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Unions reject laws-on-hold offer

Won't shift R-Day tractor rally route, talks with cops end in impasse

VIBHA SHARMA & MUKESH TANDON

NEW DELHI/SONEPAT, JANUARY 21 Protesting farm unions today rejected the government's offer to suspend the three contentious agri laws for a year and a half, or any mutually agreed period, and set up a joint committee to find an amicable solution to end the impasse.

The Sanyukt Kisan Morcha, an umbrella body of around 40 unions, made the announcement following a meeting at Singhu border. It appeared to be a difficult decision for the union leaders to make as they held several rounds of talks through the

Army jawan killed in

Pak firing in Poonch

JAMMU: Havildar Nirmal Singh

of the 10 JAK Rifles of the

district of J&K on Thursday.

The Army responded to the

enemy fire in a befitting man-

ner, sources said. — PTI

Army was killed

when Pakistani

troops opened fire

on forward posi-

tions along the

LoC in Poonch

IN BRIEF



of HP panchayat poll

day and even sought opinion from the protesters gathered on Delhi's borders. The Haryana Police, meanwhile, have cancelled leave of its

SHIMLA, JANUARY 21

Around 81 per cent polling

was reported in the third and

final phase of voting for the

panchayati raj institutions in

cent

Himachal Pradesh today.

According to the State

Election Commission.

polling was held in

1,137 gram panchayats

with the highest

per

personnel in view of the stir. Sources claimed 17 of the total 32 farm unions of Punjab rejected the Centre's offer, terming it as a "tactic to derail

turnout reported at Lodhi

Majra panchayat in Nalagarh

development block of Solan

district. Forty-nine Covid-19

patients and persons in isola-

tion also cast their vote by

following standard oper-

ating procedures across

the state. The counting

row. **INSIDE**

of votes will begin

at 8.30 am tomor-

the agitation by dividing the farmers". "Repeal of the three central laws and a legislation for remunerative MSP were

■ The Supreme Court-appoint-

ed panel on Thursday inter-

acted with 10 farmer outfits

The states are UP, Karnata-

Odisha, Telangana and TN

ka, Kerala, MP, Maharashtra,

from eight states

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81% turnout in last phase | Pb, Hry among 10 most innovative states: Niti Aayog

NEW DELHI: Haryana (6th) and

Punjab (10th) find place among the top 10 most innovative states even as Karnataka ranks first, the NITI Aayog has said in its report "India Innovation Index 2020". Released by Aayog Vice Chairman Rajiv Kumar, the index places Himachal at the top among the hill and north-eastern states. Chandigarh ranks second among the UTs after Delhi. INSIDE



A fire broke out at Pune's Serum Institute of India on Thursday. Adar Poonawalla, CEO, said Covishield production capacity won't be hit. PTI

PM, CMs, legislators to get vaccine in Phase-II

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, all CMs, MPs and MLAs above 50 years of age will get Covid vaccine shots in Phase-II of the national drive.

All public representatives above 50 years of age and those below 50 with underlying conditions will be covered in the subsequent phase. The Covid-19 responders hope the inoculation of top personalities will help stave off hesitancy.

Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan acknowledged hesitancy challenges for the vaccine drive, saying: "It is paradoxical that other countries are asking for access to India-made vaccines and our people are doubting it due to misinformation".



3 MILLION DOSES SENT TO NEPAL, BANGLADESH

India on Thursday handed over one million doses of Covid-19 vaccine to Nepal in sync with its Neighbourhood First policy and 2 million doses as gift to B'desh.

The Health Minister launched a communication drive to address hesitancy. After 2,33,530 inoculations today, the total number of Dispose of slaughter waste properly health workers to get vaccinated stands at 10,40,014. — TNS **US REJOINS WHO**

Joe Biden keeps Dems with RSS-BJP links out

SANDEEP DIKSHIT

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 21 As strategists parse the nearly 20 Indian-Americans appointed in the Biden administration, noteworthy are those who didn't make it.

administration Obama staffer Sonal Shah as well as Amit Jani, who worked on the Biden campaign team, have so far been excluded, allegedly due their RSS-BJP links, which has been brought into the limelight by over a dozen Indian-American organisations.

Biden's team has people like senior diplomat Uzra Zeya, who had played a role in the Devyani Khobragade case, or Samira Fazili, who had joined protest rallies in the US against the CAA,



SONAL SHAH: Obama admn exstaffer, she served in Biden's unity task force. Her father was Overseas Friends of BJP-USA chief and founded RSS-run Ekal Vidyalaya

AMIT JANI: He was the 'Muslim Outreach' coordinator of 'Name Biden' campaign. His family reportedly has ties with PM Modi and other BJP leaders

NRC and the Kashmir lockdown. But those with RSS-BJP links have not found a **CONTINUED ON PAGE 9**

BIRD FLU SCARE: FSSAI ADVISORY



Eat only completely cooked eggs and poultry products cooked at 70°C for at least 30 minutes

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Rehearsals on, farmers plan it big on R-Day

TRIBUNE REPORTERS

SANGRUR/PATIALA, JANUARY 21 Farm leaders across the state have backed their unions' decision in Delhi, rejecting the central government's offer to put on hold the controversial agricultural laws for next 18 months, saying now they will focus on making the proposed tractor march on Republic Day a big success.

In Sangrur, the preparations are in full swing. "Only repeal of the black laws can convince us against the tractor march. If the BJP-led central government is really serious, it must immediately repeal the laws, otherwise authorities should get ready to make proper arrangements for the tractor march," said Harjinder Singh Gharachon, a Bhartiya Kisan Union (Ugrahan) Bhawanigarh leader.

From Patiala, farmers and youth leaders are openly gathering support and reaching out to villagers to join the



HELD BY UP POLICE

66 Uttar Pradesh Police have arrested me at Bilaspur, Pilibhit. My offence — I have been

raising voice for farmers rights... is that a criminal offence? Manjinder S Sirsa,



tractor rally proposed in Delhi on Republic Day. "We have asked students and employees to apply for a three-day leave, from January 24 to 27, to participate in the proposed tractor march from Tikri border to Delhi on January 26", said Youth Congress leader Mansimrat Singh Riar.

The Congress leader has joined many others in Pun-

Centre's offer a huge achievement: Farmers

who are making arrangements to join the protesters at Delhi borders for the tractor march against the contentious farm laws. They are disposing of their work in advance to ensure their participation in the tractor parade. "We will go there with all my friends and family members. On January 26 we will be in Delhi. I have already applied for a twoday leave from my online classes", said Rajan Verma,

a mathematics tutor.

In Jalandhar, farmers stated that people had lost trust in the government and its leaders. Satnam S Kalhon, general secretary, BKU (Doaba), said: "We have strongly opposed any proposal of the government to bury the issue by deciding to put the laws on hold. We will not settle for anything less than the repeal."

Farmers from the Majha region, too, echoed similar views. Farmer leader Rattan Singh Randhawa of Jamhoori Kisan Sabha: "It is the same government which was adamant and claimed that the laws are good for farmers. Now, if it has offered to put the laws on hold, it is an achievement of the people. Keeping in consideration the sentiments and aspirations of people, it should now repeal the Acts at the earliest."

Farmer Rawel Singh from Chabal said: "The Centre just wants to end the protest Its offer is just a tactic to delay the decision on the laws."

₹20L relief given to kin of 4 deceased

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

LUDHIANA, JANUARY 21

The district administration has provided a compensation of Rs 20 lakh to the next of kin of four farmers, who had died during the ongoing protest against the farm laws.

Commissioner Deputy Varinder Kumar Sharma today said Rs 5 lakh was handed over to each of the bereaved families on the instructions of Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh, who had allocated the amount from the CM's Relief Fund.

He said the case of the fifth farmer, who had also died during the protest, was being processed and the compensation would be handed over to his family shortly. So far, five farmers from Ludhiana district have died due to different reasons during the protest.

The farmers who had lost their lives included BaljinCase of fifth farmer under process

der Singh of Jhamat village in Payal subdivision, who had died in a road accident near Kurukshetra (Haryana) when he was returning home on December 1 last; Gurmeet Singh of Machhiwara who died of a heart attack at the railway station in Samrala on November 18 last; Gajjan Singh of Khatra village near Samrala who died during farmers' protest at Delhi border on November 29 last; and Harminder Singh Rai of Jangpur village who died in a road accident while returning from the protest on December 21 last.

"The Punjab Government is committed to provide relief to the farmers who are protesting against the farm laws of the Union Government on the Delhi borders," said the DC.

Warring pledges

₹1L for family of

deceased farmer

Congress MLA from Gidder-

baha Amrinder Singh Raja

Warring today announced

that he would give Rs 1 lakh

from his salary to the family of

Jagdish Singh, 61, of Lunde-

wala village, who died of car-

diac arrest at the Tikri border

Warring today attended the

MUKTSAR, JANUARY 21

on January 11.

Centre targeting state over farm stir, says FM

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 21

Punjab is being asked to pay the price for the farmers' agitation, which itself was necessitated by the enactment of three farm laws that were against the interests of farmers, says Punjab Finance Minister Manpreet Singh Badal. The withholding of the Rur-

al Development Fund (RDF) by the Centre was directly linked to the ongoing agitation against the farm laws, said Badal. "We are being collectively targeted by the Government of India," he told The Tribune on the sidelines of the State Credit Seminar organised by NABARD here today.

On January 19, the Union Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution had written to the state government saying they would pay just one per cent RDF against the three per cent usually paid to the state. This would lead to a loss of Rs 800 crore to the state, thereby

Rural fund withheld; to cause ₹800-cr loss



HAVE A BIGGER HEART

66 The Union Government should have a bigger heart and not make the people of Punjab suffer by withholding money due to them. Manpreet Singh Badal, FINANCE MINISTER

adversely affecting development works.

"Withholding of a major portion of the RDF on paddy purchase in 2020 is one such step. The Centre is also not conceding to the demand of hundreds of farmers to acquire their land beyond the border fencing. They graze the land by enduring hardship to help the armed forces keep better vigil. We have written to the Niti Aayog on this issue, but to no avail," he said.

Badal told The Tribune the funds that the Centre was withholding were being given to the state the past six

9% rise in bank's credit

need during 2021-22

"farz" (responsibility) with

"figr" (sincerity) towards the

future of the country and

eradication of ills such as

poverty. He called upon the

people of the state to once

again lead the country as

Referring to the issue of

crop diversification, the min-

ister called for an MSP com-

ponent for backing farmers

who shunned stubble burning

and mobilise projects for har-

vesting biofuels rather than

implementing forceful poli-

cies. He outlined the potential

of goat sector and the promise

of Punjab in being the goat

Acknowledging the resource

constraint induced by the pan-

demic, he underlined the

importance for readiness to

counter such pandemics in the future. Badal called out

NABARD to organise more

such seminars focused on

state of the country.

startups and FPOs.

they always have.

decades. "Asking Punjab to respond on how we have utilised the RDF is akin to citizens asking the government

the government.

"However, we responded to their letter, alleging misuse of the RDF, giving them details of fund utilisation over the past 10 years. They have still gone ahead and withheld the RDF. The government should have a bigger heart and not make the people of Punjab suffer by withholding money due to them," he said.

on how they utilise the

income tax paid by them to

Farmers hold ADC captive over land acquisition

BATHINDA, JANUARY 21

Scores of farmers from different villages gheraoed ADC Rajdeep Singh Brar at Lehra Mohabbat village in Bathinda. Brar along with pollution control board officials had gone to the village to hear out objections being raised by farmers from different villages regarding the acquisition of land for the construction of expressway from Amritsar to Jamnagar.

