts of the state.

Sharing the findings of the survey, conducted among randomly selected districts and population, Health Secretary Hussan Lal informed a high-level meeting chaired by Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh that a total of 4,678 participants were interviewed and their blood samples collected.

Of these, 1,201 tested IgG

reactive, of which only 4.03 per cent were symptomatic and 95.9 per cent were asymptomatic.

Urban areas showed positivity rate of 30.5 per cent and rural areas reported 21 per cent positivity. Ludhiana, with 54.6 per cent total positivity and 71.7 per cent urban positivity, was found to be the worst hit, followed by Ferozepur, Jalandhar and SAS Nagar (Mohali).

Female positivity was found to be higher in both urban and rural areas. Each district was assigned the task of completing a sample size of 400 with 200 from rural areas and 200 from urban areas.

# 6th pay panel report likely to be submitted in January

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**CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 11**

The wait of Punjab Government employees for the Sixth Pay Commission could end soon as the final recommendations of the commission are expected to be submitted to the government in January.

The Pay Commission was set up by the previous government in 2015. After more than five years, the recommendations of the commission are expected to bring cheer to 7.5 lakh government employees and pensioners. The employees had been assured by the state government that the report would be submitted before December 31, but sources say it is likely to be submitted next month.

While the employees can cheer about the new pay scales, the recommendations will bring a mixed response as the pending

To benefit 7.5 lakh govt employees and pensioners



and former Chief Secretary, Punjab, told The Tribune that the report of the commission was being given final touches, but refused to divulge any further details.

"We will be ready to give our recommendations very soon," he said. Sources in the commission said all information gathered by the commission, including representation by various employee organisations, had already been critically examined and noted.

Sukhchain Khera, convenor of the Sanjha Mulazam Manch, an umbrella organisation of all employee unions, said in case the commission recommended the new scales on a par with the Central pay scales, the employees would launch an agitation. "We only hope that the recommendations are employee-friendly," he said.

## War veteran who served in Air Force, Navy & Army turns 100

VIJAY MOHAN  
TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE



Col Prithpal Singh Gill celebrates with his family in Chandigarh.

the Harvard aircraft, when his father learnt from a friend that he was a "good flyer" and pulled him out because flying in those days was considered unsafe and his father was afraid that he may die in an air crash. Then at the age of 23, he joined the Navy and served for five years (from January 1943 to September 1948) as a commissioned officer in the gunnery branch. He sailed on minesweepers and escort ships. During World War II, he was assigned to undertake escort duties for maritime convoys proceeding from the Indian mainland to the Persian Gulf. It was during his days with the Navy that then Sub-Lieutenant Prithpal Singh was detailed to attend the Long Gunnery Staff Course at the Army's School of Artillery in Deolali, where he qualified as an instructor in gunnery.

After a brief interlude with a government agency, he donned the olive green in April 1951, joining the Regiment of Artillery on account of his previous naval gunnery experience. He then served with the 34 Medium Regiment that had earlier served with distinction in Iraq, Palestine, Egypt and Italy during World War II. Later, he raised and commanded the 71 Medium Regiment that saw action during the 1965 Indo-Pak War. "The most eventful part of my service was during the 1965 Indo-Pak War when I was commanding the regiment," he said. Born in 1920 in Patiala, he studied at Government College, Lahore. After retirement, he took up farming in his family land near Faridkot but continued to keep a healthy lifestyle.

## Minister's selection as badminton body chief stayed

**CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 11** A day after Cabinet Minister Bharat Bhushan Ashu's unopposed election as the Punjab Badminton Association president, the Punjab and Haryana High Court today stayed the election results.

The order by Justice GS Sandhawalia came on a petition filed by Tejinder Singh Walia and another person against the state of Punjab and other respondents. "This court is of the opinion that since elections have taken place when proceedings were pending before this court, the election result declared on December 10 is liable to be stayed," Justice Sandhawalia asserted, while fixing the case for further hearing on January 25, 2021. Four vice-presidents, along with other office-bearers, were also declared elected.

The petitioners had moved the High Court claiming that the election scheduled on February 27 could not be held. Further activity could not take place thereafter due to Covid-19. The meeting/elections were now to be held on December 27, as per the decision dated November 19. The impugned order thereafter was passed on October 30 without issuing notice to the petitioners. — TNS

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**4<sup>th</sup> January : Jaipur, Alwar area**

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# After tepid response, numbers swell

State's representation more at Tikri than at Singhu | Over 40 outfits lend support

SUSHIL MANAV  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 11  
The number of farmers protesting at the Tikri and Singhu borders continues to swell by the day, even as 40 organisations from the state have lent support to the agitation.

Farmers from Punjab still comprise a larger chunk of the protesters — more than 60 per cent of the total — while those from Haryana are making up for the initial lukewarm response. Their participation is fast increasing. More than 20 per cent of the protesters are from Haryana.

Prahlad Singh Bharukherra of the Haryana Kisan Manch said, "Farmers from Sirsa and Fatehabad were the first to protest against the farm laws as they held a 'pakkha morcha' outside Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala's residence in Sirsa on November 4. Later, farmers from Ambala, Kurukshetra and Karnal joined their Punjab brethren for the Delhi march."

He further said farmers from the Jat heartland of Rohtak, Sonipat and Jhajjar were hesitant to join the protest initially as they apprehended a repeat of the 2016 Jat agitation. But as it



Farmers protest against the farm laws on the Delhi-Meerut expressway on Friday. PTI

became clear that the protest was peaceful, they lent support.

The Bharatiya Kisan Union (Charuni) continues to be the single largest organisation from the state participating in the protest.

Others organisations at the forefront are the Haryana Kisan Manch, Bharatiya Kisan Mazdoor Union, Kisan Sangrash Samiti, BKU (Ghosi Ram Nain), Kisan Sangrash Samiti, All India Kisan Sabha, Akhil Bharatiya Kisan Mahasabha and All India

Kisan Mazdoor Sangathan.

Some of these organisations have a statewide appeal, while others wield influence in districts and blocks.

Rajender Arya of the Haryana Kisan Mazdoor Naujawan Union said: "The Delhi march evoked a tepid response from Haryana. But once the farmers from Punjab laid siege to the Delhi border, the participation from Haryana started increasing. Now, farmers from across the state are heading towards Singhu and Tikri."

Bharukherra said Haryana's

representation was more at the Singhu border than at the

Tikri border.

He further said the unique feature of the protest was it was not centered on one person. "There is no single hero. The 1988 farmers' protest at Boat Club had Mahendra Singh Tikait as its hero and the 2011 anti-corruption movement had Anna Hazare. But in this protest, people have emerged as the hero."

This is the reason organisations have not deviated from the single-point demand of revocation of the laws.

## Protesters won't allow toll plazas to charge fee today

JHAJJAR, DECEMBER 11

Farmers staying put at the Tikri border for the past fortnight today finalised the strategy of sealing all nearby points leading to Delhi and making all four toll plazas in Jhajjar and Rohtak districts free for commuters on Saturday. They roped in farmers of nearby villages for the same.

"Not only farmers of Jhajjar and Rohtak districts but also of other districts in the state have assured us of making the toll plaza free tomorrow following the call given by the Sanyukt Kisan Manch hence we are quite confident about the success of our strategy," said a farmer leader adding that they will also reach the toll plaza if needed.

Purushottam Singh Gill, a leader of Bharatiya Kisan Union (Lakhawal), said they had identified eight routes leading to Delhi from Sonepat, Jhajjar and Gurugram districts. Many of these had already been blocked and remaining ones would also be sealed on Saturday to mount pressure on the Center for accepting their demand, he added. — TNS



Garbage and stagnant water near the Singhu border raise a stink. TRIBUNE PHOTO: SAYEED AHMED

## Heaps of garbage, stagnant water raise stink at Singhu

PARVEEN ARORA  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SONEPAT, DECEMBER 11

Heaps of garbage and stagnant water near the Singhu border, where thousands of farmers have been protesting against the three controversial farm laws for two weeks, are posing a sanitation problem, which, protesters fear, will lead to an outbreak of diseases.

Pieces of orange and banana peels, plastic and paper glasses and plates, and food waste are piling up at various places, causing inconvenience to protesters.

This is not all. Dirty toilets and stagnant water are raising a stench. The pro-

## OFFICIAL SPEAK

“The administration has deployed sufficient number of employees to maintain cleanliness at the protest site. Whenever farmers contact us for any sanitation-related issue, employees are sent immediately. If there is any problem, I will get it checked.” ST PUNIA, SONEPAT DC

testers claimed toilets had not been cleaned for nearly a week. Ask protesters and they blame the district administration for the sorry state of affairs.

“Sanitation employees do

not clean the site regularly. Garbage has not been lifted for days and the drainage system is poor. All in all, the situation is bad,” said Ajay Singh, a farmer.

Another farmer Narinder Singh said the district administration should deploy more sanitation employees at the site. “If the administration doesn’t get serious, the unsanitary conditions will lead to outbreak of diseases.”

“The few mobile toilets that have been stationed near the protest site are dirty, forcing the farmers to relieve themselves in the open,” one of the farmers said, adding some farmers took it upon themselves to clean the toilets.

## Agitator from Punjab dies at Tikri border

**Jhajjar:** Another protester (65) from Punjab died due to cardiac arrest in Bahadurgarh town here on Thursday night. The deceased has been identified as Kishan Lal of Dhuri (Sangrur). It was the sixth death during the ongoing farmers' protest at the Tikri border. “The body was handed over to the kin after the post-mortem examination,” said a doctor at Civil Hospital. Sunil Kumar, SHO, City Police Station, said Lal was staying at the new bus stand in Bahadurgarh. TNS

## Seniors guide youth, keep spirits high

PARVEEN ARORA  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SONEPAT, DECEMBER 11

Experience of elders and enthusiasm among youths is keeping the spirit of protesters high at the Singhu border for the past 16 days.

Elderly farmers keep guiding the youths to remain vigilant and perform all sorts of duties, so that the protest continues to remain peaceful. Subsequently, the youths are performing well on every front — be it langar sewa,

managing the traffic flow of the farmers' vehicles or maintaining hygiene and distributing fruits.

Farmers are reaching the site from Haryana and Punjab with milk, fruits, vegetables, medicines and food items in vehicles bearing flags of farmers' organisations and the Tricolour. There is no dearth of financial and social support from Haryana, Punjab, Delhi and UP. Besides, Punjabi singers as well as spiritual gurus are keeping the protest



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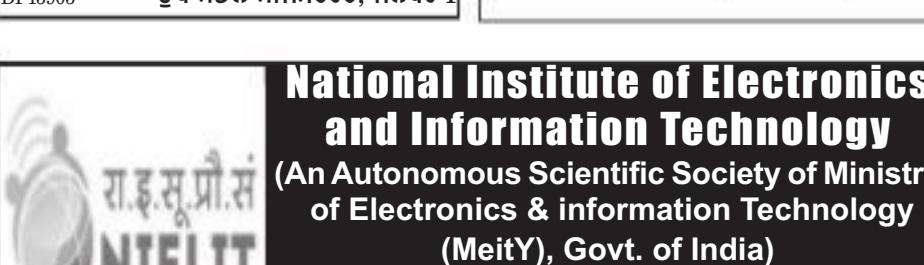
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# Covid shadow looms over Manali winter carnival

Organised from Jan 2 to 6, the event promotes tourism activities

DIPENDER MANTA

Tribune News Service

MANDI, DECEMBER 11

Uncertainty looms large over the winter carnival in Manali town due to the Covid threat. The event is organised every year from January 2 to 6 to promote winter tourism in the Kulu-Manali region.

During the five-day event, cultural activities are organised on Mall Road and at Manu Rangshala in the town from morning till late in the evening every day to enthrall the audience. Apart from this, winter sports activities are organised to attract tourists to the state.

However, the situation this year is quite different as the Covid-19 outbreak has disappointed hoteliers as well as tourists. No preparation is visible on the part of the Kullu administration for the winter carnival as per the schedule.



During the five-day event, cultural activities are organised on Mall Road and at Manu Rangshala in Manali town. FILE PHOTO

**“There is uncertainty over organising the Manali winter carnival amid the pandemic outbreak as the gathering is limited to 50 persons to tackle the Covid surge in the state.”**

Richa Verma, KULLU DC

Apprehensive of the threat of the pandemic, hoteliers of Kullu-Manali are not also in

favour of organising the carnival, which attracts a huge crowd.

Anilkant Sharma, a hotelier in Manali town, said, “We should avoid cultural programmes during the winter carnival as a huge crowd gather at a single place such as Manu Rangshala or Mall Road, but the district administration should hold winter sports as per the scheduled dates to promote winter tourism.”

Anup Thakur, president of the Hoteliers’ Association Kullu-Manali, said: “Besides the winter carnival, we should avoid mass gatherings during Christmas and New Year’s Eve, too, to prevent the spread of the virus.”

When contacted, Deputy Commissioner, Kullu, Richa Verma said that there was uncertainty over organising the Manali winter carnival amid the pandemic, and especially when the gathering is limited to 50 persons only.

Tribune News Service

SOLAN, DECEMBER 11

Urban Development Minister Suresh Bhardwaj today laid the foundation stones of 15 development projects worth ₹ 4.53 crore in Baddi municipal limits through video conferencing.

Bhardwaj instructed officials to complete all works within stipulated time. He inaugurated 22 shops worth Rs 29 lakh, community hall worth Rs 9 lakh, road works worth Rs 49 lakh, women gym worth Rs 9 lakh among other projects.

He said nine development projects worth 1.68 crore were inaugurated while foundation stones were laid for six projects worth 2.85 crore.

“Keeping with the pace of urbanisation, there is a high demand for infrastructure in urban areas.

The priority of our government is to facilitate the people. We have instructed the officials concerned to complete the projects within stipulated time.”

# PM farmers' scheme: ₹2.5-cr scam unearthed in Kangra

More than 2,500 ineligible persons availed benefits



## WHO IS ENTITLED TO BENEFITS

- Under the scheme, a sum of ₹2,000 per month is directly credited into the bank accounts of farmers
- Pensioners, government employees, MLAs, MPs and other income tax payers are not entitled
- Those involved in farm activities and having agricultural land are eligible for the scheme

site and they have siphoned off over Rs 2.5 crore from the state exchequer in the past one-and-a-half year. The ‘undeserving’ persons in connivance with panchayat representatives and agriculture officials have managed their entry into the scheme.

In Kangra district, over 2,500 such persons have wrongly availed the benefit of the scheme. Sources said while making the selection of beneficiaries at the ground level, wrong bio-data of such persons were uploaded on the

it. The administration has already started the recovery proceedings against 2,500 persons and summons are being sent to them. A senior official said when the government machinery was busy grappling with the pandemic, miscreants and middlemen were busy stuffing the scheme’s beneficiary list with ‘ineligible farmers’ with the intent to siphon off funds from the scheme.