Inderjit Singh, president,

Zameen Bachao Sanghrash Committee, said, "The ADC along with other officials was held captive inside a school by the farmers from different villages for an hour. Later, on the condition of accepting a memorandum of demands from farmers and taking up the matter with the union government we agreed to release them." "District administration officials had scheduled a meeting to hear out objections being raised by farmers at Lehra Mohabbat on Thursday. — TNS



YAD activists burn an effigy of PM Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah in Bathinda. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Modi's effigy burnt over NIA notices

BATHINDA, JANUARY 21 Youth Akali Dal (YAD) members staged a protest and burnt effigies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah in Bathinda, expressing their resentment over notices being served to people supporting the farmers' agita-

tion at the Delhi borders.

The protesting YAD members said notices and summons by the NIA were nothing but pressure tactics of the Central Government to sabotage the farmers' agitation that by now had gained unprecedented support both in the country and overseas.

YAD president Parambans Singh Romana condemned

the recent notices sent by the NIA to all those who had extended help to the farmers' agitation. He said, "Punjabis have always risen as one against repression and the more the Centre tries to suppress the peaceful agitation, the more Punjabis will bounce back to counter the aggression," he said. — TNS

condolence meeting of the deceased, where he also handed over a cheque for Rs 5 lakh on behalf of the state govern-

SGPC, too, pitches in with ₹1L relief

ment to the family. Besides, he announced a memorial for the deceased farmer in the village. The Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC), too, gave a cheque for Rs 1 lakh to the family.

"It is our duty to pay respect to our martyr farmers. I have handed over a cheque of Rs 5 lakh to the family, also announced to give Rs 1 lakh from my own salary," the MLA said. — TNS

NABARD bats for perks to give crop diversification push

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 21 Development finance institution NABARD has projected a credit requirement of Rs 2.5 lakh crore during 2021-22 fiscal under priority sector lending in the state. This represents an overall increase of about nine per cent over the projections for 2020-21. Of the aggregate credit potential, the share of crop loan is pegged at Rs 98,400 crore (39% of total) and agriculture term loan at Rs 46,800 crore (19%).

This was stated by Dr CGM, Rajiv Siwach, NABARD, during the state credit seminar for the next fiscal here today.

Punjab Finance Minister Manpreet Singh Badal, the chief guest, released the State Focus Paper for 2021-22. The focus paper — Collectivisation of agricultural produce for enhancing farmers' income — is aimed at improving farm economy through promotion of farmer producers' organisation to take benefit of economies of scale.

Highlighting concern about stagnation in agriculture productivity and depleting water tables, Dr Siwach advocated incentive-based policy initiatives by state government for

diversification. The Finance Minister reminded the stakeholders of

MP sings in stir's support FARIDKOT, JANUARY 21

Folk Singer and Faridkot MP Mohammad Sadiq has lent his voice to a song in support of the farmers' agitation against the farm legislations. Sadiq, in this song, gives a call to the farmers — "jeeta ge jarur jari jang rakhio" (you will win definitely, fight on).

The 7 minute 30 seconds duration song has been written by Babu Singh Maan, known as Maan Maraarhan Wala of Faridkot, a known lyricst of Punjabifolk songs. — TNS

AAP plans bike rallies

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 21

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) will mobilise people by holding motorcycle rallies across the state for the 'kisan tractor parade', to be organised by farmers on January 26.

In a joint statement issued from the party headquarters, state president and MP Bhagwant Mann and Kisan Wing president Kultar Singh Sandhwan said the party would hold motorcycle rallies across Punjab on January 23. They said people would be mobilised to join the 'tractor parade' being organised by farmers on January 26.

To garner support for R-Day march

The leaders said for the first time after the Independence, there would be a procession where youth and farmers of the country would parade together on Delhi roads.

"Today, our country is going through a very critical period and all the rights enshrined in the Constitution are being trampled upon by Narendra Modi-led cengovernment," they tral added. - TNS

Centre not serious: SAD

BATHINDA, JANUARY 21

SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal today said the central government was not serious about finding solution to farmers' agitation in an amicable manner, stressing there was no need to hold several rounds of meetings when there was a unanimous view among farmers that the farm laws be repealed.

He said: "Farmer organisations are worthy of appreciation as despite the government's provocative stance they have managed to keep the agitation peaceful."—TNS

Jalalabad farmers hold rally, protest farm laws

FAZILKA, JANUARY 21

A large number of farmers held a tractor rally to motivate villagers to participate in the proposed tractor parade in New Delhi on January 26.

Gurwinder Singh Man-

newala, president, BKU (Ekta-Ugrahan), Fazilka unit, said the rally commenced from the Mahmu Joiya toll plaza, where the farmers have been staging a permanent protest for the past two months. Passing through 11 villages and Jalalabad town,

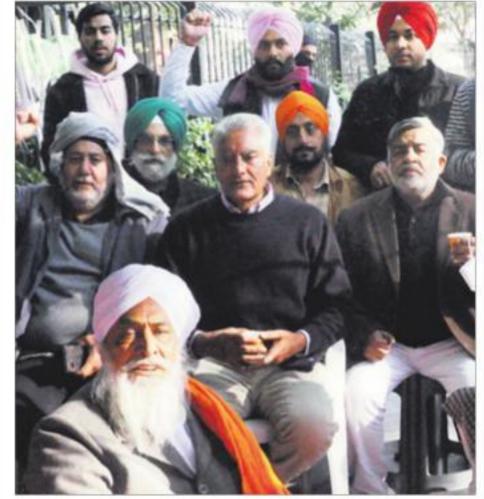
200 tractors to leave for Delhi stir

the rally covered 20 km.

Farmers raised slogans against the Modi government and BJP leaders during the rally. "After two days, about 200 tractors will leave for Delhi to participate in the parade there," claimed Mannewala. He said the farmers would not end protest until the three agricultural laws

were repealed. — OC

Jakhar at Jantar Mantar



PPCC chief Sunil Jakhar joins party MPs and MLAs protesting the farm laws at Jantar Mantar in Delhi. MUKESH AGGARWAL

Moga artists' farm tableau in spotlight

KULWINDER SANDHU

KILI CHAHAL (MOGA), JANUARY 21 Ahead of the proposed tractor march on Republic Day, hundreds of farmers took out a tractor march in villages of Moga district on Thursday. The main attraction of the rally was a tableau depicting a farmer ploughing a field with a pair of bullocks.

The tableau also shows Dr MS Swaminathan, with one of his hands gently placed on the shoulder of the farmer and the other holding a copy of the National Commission on Farmers' report, which was released by him, nearly 14 years ago.

The tableau is made of piece of art. carbon fibre that also has gun metal, sandstone, cement, and plaster of



A tableau, depicting bullocks ploughing a field, on a tractor during a rehearsal for the Republic Day march in Moga. тківине рното

Will be showcased in farmers' R-Day march

paris making it a beautiful submitted his report to the

Centre to fix the MSP for crops after calculating the Known as the father of cost inputs and adding at green revolution in the country, Dr Swaminathan least 50 per cent profit to it.

the tractor march urged the Centre to implement the Swaminathan report, repeal the controversial farm laws and continue with the government purchase of foodgrains in all states. The tableau was crafted

The protesting farmers in

by famous artist Manjit Singh with the help of his brother Surjit Singh a few months ago. With farmers protesting against the controversial laws, the tableau is being taken to many places in Punjab and Haryana to instill confidence among the farmers to fight for their rights.

The art work, which has already drawn a considerable public attention, will also be showcased during the upcoming tractor rally in Delhi on Republic Day.

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HC issues notice to state, two MLAs

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CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 21 In a cop versus legislators case, the Punjab and Haryana High Court today issued notice to Punjab, two MLAs and other respondents. The notice by Justice Arun Monga came on Inspector Vijay Kumar's petition claiming that the case was a classic example of "chor ki

dadhi mein tinka", which lit-

erally means "a guilty con-

science needs no accuser."

He was seeking the quashing chargesheet issued to him on the grounds of being illegal, malafide colourable exercise of power allegedly at the instance of the two sitting MLAs. Vijay Kumar through his counsel Manu K Bhandari claimed that the two panicked when they came to know that the petitioner had recorded a conversation.

Elaborating, Kumar submitted the conversation was between him and the personal assistant of one of the legislators. Enclosing a copy of the transcript along with the petition, Kumar added the conversation

COP V/S LEGISLATORS

Inspector Vijay Kumar was seeking the quashing of the chargesheet issued to him on the grounds of being illegal, malafide and colourable exercise of power allegedly at the instance of two sitting MLAs

clearly brought out the fact that the person was repeatedly putting pressure on him to help another person already facing criminal cases and being investigated for liquor smuggling.

Appearing on the petitioner's behalf through video-Bhandari conferencing, added a person with criminal antecedents was propped up to complain against the Inspector. On its basis, an FIR was registered against him. The respondent MLAs were not satisfied with the registration of the FIR alone and wanted to get the petitioner dismissed from service. Bhandari added the charge sheet was issued to the petitioner on the diktat of the respondent-MLAs.

Mining mafia 'attacks' two govt officials in Ropar village

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

ROPAR, JANUARY 21

Two government officials inspecting a riverbed near Agampur village here had to flee to save their lives when they came under an attack by goons of

According to information, residents of Mothapur, Gobindpur Bela, Thona and Amarpur Bela villages had told senior officials regarding large-scale mining near their villages.

mining mafia recently.

Later, Sardari Lal, Assistant Engineer in the Panchayati Raj Department, and Harjinder Singh, a Junior Engineer with the Mining Department, directed assess the situation.

by Accompanied lagers, Sardari Lal and Harjinder Singh reached the spot on Monday and found that mining was being done using two machines and tippers on the Sutlej riverbed. They seized the machines and tippers and informed the police.

Before the police could arrive, a large number of



Illegal mining has left 50-foot-deep craters in the Sutej near Anandpur Sahib. TRIBUNE PHOTO

MACHINES SEIZED

Officials found that mining was being done using two machines and tippers on the riverbed, which were seized

TONNES OF MATERIAL LIFTED

- ■There are many pathways on the riverbed to ferry sand & gravel
- Lakhs of tonnes of material has been lifted from the area
- There are many deep pits all over the Sutlej riverbed

persons involved in mining reached the spot and attacked villagers and them. They, however, saved their lives by fleeing from there and hiding in nearby fields, said the officials.

Denying any laxity, Dis-Mining Officer trict

Sukhwinder Singh Kalsi said action had been taken against offenders whenever it came to their notice.

A complaint has been lodged with the police regarding illegal mining. He said they didn't mention about the attack in the complaint as it was only a clash between villagers and accused. The officials ran away exercising precaution, he said.

Anandpur Sahib SHO Harkirat Singh said the accused had not been identified so far.

Will raise issue in Assembly: Cheema

CHAMARU (GHANAUR), JAN 21 Senior AAP leader and Leader of Opposition (LoP) in the Legislative Assembly Harpal Singh Cheema today said he would take up the issue of mining 'mafia' rule in Punjab in the forthcoming Assembly session.

Cheema, AAP state treasurer Neena Mittal and others visited illegal mining sites in the villages of the Ghanaur constituency in Patiala. The visit came after recent news reports highlighted illegal mining in Rajgarh, Nanhera, Chamaru and Bathonian Kalan villages in Ghanaur.

"Sand excavated from these villages is shifted to construction sites as far as Mohali, Kharar, Patiala and

Sangrur. Though over 20 FIRs have been registered within the Ghanaur belt, nothing has been accomplished in the investigation so far," claimed villagers.

Slamming the Congress government, Cheema said liquor mafia, mining mafia and other mafias were running in the hometown of the Chief Minister. "Congress leaders, their ministers and MLAs are solely responsible for all kinds of mafias flourishing in Punjab," Cheema added.

Meanwhile. villagers claimed that whenever they opposed the mining mafia, the police registered false cases against them and locked them up at the police station. — TNS



AAP leader Harpal Singh Cheema at a mining site near Ghanaur.

Govt reissues norms on tobacco use

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 21 The Department of School Education has reissued instructions to make schools and educational institutions tobacco-free.

As per a spokesperson,

Director General of the department issued a letter in this regard to all DEOs and school heads. The state has already banned tobacco products such as gutkha and pan masala. As per the latest guidelines, tobacco-related deaths were on the rise. The Global Youth Tobacco Survey reported that 14.6 per cent students between 13 and 15 years of age used tobacco in one form or another. The government had launched the National Tobacco Control Programme with an emphasis on educating schoolchildren.—TNS

₹309-crscholarshipduesto be cleared by March: Panel

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 21 A high-powered committee

of the group of ministers led by Manpreet Singh today decided to clear by March 31 the pending dues of Rs 309 crore of private educational institutions, pertaining to the SC Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for 2015-2016.

At the same time, the committee comprising Technical Education Minister Cha-Channi, ranjit Social Welfare Minister Sadhu Singh Dharamsot and Languages Minister Tript Rajinder Bajwa and Chief Principal Secretary to the CM Suresh Kumar also decided that for the pending dues of Rs 1,200 crore for the years 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20, the state would foot 40

Training of officials

on 48 hours after first

case of avian flu

TO BEGIN TODAY

the Centre, which

66 We had to inform

compensates for the

culled birds. We have

got a letter now and the

culling will start on Friday.

VK Janjua, ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY,

number of cases were report-

ed from Haryana's Barwala,

a few kilometres from Dera

Bassi, but the state's Health

Meanwhile, Chief Secer-

Department failed to act.

farms in their districts.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY DEPARTMENT

per cent of the bill and the remaining would be borne by the Centre under the new scholarship scheme announced this year by the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

"Since the issue pertains to three years when the Centre had discontinued the scholarship scheme, the committee decision will have to be vetted by the state Cabinet before being tabled in the Budget session of the Vidhan Sabha," said a senior government functionary.

The Joint Association of Colleges said several positive decisions were taken during the meeting. "The colleges will not allow anything to jeopradise the future of SC students," it said. — TNS

State rolls back 50% licence fee, exchequer suffers losses

RAJMEET SINGH

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 21

The state exchequer has suffered a loss of crores of rupees as the Directorate, Local Government, has allowed the rollback of 50 per cent of licence fee being charged from outdoor advertisement contractors while citing the Covid-19 pandemic. In the Ludhiana cluster alone, the revenue loss to the department during the nine-year contract period could touch Rs 190 crore. In Mohali, the annual revenue loss is likely to be Rs 10.80 crore and in case of Kharar clus-

ter, it could be Rs 20 crore. What is more startling is that relief has been offered for the entire contract period — varying from seven to nine years. In contrast, depart-

AD CONTRACTS: RELIEF OFFERED FOR 7 TO 9 YRS

Citing the pandemic, relief has been offered to outdoor advertisement contractors for the entire contract period, varying from seven to nine years. In contrast, departments like transport, housing and others had waived government levies either till December 31, 2020, or deferred arrears of taxes, without interest and penalty, till March 31, 2021

NECESSARY ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

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Most of the outdoor advertising contracts were issued under the Punjab Municipal

Outdoor Advertising Policy 2018, framed during the tenure of previous Local Government Minister Navjot Singh Sidhu. The orders to give pandemicrelated relief were issued by previous Director, Local Government, Bhupinder Singh on September 15,

bodies were dissolved and IAS and PCS officers were appointed as administrators. Explaining the catch,

sources said while allowing 50 per cent rollback of the licence fee, there was no clarity on the period of validity of the relief and it was mandated that the beneficiary would be allowed to surrender 50 per cent of the outdoor media sites.

2020, when a number of civic

However, on the ground, a number of surrendered sites in different towns were being illegally sold by the contractors, the sources said.

"The department must explain the logic of giving the relief for the entire contract period instead of mentioning specific period. Fingers are already being pointed as the lockdown has already been lifted," said Manjeet Sethi,

former deputy mayor, Mohali Municipal Corporation.

Local Government Minister Brahm Mohindra said meetings were held to give Covid-related relief to advertisers. However, he directed the query to Secretary, Local Government, Ajoy Kumar Sinha. "The order was issued prior to my joining the department. Now the matter has been brought to my notice. I will enquire into it and necessary action will be taken," said the Secretary.

In the September 15 order, the Director had referred to several representations made by contractors handling outdoor advertisement display in the state. As part of the relief, the directorate has also permitted a six-month licence waiver, starting from March 24, 2020.

Caught unawares, dept dithers on culling birds

Vishav Bharti

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE **CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 21**

Despite ample warning signs, the Department of Animal Husbandry was caught unawares when bird flu finally struck the state on Tuesday. Even 48 hours after the

first case surfaced in the state, the department was yet to begin culling of infected birds. As many as 50,000 birds are to be culled at Alpha Poultry Farm and Royal Poultry Farm in Behra village of Dera Bassi.

At the department headquarters, officials were today seen imparting basic training such as wearing PPE kits while culling infected birds, to the teams. The department had constituted 25 teams for the job.

The department was informed about the H5N8 strain in birds at two poultry farms on Tuesday. However, it failed to issue the mandatory notification for culling till Thursday evening.

Until the government issues a notification under The Prevention and Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Animals Act, 2009, a private establishment or poultry farm can refuse permission to officials from entering the premises.

The samples of a dead wild goose had tested positive for the virus earlier this week. Even before that, a large

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Aussie firms invited to invest in state

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CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 21 The High Commissioner of Australia to India, Barry O'Farrell AO, kicked off his maiden visit to Punjab a meeting with Minister Capt Amarinder Singh yesterday.

The two leaders discussed ways to revitalise economies post Covid-19, enhance long-term ecocooperation between Punjab and Australia in agriculture, water, education, and strengthen

Envoy on maiden state visit; focus on agri, education

trade and diaspora ties between the two regions. Chief Secretary Vini Mahajan today had a strategic dialogue with the visiting High Commissioner. Citing the Australia-India education partnership, she offered Mohali as the ideal destination for Australian universities keen on setting up Indian campuses.

tary Vini Mahajan today The state government directed that the department requested the Australian should take samples from all Government to provide poultry farms of Punjab and agri-export certification get them tested from NRDrelaxations similar to DL, Jalandhar. All veterinary those provided by the USA officers have been directed to and Canada. Australian take samples from poultry companies were invited to invest in Punjab.



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Vikas Gautam aged 30 years son of Harmesh Chander, r/o VPO Hardokhanpur, Teh. and Distt. Hoshiarpur through his attorney Sh. Harmesh Chander son of Baij Nath, r/o VPO Hardokhanpur, Tehsil and Distt. Hoshiarpur.Petitioner

Versus Akankashi Gautam wife of Vikas Gautam daughter of Sh. Chander Mohan Bakshi, r/o Hardokhanpur, Tehsil and Distt.

....Respondent Petition under Section 13 of Hindu Marriage Act 1955. CNR No.: PBHO01-004089-2019 Next Date: 10.02.2021

Akankashi Gautam wife of Vikas Gautam daughter of Sh. Chander Mohan Bakshi, r/o Hardokhanpur, Tehsil and Distt. Hoshiarpur.

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(Senior Division), CL20083607 Phagwara. (U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)

> In the Court of Sh. Jaginder Singh Civil Judge (Jr. Division-2), Phagwara.

Sewa Kaur @ Sevo w/o Lt. Malkiat Singh s/o Lt. Chanchal Singh r/o Village Sahni, Tehsil, District Kapurthala.

1. Gurdev Singh 2. Kuldeep Singh both sons of Sucha Singh s/o Karam Singh r/o Village Sahni, Tehsil, District Kapurthala.

CNR No. PBKPA0-000642-2020

Next Date: 08.02.2021 Suit for declaration, mandatory injunction and permanent injunction.

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CL20083609 Phagwara. In the Court of Ms. Minakshi Mahajan Civil Judge, Junior Division,

Amritsar. CNR No.: PBAS020001882020 Next Date: 11.02.2021 Kawaljit Singh son of Sh. Jagjit

Jaswinder Kaur wife of Sh. Jagjit residents of 60-D. Lawrence Road, Amritsar. Jatinder Arora wife of Sh Tejinder Singh Arora, resident of 237, Basant Avenue, Amritsar.

Versus **Downtown Temptations Private** Limited and others Petition under Section 13 of the East

Urban Rent Restriction Act. Notice to:

Sarabpreet Kaur, Director of Downtown Temptations Private

Limited Saroj Kumar Director of Downtown Temptations Private

Limited. Gursimran Singh, Director of Downtown Temptations Private Limited. Simran Walia, Director of

Downtown Temptations Private Limited. All residents of 32, Mall Road, known as Central Mall Suits, Mall

Road Amritsar. In above titled suit respondent could not be served. It is ordered that the respondent should appear in person or through counsel on 11.02.2021 at 0.00 a.m. For details logon to

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Sd/- (Minakshi Mahajan) Civil Judge, Junior Division, CL20085867 Amritsar

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)

In the Court of

Sh. Kuljit Pal Singh Addl. District and Sessions Judge, Rupnagar.

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Panel orders Pathankot doc

to pay ₹50 lakh for negligence

Sanieev Singh Bariana

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 21 The Punjab State Consumer Disputes Redressal Comhas ordered mission Pathankot based Dr Pankaj Sharma to pay a compensation of Rs 50 lakh for medical negligence to parents of twins who lost their vision.

Sharma, who works in another hospital, has been asked to pay Rs 15 lakh and Dr Surjit Singh of the Dr Surjit Singh Eye Hospital has been ordered to pay Rs 5 lakh for alleged carelessness in handling the case by Justice

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for the forthcoming Municipal

Corporation, Municipal Com-

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Mehatpur, Kartarpur, Nakodar,

Noormahal, Phillaur, Alawalpur,

Jagraon, Lohian Khas, Kharar,

Jandiala Guru, Doraha, Amar-

garh, Ahmedgarh, Nangal,

Moga, Kot Ise Khan, Nihal

Singh Wala, Samrala, Raikot,

Meanwhile, Justice Jora

Singh (retd) was made the

president of the legal cell and

advocate Kashmir Singh

Malhi its secretary. — TNS

3 held for betting

on cricket league

ABOHAR/SRIGANGANAGAR, JAN 21

The Jawaharnagar police sta-

tion in charge, Vishavjit

Singh, said during a raid at

COURT NOTICE

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)

In the Court of

Anoop Singh

Civil Judge

(Junior Division)-1,

Jalandhar.

Jasbir Bains

Vs.

Varinder Kaur Kallu

Suit for declaration and grant of

1. Varinder Kaur Kallu w/o

Late Amarjit Singh Kallu d/o

Late Joginder Singh, r/o 5,

Brailford Close, Wednesfield,

Wolverhampton, WV11 3BA,

3. Baldev Singh s/o Late Joginder

Singh, ordinarily r/o Village

Paragpur, Tehsil and District

In above titled case, the

defendant(s)/respondent(s) could

not be served. It is ordered

that defendant(s)/ respondent(s)

should appear in person or

through counsel on 08.02.2021 at

For details logon to:

https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=

district notice&district=jalandhar

Dated, this day of 04.01.2021.