## 651 new cases, 20 die in state

SHIMLA, DECEMBER 11

As many as 651 new cases of Covid were reported today, taking the tally up to 47,703, and 20 persons succumbed to the virus in the last 24 hours.

The highest number of eight persons succumbed to the virus in Shimla, four in Kangra, three each in Hamirpur and Sirmaur and one each in Solan and Kinnaur districts. —TNS

## CM for setting up electronic devices manufacturing hub

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 11

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur met Union Railway and Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goel today and submitted a proposal for setting up an electronic devices manufacturing hub in the state and sought Central help in the matter.

During the meeting, Thakur pitched for the pro-

posed project, saying it would help realise dream of Aatmanirbhar Bharat. Thakur reasoned that there is a huge dependence on China in electronic devices. With the setting up of this park India would be able to manufacture indigenous electronic devices thereby building self-sufficiency in this sector. The state government has offered

to provide land and electricity at competitive rate.

A request was made to the Centre to provide grant for common facilities in the hub.

Thakur requested for setting up of bulk drug pharma park and medical devices park in the state as it provides a conducive environment for growth of industries. —TNS

## Poor response to sewage treatment plant

AMBika SHARMA

Tribune News Service

SOLAN, DECEMBER 11

Notwithstanding the presence of ₹35-crore sewage treatment plant (STP) in Baddi municipal committee, barely 55 households have availed connections even after the lapse of nearly a year.

“As against 5,500 kilo litre of sewage which it was supposed to treat on a daily basis, it is receiving hardly 155 kilo litre per day. This is only a fraction

of the total waste required to run the plant efficiently,” informed the plant operators.

The plant is supposed to receive ₹3.40 per kilo litre as treatment charges from the local civic body and 3 million litre of load was supposed to

sum of about ₹35 crore was spent to set up the plant. Baddi Infrastructure Limited, a special utility vehicle, is operating this plant.

However, it has failed to recover any money from it till now, informed a plant official.

Executive officer, Baddi Municipal Committee, RS Verma, said, “Notices have been issued to the residents to avail connections or face disruption of power and water

connections. Even this has had a limited impact as people do not come forward despite assuring the authorities.”

RS Verma, Executive Officer, MC

of the plant to ensure its viability.

As many as 25,633 permanent residents of Baddi were expected to benefit from the scheme and about 1,500 households were supposed to avail its connection. Notably, a

sum of about ₹35 crore was spent to set up the plant. Baddi Infrastructure Limited, a special utility vehicle, is operating this plant.

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RS Verma, Executive Officer, MC

of the plant to ensure its viability.

As many as 25,633 permanent residents of Baddi were expected to benefit from the scheme and about 1,500 households were supposed to avail its connection. Notably, a

sum of about ₹35 crore was spent to set up the plant. Baddi Infrastructure Limited, a special utility vehicle, is operating this plant.

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## MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AMRITSAR

### E-TENDER NOTICE

No. MCA/LS/3252

Dated:- 10.12.2020

Municipal Corporation Amritsar, invites online bids from eligible bidders/Firms for e-tendering of Parking Stands of Municipal Corporation for the year 2020-21. For further specification details terms and conditions kindly visit <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>. The last date to submit the bids is 20.12.2020 till 5.00 PM. The technical bids of Tenders will be opened on 21.12.2020 at 10.00 AM. The contract of parking stand will be up to 12.05.2021.

Any Corrigendum/Addendum will be published on the above website only. For any clarification please contact Sh. Sushant Bhatia, Estate Officer (M. No. 7888679455), Sh. Daljeet Singh Superintendent (M. No. 9876203344) or Sh. Amandeep, E-Tendering Clerk (M. No. 9888925061).

Sd/- ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER  
MUNICIPAL CORPORATION  
AMRITSAR

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## PWD B & R BRANCH

### NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS

DATED: 10.12.2020

On behalf of Governor of Punjab Executive Engineer, Cosnt. Divn. No.-1 PWD B&R Br., Mohali invites bids from eligible bidders enlisted under “All road works” category with PWD (B&R) for the works approved under Special Repair of Link Roads Program 2020-21 falling under his jurisdiction detailed in the following Work(s). The bidders may submit bids for any or all of the following Work(s)-

Sr. No.	Name of MC	Group No's whose tenders being called	Total No. of groups	Availability of tender online from	Last date and time of submission of tender online
1.	Kharar	2	2	12.12.2020 to 28.12.2020	28.12.2020 – 04.30 PM.

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

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

Sd/- Executive Engineer,  
Constrn. Divn. No. 1, PWD B&R Br.,  
Mohali.

DPR/Pb/116202

## PUNJAB WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD

### E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 19/PWSSB D-1/BTI DATE: 11.12.2020

On behalf of CEO, PWSSB, Executive Engineer, Pb. W/S & Sewerage Divn. No. 1, Bathinda invites bids from eligible bidders for the project detailed in the following Table. The bidders may submit bids for the following Project.

Sr. No.	Name of the Work	Bid Security/Earnest Money (Rs.)	Cost of Document/Tender Fees (Rs.)	Period of Completion	Approx. Value of work (Rs. in Lac)
1	Augmentation of sewerage network system Bathinda Providing and Laying of 1000 mm DI K-9 Rising Main from Sullage Carrier to Pond for Disposal of Storm Water at Bathinda Town (Under AMRUT)	Rs. 3.67 Lakhs	1000/- Processing Fees 5000/- + Taxes	04 Months	183.39

Closing Date & Time : 07.01.2021 up to 03:00 p.m.

Date & Time of Opening of Eligibility Criteria : 07.01.2021 at 04:00 p.m.

For details logon to : [www.eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in)

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

Sd/- Executive Engineer,  
Pb. W/S & Sew Divn. No. 1,  
Bathinda.

DPR/Pb/116402

## DIRECTORATE OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION, VOCATIONAL AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING, SUNDERNAGAR, DISTRICT MANDI, H.P.

### CORRIGENDUM

In continuation of this Directorate advertisement notice No. STV(TE)HB(5)Requisition/Class-IV/-79645 dated 09.12.2020 the last date for receipt of applications for the various posts of Class-IV on Daily Wages basis in the office of the Director, Technical Education, Vocational and Industrial Training, Sundernagar, District Mandi, Himachal Pradesh – 175018 may be read as 10.01.2021 instead of 10.01.2020 up to 5.00 P.M. However, for the candidate(s) residing in Lahaul & Spiti District, Kinnar District, Pangti and Bharmour Sub Division of Chamba District and Dodra Kauri Sub Division of Shimla District of Himachal Pradesh, the last date for receipt of the applications may be read as 27.01.2021 instead of 27.01.2020 up to 5:00 P.M. The applications received after these dates shall not be considered. The rest of the contents of the said advertisement remain unchanged.

Joint Director,  
Technical Education Vocational & Industrial Training, Himachal Pradesh.

## DIRECTORATE OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION VOCATIONAL AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING HIMACHAL PRADESH, SUNDERNAGAR

### Polytechnic Admission Notice

It is informed that number of seats have remained vacant in Polytechnics Engineering diploma courses under the Department of Technical Education, Himachal Pradesh. Hence, a Institution Level Spot Counselling has been fixed on 15.12.2020 for admission in diploma in Engineering courses through Lateral Entry (LEET) and Direct Entry (PAT). All interested candidates desirous to seek admission in Polytechnics Engineering courses may attend this Counselling. This Counselling shall be conducted on Institution basis only with reference to availability of vacancy, which is available on the official website of H.P. Takniki Shiksha Board [www.hptechboard.com](http://www.hptechboard.com).

All interested candidates are advised to read Polytechnic Admission Prospectus 2020-21 carefully with reference to eligibility criteria, certificates/documents or other important instructions and may participate in this counselling. Application Form along with Counselling Fee amounting to **Rs. 650/-** per candidates is required to be submitted in the concerned Polytechnic/Institution up to **12:30 p.m.** and the selected candidate(s) is required to submit the full fee on selection for confirmation of admission. For any clarification you may contact on Toll Free Helpline No. **1800-180-8025** and this number is operational on all working days from **10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Joint Director,  
Technical Education  
Vocational & Industrial Training,  
Himachal Pradesh

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## Facebook under lens

Silicon Valley giant faces legal, political challenge

**I**N 2012, Instagram was growing rapidly and was seen as Facebook's competitor, which bought it for \$1 billion. Two years later, Facebook lapped up WhatsApp, another rising star. Both deals were approved by the US Federal Trade Commission. Now, the social networking giant is facing antitrust lawsuits by the Commission and nearly every American state on charges of using a 'buy or bury' strategy to snap up rivals and keep smaller competitors at bay. Facebook has hit back at the accusation of illegal acquisition to dominate the highly lucrative sector, terming it 'revisionist history'. It argues that these companies were bought when they were much smaller and there was nothing pre-ordained about their success.

Unlike Europe, which has sought to penalise Big Tech for the growth-at-all-costs mentality, US regulators have maintained a hands-off approach to avoid any hindrance to the continued success. The lawsuits, thus, represent the most significant political and legal challenge to Facebook in its more than 16-year history. Governments across the world would be keenly watching the rare bipartisan efforts by American decision-makers on cutting digital empires down to size, and making them accountable for business practices. The legal filings cite internal messages from Facebook boss Zuckerberg, such as one 2008 email that said it was 'better to buy than compete'. What is being sought is divestment of assets, effectively breaking up one of Silicon Valley's most profitable firms, and restore competition 'so that innovation and free competition can thrive'. Whether Instagram and WhatsApp will be cleaved off will be decided in courts, and it could take years to resolve.

Personal social networking is central to the lives of billions. The market dominance by a handful of powerful firms — with vast troves of data and money — is an uncomfortable fact. Their ever-expanding footprint and the consequences they pose, particularly during elections, are issues of serious concern. Ensuring that profits are not put ahead of consumers' welfare and privacy has to be the primary objective, even if that requires slicing of the digital imperium or stricter scrutiny.

## Protest against 'mixopathy'

Medical practices should be based on scientific evidence

**I**N March, PM Modi, in a televised address to the nation, asked people to clang utensils in a show of appreciation for the frontline healthcare workers who had risked their lives in protecting people from the coronavirus. Nine months down the line, the same medical fraternity is up in arms against the government over its move to allow post-graduate ayurvedic students to conduct surgeries. Allopathic practitioners have dubbed it an assault on the modern medicine system, a decision that would encourage quackery and endanger the lives of the people. The IMA called for a nationwide strike on Friday to register protest, putting out ads that said it had lost 700 doctors to Covid.

The pandemic put pressure on a healthcare system that was under-prepared to deal with the exigency. Hospitals saw a shortage of beds and equipment with doctors from the paramilitary forces being drafted in some instances. There was pressure on the supporting staff who had to perform long hours of duty in PPE kits. Care for those suffering from other diseases was hit, leading to aggravation. While revamping the healthcare infrastructure, the government also had to guard against its dumbing down, like in the case of the Patanjali drug that was later clarified to be only an immunity booster, with the ICMR distancing itself from it. The country has had parallel systems of medicine since ancient times, but anatomical dissection and the application of scientific evidence-based practices differentiate the modern system of medicine from alternative practices.

There is also a race against time to find a vaccine for Covid-19. The government would do best to rely on the already existing robust vaccination programme, sparing other branches the trouble of getting involved in the exercise. The network of clinics and dispensaries that had shut after the pandemic outbreak should be allowed to reopen, fresh recruitments made and the families of those who lost their lives should be compensated. Training ayurvedic students for surgery appears to be an ill-conceived step.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Who can live without eating? A farmer is a great hero because he fights for our existence. — Mehmet Murat İldan

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

# The Tribune.

LAHORE, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1920

### REPRESSION AT DELHI.

THE right of public meeting, the liberty of the press and the right of association are among the undisputed primary rights of every civilised man and especially every British subject. In India, during the last decade and a half, measures have been placed upon the Statute Book which have reduced all these rights to a matter of sufferance on the part of the Executive. For the first, we have the Seditious Meetings Act, for the second the Press Act, and for the third the Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1908. Nor have these measures been allowed to rust. The Press Act has been in continuous operation ever since it was passed, and while almost every nationalist paper without exception has suffered more or less from its operation, every respectable Indian paper, whether extremist or moderate, has felt its very existence as a sort of Damocles' sword hanging over its head. The Seditious Meetings Act has not been resorted to quite so often or administered quite so vigorously, and at one time, it was actually thought that the Government did not propose to use it except in extreme cases, but during the last two years or so, we in this part of the country, at any rate, have seen far too much of it. The only measure which has been really somewhat sparingly used is the last. Indeed, ever since the first epidemic of proscriptions under it, chiefly in Bengal, the public has seldom heard of it. But the worst thing about a measure of this kind is that its existence is a standing temptation to the Executive to encroach upon popular liberty, and in the absence of constitutional safeguards such as exist elsewhere, there is really nothing to prevent the Executive from yielding to this temptation whenever it thinks, whether rightly or wrongly, that there is an emergency calling for the exercise of its exceptional powers.

# Why MSP is a must for farmers

New laws ensure that growers will be powerless in front of big corporate agri-buyers



AUNINDYO CHAKRAVARTY

SENIOR ECONOMIC ANALYST

**D**ARBARI economists will tell you that the Minimum Support Price (MSP) system fattens a few rich farmers. Don't listen to their lies and half-truths. Yes, it is true that only a lucky few manage to sell most of their produce at the government-mandated floor prices. But the MSP announced by the government acts as a signal price for all trade in crops across the country.

How does that happen? Although most states are woefully short of government-regulated APMC mandis, the few that they have become the hubs through which most crops ultimately pass. The farmers themselves might not be able to access these mandis, but local grain traders do. Small farmers need cash almost immediately after harvest, so they sell their crop to local grain merchants. The merchants pick up the produce from the entire area and store it, till the official procurement process begins.

These merchants have the linkages to raise money to rent godowns and later transport large amounts of wheat, paddy, pulses and oilseeds. They have the holding power which small farmers do not. Once FCI begins to buy, the grain merchants offload a part of their stock at the MSP. This becomes a form of insurance for them, which ensures they are able to pay for the cost of finance, transport and storage and make a decent margin, even if the open market collapses.

This also ensures that they can pay steady prices to the farmers whom they bought from. If grain traders were exposed to the fluctuations that always take place in agricultural markets across the world, the small farmers would get even less.



FLUCTUATIONS: Supply and demand can never match in agriculture. PTI

If the govt had been serious about increasing farm income, it would have strengthened MSP-based procurement.

This is clear from the crops that do not have official procurement.

Vegetables are a good example. Since there is no assured pricing system here, farmers are at the mercy of fluctuations in the open market. That is why we hear stories of farmers selling onions at Re 1/kg to the trader and the consumer paying Rs 30 for it. That is also why we see images of tomatoes dumped on the road by angry farmers when they fail to earn even enough to cover the cost of production.