Sd/- Civil Judge

Jalandhar.

(Junior Division)-1,

10:00 a.m.

Jalandhar. Also residing in U.K.

decree of permanent injunction

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Next Date: 08.02.2021

Ramdas and Majitha.

prising 320 wards.

Dr Trupti, wife of Dr Pankaj

TWINS LOSE VISION

Rahul Mahajan, father of the twins, said his wife gave birth to premature twins on January 25, 2017. The twins had retinopathy of prematurity, which can be treated till stage-III

■ Their eye condition was in stage-V when they were taken for cure. The babies allegedly did not get the required attention during the period and their eyesight was affected permanently

Paramjeet Singh Dhaliwal, president of the commission and Rajinder Kumar Goyal and Kiran Sibal, both members. All three have been asked to pay the amount with seven per cent interest from the date of the complaint (December 28, 2018) to date. They have been asked to pay the litigation costs separately.

Rahul Mahajan, father of the twins, complained that his wife gave birth to premature twins on January 25, 2017. They were just 32 weeks old when she delivered the babies. The twins had retinopathy of prematurity (ROP), which develops in case of premature babies.

Till stage-III, the ROP can be

treated, and afterwards, there is total detachment leading to blindness. The entire process happens within first four weeks of the birth of the baby. The eyes of babies were in stage-V when they went for cure. The children of the complainant allegedly did not get the required attention during the period and the eyesight was affected permanently.

The babies were also taken later to pioneering institutes, including PGIMER, Chandigarh, AIIMS, Delhi and Sankara Nethralaya, Chennai, but their eyesight could not be restored.

nabbed along **Pakborder** ABOHAR/SRIGANGANAGAR, JAN 21

Drugpeddlers

On the first day of operation "Sard Hawa", launched by the Border Security Force (BSF) along the International Border in Rajasthan, the police nabbed seven persons with intoxicating tablets and contraband.

While Harvinder Singh of Reond Kalan village in Mansa district was arrested with 7,500 sedative tablets in Sriganganagar sector, 85-kg poppy husk was seized from three car occupants — Surinder Prajapat, Subhash Chander Prajapat of Waryamkhera and Rai Singh of Dhinganwali village in Abohar. In Kesarisinghpur area, three riding a motorcycle were nabbed with 2,400 intoxicating tablets. — OC

AAP fields No Cong list yet, Muktsar candidates aspirants begin campaign in 320 wards **CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 21** The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)



ARCHIT WATTS TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MUKTSAR, JANUARY 21 The ruling Congress is yet to announce its candidates for the municipal council (MC) polls, but ticket aspirants along with some leaders are holding public meetings and have started campaigns. Manjit Kaur, an aspirant of

Congress ticket from Ward-3 in Gidderbaha, recently held a meeting in the presence of Gidderbaha MLA Amrinder Singh Raja Warring's wife Amrita Warring. Congress ex-MLA Raghbir Pardhan is campaigning in favour of the Akalis. Raghbir said, "I am a staunch Congressman, but personally against Raja Warring for his 'wrongdoings'. Even in the Lok Sabha elections, I had campaigned against him in Bathinda. I am supporting the SAD candidates in all 19 wards here

ABOHAR/SRIGANGANAGAR, JAN 21

The Rajasthan police today

claimed to have busted an

interstate gang that was



Warring with a ticket aspirant in Gidderbaha. TRIBUNE PHOTO

There are rumours that the Congress may use pressure tactics and stop some of our candidates from filing nominations. Rupinder Kumari Batra, SAD CANDIDATE

SAD FEARS CONG MAY USE PRESSURE TACTICS

because they can teach him a less in this election." On this, Raja Warring said, "Raghbir Pardhan is like a rolling stone and residents of Gidderbaha know him well."

In Muktsar town, the SAD announced 28 candidates, but the Congress is yet to declare candidates in 31 wards. In such a situation, in some wards, two or more aspirants are holding meetings in their favour. Meanwhile, some Akalis are fear-

Cyber gang busted, 10 held

allegedly duping people in

The police said 10 miscre-

ants were held and 27 mobile

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tics, the Congress leaders may not even allow them to submit their nominations. "We are getting good response in Ward-7. People are ready to vote for us for the development done in the area. The administration and police should hold free and fair elections," said Rupinder Kumari Batra, an SAD candidate. In Malout town, Congress leader Harbhajan Singh today joined the SAD.

ing that using pressure tac-

Singer's father missing Fatehgarh Sahib: Punjabi singer Dilpreet Singh Dhillon has lodged a DDR claiming his father has been missing from his residence at Manupur village since January 14. The SHO said the singer said his father Kuldeep Singh, a head teacher, went missing on January 14 after he left the house to pay obeisance at a gurdwara. His cell phone was unreachable. His car was recovered from the parking of Sant Baba Ram Singh Ganduan Wale dera. The investigation is on. oc

IN BRIEF

Fire erupts in oil tanker **Abohar:** The driver of an oil

tanker escaped with minor injuries as he jumped when a fire erupted in his cabin on Thursday, near Raipura village on the Abohar-Seetogunno road. Balkaran Singh was transporting oil from Sriganganagar to Delhi, when suddenly a battery positioned in the driver's cabin exploded, possibly due to some mechanical problem. The Municipal Fire Brigade was dispatched to the site and the fire was controlled in



A correction

Abohar: Sandeep Jakhar, former president, District Youth Congress, has said Rajesh Gupneously referred to as an SAD

the house of Chetan Dhobi in running fake call centres at phones, 40 SIM cards, 19 Delhi and Taranagar, and Aulakh Nagar, Sriganganadebit cards, four cheque gar, Rakesh Garg, alias Pintu arrested 10 persons for books and Rs 4.03 lakh had (35), Pankaj Goswami (35)

and Ratan Lal, alias Titu MALWA COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, DEON Meghwal (35) were arrested for conducting online betting (Recognized by NCTE & Affiliated to Punjabi University, Patiala) on Australia's Big Bash Cricket League. The police recovered Rs 63,600 in cash, two laptops, one LED, setup box, calling

box and 25 mobile phones from their possession. — OC **CLASSIFIEDS**

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ta, a senior leader of the SAD who contested the last civic body election has joined the Congress. Jakhar was erroleader in these columns. oc

ANTIM ARDAS With deep grief & sorrow we regret to inform you the sad demise of our beloved

Ms.Harjit Sandhu on 16.01.2021. For the peace of departed noble soul Antim Ardas will be held on Saturday, 23rd January, 2021

followed by Guru Ka Langar at Gurdwara Singh Sabha, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana from 1.00 p.m to 2.00 p.m. -: Bereaved: Maj.I.S.Sandhu - Kiran (Brother - Sister in law) Santokh Singh, Col.D.S.Sandhawalia (Brother in law)

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With profound grief & sorrow, we inform that our respected and beloved SARDAR BALWANT SINGH SANDHU

In fond memory of the departed soul Kirtan & Antim Ardas will be held at Gurudwara Shri Guru Teg Bahadur Sahib, Sector 34, Chandigarh On 24th January 2021 from 12:00 PM to 01:30 PM Grief-sticken

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Er. S.K. PUNJ

Farmers protest outside minister's house

ANGER SPILLS Seek his resignation, raise anti-govt slogans

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

HISAR, JANUARY 21

Farmers staged a demonstration outside the residence of Minister of State Dhanak Anup and demanded his resignation in Hisar town today.

The group of protesters under the banner of Akhil Bharatiya Kisan Majdoor Sangharsh Samiti marched to his residence in the town raising antigovernment slogans.

HE'S IGNORING US

Farmers and the working class supported Anoop Dhanak. It is unfortunate that after becoming the minister, he is not ready to listen to farmers.

Satbir Punia, FARMER LEADER

Satbir Punia, a farmer leader leading the procession, said that Anoop Dhanak represents Uklana segment in Haryana Assembly which has overwhelming number of farmers and working class. "These communities gave support and respect to Dhanak and he rose to become a minister. But it is unfortunate that after becoming minister, he is not ready to listen to farmers," he said.

PARVEEN ARORA TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KARNAL, JANUARY 21

Potato Technology Centre,

(PTC) Shamgarh, in the dis-

trict in collaboration with Cen-

tral Potato Research Institute

(CPRI) in Shimla and Interna-

tional Potato Centre (CIP),

Peru, has started producing potato seeds in the air with the

help of aeroponic technique.

In this technique, there is no

need for soil and other growing

media like coco-peat for pro-

duction. The scientists say that

in aeroponics technique, pota-

to seeds are grown in mist

environment. They claim pota-

to seeds grown through this

technology are free from soil-

"We have started the process

of growing minituber (potato seed) plants with the help of

aeroponic technique. It is a lat-

borne diseases.



Farmers gherao the residence of Minister of State Anoop Dhanak in Hisar on Thursday, TRIBUNE PHOTO

CENTRE MUST ACCEPT DEMANDS: HOODA

- Former CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda has said the Centre must accept the demands of farmers in the next round of talks on Friday
- Farmers have been protesting for the past two months against the recently enacted farm laws
- "The Centre is pretending to be unaware of the demands of farmers, but the country knows that they are demanding withdrawal of the laws," Hooda said
- The Leader of the Opposition was in Rohtak on Thursday; he said the farmers were also demanding a law on the MSP

ers from Punjab reached Kar-

nal on tractors bearing the

national flag and the flag of

farmer unions. After a short

- The former CM visited the families of deceased farmer Jayabhagwan of Pakasma village to offer condolences
- He demanded grant of martyr status to the farmers who lost their lives during the stir, financial aid to their families and jobs to their dependents
- "Around 150 farmers have lost their lives. Rather than accepting the demands of the farmers, the Centre is using tricks to end the movement," he said
- Hooda promised that the Congress would provide relief to bereaved families on coming to power. TNS

Another farmer Gurbachan

Singh from Amritsar said,

"Hundreds of tractor-trailers

leave for the Delhi border daily.

The tractor parade will be

peaceful. It will give the mes-

sage to the Centre that farmers

are united on their demand of

Amrik Singh, another

farmer from Moga district,

said they were demanding

nothing, but revocation of the

laws. "We did not ask the Cen-

tre to frame these laws. The

Centre has imposed them on

getting the laws repealed."



Kabaddi meet to raise funds for farmers' kin

Mukesh Tandon TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SONEPAT, JANUARY 21

Members of a Germanybased club organised a kabaddi tournament at Kundli near Singhu border today. Hundreds of agitating farmers, especially youth and elderly enjoyed the tourney.

Besides, the farmers' protest against the three farm laws continued on the 56th day on Thursday. The tournament was organised by Sher-e-Punjab Maharaja Ranjeet Singh Club of Germany, said Mandeep Singh, a member of the organising committee, adding that president of the club Kuldeep Singh and Inderjeet Singh Josan from Germany had arrived at Singhu border for the tournament.

The motive behind organising the tournament was to collect funds to provide financial help to

two from Haryana participate in event

Six teams from Punjab,

the families of the farmers who died during the ongoing protest here, he said.

Eight teams — six from Punjab and two from Haryana — comprising of various national and international players of kabaddi participated in the tournament, said Mandeep Singh.

"It has been around two months that we are protesting against the three farm laws, but the government is paying no heed to our demands," said Sanjampreet Singh, a farmer from Moga. Deep Singh, an elderly person from Samrala, said kabaddi tournaments were famous in Punjab and most players belonged to the families of farmers.

REGD. No. D. L.-33004/99

Stream of tractor-trailers on Karnal highway Meanwhile, scores of farmfrom Ludhiana district.