The experience of farming across the world tells us that the standard laws of supply and demand do not work in food production. That is why even the developed capitalist world, where free markets supposedly rule, subsidises its farming communities. The reason for this is that agriculture has its own specific time, a particular rhythm, which cannot be controlled by machines. Factories make products in a very short period of time, often in less than a day. They can react to changes in demand or overall supply in the market very quickly.

Farmers begin sowing, armed with the knowledge of the previous season's demand. Even the most enlightened farmer, who keeps track of global trends, will still have to com-

mit to a certain acreage at the point of sowing. If supply or demand trends change during the weeks needed for the crop to grow, there is nothing that the farmer can do about it. This is why supply and demand can never match in agriculture. They always confront each other with a seasonal lag.

In such a situation, assured prices alone can ensure that farmers have a steady income. Otherwise, a sudden glut can cause farmers to go bankrupt. And we know this happens every year in places where farmers are unable to access the APMC mandis or get MSP. They are unable to pay the loans they took at the beginning of the season. Microfinance lenders and banks come banging at their doors. At times, the farmer is humiliated so much that he ends up killing himself.

Only the state can intervene to protect farmers from the vagaries of market forces. That can only be done by government procurement at assured minimum prices. Private procurers and big agri-businesses can never do that. Except in the world of naïve textbook economics. In that world, if agricultural trade is opened up to everyone, farmers will have a wider range of buyers to choose from. This will help them demand more for their

products and end up with better prices than the MSP system can.

In this economic fairy tale, agri-businesses will compete against each other to improve efficiencies of transport, marketing and retail. This will help them reduce costs while paying more to farmers. In effect, everyone wins — the farmers get more, the corporates earn higher margins by reducing distribution costs and consumers pay less.

In reality, the three new laws ensure that farmers will be powerless in front of big corporate agri-buyers. Purchase contracts will have to be agreed to before the sowing season. The farmer will have to ensure that the quality of the crop meets the contracted standards. The buyer will have the right to terminate the contract whenever he wants. If there's a dispute, the farmer will not be able to go to any civil court. In effect, the farmer will be at the mercy of the corporate buyer.

The complexity of crop procurement will ensure that a few big corporates, who can assimilate a part of the existing network of grain traders into its system, will quickly capture the market and become monopsonies. The corporates will dictate prices and farmers will have no fallback option, since there will be no MSP system to protect them. The same trading networks that give some price stability to small farmers, because of government procurement, will simply congeal and be absorbed into the procurement structure of big corporates. The vast sea of rural exploitative relations will be preserved, but the lifeboat of MSP will be taken away.

If the Modi government had been serious about increasing farm income, it would have strengthened MSP-based procurement, instead of dismantling it. It would have set up an adequate number of APMC mandis — India needs five times the number we currently have — instead of disempowering them. It would have fixed the APMCs and tried to reduce the control of the arthiyas. Instead, it is simply throwing the farmers to the mercy of market forces and big businesses. Global experience shows that this can only make things worse for farmers.

## Much ado for the love of it

### ANIRUDH DHANDA

**I** was very young then. Everyone seemed glued to the radio, especially Radio Ceylon every week, when Ameen Sayani played popular Hindi film songs with a commentary in his inimitable voice and style. Perhaps he was the first to change the way of addressing the audience from 'Bhaiyon aur Behnon' to 'Behnon aur Bhaiyon'. He was the star presenter of Binaca Geetmala, a programme of hit Hindi film music. That was the first countdown broadcast of Hindi film songs. I recall that it was broadcast on Radio Ceylon for 30 long years and then shifted to the Vividh Bharati Service of the All India

Radio in 1989 where it ran until 1994. Sayani continued being the host of the show. He would also broadcast the annual year-end lists which included iconic all-time favourites like 'Mera joota hai Japani' and 'Baharon phool barsao, mera mehboob aaya hai.'

People would be waiting to hear his voice. Listeners would make predictions for the next week's top position. Many a time, one song would continue dominating for weeks. And before playing the one on top of the chart, a short musical composition used to be played before the legendary announcer would play the song saying, 'Iss hafte ki pehli payedaan par hai ye geet, jise gaya hai...' giving details of the singer,

film, writer and composer.

But the biggest problem used to be to get connected. Those days, the transmission was not good enough to reach us in India from Ceylon. Or, maybe the radio sets were not good enough. Sayani's voice would one moment be heard clearly, and the next moment be lost to the crackle of other radio stations playing at around the same wavelength. It was not the usual constant static, but a medley of too many voices competing with each other at the same time. People would stand in groups, gathered around the one holding his prized possession, the transistor, tilting it or shifting it to a place where the signal was better.

Difficulty in getting the broadcast-

er's voice was also a pain when India played cricket abroad, particularly in the West Indies. People would either stay awake late into the night or set an alarm to get up in the wee hours to hear the radio commentary. The transistor hidden under the pillow and kept close to the ear would half the time be playing unintelligible hissing sounds. Then suddenly, the commentator would be heard shouting, all loud and clear. The whole exercise of fine-tuning would begin again.

As radio made way for the television, the struggle for the air waves is no longer as intense, spoilt for choice as we are. But that ordeal of yore now sounds all the more sweet, and film songs and cricket commentary played no small role in it.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### SC order on CCTVs

The SC order to the Centre, states and UTs to compulsorily install CCTV cameras with night vision at all police stations and offices of the central investigation agencies is a welcome step to prevent custodial torture. The apex court has further directed that no part of any police station or areas where interrogations are carried out should be left uncovered. The SC has also ordered the setting up of human rights courts in each district under the Protection of Human Rights Act to enable custodial torture complaints to be made. Both these orders are extremely important and will serve as a deterrent against abuse of power by the police and other law enforcement authorities. Far too often, custodial torture isn't taken seriously. But implementing the SC order will be a challenge, as the funding for the police is already constrained in most states, which can be cited as an excuse not to install the requisite number of CCTVs. There is likely to be resistance from the police itself that are used to their current methods of operating which are not tenable as per law. This is why there needs to be proper monitoring of the implementation of the SC's order.

LJS PANESAR, VIA EMAIL

#### Dushyant's stand

Reference to the news report 'Farmers threaten to block rail tracks again', the stand taken by Dushyant Chautala, Deputy Chief Minister of Haryana, on the protest after a written assurance from the Centre is difficult to understand. The assurance on MSP is no more a relevant demand of the farmers. The farmer leaders have rejected amendments to the three farm Acts but are firm that nothing less than repealing them would do. Dushyant Chautala's position is also a far cry from that of Chaudhary Devi Lal, who sacrificed even the Deputy PM's post for the cause of farmers.

CAPT AMAR JEET KUMAR, MOHALI

#### Attack on Nadda

Apropos of 'Nadda's convoy attacked in Bengal', violence has no place in democratic institutions. Paribartan needs to happen in the best interests of the residents of the state. This change has to come not only from the TMC, but also from the BJP, which seems to be polarising the voters on CAA and NRC, rather than questioning the TMC on governance, corruption and unemployment, where anti-incumbency is clearly visible.

RAJIV BOOLCHAND JAIN, ZIRAKPUR

#### Show of unity

Reference to the news, 'Centre's attempt at backdoor talks fails as unions stay together', it is a matter of regret that the Centre is trying to divide the farmer unions to end the impasse. But the unity of farmers has stood like a rock against such attempts. Farmers these days are educated and aware. The Central leadership has not been able to shake their faith by initiating talks with a select group of farmers.

FAQIR SINGH, DASUWA

#### Returning awards

To oppose, to protest or to agitate in a peaceful manner is the democratic right of every citizen. While the expression of solidarity and taking a stand on issues is welcome, the awards are bestowed for excellence in various fields. Returning them should be resorted to only as an extreme step to make the government heed the voice of reason. The government too should pay attention to the anguish of the people.

KK SOOD, NANGAL

#### Garbage management

Apropos of 'Lahaul admin for sustainable development plan to save valley', it is a welcome step which speaks of foresight on the part of administrator and planners as it is

going to become an ultimate tourist destination and the gateway to Spiti, Chamba and Leh valleys. The first priority should be garbage management. There should be a provision for its efficient collection and scientific disposal. Garbage collection points with signboards en route at public utility places can be established with strict law enforcement. Involvement of local NGOs would prove to be meaningful for this purpose.

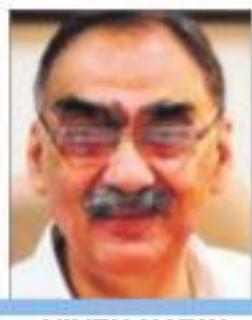
RS KISHTWARIA, PALAMPUR

#### Engineering colleges

It came as no surprise to read about the current state of affairs in four government engineering colleges of Punjab. The situation is similar in engineering colleges all over the country. Forced scholarship schemes without support on a regular basis as well as tremendous decline in the strength of students are the problems highlighted. Poor planning and weak basics in the engineering education system are also equally responsible for the present condition. Diversification is the need of the hour with skill development courses getting priority along with other options for the students like courses in arts, sciences, pharmacy and management.

SS VERMA, LONGOWAL

# India must keep an eye on Afghan affairs



VIVEK KATJU

EX-SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

recognised by the United States as a state and is known as the Taliban....

The Taliban do not recognise the term Islamic Republic and nor do they accept the Afghan government as a lawful authority. For the Afghan government, the Taliban are an insurgent group and the use of the term Islamic Emirate would erode its national and international legitimacy.

The agreement on procedures has not been disclosed, but the two sides have been able to find a way to address this thorny issue. One report indicates that they agreed to drop their preferred formulations to proceed. If true, it does reflect the government's weakness and a climbdown from the formulation used in its declaration with the US.

This also demonstrates the reality that these talks are not between a government and a weaker insurgent group but between, at best for the Afghan government, equals.

Kabul's weakness was indirectly admitted on December 2 by General Mark Milley, chairman of the US joint chiefs of staff. In an interaction with a think tank, Miller admitted that a 'strategic stalemate' had prevailed in Afghanistan for many years with the Afghan government unable to defeat the Taliban, and the latter not able to beat the Afghan authorities "as long as we were supporting the government."

Trump has decided to reduce the US troop presence in Afghanistan by January 15, 2021, to 2,500 soldiers who would be based, according to Milley, in a couple of larger bases with several satellite bases." US troops will continue to train Afghan security forces and assist in its counter-terrorism efforts. Milley said

that after January 20, 2021, the US contingent's mission will be decided by the incoming administration; Biden would assume presidency on that day. It is unlikely that he will seriously modify decisions relating to US army presence or its role in Afghanistan, though he will accord greater salience to human rights in the political system that is to eventually emerge from the Taliban-Afghan government dialogue.

The Afghan army has hardly succeeded in controlling violence and terrorist acts with the present number of



US soldiers; so, its ability to effectively deal with them with a decline in US force levels will be further impaired; therefore, the emphasis by the US and the Afghan governments to give priority to securing the Taliban's agreement to a ceasefire. That is reflected in the government team's demand in the talks currently under way in Doha on finalising the agenda.

The Taliban are unlikely to go in for an enduring ceasefire unless the nature and shape of power-sharing is finalised. That is the current focus of attention of the Kabul political class too. President Ashraf Ghani has alienated a large

number of its prominent members. So, it is unlikely that he will have sufficient support for Afghan national security adviser Hamdullah Mohib's desire that the Taliban join the government. Mohib recently said, "The Afghan government is negotiating with the Taliban to find a political solution to include the Taliban in the government..."

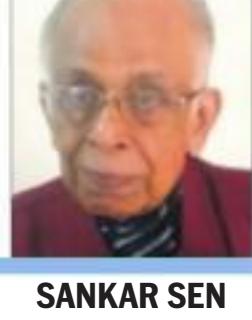
The Taliban would like an interim government in which it has, at least, an equal role. India has moved to reinforce its contacts with political leaders of the erstwhile Northern Alliance; some have made publicised visits to Delhi. These include Dr Abdullah, Uzbek leader Rashid Dostum and Ata Mohammad Nur, the influential Tajik personality. It has also acknowledged the Taliban through its presence at the start of the talks of the Afghan parties in Doha in September.

This is not enough. It must shed its inhibitions and meaningfully engage the Taliban despite its deep Pakistani connections. India has to keep an eye on Afghan developments, for events are on the move even in these fading weeks of the Trump administration.

Mohib's desire that the Taliban join the govt.

**PEACE-MAKING:** The Taliban would like an interim govt in which it has, at least, an equal role. REUTERS

## Sensitise cops to curb custodial excesses



SANKAR SEN

EX-DIRECTOR, NATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY

It is difficult to expect that the new directive of the apex court to install CCTV cameras in police stations and interrogation centres will usher in a new dawn and put a stop to the use of third-degree methods by the police. Even now, to avoid public notice, police torture often takes place in police barracks, quarters or safe houses. Thus, the installation of CCTVs, though a welcome check, will not do away with the evil practice unless there is strict surveillance and commitment by senior police officers.

THE directive of the Supreme Court that CCTVs have to be installed in all police stations and outposts in order to ensure that police officers do not indulge in torture and resort to third-degree methods has been hailed by many as a landmark decision, which will have a salutary impact and substantially reduce custodial violence by the police. The media has also welcomed the directive and lauded it as a paradigm shift in investigatory work of the police. Many senior police officers, serving as well as retired, have joined the chorus of approval.

However, the efficacy and impact of the directive will be judged by the manner in which this well-meaning order is translated into reality and whether the police will be sincere in implementing them in letter and spirit. Also, vigorous monitoring by the apex court is equally important.

Admittedly, custodial torture has remained the bane of the Indian police for a long period. The Torture Commission (1850) referred to its prevalence in the police stations of the then Madras presidency and also mentioned about the various modes of torture indulged in by the rapacious *thana* officers. The First Police Commission of 1902, set up by Lord Curzon, deplored the "unnecessary severity" with which the police officers deal with common people, and particularly, the arrested persons.

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), soon after its inception in 1993, had issued a clear direction that any instance of death or rape in police or jail custody should be reported to it within 24 hours and failure to do so would be adversely viewed by the commission. In the last 10 years, the annual average death in police custody all over the country has been 145 and in jail custody 1,142. Custodial death patterns have more or less remained unchanged, though there have been fluctuations in the number of incidences in different states.

The practice has continued unabated and various novel methods of torture have been fashioned. The National Police Commission elaborately analysed the scourge of custodial violence and torture and recommended



**SYSTEMIC MALAISE:** Criminals and terrorists seldom get their just deserts. PTI

that in the event of any custodial death, there should be a mandatory judicial inquiry to fasten responsibility on the guilty police personnel followed by suitable deterrent punishment. The National Police Commission found that the departmental inquiries were often not conducted earnestly, resulting either in acquittal or minimal punishment of the errant police personnel.

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), soon after its inception in 1993, had issued a clear direction that any instance of death or rape in police or jail custody should be reported to it within 24 hours and failure to do so would be adversely viewed by the commission. In the last 10 years, the annual average death in police custody all over the country has been 145 and in jail custody 1,142. Custodial death patterns have more or less remained unchanged, though there have been fluctuations in the number of incidences in different states.

Evidently, over the years, despite all the warnings and exhortations and numerous police sensitisation programmes of the NHRC and the state human rights commissions as well as other non-governmental agencies, there has not been any appreciable decline in the incidents of custodial deaths or complaints of police torture. This raises the question of not just individual aberrations but also systemic malaise. The police, at times, come under tremendous pressure, though always not overt, to adopt short cuts and illegal methods to deal with dreaded criminals and anti-social elements. There is also significant public approval behind such short cuts.

The reason could be that the criminal justice system in the country has become highly dysfunctional. As cases in the law courts drag on interminably, criminals and terrorists seldom get their just deserts. There is also pressure on the police to deliver results

without caring for means and become investigators as well as executioners. I still recall the admonition of the then Chief Minister, while I was heading the state CID in Odisha. He asked me to take steps to eliminate a gang of dreaded dacoits operating in Puri district through means fair or foul and was visibly unhappy because I demurred.

There is also supervisory cowardice to deal firmly with errant and violence-prone officers against whom complaints of abuse of authority and misuse of force are received frequently. Moreover, in every police force, encounter specialists have emerged, who are lionised and not chastised by their superiors.

To cap it all, there is also utter lack of human rights culture in the police, frowning on abuse and misuse of authority. Admittedly, the high courts and Supreme Court on different occasions have condemned custodial torture by the police in scathing terms. In the DK Basu case, the Supreme Court said that custodial torture constitutes a serious assault on human dignity and whenever and wherever it takes place, "the flag of human dignity will fly half mast."

The court in this case prescribed elaborate rules to be followed by the police during custodial interrogation and enjoined on the police to provide the details of the arrested persons to their nearest relations. Copies of the apex court's order were posted on the notice boards of all police stations. But this landmark decision did not alter the unsavoury situation. The directive of the court was honoured in the breach as custodial violence by the police continues and is viewed as a cruel necessity.

Incidentally, the victims of police

custodial torture mostly comprise the poor, deprived and voiceless sections of society, who have neither the means nor the courage to raise their voice against sub-human behaviour of the all-powerful police force.

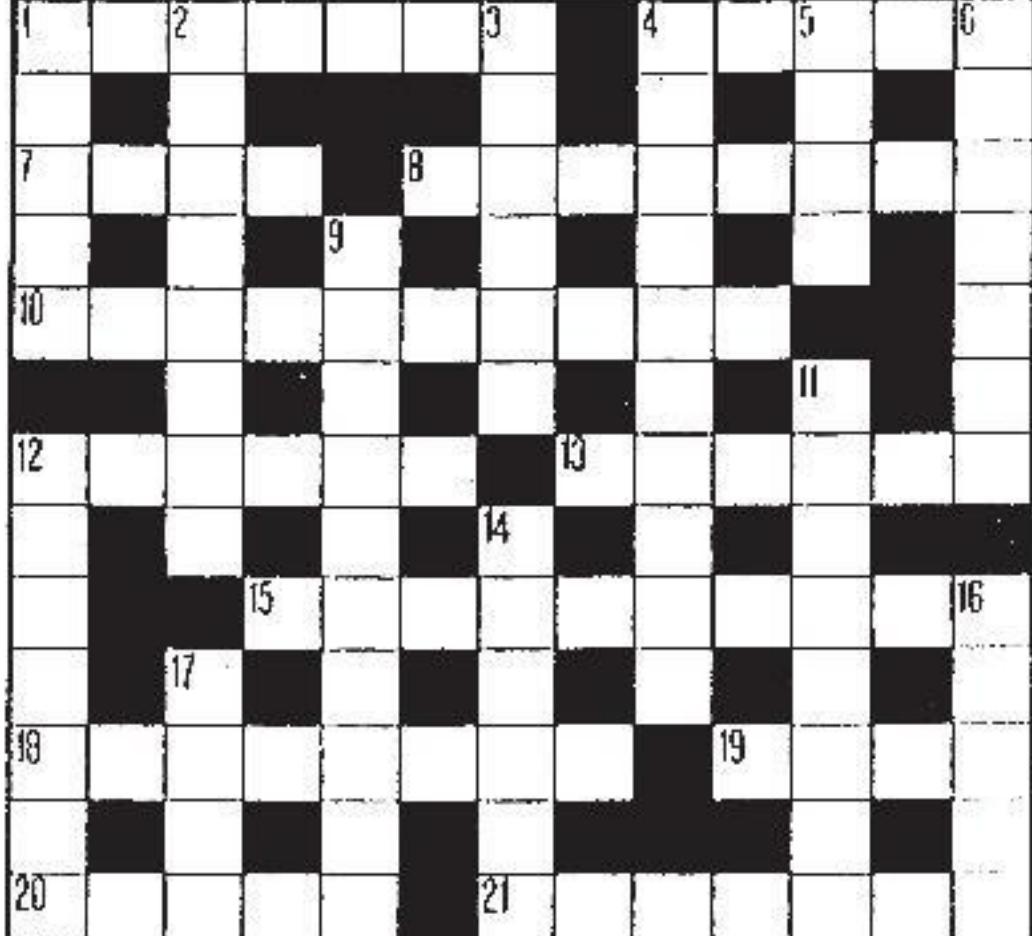
Against this backdrop, it is difficult to expect that this new directive of the apex court to install CCTV cameras in police stations, police outposts and other interrogation centres will usher in a new dawn and put a stop to adopting third-degree methods by the police.

Even now, to avoid public notice, police torture often takes place in police barracks or quarters or safe houses. Thus, the installation of CCTVs, though a welcome check, will not do away with the evil practice unless there is strict surveillance and commitment by senior police officers.

To achieve this end, there is also a need for inoculating the police with human rights culture and sensitivity so that they learn to respect human dignity and abjure misuse of force and abuse of authority. This can be done by organising training programmes to sensitise police personnel. They must be made to realise that misuse of force is self-defeating and alienates the police.

All good work done by the police may be washed away by one shocking and inhuman custodial death. Senior police officers have to play the role of change agents and firmly resist extraneous pressure on the police to adopt illegal coercive methods to achieve quick results. Studies show that in Japan, constant emphasis on rectitude by senior cops has had a wholesome elevating impact on the rank and file. This should also be the inspiration and challenge before the Indian police leaders.

### QUICK CROSSWORD



#### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

**Across:** 1 Cheek by jowl, 9 Harness, 10 Ruler, 11 Reek, 12 Trombone, 14 Corral, 16 Waffle, 18 Abundant, 19 Mute, 22 Going, 23 Elastic, 24 In a nutshell.

**Down:** 2 Horde, 3 Even, 4 Bistro, 5 Jeremiah, 6 Well off, 7 Short-change, 8 Irreverence, 13 Cardigan, 15 Reunion, 17 Invent, 20 Until, 21 Dash.

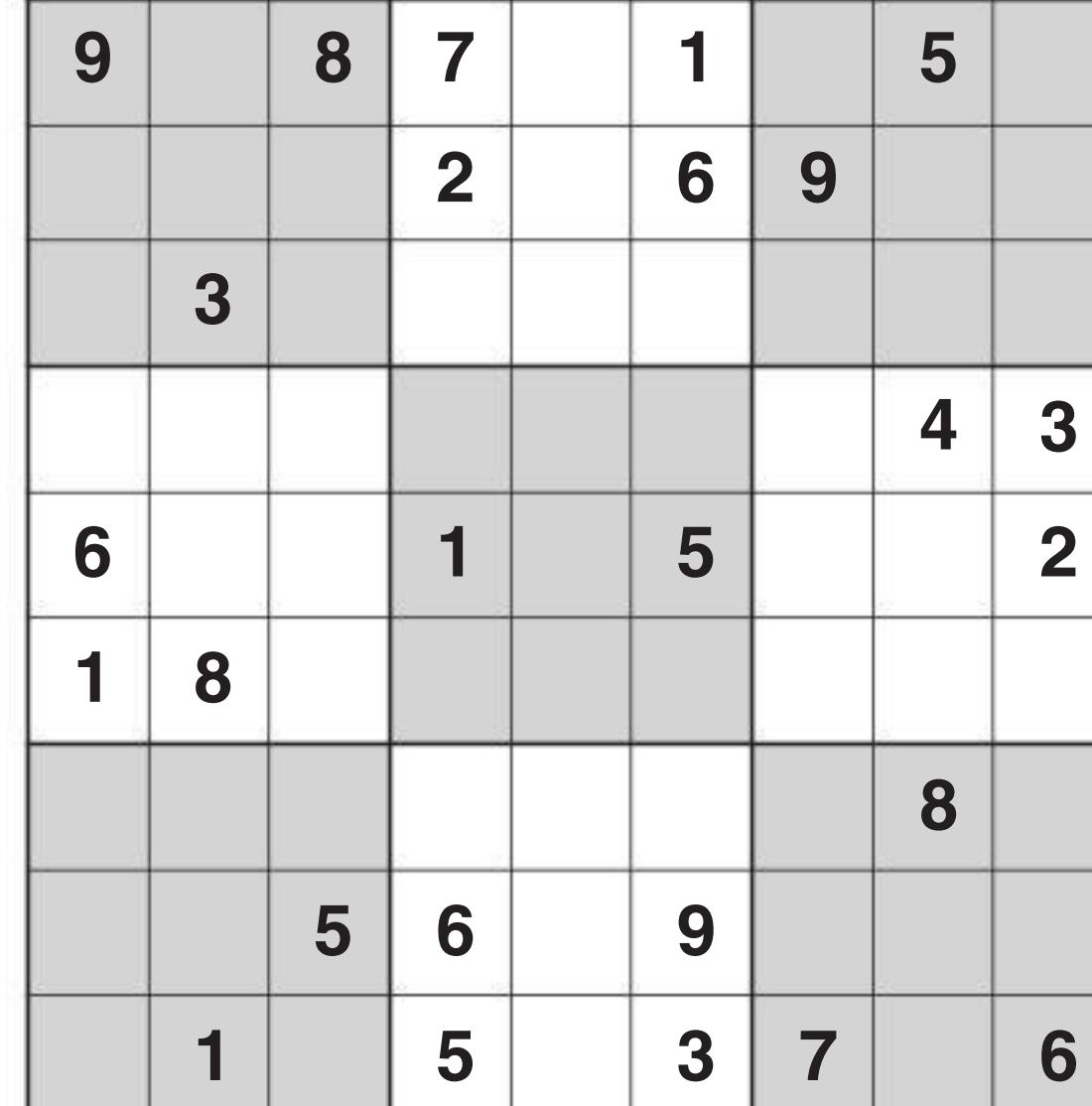
### ACROSS

- 1 An invented story (7)
- 4 Complete trust (5)
- 7 Fill to bursting (4)
- 8 Infinite time (8)
- 10 Relevant (2,3,5)
- 12 Confer (6)
- 13 Fierce (6)
- 15 Literary theft (10)
- 18 Great wickedness (8)
- 19 Sport of unarmed combat (4)
- 20 A water lily (5)
- 21 Form of target-shooting (7)

### DOWN

- 1 Particular aspect (5)
- 2 Censure severely (8)
- 3 Vague idea (6)
- 4 By a wide margin (3,3,4)
- 5 Coloured part of eye (4)
- 6 Out of control (7)
- 9 City associated with jazz (3,7)
- 11 Permitted freedom of action (8)
- 12 To plague (7)
- 14 East African country (6)
- 16 Sullen (5)
- 17 Surfite (4)

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### CALENDAR

DECEMBER 12, 2020, SATURDAY

■ Vikrami Samvat	2077
■ Shaka Samvat	1942
■ Margshirsh Shaka	21
■ Margshirsh Parvishtha	28
■ Hijri	1442
■ Krishna Paksha Tithi 13, up to 3.53 am	
■ Atiganda Yoga up to 12:06 pm	
■ Vishakha Nakshatra up to 4.05 am	
■ Moon enters Scorpio sign 10:41 pm	

### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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### FORECAST

SUNSET: SATURDAY 17:22 HRS  
SUNRISE: SUNDAY 07:12 HRS

CITY	MAX		MIN		
	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy	Rainy	Foggy
Chandigarh	20	14	11	8	5
New Delhi	26	12	10	8	5
Amritsar	18	10	8	6	4
Bathinda	21	13	11	9	7
Jalandhar	19	13	11	9	7
Ludhiana	20	13	11	9	7
Bhiwani	23	14	12	10	8
Hisar	23	13	11	9	7
Sirsa	21	13	11	9	7
Dharamsala	13	07	05	03	01
Manali	10	01	00	-01	-02
Shimla	14	07	05	03	01
Srinagar	09	02	00	-01	-01
Jammu	21	11	09	07	05
Kargil	-01	-11	-09	-07	-05
Leh	-05	-16	-14	-12	-10
Dehradun	21	10	8	6	4
Mussoorie	14	07			

## MATRIMONIALS

## BRIDES WANTED

## IAS / ALLIED SERVICES

**Rich & reputed family 30, 5'-10", MBBS, Dy. Commissioner, 13.5 LPA, looking educated girl, 82698-3983, 98933-22756. (CL20072746)**

**IIRS officer Assstt. Commissioner in Income Tax 1989, 5'-9", MBBS 12.5 LPA family in Punjab, 70675-8083, 9788-04027. (CL20072749)**

**Reputed family, 34/ 5'-9", B.Tech, IIT, 14 LPA, Dy. Commissioner, looking educated girl, Caste no bar, 75838-15001, 74895-91059. (CL20072998)**

## MAHAJAN

**Mahajan boy 14.02.1985, 1:50 pm, 5'-6", B.Com, Accounting Manager in Textile, residence Amritsar, 952146, 62836-11717. (CL20072240)**

## JAIN

**Suitable match for Oswal Jain boy, B.Tech, Govt. employed, 14.09.1992, 06:20 pm, Jalandhar, 5'-8". Contact: 783543169, 7838548804. (CL20070754)**

## AGGARWAL

**Match for handsome Aggarwal boy, 7.8.1991, 2.36 pm, Jalandhar, 5'-7", MBA, own well settled business. 9815185833. (CL20065843)**

**Suitable match for fair handsome Garg boy, 5'-6" 01.09.1989, 4:12 am, Morinda, M.Com, own business. 94173-48741. (CL20072114)**

**Alliance invited for Ludhiana based B.Tech., MBA, well established Bansal boy 28/ 5'-8". Looking for educated homely girl from cultured family. 98142-44948. (CL20071200)**