PARVEEN ARORA

TRIBIINE NEWS SERVICE **KARNAL, JANUARY 21**

The stark difference is hard to miss. Before the farmers' protest, SUVs, cars, buses and trucks plied on the National Highway-44, one of the busiest roads in the country. Now, a tractor-trolley can be seen crossing the highway after every three to four minutes — farmers either on their way to Delhi border to join their brethren or returning home in Punjab.

of tractor-trailers comes

Potato seeds made sans soil in Karnal

Scientists say potato seeds grown through this technology are

free from soil-borne diseases. TRIBUNE PHOTO

est technique for growing

plants and potato seed produc-

tion in air or mist environment.

There is no need for soil and

this technology is free from

soil-borne diseases," said Dr

Prem Chand Sindhu, Deputy

He maintained that they

have established three units

Director, PTC, Shamgarh.



Farmers on their way to the Singhu border on Thursday. SAYEED AHMED

which have the capacity to

grow 10 lakh minitubers in

one crop cycle which is of

three months. The scientists

claimed that production of

seeds through this tech-

nique is much higher than

Dr Manish Sainger, senior

consultant at PTC, said that on

conventional methods.

ahead of farmers' parade in on the NH-44 and found that The increased movement Delhi on the Republic Day. around 100 tractors crossed This reporter spent an hour Karnal today afternoon.

an average, 30 minitubers and

maximum 50-60 minitubers

can be obtained from each

plant. He said that through this technique, 7-10 times

more minitubers can be

obtained in comparison to con-

ventional methods like net-

About the technology, Dr

Sainger stated that they plant-

ed tissue culture plants in the

grow chambers which have

pipes and nozzles for mist

spray on the roots of the plant.

"The roots of the plant hang in

the air in the chamber and all

the nutrients are provided

through mist, which consists

of all the required elements

for plant growth and tuberisa-

tion, periodically. The upper

part of plant remains at the

top of the chamber," he added.

He said that the size of minitu-

bers is uniform at 3-4 gm.

house or open field.

stay near Karan Lake, they left for the Singhu border. They said all farmers owning tractors in their villages would participate in the Jan-

GURUGRAM, JANUARY 21

uary 26 parade.

"We are going to participate in the Republic Day parade on tractors to oppose the Centre's new farm laws. Almost all tractors of our areas will take part," said 35-year-old Navdeep Singh, a farmer us, forcing us to protest."

Six wanted criminals arrested

Hitesh, Rahul, Lalit, Rohit, Neeraj and Neeraj Singh. They belong to 'Tota' gang, led by Sunil alias Tota. — OC

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EXTRAORDINARY

PART II—Section 3—Sub-section (ii)

प्राधिकार से प्रकाशित

नई दिल्ली, मंगलवार, दिसम्बर 15, 2020/ अग्रहायण 24, 1942

NEW DELHI, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2020/AGRAHAYANA 24, 1942

NOTIFICATION

S.O. 4554(E).—In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.,), maintenance, management and operation of NH70 in the stretch of land from Km 224 to Km264.96 (Sub Divisional Officer (Civil), Mandi) in the district of MANDI in the state of HIMACHAL PRADESH, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, Sub Divisional Officer (Civil), Mandi in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority

thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections. Any order made by the competent authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested

person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling NH70 in the stretch of land from NH70 (Sub Divisional Officer (Civil), Mandi) in the district of MANDI in the state of HIMACHAL PRADESH

	State: HIMACHAL PRADESH District: MANDI								
S. No	Survey/Plot Number	Type of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area (in Hectare)					
Tal	Taluk: Kotli								
Vil	Village: Buhnli Sarwari (27)								
1	871/1	Government	Jangal Mehfuja Mehduda	0.0674000(Hectare)	0.0674000				
2	872/1	Government	Jangal Mehfuja Gair Mehduda 0.1157000(Hectare) 0						
Vil	Village : Sai (52)								
1	1 1102 Government Gair Mumkin Sadak 0.0732000(He				0.0732000				
Tal	Taluk: Sadar								
Vil	Village: Chadyara/346								
1	137/1	Private	Gair Mumkin Makaan	0.0020000(Hectare)	0.0020000				
	Total 0.2583 0.2583								

RAJESH GUPTA, Director

Minister suspends 3 officials

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 21 Co-operation Minister Ban-

wari Lal conducted a surprise visit at the office of the Registrar Co-operative Societies (RCS) in Panchkula at 4.15 pm today and ordered the suspen-

sion of three employees for not maintaining the record.

They are Gamandeep, branch assistant, sugar mill; Kulwinder Singh, peon, auditor branch; and Sumit Dalal, peon, budget branch. —TNS

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE

U.P.R.N.N. in two bid system for Mahant Avaidyanath ji Maharaj Stadium, Jungle Kauriya, Gorakhpur (U.P.). Detail can be obtained / downloaded from the website

Public Notice for Hearing

Office of CALA cum DRO SAS Nagar

A notification U/s 3A; SO no 4156(E) dated 19.11.2020 for acquisition of land for 6 laning of IT city Kharar Kurali Road was published on 26-11-2020 in Newspaper "The Tribune (English)" and "Ajit (Punjabi)" and S.O. No. 4678(E) dated 23.12.2020 was published on 29.12.2020 in Newspaper "The Tribune (English)" and 'Jagbani (Punjabi)"for villages: 1) Tehsil Kharar & Majri : Barauli, Andheri, Bajheri, Cholta khurd

Shudiala, Den Kalan, Fatengarh, Jhanjeri, Jhingar, Kanauran Machhli Kalan, Machhli khurd, Mammupur, Padiala, Pir Sohana Popna, Rangian, Rurki Pukhta, Sahauran, Shekhpura, Soey Majra. Tehsil SAS Nagar : Dhelpur, Giderpur, Gige Majra, Gobindgarh, Gudana, Nogiari.

Some of the land owners/stakeholders submitted their objections U/s 3C. Accordingly, a public hearing for the same is scheduled to be held in the office of DRO SAS Nagar, Room no 318, Second floor, District Administration complex, SAS Nagar on 27.01.2021 at 12

noon onwards. This is for the information of the general public and concerned.

CALA Cum DRO, SAS Nagar

Government of India Ministry of AYUSH

Financial assistance in the form of Interest Subsidy for the establishment of AYUSH Super Specialty Hospitals/Day Care Centres under Champion Services Sector Scheme for Medical Value Travel. Ministry of AYUSH invites application in the prescribed format

under Central Sector Scheme for establishment of AYUSH Super Specialty Hospitals/Day Care Centres under Champion Services Sector Scheme for Medical Value Travel for the year 2020-21 from the eligible private entrepreneurs registered under Societies Registration Act/Trust/Companies Act.

2. The eligible private entrepreneurs may submit complete applications in prescribed format along with the required documents/ information to the Ministry of AYUSH. The detail of guidelines is available on the website of the Ministry of AYUSH i.e. https://main.ayush.gov.in/schemes/central-sector-scheme

3. The applications in triplicate duly spiral bound and completed in all respect along with check list should reach to the Advisor (Ay.) Champion Services Sector Scheme Medical Value Travel, M/o AYUSH, Room No. 207, 2nd Floor, Ayush Bhawan, B-Block, GPO Complex, INA, New Delhi – 110023 within 45 days from the date epaper publishing in the newspaper. davp 17201/11/0027/2021

The Project Manager Gorakhpur Unit, Gorakhpur invites E-Tender for Construction of Synthetic Atheletic Track on behalf of Managing Director www.etender.up.nic.in or www.uprnn.upsdc.gov.in from 20.01.2021.

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Head-HR, SML Isuzu Limited Vill Asron, Distt SBS Nagar, Punjab-144 533



PUBLIC NOTICE It is brought to the notice of general public that Inquiry under section 7A of the Employees' Provident Fund & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 has been initiated for determination of dues

ag	against the establishment mentioned as under.								
	PF Code No.	Name of Establishment/ Employer	Period of 7A Inquiry	Next date of hearing					
1.		M/s Disha Public School, VPO-Chauntra, Tehsil- Joginder Nagar, Mandi, HP- 175001	to	25/01/2021					

Public at large is directed to submit their claim, objection if any on or before next date of hearing (preferably by email at do.baddi@epfindia.gov.in or by post). In case same is not submitted within due date, final order will be passed based on documents produced during inquiry only. ISSUED BY

Ajit Kumar Mishra (Compliance) Regional P.F. Commissioner-II District Office, Baddi, HP

रजिस्ट्री सं० डी०एल० -33004/99

Six wanted criminals were arrested from Dwarka Expressway. The accused are



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New Delhi, the 15th December, 2020

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

SCHEDULE

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Talı	uk: Sadar				
Vill	age: Chadyara	/346			
1	137/1	Private	Gair Mumkin Makaan	0.0020000(Hectare)	0.0020000
		10	Total	0.2583	0.2583
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Victory for farmers

Centre's seen reason, protesters should return triumphant

NALLY, the Union government has seen reason and agreed to keep the contentious farm laws on hold for a year and a half. This is a moment of triumph for the farmers, who braved one of the worst winters in recent times to sit in the cold amidst a raging pandemic to demand what they believed was just. One of the negotiators from the government's side — minister Som Parkash — reportedly agreed to the suspension of the laws for two years, but Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar announced a moratorium for six months less. The farmers can seek a longer period of suspension and engage with the government in an effective dialogue through their own committee to put forth their fears and conditions; but, meanwhile, this is a victory as definitive as it comes and the farmers should savour it in the winter sun on their farms.

The government had taken a maximalist position when it rammed the farm Bills through the Rajya Sabha without a proper division as propriety demanded. Parliamentary democracy has built-in mechanisms to evolve consensus through committees; and laws that impinge on the livelihoods of millions of farmers ought to have been discussed thoroughly in those consultative and standing committees before being rolled out like bulldozers on standing crops. The protests that ensued have taken a huge toll on the people of Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh and Himachal Pradesh in terms of over 60 lives lost, six farmers committing suicide, disruption of traffic and livelihood; yet, the farmers were remarkably restrained, not letting emotions override the philosophy of non-violence.

The whole nation should salute these farmers for their fortitude, discipline, tenacity and endurance. They taught a few lessons in community living, langar and sewa to the rest of the nation, making this protest unique. Now, they should not repeat the government's mistake by taking an extreme position. They should return triumphant to their villages. The planned tractor rally should now be a joyous victory parade celebrating the Republic and the farmer-citizens, who send their children to fight and die for the Republic.

The Biden-Kamala era

India needs to sidestep the eddies

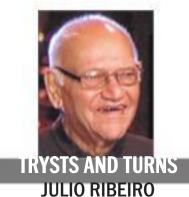
HE most-used words in Joe Biden's inaugural speech were 'America, American and Americans' and 'nation, people and democracy'. The message to heal a badly-split America, its apogee reached in the mob assault on the Capitol barely a fortnight back, is understandably Biden's top-most priority. But apart from some intense navel-gazing, Biden also declared that 'America is back'. Hopefully, this will not be an America that under Trump was nickel-and-diming even close allies. India was robbed of zero-duty access to over Rs 40,000 crore worth of exports to the US and PM Modi mocked for high import duty on Harley Davidson motorcycles.

Though India has been a bipartisan success story so far, this is more because the US still has to make further ingress into its markets and defence sectors. But like all of Washington's other partners, India will be hoping the Biden-Kamala team will usher in predictability and sensitivity to the needs of others. Unlike in the Obama administration, the Left has a firm hook into the White House this time. Several of Biden's appointees are instinctively ranged against ill-liberalist and majoritarian tendencies. Trump's free pass to the Modi government on the CAA, lynchings and the communal riots was facilitated due to New Delhi's enthusiastic over-identification with Washington's China-baiting in the Indo-Pacific.

With Kamala Harris as Vice-President, human rights issues will not get overlooked. The farmers' agitation will be the latest on the list. The Modi government has to instead get the US more interested in non-military areas of cooperation that have been marked by friction and apathy. The shifting of supply chains away from China ought to start with pharmaceuticals and move on to other areas of high dependency. In the military field, India and the US must move to higher-level strategic discussions that lead to a division of labour in the Indian Ocean. India will also need elbow room in its foreign choices — to source oil from Iran and Venezuela and defence platforms from Russia. The Modi government will need to sidestep eddies to carve out a more meaningful relationship with the new US administration in the post-Covid, post-Galwan Valley world.

The might of kisan & jawan

Farmers, together with veterans, should celebrate Republic Day



HE protesting farmers of Punjab and Haryana have threatened to organise a tractor procession through well-trod streets of Delhi on Republic Day. This procession should not clash with the government's Republic Day parade or other cele-

lic support if they do that. In fact, they should be alert lest saboteurs try to provoke them to violence. The best solution would be to have a celebratory parade of their own in

another part of the city after prior

brations. The farmers will lose pub-

notice to the Delhi Police and obtaining its permission to celebrate the sacred day. If they can muster the support of armed forces veterans, it would be a sort of coup! The armed forces are studded with soldiers, sailors and airmen from kisan families, who will surely be sympathetic to the cause of the farmers.

'Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan' is a cry that is extremely popular with the common man and that cry has reverberated through the ages. No political party can afford to belittle it. So, if service veterans are added to the parade of tractors with farmers' families atop tractors, a memorable supporting parade can be organised in another prominent area of Delhi, distant from Rajpath.

If given due publicity, it will draw sufficient attention. There will be no antagonist feelings floating around — in truth, the atmosphere created should be deliberately fraternal. No political slogan should be raised that day. All sections of the populace, even those that the ruling party dubs anti-national, should be one on this day.

After all, the Prime Minister and Home Minister Amit Shah have



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both repeated often that their sole intention in introducing the three farm laws is the good of the farmers. They affirm that farm incomes will double. The farmers do not think so! They feel that the big industrial houses will fatten themselves on the farmers' sweat and blood! Who is right? Can or will the farmers wait to find out? Or is it that they know better since it is they who till the fields and sow and harvest the crops. The politicians and experts' knowledge, according to the farmers, is based on theories that have not been tested, though genuine research should never be brushed aside.

The Supreme Court has dared to enter the arena where wiser men had feared to tread. There was no constitutional or legal adjudication involved, and yet it rushed in with eyes wide open. By doing so, the court gave the government some breathing space. More importantly, it gave the government time that could weaken the resolve of the protesters. The latter cannot afford to neglect their fields for such prolonged periods. And that is the possible gamble that seems to be enfolding.

As of now, both sides are adamant. Our Prime Minister is a man of steel, like his role model, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. He refuses to budge, though he is willing for a compromise. The farmers fear that the government's experiment will fail, like demonetisation did. They refuse to take part in an experiment that may leave them ruined permanently.

But let us leave this political debate to the politicians and the object of their supposed largesse, the farmers, and revert to the issues that propelled me to write in the first place. I was influenced by an email I received from an old friend, a committed Modi supporter and a lady paediatric cardiac surgeon, who once was a co-trustee with me in the Public Concern for Governance Trust (PCGT) in Mumbai. Dr

Ratna Magotra felt that the CCG, a group of retired IAS, IFS and IPS officers who write to the PM and other constitutional authorities on things that matter, should also write to the farmers' leaders not to disturb the Republic Day celebrations, in particular, and not to defy the PM and his government in the manner they were now doing.

Since I agree with her view that Republic Day should be treated as sacred by every Indian, I had made my stand clear in one of my previous articles which had escaped her attention. I cannot in any conscience agree with her that no one should disagree with the PM, for that would mean that I agree that he is the repository of all knowledge. For instance, his calculations about demonetisation were proved wrong. I believe that a dose of humility in every human bosom will make the world a much better place to live in.

I understand my friend's frustration when she finds that her hero is being baulked on his way to achieving stardom and a place in history. But even normal mortals face obstacles to success. In the case of world leaders, like Modiji, the tests will be infinitely more difficult. That is to be expected. The felicity and ease with which he tackles these difficulties will determine his place in history.

I do not pretend to know who is right in this debate between the government and the farmers. Will the three new farm laws double the income of the farmers? The government is certain they will. The farmers think just the opposite. If they were just playing a political game, they would have given up their protest long before. The government will require to think out of the box to cut this Gordian knot.

Staunch followers of Modiji should find a way to advise their idol to convince intended beneficiaries in advance that laws they intend to ram through Parliament, without much debate, are truly for the good of the beneficiaries, and not for the benefactor's financiers.

Lost & found in the maze of Bhakra

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mohan Singh

OON after Mr Slocum of Coulee Dam fame in the US took over in 1953 as the chief engineer of Bhakra Dam, there was a spate of vacancies for engineers. Like others from across the country, my brother-inlaw, a graduate from BHU, joined as a temporary engineer. I was a college student at Amritsar then, but the romance of having a periodic glimpse of the construction of the then highest straight gravity concrete dam of the world often sent me to Nangal township, a well-laid small city on the banks of the Sutlej, to provide first-class family accommodation to the workers and officers.

The tapering V-shaped RCC monolith, 325 ft across the river at the base

and 740 ft high from the riverbed, was to acquire a length of 1,700 ft across at the top. The conspicuous horn of the diesel locomotive plying between the dam and the city, a distance of about 13 km, to transport the staff, still rings in my ears as a time signal. About 13,000 workers and 300 engineers worked for almost 10 years in three shifts. Rake after rake of quality cement would be unloaded into humongous silos to ensure an uninterrupted supply for the concrete mixture from the cooling plant. That was why cement was available to people only on ration cards.

Mr Slocum had also demanded a school and healthcare centre to serve the populace. Even a primary school student would spell out the salient

features of the dam, as if it was in the syllabus. A picture of neatness and orderliness, the foothill township had a natural drainage, and a plethora of slopes. You saw youngsters running their toy water turbines wherever there was a sloping drain. 'SLOCUM' (he used to sign in capital letters) was a household name and a role model. No wonder, many of those boys later became civil engineers.

Passes were issued to the visitors for seeing the dam on the ground floor of the overhead water tank, just in front of our house. Cameras or binoculars were banned. For us, it was easy to get a pass. I remember with awe when my nephew and I, then only about 12, went to see the dam without informing anyone at home. The boy was

known to everyone and soon we found ourselves crisis-crossing the labyrinth of hundreds of drainage galleries of the mountainous dam.

Initially, we did come across some workers but after a few wrong turns and climbs, we were lost in the maze of multi-level inspection galleries where entry is recorded and strictly monitored.

I could imagine the future that awaited us. But fortunately for us, the shift hooter sounded and we saw some workers moving out of the structure. We mutely followed them and heaved a sigh when after about two hours, we saw daylight. My brother-in-law, who later retired as a superintending engineer, never knew of this lifetime folly of mine.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Revolution is the festival of the oppressed.

— Germaine Greer

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

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"The White Supremacy Religion."

THE rousing address which Mr. Andrews delivered to the Calcutta students, a telegraphic summary of which appeared in these columns yesterday, is an example of the loftiest idealism coupled with a burning love both for India and England. No man can love another country with that passionate ardour with which Mr. Andrews loves India if he is not inspired with like feelings for his own native land. The converse, however, of this proposition is unhappily not always true. And it is exactly for this reason that one so often comes across the spectacle of Englishmen combining in themselves the highest patriotism for England with feelings of self-complacent superiority towards their Indian fellow-subjects. The generic name for this attitude of mind which regards the domination of one nation by another as a matter of right is Imperialism. Its most recent instance was supplied by the Peace Conference under the presidency of Mr. Wilson. The Japanese delegates proposed the famous amendment to the text of the Covenant in regard to the question of the races. It secured in its favour a majority of votes, but Mr. Wilson as President declared that unanimity was essential for the adoption of an amendment of this kind. On this flimsy pretext, the motion of the Japanese delegates was rejected and a great opportunity — one that we are afraid will not recur for many a year to come — of establishing in the eyes of the Asiatic people the bona fides of the heads of Western Governments was thrown away. The Japanese proposers of the amendment were shrewd people, but their European conference were shrewder inasmuch as they perceived in time that the acceptance of the proposal would be tantamount to making a breach in the citadel of Western Imperialism. This spirit of Imperialism is pre-eminently a disease of the West so that in this respect England's case is in no way peculiar.

Unethical journalism The contents of the leaked What-

sApp chats involving Arnab Goswami are symptomatic of a larger malaise in television media, wherein journalism has become a profit-driven venture, devoid of any sort of public interest. This brand of rabblerousing journalism is not just limited to Republic TV. Competing channels follow the same form of journalism and should stop being sanctimonious as they are equally responsible for the sad state of affairs. The leaked chats show that the motto of media networks has become twofold: gain access to corridors of power and get the highest TRPs. Journalists who use nationalism for TRPs are no different from petty politicians who demand proof of nationalism from patriotic citizens. Both the Radia tapes and the Arnab chats are a severe indictment of the media and call for a complete overhaul, which however, seems to be a distant dream in the present circumstances.

SHIVAM JAIN, BATHINDA

Myth of privacy

Today, the world has entered a new era of data, where privacy is at stake. The journey from a post office letter to WhatsApp and other social media platforms has played a significant role in bringing about the changes.

The apps take all our necessary information; what remains in our hand is nothing but a smartphone. The era has come where data is more valuable than money. But on the other hand, we have no security of our own data. The day is not far when our every activity will be under the omnipresent camera. Privacy will only be a myth. Therefore, it becomes our duty to be conscious about every change. New media has also played a significant role in spreading fake news. It is the need of the hour to strengthen laws to save people from false information.

Data privacy

Apropos of 'Cyber data privacy in peril', the government must come up with constructive policies and amendments to elude the coming privacy threat. Had the government amended the outdated Indian cyber law, it would not have generated such a situation. But comprehending the recent WhatsApp incident as a warning, the government must take stringent steps. Passing of the Personal Data Protection Bill and strengthening of legal frameworks by the government could be a remedy to protect the cyber sovereign interests.

YUVIKA, KURUKSHETRA

AMAN JAISWAL, DELHI

Withdraw agitation

Apropos of 'Govt offers to put farm laws on hold for 1.5 years', it is a wise and calculated offer of the Central government to the agitating farmers. The farmers from Punjab are spearheading the agitation. Politics and power struggle is behind the agitation in Punjab. The time limit of 1.5 years has been suggested, keeping in view the state elections. Farm laws will be a major issue during the elections and people will give their verdict on the new legislations. The farmers should accept the offer and withdraw the agitation which is causing hardships to their own community as well as to the general public. **ASHOK BAHL, KANGRA**

Promote other games, too

The BCCI's announcement of Rs 5-crore bonus for the Indian cricket team that created history by winning a thrilling match (and series) in the absence of star players is a welcome step to boost the morale of the players. But what about other games like hockey, football, basketball etc? Everyone wants to be a cricketer to earn money and fame, but only 11 players can be adjusted in the cricket team. Where would the others go? The government should promote other sports also to attract talented youth.