**Mittal boy 18.2.1992, 8:45 am, Panchkula, 5'-11", ht. MBA, working Gurugram, Pkg. 7.50 P.A. 98140-88202. (CL20072127)**

**Required beautiful professionally qualified preferably working match for handsome 1989/ 5'-8" Central Government Officer (Gazetted) Aggarwal boy. Well settled reputed family of tricity. Upper caste welcome. Contact: 77173-33730. (CL20071227)**

**Match 4 pure veg. smart boy 09.03.87, 03:55 am Patiala BA PGDCA, M.Sc, IT business, 98851-08138. (CL20062878)**

**Ludhiana Garg Industrialist boy 6ft, handsome 29 March 90, 5:52 pm, B.Com, (Hons), seeks tall, beautiful girl. 96463-93695. (CL20065789)**

**Delhi based handsome, well settled Aggarwal boy, 29, 5'-8", M.Tech from Australia, own reputed business, seeks beautiful, educated girl. WhatsApp/Call: 98110-54446, aggarwalvaihav1154@gmail.com. (CL20065982)**

**Chandigarh based H'some boy 1994/ 5'-7", BA, own business, seeks b'ful edn, girl Aggarwal family. Call 93500-64800. (CL20069011)**

**Match for Aggarwal boy 29.1.1995, 6.00 p.m., Lehragada, 5'-11", good business family. 94635-12807, WhatsApp: 70875-96792. (CL20070413)**

**Goe boy 4 June 1988, 6:25 am, Jagadhr, 5'-7", working in Mohali, earning 9 LPA. Required smart, homely/ working girl. 99844-13517, vishal.goe1994@gmail.com (CL20071030)**

**Suitable match for Manglik Jindal boy 10.01.93, 5:00 am, Bathinda, 5'-4", B.Tech, Working Noida package 7 Laki PA, 75080-21616, 94177-6905. (CL20071072)**

**Beautiful match for smart well qualified businessman, Garg boy, 07.11.83, Patiala, 5'-8", own house in posh area. 80800-54627. (CL20071075)**

**Suitable match for boy 1992, 5'-8", Masters, working in Microsoft USA. 98550-0716. (CL20071136)**

**Seeking homely girl 4 very rich, smart Company Secretary, Panchkula based boy, 25/ 5'-7", 92167-00181. (CL20071172)**

**Good looking match for Non-Manglik Bansal boy, 33/ 5'-5", B.A., MBA, PR Canada. Well settled family. No demand. Upper caste no bar. 814600-0980. (CL20071193)**

**Bansal 18-04-85, 18:27, Ambala/ 5'-10", 10+2, own business, Status family, marriage beuro excuse. 987817-1032. (CL20071197)**

**Kansal Anshik Manglik boy 25/ 5'-10", 4:15 pm Bathinda, B.Tech, well settled business. 98153-72689. (CL20071207)**

**Suitable match for Jindal boy 17.12.1991, 10 pm Mansa, 5'-11", B.Tech, MBA, service in MNC Mumbai, Chandigarh based family. 98888-95432. (CL20071209)**

**Vegetarian, teetotaller professionally qualified respected match for Goe smart boy 27.04.1990, 3:20 p.m. (Kaithal), B.Tech, (CS), working MNC, currently in US for short term project. Handsome package (>90 lac INR), plan to settle future in India. 99929-99815. (CL20071213)**

**Goe boy 26.01.1994/ Jagadhr/ 9 pm/ 5'-6" B.Tech, package 7.50 LPA, MNC, Pune. 82951-88699. (CL20071220)**

**Singh Engineer boy, Canadian PR, 10.10.87, 5'-11", 1:00 pm. Patiala, presently in India. Upper caste welcome. 7589277785. (CL20071228)**

**Wanted slim, beautiful & issues girl for divorced Mittal boy, 19.04.1984, 5'-6", MBA, settled Germany (PR), father's business Chandigarh. 94172-11898. (CL20071275)**

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**Suitable match for smart Bansal businessman boy 03.09.1991, 9:15 am, Samana, 5'-8", M.Com. 98887-58528. (CL20071821)**

**SM4 non-Manglik handsome Gupta boy, 25.5.88, 6'-0", Chandigarh, Graduate self employed 6 lac pa. own flat, upper caste no bar. WhatsApp No: 98886-01485. (CL20071913)**

**Suitable match for handsome Garg boy, 26.09.1992, 03:58 pm, Dhuri, B.Tech, (Computer Science), well settled high status business family from Morinda (Near Chandigarh). Having various commercial, residential properties in Chandigarh, Panchkula, Punjab & Haryana. 98143-33107. (CL20071936)**

**Match for Garg boy, 1994/ 5'-6", Non-manglik, B.Tech., MNC Engineer at Patiala. Both elder sisters Doctors (married), Father retd. Excuse bureau 94639-05550. (CL20071944)**

**Qualified match for District Patiala Garg boy, 2.3.1987, 5:45 pm, Nabha, 5'-5", MBA, own business, divorced. Residence Ahmedgarh. 98144-39795. 99889-86038. (CL20071302)**

**Match for Garg boy, 1994/ 5'-6", Non-manglik, B.Tech., MNC Engineer at Patiala. Both elder sisters Doctors (married), Father retd. Excuse bureau 94639-05550. (CL20071311)**

**Looking for a working Professional match for manglik. Mittal boy, 5'-8" working in London born 1991. 98789-25748. (CL20071316)**

**Suitable match for Goyal Manglik/ Non-manglik fair boy, 18.10.1992, 11:25 p.m. Patiala, 5'-8", B.Tech, (Computer Science), own business. Preferred employed/ technical well educated girl. Contact 88476-13565. (CL20071331)**

**Looking for a working Professional match for manglik. Mittal boy, 5'-8" working in London born 1991. 98789-25748. (CL20071316)**

**Suitable match for Goyal Manglik/ Non-manglik fair boy, 18.09.1989, 12:32 pm/ Malerkotla/ 5'-10". 98152-51762. (CL20071336)**

**Match for handsome Goel boy, B.Tech, MBA, OBC Bank (Scale-I), 6', 11.09.1992, 6 p.m. second. 94638-69315. (CL20071969)**

**Bansal fair boy, 18.09.1989, Ambala, 5'-11", Mechanical Diploma, own business. 81684-65845, 94663-61810. (CL20071976)**

**Garg boy, 20.01.1991, 11:50 pm, Ambala, 5'-10", Diploma Auto, Business, good income. 92156-59428. (CL20071988)**

**Employed match for Garg boy, 6.6.94, 5:40 AM, Bathinda, 5'-7", B.Tech, Job Maruti Company Gurgaon 13 Lac. 62390-85214. (CL20072003)**

**Garg handsome boy Manglik 19.09.1990, 9:35 AM, Bathinda, 5'-7", B.A., Well Settled Business. Good Income. 98728-42603. (CL20071360)**

**Educated beautiful match for Jindal boy 6'-1", B.Tech, MBA (Birla), 9.1.1992, 9:27 am, Assistant Manager ITC, Bathinda, 5'-7", B.A., Well Settled Business. Good Income. 98728-42603. (CL20072039)**

**Match for Jindal handsome boy 24.9.1994, 04:38 pm, Mansa, 5'-5", B.Com, Very Well Settled Business. Mansa, Good Commercial Property. 93575-22900. (CL20071354)**

**Employed match for Garg boy 28.9.1994, 5:40 AM, Bathinda, 5'-7", B.Tech, Job Maruti Company Gurgaon 13 Lac. 62390-85214. (CL20072003)**

**Garg handsome boy Manglik 19.09.1990, 9:35 AM, Bathinda, 5'-7", B.A., Well Settled Business. Good Income. 98728-42603. (CL20071360)**

**Suitable match for for IT professional Garg boy 20.09.1991, 1:27 PM, Moga, 5'-5", B.Com, 5000/- pm. Presently serving in USA. Contact 94661-87888. (CL20071373)**

**Aggarwal Radhasoami Nov. 89 boy, 5'-10", B.A., 5000/- pm. Presently serving in USA. Contact 94661-87888. (CL20071373)**

**Goel boy Dec. 1989, 5'-8", MBA, Govt. job in Punjab Milkfed. Seeks educated girl. No demand. Dhanaura (Barnala). 98764-26703, 88720-56753. (CL20071500)**

**Goyal unmarried vegetarian 5'-11", December 1971 born, Ludhiana. Business family. Living alone. Kundli must. 72700-11888. (CL20072083)**

**Suitable match for Garg boy 1989, 21.12.98, 1:27 PM, Gurgaon, 5'-11", B.Com, 5:45 pm. Presently serving in USA. Contact 94661-87888. (CL20071373)**

**Match for Bansal boy 29.01.1994, 5:45 pm, Army Officer, Garg boy 19.09.87, 10:45 am. Bathinda, 5'-11", B.Com, 5000/- pm. Presently serving in USA. Contact 94661-87888. (CL20071373)**

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**ARORA**

**Match for Sachdeva boy** Dob 14 April 1992, time 5:30 am, Sangrur, Manglik working as Junior Assistant at DC Office Sangrur only regular Government employee preferred. Contact and WhatsApp bio at 98787-37611, 84274-43888. (CL20071041)

**Looking suitable match for Arora boy** 1989, 5'-7", B.Tech., HR professional in MNC (Noida), 9 LPA, family based out of Jalandhar. Call 78885-32927. (CL20064071)

**Hindu Arora boy, 18.11.90, 11:15 pm**, Rajpura, Distt. Patiala, 5'-5", +2 and Diploma in Agriculture, Business: Fertilizer, Pesticides and seeds. Income 9 LPA. Requirements:- Minimum Graduate or above. Minimum height 5'-2" or above. 62398-77610, 94170-15830. (CL20071317)

**Match for Canada PR Saini boy** 5'-6", 1992, B.Tech., MBA, PUC/ Gold Medalist, ME Canada, working as automation specialist. Preferred PR/ studying girl around Rajpur/ Chd. 86993-97422. (CL20071491)

**Suitable match for Hindu Saini boy, 1981, 5'-10", B.Tech.**, working as Govt. Officer in Chandigarh. Salary 18 lakhs per annum. Upper caste no bar. WhatsApp: 73408-01246. (CL20071510)

**Match for Saini boy (unmarried), July 78, 5'-8", B.Tech (Civil) & M.S. UK, working as Engineer in UK, coming next week. Send biodata at whatapp: M: 8728800842. (CL20071959)**

**Manglik/ Non-Manglik for Arora girl (Mehta)** handsome boy 22.12.87, 3:35 am, Karnal, 5'-7", B.Com., MBA, working MNC (American Express), 5 lakh yearly, plus family income 150,000/- monthly. 89864-31625. (CL20071955)

**Manglik handsome boy doing Government job** Patiala, Feb. 1993, 5'-5", Graduation B.Tech PEC Chandigarh. 70301-73809. (CL20071973)

**SM4 handsome Arora boy** 25.01.1989, 5'-7", B.Tech. (ME) MNC, Haryana, 3 LPA, belongs to Kukurkshetra. 90343-46929. (CL20072012)

**High status landlord Graduate boy** 17.05.1996, 14.33, 5'-6", 28.09.1993, 13:11, 5'-10", Kukurkshetra. 90343-46288. (CL20072079)

**Working SM4 Punjabi Arora boy** 06 Sept. 1991, 11.20 pm, Meerut, 5'-6", B.Tech Wrkg to leading Co. Mohali (Pb), 10 LPA own flat. 99975-44840. (CL20072051)

**Hindu Arora (Chawla) Manglik boy** 1993 born, 5"-8", 10+2, businessman, middle class family, Ludhiana. 85570-46288. (CL20072079)

**Manglik Arora boy** 5'-8", 11.87, 5:28 am Phagwara, own business. 88729-62622, 97175-14646. (CL20072187)

**Working match for Manglik Engineer boy** 25. September 1992, 2.24 pm, Ferzepur, 5'-6", job at Mohali. Salary 10 lacs. WhatsApp: 70095-98734. (CL20072195)

**Arora handsome Manglik boy Dob 29.2.1992, Time 14.25 Jit, Edu BBA and Diploma in Agriculture, own well-settled business, need beautiful well-qualified decent girl. C: 97816-34084, 98882-59633. (CL20072222)**

**USA or Canadian PR beautiful match for vegetarian Arora Engineer boy** 16.04.1988, 09.55 p.m., Ludhiana. Working in USA. 81980-84329. (CL20072236)

**Hindu Arora boy 5.11.1991, Jalandhar, 5'-11", B.Tech MAB, Software Engineer, Gurgaon. WhatsApp: 98768 - 84546. (CL20072251)**

**TONK-KASHATRIYA**  
**Professionally qualified match for Manglik Tonk Kashatriya handsome boy, 5'-8" / 1993 born, B.Tech (Electronics & communication). Presently working in United Kingdom. Well educated decent family. Contact: 98789-34141, 98152-30561. (CL20071456)**

**Wanted beautiful girl for handsome, Sikhs Tonk-Kashatriya boy** Dob 22.12.1991 / 6, Army Major. Well settled family. Contact: 99200-98765-08030. (CL20071376)

**Beautiful match for handsome Sikhs Tonk-Kashatriya boy** Dob 22.12.1991 / 6, Army Major. Well settled family. Contact: 99200-98765-08030. (CL20071365)

**Handsome fair looking Arora Malhotra boy** born 19.09.1995, time 12 pm, Amritsar, 5'-4" height, MBA, well established businessman based Amritsar looking well educated beautiful, respectable girl. Marriage bureau excuse. Contact: 92164-50684. (CL20072294)

**Suitable match for Arora Manglik boy** 4.11.85, 6'-3", Ph.D. (Physics). Permanent Job Distt. - Ludhiana. Middle class family. 94630-03467, 99882-8909. (CL20072295)

**MANGLIK**  
**Handsome Manglik boy, 5'-8", Advocate, Chandigarh property business, own house only son. Caste no bar. 98728-12923. (CL20071716)**

**Suitable match for Anshu Manglik, vegetarian, Gaur Brahmin, handsome, fair, MBA boy from status business & Industrial family, 5'-4", 19.12.1990, 2.38 am, Ludhiana. Marriage bureau excuse. 98140-27501. (CL20071752)**

**Suitable match for Arora Khatri boy, 11. May 1993, 5'-7", MBA Finance, own business Jalandhar. 99159-4040, 95014-0051. (CL20071809)**

**Employed for Punjabi Verma** Anshik, Manglik handsome boy June 1991, 5'-8", B.Tech., Software Engineer in Noida, 6.25 lakh yearly. Caste no bar. 94162-92491. (CL20071963)

**Match for Jaiswal/ Walia Manglik boy** 25.4.90, 5'-7", Birth place Chandigarh, +2. Own business at Kalka. 98969-23823. (CL20072059)