SUKHDEV SINGH MINHAS, MOHALI

Budget objectives

Apropos of 'Budget expectations', the main aim of the Budget should be to repair last year's economic damage. Most forecasts for the next fiscal anticipate a sharp rebound as normalcy returns. That may not necessarily answer the more important question. What will the economic trajectory beyond that look like? Rating agency Fitch anticipates that the economy will grow around 6.5% in the next four years up to 2025-26. Given the sense of urgency because millions enter the job market annually, that can be a disappointing trajectory. India had lost economic momentum for at least two years before the pandemic struck. Some problems like banks struggling with bad loans and manufacturing losing productivity have been around longer. India's long-term performance will be significantly influenced by the quality of human capital available. Even as the government crafts a strategy to get out of last year's recession, it needs to simultaneously unclog pathways to build human capital. Education and healthcare are areas which deserve serious policy attention. The emphasis on deregulation in agriculture, industry and services is praiseworthy. But it needs to be complemented by similar measures in education and healthcare. **SK SINGH**, BY MAIL

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Budget should prioritise health, education



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HE forthcoming Budget is the first to be presented since Independence under the shadow of a worldwide pandemic. The Finance Minister has described it as a Budget that will be like none before. This may not be true as budgets have been presented in the past in times of great global distress such as the 2008 financial crisis. But it is perhaps the first time that the government's financial accounts will be presented to revive an economy battered by a disease, rather than by global or domestic economic developments. The Budget is, therefore, being awaited anxiously this year. Just as in the US after the presidential election, the public was looking forward to a generous stimulus package, citizens here too are waiting for a comforting recovery plan. The difference, of course, is that the US is a superpower with huge resources while India is an emerging economy facing a grave revenue shortfall in the current fiscal.

Even so, it is time for the Finance Minister to loosen the purse strings beyond the roughly one per cent of the GDP that has been expended in the relief packages unveiled in 2020. Sev-

eral sectors need special attention. The first is small business. The package for small and medium enterprises that was unveiled last year was simply not enough to rescue companies that were struggling from loss of income and unable to pay employees or restart operations after the lockdown. The economic revival now being witnessed is largely an impetus coming from bigger corporates which had the resources to bear the stresses of a pandemic. The services segment, especially the hospitality sector including hotels and small restaurants, also continues to be badly hit. This sector encompasses millions of small enterprises with a vast number of formal and informal workers. Estimates are that the entire small and medium business segment employs 110 million workers but many have either closed down or reduced their workforce. No wonder the CMIE data is showing job losses at an all-time high in recent months despite the apparent economic recovery.

The credit package unveiled last year helped some small businesses, but those in the micro category and the informal segment have been overlooked completely. Units trying to avail of relief under the new scheme as well as those seeking fresh loans are facing bureaucratic hurdles, according to industry associations. A more meaningful relief package needs to be worked out for a segment that contributes as much as 30 per cent of the country's GDP.

The second area that needs to be paid special attention in the Budget is



in smaller towns and rural areas. The dismal fact is that this country spends only 1.5 per cent of its GDP on health; Niti Aayog member Dr VK Paul concedes this is low by any standards. China's spend on health is 5 per cent while for European countries it is 7 to 8 per cent. The result is that despite the muchvaunted pharmaceutical industry base in the country, the actual availability of healthcare services to the common man is abysmal. The Budget needs to start shifting the focus back to this basic element of development. One of the priorities should be to take care of key frontline health workers, the accredited social health activists (ASHA). During the pan-

healthcare sector. VITAL VIAL: A successful vaccination drive could be the biggest boost to economic growth. PTI demic, reports have come about these workers spending their own funds for gloves, masks and sanitisers. They were not supplied with adequate protective equipment despite being involved in contact tracing, nor were they given priority or free testing facilities. The very least that can be done is to raise the compensation and improve facilities to these critical frontline

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throughout the pandemic. The third area that merits attention is education. Here too, spending as a percentage of the GDP is only around 2.8 per cent. This is another sector

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doctors in small towns and rural areas

where many lacunae have been exposed during the pandemic. The need for online learning has revealed that most children here do not have digital education facilities. Though India may be touted as a software superpower, the majority of schoolchildren do not have access to mobile phones, televisions or laptops to help them through the learning process. The reliance on mid-day meals as a source of nutrition has also emerged starkly as many states found that the closure of schools was affecting the health of children.

The 2021-22 Budget may end up with a wider than expected deficit and is bound to give incentives for investments in large infrastructure projects. But the time has come to pay attention to small businesses which are the biggest employers and need the maximum handholding to survive. The focus also needs to be on health and education as the pandemic has revealed the glaring shortfalls in these basic areas of development. The crisis showed that the country's hospital infrastructure is inadequate to meet the needs of an emergency. It also showed that health workers need far more support than ever before if even the basic modicum of healthcare is to be provided to the common man. As for education, an entire generation of children will lose out unless the digital gap is bridged sooner rather than later. This Budget, thus, has to be more than just an accounting exercise; it needs to completely shift the direction of developmental goals.

Draw from past lessons for new science policy



AMITABHA BHATTACHARYA FORMER BUREAUCRAT

The draft policy acknowledges earlier initiatives like the Scientific Policy Resolution (1958), **Technology Policy** Statement (1983), Science and Technology Policy (2003) and Science, **Technology and Innovation** Policy, 2013. What have been the inadequacies of the 2013 policy that another one has been necessitated in seven years? If the pandemic is making us rethink our approach, we would like to understand the departures from earlier documents that address such concerns.

OVERNMENT policies are often marked by characteristics that normally stem from the processes followed. First, the draft is prepared in the ministry concerned by its officials or a committee formed for this purpose. It is then circulated to other ministries, which examine it from their own perspective. Based on such feedback, the draft is modified and placed in the public domain for comments. On receipt of responses from individuals and institutions, the draft is further refined and placed before the Cabinet for approval.

The process appears to be appropriate and consultative, and therefore, the product, i.e., the policy document, widely acceptable.

However, in the bureaucratic method adopted, questions that arise include: Was there a need for a new policy? Does it highlight the failures of earlier approaches and seek to resolve them with a forward-looking vision in sync with the times ahead? If an expert committee is formed to prepare a report, how are the members selected? Does the committee represent diverse and sometimes contradictory views? Once the draft is placed in the public domain for eliciting views, how does the committee or the ministry process such responses? Does it alter the draft on the basis of the favourable ones and

ignore the opposing suggestions? Clearly, this is not an easy task. Consequently, most policies end up seeking more funds, creating new instituand structures, and accommodating concerns of other ministries. The final document reads like a list of pious intentions, sometimes with no linkages established between them, and couched in a lan-



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The pandemic exposed the infirmities

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ments is rare to come by. Whilst the summary and some key features of the draft Science, Technology and Innovation Policy (STIP), recently unveiled by the Ministry of Science and Technology, have been covered by the media, STIP has not created any ripples so far.

The problems ailing Indian science — and, by implication, technology and innovation — have been underscored over the past few decades. In Whodunit — Pathology of Modern Indian Science: Genesis of its Ecosystem (2019), Rajiva Bhatnagar has raised pertinent questions about the centralisation of science and technology and the way the epicentre of research has moved away from our university system.

The National Education Policy-2020 (NEP) seeks to address this

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question, inter alia, through the establishment of a national research foundation, the overarching goal of which "will be to enable a culture of research to permeate through our universities." How the measures proposed in the STIP synchronise with the relevant ones in the NEP should be dealt with in greater detail. This draft "fully endorses the new NEP" and wishes to ensure the synergetic efforts of both policies! But how?

The STIP acknowledges earlier initiatives like the Scientific Policy Resolution (1958), Technology Policy Statement (1983), Science and Technology Policy (2003) and Science, Technology and Innovation Policy, 2013. What have been the inadequacies of the STIP (2013), for example, that another policy has been necessitated in seven years begs a clear answer.

If the current pandemic is making us rethink our approach and the demands of an Atmanirbhar Bharat

have prompted this move, the people would like to understand the departures from earlier documents that specifically address such concerns.

Ideationally, this draft has many progressive features. Promoting 'open science' that would empower the public to access outputs of research funded by the governments, is one such. Setting up a national STI observatory as a 'central repository for all kinds of data related to and generated from the STI ecosystem' and a dedicated openaccess portal for this purpose are important points delineated.

Similarly, to ensure all students and researchers access journal articles, 'one nation, one subscription' has been recommended in which the Central government would negotiate with and pay the journal publishers. Equally important are sophisticated software requiring periodic renewal. Besides journals, therefore, such software should also be brought under its umbrella. These initiatives, as many others, appear laudable, provided they avoid duplicity of efforts and are cost-effective, with security of data fully protected.

It is proposed that a Research Excellence Framework for higher educational institutions be evolved aiming at assessment of research. Would it conflict with the role of the assessment architecture of the NEP? Similarly, the ideas to establish higher education research centres in reputed research-focused universities/institutes, and to transform the existing R&D institutions to research universities require to be fleshed out in detail. Shouldn't converting a scientific R&D institute to a research university negate the liberal idea of a university espoused in the NEP?

The draft recommends the expansion of the STI funding landscape and

various measures to achieve the desired level of funding from the public and private sources.

Our R&D investment being sub-optimal by every conceivable standard, enhancement of funding is a fundamental necessity. But is there a need to set up a national STI financing authority and an STI development bank? Modifying/waiving the General Financial Rules for large-scale programmes and projects of national importance is also problematic. While bureaucratic and audit requirements often dampen innovation, they are also meant to ensure discipline and public accountability. This is an area where public consultations can provide meaningful solutions.

Other interesting features include fostering S&T-enabled entrepreneurship and mainstreaming grassroots innovation and traditional knowledge systems. While indigenisation of technology has been pursued for decades, it is not evident how a strategic technology development fund would be helpful. Including equity and inclusion "as a sub-text to all STI policies and programmes", expanding women's reservation to at least 30 per cent in all decision-making bodies, including in selection and evaluation committees, and promoting the representation of LGBTQ+ community

are progressive measures, per se. While the importance of scientific communication and public engagement has been duly highlighted, the significance of doing so in regional languages deserves to be highlighted.

Despite some inadequacies, the draft STIP is a crucial document that should spur wide discussion in the scientific and non-scientific communities. The final document should also begin with the vision and not have it at the end, as in the draft.

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The vehicle that met with an accident on the Nalagarh-Ropar highway.

Two Rohtak residents killed in road mishap

SOLAN, JANUARY 21

Two Harvana residents were killed and four others injured when the SUV they were travelling in rammed into a tanker coming from the opposite side near Bela temple on the Nalagarh-Ropar national highway last night.

Rohit Malpani, SP, Baddi, while confirming the news said the deceased had been identified as Shakti (25) and Virender (36), both of whom hail from Rohtak in Haryana. They were on way to Manali when the mishap occurred. Shakti was driving the SUV.

According to the police, the accident occurred due to

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rash driving by the driver of the Innova. Tanker driver Gurpyar Singh, who hails from Bathinda in Punjab, told the police that the mishap occurred when he was returning back to Nalagarh from Bhatinda and the Innova, which was overspeeding and being driven in the wrong direction, hit the tanker near Bela temple on the highway. The occupants of the SUV were rushed to the community health centre at Nalagarh where two were Those declared dead. injured are Sunil Kumar (38), a Gurgaon resident, Sagar (26), Azad (30) and Mukesh (26), all from Rohtak.—TNS

Police verification for passports in one day

SHIMLA, JANUARY 21

Being ranked at the sixth position in completing police verification for passport in 11 days, the state police have brought down this period to mere one day.