**Match for Hindu Arora/ Khatri Manglik boy** B.Tech well settled in his own independent business at Chandigarh 6.1.91, 3.25 pm, Chandigarh, 5'-8", WhatsApp 91 - 62834 - 08547. aroraparkash53@gmail.com (CL20072295)

**Handsome Kapoor Punjabi boy,** Ludhiana 7.12.1980, 5'-3", +1, general store simple early marriage. 94174-83022. (CL20072874)

**Suitable match for Manglik Aggarwal boy, 10.10.92 (00:57 am) 5'-8", Advocate (Income Tax). Contact: 84273-70075, Zirakpur. (CL20072887)**

**KAMBOJ**  
**Professionally qualified match for Kamboj Sikh boy 5'-11" March 1993 BE Thapar Institute Patiala Lead Business Analyst in MNC at Bangalore, income 25 Lac. Urban and rural property. Parents Class-I Officers. WhatsApp: 98155-55764. (CL20071168)**

**Suitable match for Arora Khatri boy, 11. May 1993, 5'-7", MBA Finance, own business Jalandhar. 99159-4040, 95014-0051. (CL20071809)**

**Fair Kamboj boy 1899, 5'-7", Junior Engg. in company Baddi, residence Yamunanagar. 90508-71584. (CL20071717)**

**Suitable match for Kamboj Sikh (Josan) handsome, turbaned, well qualified, MBA boy, December 1989, 5'-10", presently DSP (Prisons) PPS. Father retired Police Officer, rural/urban property, teetotaller, highly educated and status family. Professionally qualified and working girl preferred. Mobile: 94170-56293. (CL20072216)**

**Match for Hindu Arora/ Khatri Manglik boy** B.Tech well settled in his own independent business at Chandigarh 6.1.91, 3.25 pm, Chandigarh, 5'-8", WhatsApp 91 - 62834 - 08547. aroraparkash53@gmail.com (CL20072295)

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**WIDOWER**

**Aggarwal widower** 63 years, businessman, no responsibility, seeks widow, divorcee Aggarwal life partner. Contact: 80549-72069. (CL20072633)

**SAINI**

**Professionally qualified match for Saini Hindu handsome boy, January 1991/ 5'-11", M.Tech, Senior Software Developer, MCM Pune, Package 10-15 Lac. Caste no bar. Tricity based vegetarian Software Professional girl born 1993 onwards preferred. 94652-26688. (CL20071226)**

**Gursikh handsome 26-08-92/ 5'-10", M.Tech employed MNC Noida, salary 9 LPA. Mobile: 62807-72324. (CL20071317)**

**Match for Canada PR Saini boy** 5'-6", 1992, B.Tech., MBA, PUC/ Gold Medalist, ME Canada, working as automation specialist. Preferred PR/ studying girl around Rajpur/ Chd. 86993-97422. (CL20071491)

**Suitable match for Hindu Saini boy, 1981, 5'-10", B.Tech., working as Govt. Officer in Chandigarh. Salary 15 LPA, family business in Mohali. Contact: 86998-26207. (CL20071234)**

**Match for Saini boy (unmarried), July 78, 5'-8", B.Tech (Civil) & M.S. UK, working as Engineer in UK, coming next week. Send biodata at whatapp: M: 8728800842. (CL20071388)**

**Medico / Status match for Sikh Mair Rajput Sunar** cleanshaven boy, MBBS PCMs, Aug. 1987, 5'-5". (CL20071388)

**Match for Saini boy, 5.7.1991, 5'-11", B.I.T., MBA in Australia** seeking educated girl. 98559-01246. (CL20071510)

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**Match for Arora Sikh boy 11.9.1993 (Khanna), 5'7", BA, permanent board employee, 93563-06079, 98158-70168. (CL20072986)**

#### SIKH KHATRI/ARORA

**SM4 handsome non-trimmer Gursikh boy, slim/5'-11" (Nov 1988, B.Tech. and Premier B-School MBA, working as HR Head in Tri-City. 98788-63538. (CL20071144)**

**Pretty and charming working match for Gursikh Arora boy 28, 5'-11", Software Engineer, working in MNC with handsome package. Family Sri Ganganganagar based. Contact 98922-02149, 88260-23888, marri1985gag@gmail.com (CL20071273)**

**Suitable match for Sikh Khatri handsome boy, 1994 born, 5'-9", B.Tech., own well settled family business at Jalandhar. 98141-18994. (CL20071362)**

**Amritdhari boy, 1992/ 6', M.Com., income 22K-25K (self employed). Contact 9815550425. (CL20071399)**

**Seeking beautiful, educated girl for a handsome Sikh Ahluwalia boy, 27, working in MNC Bangalore, 20 LPA, height 5'-8", father State level Government Officer. Mobile: 62398-97095. (CL20071444)**

**Chandigarh based Graduate Gursikh boy ND/NT Dec. 90, 5'-8", own electrical business. Bureau excuse. 98727-58589. (CL20071473)**

**Well qualified pure vegetarian beautiful girl for Sikh Arora handsome boy, 5.11.1992, 5'-6", MA, B.Ed, running own reputed school (Amritsar) (upper caste welcome). WhatsApp 99884-19249, 97800-19249. (CL20072622)**

**PQM4 IIM Graduate, 32, 5'-8", 45+LPA, AUS-PR holder. WhatsApp only 99283-98000. (CL20071720)**

**Looking for educated bride from Gursikh family for 1986 born, smart Gursikh boy 5'-4". Assisting Father in family's well established business in Roorkee (Uttarakhand) and also working as a Senior Software Engineer, handling projects for MNC (based in Noida) with handsome income. Please contact with details on WhatsApp 98973-21968. (CL20071476)**

**Professionally qualified match for Arora Sikh smart, cleanshaven boy, MBA, 1986/ 5'-9", working in U.K. British citizen. Well settled family. Boy in India. 94163-69325. (CL20071706)**

**Gursikh Arora, B.Tech., Senior Software Engineer MNC Bangalore, 1989, 5'-8", 18 Lacs. 98555-00305. (CL20072347)**

**Qualified match for Ramgarhia boy B.Tech. 5'-8", 39 years, working in foreign country, divorcee no bar. WhatsApp: 98554-25618. (CL20072877)**

**Dhiman Manglik handsome boy, Dob 01.08.1992, height 5'-9", B.Tech., Software Engineer, working in MNC in Gurgaon, package 13 lakhs. Residence Yamuna Nagar, Haryana. Contact: 81682-99414. (CL20072956)**

**Suitable match for Ramgarhia handsome Sikh boy, 5'-6", 1989, B.Tech., permanent Govt. employee, Mohali. Working girl preferred. 99156-45134. (CL20072992)**

**Ramgarhia Sikh boy 28 yrs, 6'-1", PR in Canada working in IT company as Software Developer, preferred PR Canada and work permit. M: 97816-58598. (CL20072030)**

**Ramgarhia turbaned boy 5'-11", Nov 1994, Architecture, own family business Amritsar. Looking beautiful, tall educated girl, no dowry. 98788-72174, 78144-92966. (CL20072048)**

**Ramgarhia Sikhs handsome boy 5'-5", 26.5.91, BA(H) in Hotel Management, own business, income 11-12 Lacs per annum, own housesettled in Delhi seeks beautiful, qualified working/non-working girl. 98101-11244. (CL20072086)**

**Suitable match for handsome Canada PR turbaned boy (from Fatehgarh Sahib). Gotar Panesar/Mune. B.Tech. (Mech.), arriving India in January. Born Oct. 1988, 5'-11". 95694-10041. (CL20072244)**

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**Homely, tall girl for Ramgarhia Sikh (cleanshaven) 6', 27, Postgraduate Engineer, boy, works in Canada. Parents settled in Jalandhar. 70871-68977, 95014-09469. (CL20072265)**

**Suitable match for Ramgarhia Dhiman Sikh boy B.Tech., 26 years, 5'-7", Govt. Bank employee. Contact on WhatsApp 76960-90275. (CL20072384)**

**28 yrs, 6 feet, MCA Jandu, Dhanjal, Manager in IELTS institute + rental income. 75290-40007, 98884-54105. (CL20072467)**

**Ramgarhia Sikh boy, Nov. 1990, 5'-10", Govt. job, promotion exams cleared, required well qualified/ Govt. employed girl. 96460-29742, 78371-9002. (CL20072601)**

**B.Tech MBA, M.Pharma match for PR Ramgarhia Sikh boy, 27, 5'-9", MS Ottawa University Canada. No bar. Upper middle class family. 95010-97400, 78143-10341. (CL20072612)**

**Ramgarhia boy from Patran, 1995/ 6, job in Govt. Deptt. Prefer Govt. job. Mob: 95303-89645. (CL20071304)**

**Match for handsome Himachali Dhiman boy Sept. 1991/5'-6", B.Tech, working in MNC, Bangalore, family settled in Chandigarh, preferred educated working girl. 98761-60041. (CL20072643)**

**Sikh boy 86, 5'-9", MA, PGDCA, own business, Jalandhar. Seeks well educated girl. Contact: 9872308146. (CL20072657)**

**Suitable match for PR boy, 26 years Canada. Gotras Matharu Sagu. Girl should be 5'-7" or plus, preferable PR Canada. Contact: 98151-14963. (CL20072724)**

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#### SITUATION VACANT

**Required SEO, SMO Web Designer experienced, male/ female, good salary + accommodation free Chandigarh. Call: 98889-39725. (CL20070179)**

**Graphic Designer (male) required with experience in CorelDraw, Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop. Location Chandigarh/ Mohali. Salary as per industry standards and experience. Apply at jobs@helixinstitute.co.in or send resume to WhatsApp No. 79999-53333. (CL20070856)**

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**Star Plus Content School Bangi Road, Raman-151301, Bathinda (Pb). A Senior Secondary School (CBSE) Requires Teachers for the following subjects: Pol. Sci., English, Punjabi, Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Hindi. Handsome salary as per qualification and experience. Transport facility available from Bathinda and nearby places. Walk-in interview on 13 December 2020 between 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Sepal Hotel, Bathinda. E-mail: vsp.spcss@gmail.com Contact: 85588-48073. (CL20071157)**

**Required Customer Care Executive for Laundry Unit at Mohali Industrial Area. Call: 98889-23664. (CL20071179)**

**Looking male/female who are willing to work in real estate builder office Zirakpur Chandigarh. Candidate should have 1-2 years experience and speak English fluently, qualification MBA and Graduate. Contact: 98720-09125. (CL20071236)**

**Required Corporate Sales Manager male/ female for Tricity (DTH business). Contact 82840-44400. (CL20071304)**

**Baba Mehar Singh Memorial College of Nursing VPO Shalla, Tehsil & District Gurdaspur (Punjab) invites applications for the post of Principal (01) having total experience 15 years with M.Sc. (Nsg.). out of which 12 years teaching experience with min. 5 years collegiate programme. Associate Prof. (01) with 8 yrs. experience after M.Sc. (Nsg.), Assistant Prof. Community (M.Sc. Nsg.), as a regular faculty. All staff must be registered with PNRC. Application may reach within 15 days after publication. Qualifications & pay scale as per norms @ standard of INC. New Delhi/ State Govt./ BFUHS. Email: bmsmccollegeofnursing@rediffmail.co (CL20071287)**

**Requirement of Teachers who can teach Science & Maths and Maths & English 6th to 12th Classes. Contact: 98551-08977. M S Academy, Sunny Enclave Kharar. (CL20072953)**

**DDM College of Pharmacy Gondpura Banerha (Upper), Una, (H.P.). Email id: p r i n c i p a l d m @ g m a i l . c o m Applications are invited through Email:- Principal cum Director, Assistant Professor/ Associate Professor: Pharmaceutics, Pharmacology, Pharmacognosy, Pharma, Chemistry, Pharma Analysis. Non-Teaching: Lab. Attendant, Librarian, Driver & Peon. (CL20072944)**

**Indian Institute of Nursing Hari Devi, Ghanabatti, Shimla - 171014 (H.P.). (Affiliated to CBSE) Required qualified teaching & experienced staff:- (1) Lecturers (PGT) - English, Physics, Chemistry, Information Technology, Maths. (2) TGT - 3 Arts/ Science (Medical), Language Teacher. (3) Librarian-1 (M.Lib.), Music/ Dance - 1. Art & Craft - 1, PRT - 2 (4) Nursery Trained Teacher (NTT) convention educated, fluent in English (Speaking/ Writing) Apply within 21 days. Contact No. - 01772775018, 98162-73373. E-mail: iiishimla11@gmail.com (CL20073018)**

**Satyan Hospital Ludhiana urgently required Sonologist/ M.D. Radiodiagnosis & female B.A.M.S Doctor. Contact: 98780-17680. (CL20071547)**

**Shimla Presidency School Haridevi, Ghanabatti, Shimla - 171014 (H.P.). (Affiliated to CBSE) Required qualified teaching & experienced staff:- (1) Lecturers (PGT) - English, Physics, Chemistry, Information Technology, Maths. (2) TGT - 3 Arts/ Science (Medical), Language Teacher. (3) Librarian-1 (M.Lib.), Music/ Dance - 1. Art & Craft - 1, PRT - 2 (4) Nursery Trained Teacher (NTT) convention educated, fluent in English (Speaking/ Writing) Apply within 21 days. Contact No. - 01772775018, 98162-73373. E-mail: iiishimla11@gmail.com (CL20073018)**

**Victoria Public Sen. School, Patran is looking for the dynamic candidates for the post of (1) PGT- English, Political Science, History, Geography, Music (2) Mother Teachers/ NTT versed with Montessori curriculum. The candidate must be fluent in spoken English and well versed with digital teaching. Handsome salary. Conveyance available from Patiala. Interested candidates email at vpsspp@gmail.com or Contact 98782-91523. Only selected candidates will be called for the interview. (CL20071952)**

**Smart male/female, fresher/ experienced with accommodation in Chandigarh, required for our company. Contact: 98889-25783. (CL20071851)**

**DOCTORS/ENGINEERS**

**Wanted retired/ experienced MBBS Doctor and trained Nurse in OBS and Gynaec for Gurunanak Hospital, Rajpura. 98143-27800. (CL20072942)**

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**Consult for Ph.D. (all subjects LL.B., LLM, BA, MA, B.Com., M.Com., BBA, MBA, B.Tech., M.Tech, Pharmacy, options for Government employees distance/ regular. Contact: 95019-03221, 76538-56658. (CL20071993)**

**CAR FOR SALE**

**BMW X3, 2012 and Volvo S80 4400 CC AWD, 2008 collectors item for sale. Both vehicles in mint condition. Call/ WhatsApp: 98141-69136. (CL20072321)**

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**I-JC-90357P Ex-Sub/Maj/ Hon Lt. Parbat Singh s/o S. Dharan Singh r/o H.No. 927, Gali No.14, Ghuman Nagar, Saini Road, Patiala, declare that the name & date of birth of my wife has wrongly mentioned as Balbir Kaur & 08/06/1952 respectively in my service record. These may please be corrected as Balvir Kaur & 20/12/1948. (CL20071606)**

**I, Army No. JC-700131 Sub Maj (Nur Asst) Surender Singh, Unit-303, F.D. Hospital at Leh (J&K) and Permanent Address Village Swaroop Nagar Post Telibagh Dharika Distt. Lucknow (UP) have changed my daughter's name from Meenakshi Kharakwal to Meenakshi Kharakwal, which was wrongly mentioned in my Army Service records. (CL20071698)**

**I, Nidhi Gupta w/o Col. Paramjit Singh r/o House No 514 Sector 18-B, Chandigarh have changed my name from Nidhi Singh to Nidhi Gupta. (CL20071933)**

**We, Joginder Kumar s/o Late Sh. Ramchandar Dass and Suresh w/o Joginder Kumar r/o Village & PO. Hangu, Tehsil Raipur Rani, District Panchkula declare that our daughter Anuradha is out of our control. We disown her from all our moveable/immovable property. We shall not be responsible for any of her acts and anybody dealing with her shall do so at their own risk. (CL20072130)**

**I, Bhisham Joshi s/o Jai Krishan Joshi, VPO Jandu Singha, Patti Dala, Distt. Jalandhar, declare that my son Arjun Joshi is out of my control. Therefore, I disinherit him from my all moveable/immovable property. Any deal with him will do so at his own risk and responsibility. (CL20072563)**

**I, Saroj Balaji w/o Ramesh Chand r/o 1046, Sec. 12-D, Chandigarh have changed my name to Saroj Lata. (CL20072648)**

**I, Harpreet Kaur is Legally wedded spouse of Army No. 19002264. NK Avtar Singh resident of Vill. Balran, Tehsil Moonak (Sangrur) Pb, have changed my name from Harpreet Kaur to Happy Kaur vide affidavit date 9.12.2020 before Executive Magistrate Moonak. (CL20072717)**

**LOST & FOUND**

**It is notified for the information that my Original Qualifying Examination Certificate of Bachelor of Technology in Instrumentation & Control Engineering which was completed in Year 2016 (received April 2017) and Roll No. 12106032, Serial No. 05478 issued by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Institute of Technology, Jalandhar has been lost. Gopesh, House No. B-1, 107, Guru Nanak Pura, Civil Lines, Ludhiana, 96463-87665. (CL20071127)**

**Professionally qualified match for Punjabi Dhiman boy 27 July 1990, 5'-8", B.Tech., working MNC Gurgaon 50,000/- per month. 79889-68094, 72066-8094. (CL20071112)**

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**Hindi Dhiman manglik, 5'-11"/15-08-94, 105.00 a.m. Saharanpur, B.Tech (CSE) handsome boy owns business in game development seeks educated beautiful girl, own house at Zirakpur. Preference nearby tricity. Contact: 86993-16030.**

# Australia halts trials after vax interferes with HIV diagnosis

SYDNEY, DECEMBER 11

Australia cancelled the production of a locally made vaccine against Covid after trials showed it could interfere with HIV diagnosis, with the government instead securing additional doses of rival vaccines.

Antibodies generated by the vaccine being developed by the University of Queensland (UQ) and biotech firm CSL, one of four candidates contracted by the Australian government, were found to lead to some false positive HIV test results, the makers said.

While the vaccine had elicited a "robust" immune response to the novel SARS-CoV-2 virus without serious adverse effects in a Phase 1 trial with 216 participants, re-engineering a fix could take another 12 months, they said. CSL, which had a contract to produce 51 million doses of the UQ vaccine, will instead produce an extra 20 million doses of the Oxford vaccine being developed with Britain's AstraZeneca, taking the total to 53 million.

The government said it has also secured additional doses



Australia PM Scott Morrison with health minister and secretary at a news conference at Parliament House in Canberra. REUTERS

## US ADVISORY PANEL FOR EMERGENCY USE OF PFIZER'S DRUG

**Washington:** A special advisory committee, constituted by the United States government, has recommended emergency use authorisation for Pfizer's coronavirus vaccine, in a major step towards its widespread use in the country, worst-hit by the

pandemic. After an eight-hour public hearing on Thursday, the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBAC) voted 17 to 4 with 1 abstention to recommend the vaccine. PTI

Cancels contract for 51 mn doses; to buy Oxford, Novavax drugs

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NATIONS	DEATHS
US	3,00,616
BRAZIL	1,79,897
MEXICO	1,12,326
UK	63,082
ITALY	63,387

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## BRIEFLY

GURUGRAM

**Panchkula's Amandeep wins eighth leg by three shots**

Amandeep Drall produced two birdies in the last four holes on the final day to claim a three-shot win over Seher Atwal in the eighth leg of the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour here today. Amandeep shot a 1-over 73. She finished at 3-under 213 for 54 holes. Amandeep, who had also won the fourth leg, jumped to the top of the Order of Merit.

MARGAO (GOA)

**ISL: Hyderabad hold ATK Mohun Bagan 1-1**

Hyderabad FC held ATK Mohun Bagan to a 1-1 draw, maintaining their unbeaten run in the Indian Super League.

ABU DHABI

**Hamilton makes return after Covid recovery**

Valterri Bottas went fastest on the opening day of Formula One practice for the season-ending Abu Dhabi Grand Prix ahead of teammate Lewis Hamilton, who completed a one-two for Mercedes on his return. The Briton was back in action after missing last week's Sakhir Grand Prix due to Covid-19. Mick Schumacher made his Grand Prix weekend debut, taking over Kevin Magnussen's Haas for first practice. The 21-year-old, who will make his race debut with the US-owned team next year, ended that session 18th.

NEW DELHI

**National weightlifting camp to be shifted from Patiala**

The Indian Weightlifting Federation (IWF) has decided to shift the national camp from Patiala to Mumbai for two months, starting December 21, to ensure that the lifters train in higher temperatures that are anticipated at next year's Tokyo Olympics.

NEW DELHI

**LB Shastri club enter Om Nath Sood cricket quarters**

LB Shastri CC beat Rann Star CC by one wicket to enter the quarterfinals of the 30th All India Om Nath Sood Memorial Cricket Tournament here today. **Brief scores:** Rann Star: 194/9 in 40 overs (Sarthak Ranjan 61\*; Zia-ul-Haq 4/45); LB Shastri: 197/9 in 37.4 overs (Tejas Dahiya 41\*; Pawan Negi 2/31).

LONDON

**Sociedad and Young Boys scrape into Europa last-32**

Real Sociedad and Young Boys squeezed into the last-32 of the Europa League and were joined in the knockout phase by Napoli, Molde, Maccabi Tel-Aviv and Wolfsburg, while Tottenham Hotspur secured top spot as group play concluded on Thursday. AGENCIES

## TODAY ON TV

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ODISHA VS GOA  
STAR SPORTS 7:30PMEPL  
WOLVES VS ASTON VILLA 6PM  
NEWCASTLE VS WEST BROM 8:30PM  
MAN UNITED VS MAN CITY 11PM  
EVERTON VS CHELSEA 1:30AM (SUNDAY)  
STAR SPORTS

**Indians bowl out Aus A for 108; Bumrah top-scores with 55, Gill impresses**

**SYDNEY, DECEMBER 11**  
Pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah was the unlikely batting star on Day 1 of the practice match against Australia A, before he returned to pick up two wickets as the Indians grabbed an 86-run lead at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Having been bowled out for 104, the Indians were put in the driver's seat by their pace bowlers, who took nine home wickets to bowl them out for 108 in 32.2 overs.

With his unbeaten 55 off 57 balls, Bumrah was the top-scorer for the visitors, who folded for a disappointing 194 in 48.3 overs.

The Indians, however, came back strongly with the ball to bundle out Australia A for 108 as 20 wickets fell on Day 1, despite almost an hour being lost due to heavy rain. India's four-pronged pace attack did well to intimidate the Australian youngsters with short-pitched bowling as Mohammed Shami and Navdeep Saini got three wickets apiece.

After the recognised batsmen struggled to put runs on the board, Bumrah, whose Test batting average is 2.9, produced a stellar performance with the willow, smashing the ball six times to the fence and twice over it. The 27-year-old reached his half-century in style, hooking a bouncer from all-rounder Will Sutherland for a huge six over the deep square-leg fence. Bumrah and fellow pacer Mohammed Siraj stitched a valuable 71-run partnership for the tenth wicket to give a semblance of respect to the Indian score. Pleasantly surprised with his

**Pacemen to the rescue**

Mohammed Shami and Navdeep Saini took three wickets each. PHOTO: BCCI



Coming in at No. 3, Shubman Gill made 43 off 58 balls with six fours and one six. PHOTO: BCCI

batting heroics, Bumrah's teammates were on their feet, clapping happily, and gave him a guard of honour when he walked back into the dressing room.

**Gill, Shaw shine**

Earlier, after skipper Ajinkya Rahane opted to bat, Prithvi Shaw (40) and Shubman Gill (43) — both 21-year-old batsmen with bright futures — showed glimpses of why they are rated so highly. However, the two would be distraught after getting a good start and failing to make it count, though both looked impressive with their dazzling strokes and positive approach. — PTI

**Brief scores:** **Indians** 1st innings 194 all out in 48.3 overs (Bumrah 55\*, Gill 43, Shaw 40; Abbott 3/46, Wilmuth 3/13); **Australia A** 1st innings 108 all out in 32.2 overs (Carey 32, Harris 26; Shami 3/29, Saini 3/19, Bumrah 2/33).

**Green suffers concussion**

Test hopeful Cameron Green suffered concussion after being struck on the head while bowling after Jasprit Bumrah straight-drove the ball back towards him. The 21-year-old all-rounder was struck on the right side of the head after Bumrah smashed the ball straight, with the ball slipping through Green's fingers and striking him. Green was attended to by the medical team before he walked off the field. He was later withdrawn from the match, with batsman Patrick Rowe named as the concussion replacement. Green is the second Australia Test squad member to suffer a head knock during a warm-up match against India. Opener Will Pucovski retired hurt in Australia A's tour

**India must land first punch, says Kumble**

**NEW DELHI:** If India don't strike first by clinching the opening Day/Night Test against Australia, the going will get very tough for them in the absence of talismanic skipper Virat Kohli, said former India captain and coach Anil Kumble. "If we can stay ahead in the first Test match then India has a great chance to repeat what they did in the last Australia tour," the spin legend said. "Although with (Steven) Smith and (David) Warner coming back, and then Virat (Kohli) missing the three Test matches, will obviously be a big factor for India." Kumble feels India's fast bowling is at par with Australia's and the visitors are ahead of the hosts in batting. Former India skipper Rahul Dravid said India will have to find someone who can amass 500-odd runs in the series, like Cheteshwar Pujara did the last time around. PTI

Rohit had sustained a hamstring injury during the IPL, which led to him missing the white-ball leg of the ongoing tour. He is also out of reckoning for the first two Tests but can now be there for the last two games.

"Rohit has cleared the fitness Test and will soon be flying out to Australia," a senior BCCI official told PTI on conditions of anonymity.

Rohit's fitness test took place under the supervision of NCA director Rahul Dravid, who is entrusted with the responsibility of giving him his fitness certificate.

He is flying straight to Sydney and will get a week's training there. — PTI

**Rohit to leave for Australia on Dec 14**

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 11

Senior India batsman Rohit Sharma today cleared an eagerly-watched fitness test at the National Cricket Academy in Bengaluru and will leave for Australia on December 14, three days before the start of the marquee Test series against the world No. 1 team.



Rohit Sharma may be able to play in the last two Tests. BCCI

As per the Australian government's rules, Rohit will have to undergo a mandatory 14 days of quarantine before being able to train for the last two Tests in Sydney (January 7 to 11) and Brisbane (January 15 to 19).

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**Kohli most Australian non-Aussie: Chappell**

**ADELAIDE:** Batting great Greg Chappell has called Virat Kohli the "most Australian non-Australian" cricketer of all time and thanked the sport's "most important" figure for championing the cause of the Test format with his "all-out aggression". Former India coach Chappell invoked Mahatma Gandhi before crediting Kohli's intensity for bringing about a paradigm shift in Indian cricket. "Many previous Indian cricket teams tended to play with undue deference to their opponents, as if in accord with the Gandhian principle. Sourav Ganguly was the first Indian captain to try to change that approach. It worked to a degree in India, but usually hit a hurdle overseas," Chappell wrote in a newspaper column. "Virat Kohli does not believe in passive resistance. He is a proponent of all-out aggression. His idea is to dominate the opposition," Chappell added. "Kohli is the most Australian non-Australian cricketer of all time. He embodies the new India. As the premier player and captain of the world's pre-eminent cricket power, he feels an abiding responsibility to the wider game." AGENCIES



Cameron Green is hit on his head off a Jasprit Bumrah straight drive.

match on Tuesday after being hit on the helmet by a bouncer. AGENCIES

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Counselling for admission to MBBS/BDS courses in all Government/Government Aided/Private Unaided Medical/Dental Institutes including those under Private Universities - SGT University, Budhwar, Gurugram, PDM University Bahadurgarh, Jhajjar and Al Falah University Faridabad in the State of Haryana for the Academic Session 2020-21.

It is for the information of all the eligible candidates desirous of seeking admission to UG (MBBS/BDS) courses for the academic session 2020-21 and all other concerned that fresh registration for second round of counselling for admission to UG courses for the academic session 2020-21 shall be held as per following schedule:

Sr. No.	Tentative Schedule of Admission for all category of seats	Dates
1.	Fresh Registration on the online web portal i.e. <a href="http://uhsrcg.counseling.com">http://uhsrcg.counseling.com</a>	12.12.2020 to 14.12.2020 (11.59 p.m.)
2.	The following candidates can participate in the 2nd round of counselling – a) Already registered candidates who have not been allotted seat in 1st round. b) Registered candidates who did not get their document verification done during 1st round. c) Candidates who have been allotted seats in the first round but have not joined. d) Candidates who have joined the seat allotted during 1st round but wish to upgrade their seat. (Candidates will have to submit their willingness online for upgrading, the option will be available on the login of the candidates)	
3.	Completion of online application and submission of Choices (online) and editing in application form and locking of application	12.12.2020 to 15.12.2020 (11.59 p.m.)
4.	Provisional Allocation of seats	16.12.2020
5.	Grievances, if any, on provisional allocation	17.12.2020 (up to 5.00 p.m.)
6.	Final allocation of seats and download of allotment letters	18.12.2020

\* The further schedule regarding deposition of fee and document verification will be uploaded in the due course of time.

a) The candidates who have joined on the allotted seats in the first round of counselling shall have to give their willingness/option to upgrade themselves in the second round of counselling online otherwise they shall not be considered eligible for the second round of counselling.

b) The candidates, who have already registered themselves for the first round and wish to participate in the second round, shall not be required to get documents verified again.

c) Already registered candidates can change their category or any other information in their already submitted application during Round-1 of counselling.

d) The candidates who have been allotted seats in the first round but did not join the allotted seat will also have to give their willingness to participate and submit fresh choices for the second round.

e) The Candidates who have joined on the allotted seat in the first round shall have a right to already allotted seat and this shall be changed only if he/she has an upgraded and opted seat during second round. However, the candidates who wish to participate in the second round of online counselling will have to submit their preferences/choices afresh. Candidates, who have been allotted seat in first round should give the fresh choices in order of preferences for the seats in which they wish to upgrade themselves.

f) All candidates already registered (irrespective of their admission status) and freshly registered candidates who wish to participate in the second round of counselling and want to opt for Government/Government aided Medical/Dental Institutes shall have to deposit online a sum of Rs. 10,000/- (Rs. 500/- for SC/CD/BCA/BCBEWS/PWBDS of Haryana State) and if the candidate wishes to also opt for Private Medical/Dental Institutes including those under Private Universities then he/she shall have to deposit online a sum of Rs. 1.00 lakh. The candidate can deposit the amount online on [www.uhsrcg.counseling.com](http://uhsrcg.counseling.com) using their login ID from 12.12.2020 to 15.12.2020 (11:59 p.m.). The amount shall be later on adjusted in the fee of the first year of UG Course. The amount deposited by the candidates who are not allotted seats during the 2nd round shall be returned after the completion of the counselling process.

In case of failure of any registered candidate (whether freshly registered or the candidates who were allotted seats in the 1st round and want to upgrade their seat in the 2nd round) to deposit the requisite security amount, they will not be considered eligible to participate in the 2nd round of counselling.

• In case the candidate join on the allotted seat, this amount shall be adjusted in the fee of the first year of UG Course.

• If the candidates are allotted any seat as per their preference, but they do not join on the allotted seat, the security amount shall be forfeited. However, these candidates will be eligible to participate in the mop-up round.

• The security amount of the candidates who are not allotted seat during the 2nd round shall be returned after the completion of the counselling process.

• The candidate who join on the allotted seats in the 2nd round of counselling, will not be eligible to participate for further rounds of counselling.

g) The candidates who join the seat allotted to them during the All India Quota/Any State up to the 2nd round (1st and 2nd round) of the same. The same shall be available in the login ID of the candidate falling which the candidature of the candidates will not be considered.

# India's maritime pacts to protect strategic autonomy, says Rawat

Oz envoy lauds Modi-Jaishankar role in assisting neighbourhood

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 11

The Chief of Defence Staff Gen Bipin Rawat said India would seek to preserve its strategic autonomy while engaging with extra regional powers and improving regional linkages to give it more leverage.

Pointing out that India lived in a tough neighbourhood and an increasingly contested region, Rawat said it would engage freely with other powers keeping in view not only the geo-strategic competition in the Indo-Pacific, but also in the race for bases which would gain momentum in the times to come.

"The security of land borders is of prime concern, but India is also looking at the seas and oceans around it with ever-increasing interest," Rawat said while delivering the keynote address at a webinar helmed by the German think tank Konrad Adenauer Stiftung and Global Dialogue Forum of Moses Manoharan on Friday. Terming dissuasive deterrence as the best guaran-



## BORDER SECURITY PRIME CONCERN

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tor of peace and stability, the CDS indicated that India was looking beyond the Quad grouping for partnerships in the maritime domain. As External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar had said on Tuesday, Rawat also pitched for more trilateral and multilaterals with maritime powers sharing the same values as India.

Australian High Commissioner Barry O'Farrell AO pointed out that India and Australia faced significant hurdles; their common goals were more important than those of others. "The US and China are the most important in the India Pacific. They can set the tone for cooperation or competition. But the Indo-Pacific does not belong to either," he observed, leaving enough space for India and Australia to play leadership roles.

Appreciating PM Modi and Jaishankar for admirable regional leadership, he said it had served as the template for India's constructive leadership and its attempts to shape the neighbourhood for the better.

## MILITARISM NOT THE WAY FORWARD

- Giving an insight into Berlin's approach to the Indo-Pacific, Peter Riemmele, the India head of the German think tank, said his country's approach was not targeted at China.
- There was no move towards an economic decoupling as China was Europe's most important trading partner. However, Beijing was a systemic rival and Germany felt the need to strengthen its partners in the region to uphold a free, open and rules-based Indo-Pacific.
- "A more significant German contribution might be on the cards, but Germany is a trading power not a military one and does not intend to be one," he felt.

## MEA: Country next door purveys disinformation

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 11

The government on Friday denied involvement in a 15-year-long disinformation campaign that was allegedly being fronted by a Delhi-based think tank.

"India as a responsible country does not practise disinformation," said MEA spokesperson Anurag Srivastava when asked about an NGO "EU DisinfoLab" pointing fingers at a website "The EU Chronicle" which, it said, was "the newest iteration of an influence campaign run by an Indian organisation called the Srivastava Group".

The website was said to be a feeder for mainstream Indian publications via an Indian news agency that gave articles published in "The EU Chronicle" an aura of credibility by quoting from them.

The NGO also said the website mainly drives Indian security interests mainly against Pakistan and China by publishing content against their activities. The MEA said on the contrary it is the "country next door that purveys fake news" by manufacturing fictitious dossiers".

# India, Uzbekistan ink 9 pacts to bolster ties

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 11

India and Uzbekistan signed nine MoUs along with confirmation of a \$448 million line of credit during a virtual summit on Friday between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev.

## SUPPLEMENTING DEFENCE PROXIMITY

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■ The emerging developmental partnership is expected to supplement security and regional ties.

■ The \$448 million line of credit will be used in road construction and information technology projects

second meeting of the India-Central Asia Dialogue.

With a new leader as President after 25 years of Islam Karimov, Central Asia's most populous nation has sought to open out beyond its traditional partners. With India, it held its first-ever joint military exercises. They have also resolved to strengthen cooperation.

We're walking the talk on climate action: Javadekar

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NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 11

Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar has said even though India is historically not responsible for climate change, it is taking steps to reduce emissions as a responsible member of the global community, walking the talk on climate action and is among the few countries which have complied to the Paris Agreement.

Recent independent assessment of India's climate action like UNEP report, which said India's emissions grew just 1.4 percent in 2019 and the climate transparency report stating that it is the only G-20 nation that is 2 degree compliant establishes India is walking the talk, the Environment Minister said on the eve of the signing of the fifth Paris Agreement. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the global climate summit tomorrow on its fifth anniversary.

Under the 2015 Paris Agreement, countries have committed to a long-term goal of limiting average temperature rise to below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.



A child with her grandfather at the Singhu border. MUKESH AGGARWAL

## HC stays CIC order on PM's foreign visits

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 11

The Delhi HC today stayed the Central Information Commission (CIC) order directing the IAF to provide information regarding Special Flight Returns (SRF-II), which contains details of the PM's entourage on his foreign trips.

Justice Navin Chawla said the information sought by the RTI applicant with regard to details of the ministry or department officials, who accompanied the PM on a trip cannot be disclosed, but there was no harm in providing details of the number of passengers on flights.

The court also issued a notice to the RTI applicant, Commodore (retd) Lokesh K Batra, and sought his stand on the IAF's appeal against the CIC's July 8 direction. — PTI

The court listed the matter for further hearing on April 12, 2021. — PTI

Centre wants farmers' income to be low: Rahul

agitation to repeal three new farm-sector laws, the letter stated: "There were no consultations with farmers' representatives before the legal process. Ordinances were issued during a pandemic."

Time was not given to debate the Bills and they were railroaded through Parliament. — TNS

## Pranab's book blames Sonia, Manmohan for '14 poll debacle

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 11

Late President Pranab Mukherjee blamed Congress president Sonia Gandhi and former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh for the party's dismal 2014 showing and said some in the grand old organisation believed that the debacle could have been averted had he been the Prime Minis-

ter. "The Presidential Years 2012-2017", set for January 2021 release, also features the late President's impressions of the two prime ministers he

worked with – Manmohan Singh and Narendra Modi.

Mukherjee says in his memoirs, "The overall state of the nation is reflective of the

functioning of the PM and his administration. While Dr Singh was preoccupied with saving the coalition, which took a toll on governance, Modi seemed to have employed a rather autocratic style of governance during his -first term, as seen by the bitter relationship among the government, the legislature and the judiciary. Only time will tell if there is a better understanding on such matters in the second term of this government." On 2014 electoral rout, Mukherjee makes a candid admission, "Some members of the party have theorised that had I become the PM in 2004, the party might have averted the drubbing. Though I don't subscribe to this view, I do believe that the party's leadership lost political focus after my elevation as President."



## MEMOIR SET FOR RELEASE IN JAN

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3	Tehsildar	04
4	Food Supply and Consumer Affairs Officer	02
5	Block Development & Panchayat Officer	02
6	Assistant Registrar Co-Operative Societies	04
7	Labour and Conciliation Officer	01
8	Employment Generation and Training Officer	06
9	Deputy Superintendent Jails/District Probation Officer (Grade-II)	10
<b>Total</b>		<b>75</b>

Note 1: The number of posts may be increased or decreased by the Govt. at any time before the selection process is complete without giving any prior notice to the candidates.

Note 2: The Punjab Civil Service (Reservation for Women) Rules, 2020 issued by the Department of Social Security that provides for 33% reservation for Women is attached as Annexure with General Information for Candidates.

### 2. ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS:-

(i) The candidate should possess a Bachelor's Degree in any discipline from a recognised university or institution. Provided that the candidate may be permitted to take Preliminary Competitive Examination while studying for his degree. However, the candidate shall be required to produce proof of passing the degree course for being eligible to take the Main Competitive Examination during that year.

(ii) No candidate shall be eligible for appearing in the Preliminary Competitive Examination, unless he/she has passed the Matriculation Examination with Punjabi as one of the compulsory or elective subjects or any other equivalent examination in Punjabi language, which may be specified by the Government from time to time.

### 3. AGE:

3.1 As mandated by Punjab State Civil Services (Appointment by Combined Competitive Examination) Rules, 2009 read with Punjab Civil Services (Executive Branch) Rules 1976, and Govt. Instructions issued from time to time, the candidate should have attained the minimum age of 21 years and should not have attained the age of 37 years on the first day of January of the year in which the last day for submission of application to the Commission falls. In other words, the candidate should have attained the age of 21 years but should not be older than 37 years on 1st January 2020.

3.2 The Upper age limit may be relaxed up to 42 years for Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes of Punjab only in case of other services except Punjab Police Service and Punjab Prisons Service.

3.3 Upper age limit may be relaxed up to 45 years for Punjab Police Service and its Board/Corporation/Commission and Authorities employees, all States/Central Government employees. However no age relaxation is permissible for Punjab Police Service.

3.4 Ex-servicemen of Punjab Domicile shall be allowed to deduct the period of his service in the Armed Forces of Union from his actual age and if the resultant age does not exceed the maximum age limit prescribed for direct appointment to such a vacancy in the Service concerned by more than three years, he shall be deemed to satisfy the condition regarding age limit.

3.5 Upper age limit may be relaxed up to 42 years for Widows, Divorced women and certain other Categories of women. However no age relaxation is permissible for women in case of Punjab Police Service and Punjab Prisons Service.

3.6 Upper age limit may be relaxed up to 47 years for Physically Handicapped of Punjab only. However no age relaxation is permissible in case of Punjab Police Service and Punjab Prisons Service.

3.7 In the case of the post of Deputy Superintendent Police and Deputy Superintendent Jails/District Probation Officer (Grade-II) Punjab Police Service and Punjab Prisons Service, a candidate should have attained the minimum age of 21 years and should not have attained the age of 28 years on the first day of the year, as referred to above.

3.8 The Upper age limit may be relaxed up to 33 years for Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes of Punjab only in case of Punjab Police Service and Punjab Prisons Service.

4. The minimum pay admissible for the ibid posts shall be as per the notification of Finance department dated 05/12/2020 and as per Notification No. 7/2014-2/FP/1/66, Dated 15.01.2015 Govt. of Punjab, Department of Finance (Finance Personnel-I Branch) Chandigarh, and Notification No. 1/6/2016-4-P.P.1/834680/1 dated 07.09.2016 Govt. of Punjab, Department of Personnel & P.P. Branch Chandigarh, fixed emolument equal to Minimum Pay without any allowance will be paid during the probation period of 3 years.

5. Last date for Filing Online Application Form: 30.12.2020.

6. The Preliminary Combined Competitive Examination-2020 is tentatively scheduled in February, 2021. Exact date for the Preliminary examination shall be intimated later on.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE:

1. The candidates who had already applied for the PCS & allied services posts as per the earlier PPSC Advertisement No. 8 published dated 05.06.2020 SHOULD NOT apply again. Their applications already registered with the PPSC stand valid for their Candidature for this advertisement subject to fulfilling the eligibility conditions as per this new advertisement.

2. Those Candidates who had applied under the Sports Category in response to earlier advertisement No. 8 dated 05.06.2020 who are now not eligible for Sports Category as per the amended "the Punjab Recruitment of Sportsmen (First Amendment) Rules, 2020" will be considered in their respective basic category.

3. The candidates can ONLY apply by Filing Online Application Form, a link of which is available on the website of the Punjab Public Service Commission [www.ppsc.gov.in](http://www.ppsc.gov.in). Further, the candidates are NOT REQUIRED to send the Hard Copy of the Online Application Form to the office of Punjab Public Service Commission.

4. MUST:

a) However, candidates applying under the Sports Category need to submit a hard copy of 'Online Application Form' along with Sports Graduation Certificate and other certificates related to sports to establish his eligibility under the sports category at the reception counter of PPSC by hand on 30.12.2020.

b) Also, Persons with disabilities must submit the hardcopies of Online Application Form along with Disability Certificate and request for scribe, if any and other eligibility documents at the reception counter of PPSC by hand on 30.12.2020. For any assistance Persons with disabilities may contact Superintendent Examination: 0175-5014832.

5. Candidates who had applied for the posts as per PPSC advertisement No. 8 published on 05.06.2020 and who now wish to withdraw their candidature due to changes in rules may so by 30.12.2020. The procedure and the link for withdrawal will be uploaded shortly on PPSC website.

Note 2:- For detailed Information, the candidate may visit [www.ppsc.gov.in](http://www.ppsc.gov.in). Last date for depositing the Application fees by system generated Fee Challan Form : 06.01.2021

Dated: 11.12.2020  
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Sd/- Navreet Kaur Sekhon, PCS Secretary Examinations.