Himachal Pradesh, where annually 50,000 passports are made, could now be ranked amongst the top performer with this new achievement by the police department in the month of January 2021. Himachal had stood sixth among the best states in completing police verifications in 2019-20.

Police verification is an important component of passport issuing process and as per the Himachal Pradesh Public Service Guarantee Act (PSGA) -2011, police verification has to be completed within 15 days. The Ministry of External Affairs had advised state governments to complete police verification within 21 days.

A police spokesperson said the Himachal Pradesh Police completed verification with an average of 11 days in 2019-20. In the current financial year, as a result of a special drive by HP Police since June 2020, the average days taken for police verification had come down to three days. During January 2021, it has further come down to single day. — TNS

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81% cast vote in final phase of rural poll, counting today

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

HIMACHAL PRADESH

SHIMLA, JANUARY 21

Heavy polling of 81 per cent was reported in the final and the last phase of voting for the Panchayati Raj Institution polls, which were peaceful with no untoward incident taking place anywhere in the state today.

According to the State Election Commission (SEC) around 81 per cent polling was registered in the third and final phase of the elections. Polling was held in 1,137 gram panchayats with the highest 94 per cent polling being reported in Lodhi Maira panchavat of Nalagarh development block in Solan district.

A total of 49 Covid-19 patients and persons in isolation also cast their votes by following standard operating procedures across the state. The polling for the urban local bodies took place on January 10 while panchayat polls took place in three



State BJP president Suresh Kashyap gets his finger inked at a polling booth at Bajga gram panchayat in Sirmaur district.

phases on January 17, 19 and 21. The counting of votes for all panchayat Samiti and Zila Parishad wards will begin at 8.30 am tomorrow with the votes for the Panchayat Samitis to be counted first. In Shimla district, the polling percentage was reported to be 72.40 per cent

at 4 pm when voting came

to an end. In Shimla district, the polling percentage in Theog was 78.6 per cent, Rohru 67.3 per cent, Narkanda 67.6 per cent and Jubbal Kotkhai 69.2 per cent. A total of six Covid persons cast their vote in Shimla district. These were five in Chopal block and one in Rampur.

AT A GLANCE

The highest voter turnout witnessed in Lodhi Majra panchayat of Nalagarh development block

49 Covid -19 patients and isolation voters cast votes

District	Polling %age
Bilaspur	80.3
Chamba	82.8
Hamirpur	78.1
Kangra	78
Kinnaur	70.6
Kullu	84
Mandi	82.7
Shimla	82
Sirmaur	85.4
Solan	85
Una	81.1

Congwrests TheogMC after 20 years

The Tribune

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, JANUARY 21

The Congress has reclaimed the Theog Municipal Council after 20 years. Vivek Thapar and Reena Roy were declared the chairman and the vicechairman of the council today. "It is a very sweet win for us as it has come after 20 years," said Thapar.

Thapar claimed that the Congress had done very well in the urban local bodies elections in Shimla district. He said that the party swept to power in the Rohru and Rampur Municipal Councils besides, winning the Chopal, Kotkhai and Sunni nagar panchayats.

Congratulating Thapar and his team, Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee (HPCC) president Kuldeep Rathore said the government tried to lure away the Congress councillors but they resisted all pressure and temptations. He added that the Congress had done well in the urban local bodies and panchayat elections in the state, including on the home turf of Himachal Chief Minister and BJP president JP Nadda.

"It's a sign that people are turning towards the Congress. It was a test before the Vidhan Sabha elections and the Congress has passed it with flying colours," said Rathore.

Listing his priorities, Thapar said he and his team would work to find quick solution to sewerage and parking problems of the town. "We will rise above political affiliations and work for all wards," he said.

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20.01.2021

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E-MAIL ID: armyschoolub@gmail.com Tele.: 01883-292936

Applications are invited for selection/panel for following posts on contractual basis for Fixed Term (03 yrs) as specified against each:-

ı	Category/Subjects	Qualifications Required	Salary per month
ı	TGT in Science (PCM),	Graduation in relevant subject &	BP: Rs. 33,360/-+ DA as applicable
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ı	PRT (General)	Graduation & B.Ed., with minimum	BP: Rs. 32,400/-+ DA as applicable
ı	(Fixed Term 03 years)	50% marks in both. CSB &	(Approx Gross: Rs. 35,154/-)
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- Application forms may be downloaded from school website: www.armyschoolunchibassi.org
- Fluency in English and Computer literacy are mandatory.

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- The school reserves the right to fill all or none of the vacancies given above. Only shortlisted candidates will be called for interview telephonically and by e-mail.
- Application forms along with all academic & experience certificates to be submitted at APS, Unchi
- Bassi by hand or by registered post alongwith DD of Rs. 100/- in favour of Army Public School Unchi Bassi by 05 Feb 2021.
- All fixed term appointments will be on contractual basis for maximum three academic sessions.

Principal





PRDH/1052/11/2/2021/1509/31/4





CANCELLATION NOTICE

Reference Haryana Power Utilities (HPUs) Advt. No. Rectt./HPUs/GATE-2019/2020 dated 04.12.2020 hosted on the website f respective HPUs i.e. www.hvpn.org.in, www.hpgcl.org.in, www.uhbvn.org.in & www.dhbvn.org.in and newspaper Public Notice dated 04.12.2020 vide which online applications were invited for recruitment of Assistant Engineers (Electrical, Mechanica & Civil) in HPUs viz HVPNL, HPGCL, UHBVNL & DHBVNL

As conveyed by the Haryana Power Generation Corporation Limited (HPGCL) vide letter memo No. Ch-140/HPG/GenI-139/ Vol.-II dated 08.01.2021, the undermentioned posts against Advt. No. Rectt./HPUs/GATE-2019/2020 dated 04.12.2020 are

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Administration of Union Territory of Chandigarh (Electricity Wing of Engineering Department) CORRIGENDUM

FOR SELECTION OF BIDDER FOR PURCHASE OF ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) SHARES IN DISTRIBUTION COMPANY RESPONSIBLE FOR DISTRIBUTION AND RETAIL SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY AND HAVING DISTRIBUTION LICENSE IN THE UNION TERRITORY OF CHANDIGARH.

The following amendments in dates are issued on notice inviting Tender published on dated 15.01.2021:

1.	Cost of RFP Documents	INR 5,00,000.00 + GST					
2.	Bid-Security	INR 10,00,00,000.00 in the form of Bank Guarantee as per RFP					
3.	Bank Details	Account Name: EXEC ENGG ELECTY (OP) DIVN NO. 2, CHD.					
		Account Number: 00000038677374645					
		IFSC Code: SBIN0000628					
4.	GST details	GST Number: 04PTLE10623E1D6					
5.	Sale of RFP	Start Date: 10.11.2020 End Date: 01.02.2021					
6.	Date of second pre-bid meeting	22.01.2021 at 11:00 a.m.					
		Venue: Conference Hall, Ground Floor, UT Secretariat, Deluxe Building, Sector-9D, UT Chandigarh – 160009					
		Authorization: Contact person designated at the time of purchase of RFP may email the list of participants to elop2-chd@nic.in. Alternatively, the Participants may carry an authorization letter.					
7.	Last date of bid submission (same as notified earlier)	08.02.2021, 4.00 p.m.					

Note: The other terms and conditions of RFP shall remain the same.

The bidders who have already attended the earlier pre-bid meeting on 1.12.2020 may like to attend the pre-bid meeting at their discretion if any new point is to be raised. Advance submission of queries is mandatory before the

Bidders are advised to visit http://chdengineering.gov.in/pages/privatisation.html from time to time to keep themselves updated. Sd/- Executive Engineer.

Electricity OP Division No. 2 Industrial Area Phase 1, Union Territory of Chandigarh. epaper.tribuneindia.com

Phone: 0172-2655531, Email: elop2-chd@nic.in

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HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION Bays No. 67-70, Sec.-2, Panchkula — 134151 (Website: www.hssc.gov.in)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO THE CANDIDATES FOR THE POST OF ART & CRAFTS TEACHER AGAINST ADVT. NO. 06/ 2006, CAT. NO. 22, EDUCATION DEPTT. HARYANA

Reference Haryana Staff Selection Commission Written Examination (OMR Based) Notice Dated: 28.12.2020 which was published in various Leading Newspapers of Hindi & English and also uploaded on the Commission's website for holding the written Examination for the Post of Art & Crafts Teacher Cat No. 22 against Advt No. 06/2006 for which the written examination is to be held on 31.01.2021 (Sunday).

Candidates who had applied against advertisement No 06/2006, Cat No. 22 (list available on website of Commission) shall fill/upload their required details including Photograph and signature on the link i.e., 'click here for Art & Crafts Teacher' available on website of Commission from 22.01.2021 to 25.01.2021 after which link will be disabled. Candidates shall enter their personal mobile number wherever asked for as without OTP admit cards will not be generated.

Candidates must upload their recent photograph and signature using the above mentioned link failing which admit cards cannot be downloaded.

Place: - Panchkula Dated: - 21st January, 2021 PRDH/1159/13/10/2021/1510/31/4

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



Vacancies

ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL, YOL CANTT (H.P.) (CBSE AFFILIATION NO: 630040) Ph No. 01892-235269, Email: apsyolcantt@gmail.com **Website:** www.apsyol.org

(FOR FIXED TERM APPOINTMENTS) APS Yol Cantt is conducting Local Selection Board (LSB) for the

LSB INTERVIEW - 2021

following subjects/vacancies on fixed term (as per AWES Rules) for the academic **session 2021-22**. Desireous candidates may apply on prescribed application form available in the school office costing Rs 100/- or same may also be downloaded from school website and submit the application form in the school alongwith the requisite fee in the form of bank draft in favour of Army Public School, Yol Cantt, payable at Yol Cantt till 12 Feb 2021 with testimonials.

TGTs: English, Hindi, Math, Science, Social Science, Physica and Health Education/PET & Counsellor on TGT scale.

PRTs, Computer Science teacher, PET & Special Educator or PRT scale.

Computer Lab Tech & Sc. Lab Attd. Driver (ESM only).

Note: No TA/DA admissible. Candidates must be fluent in English and good in computer.

Salary as per AWES Rules. Appointments will be on fixed term This interview is for selection/panel of teachers/staff for the academic session 2021-22. Written/aptitude test may be conducted in case 20 or more candidates applied for same post. Qualifications required are strictly as per CBSE/AWES rules. Please visit school website for application form and necessary qualifications pertaining to educational/CSB/CTET requirements. Candidates need to mention email ID and existing phone/whatsApp number in application form.

Sd/- Principal

GOVT. OF PUNJAB DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION

PUNJAB RURAL WATER & SANITATION SECTOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB), THROUGH E-TENDERING SYSTEM (eproc.punjab.gov.in)

The Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Divn No. 2, Ferozepur on behalf of **Chairman, GPWSC, Thara Singh Wala Uttar**, Block Guruharsahai & Attu Wala Hithar, Block Mamdot Distt. Ferozepur invites, bid from eligible bidders for the works detailed in the following table, the bids shall be on lumpsum/item rate basis.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Approx. value of Work (in Lacs)	Bid Security (Rs.)	1. Tender Processing Fee	Period of Completion
1	Providing Water Supply Scheme Attu Wala Hithar, Block Mamdot, Distt. Ferozepur Under Head 1a(iii)/JJM	38.77	77539/-	As per website	10+3 Months
2	Providing Water Supply Scheme Thara Singh Wala Uttar, Block Guruharsahai, Distt. Ferozepur Under Head 2a(i)/JJM		15275/-	As per website	3 Months
1	Availability of bidding document on website from 21 01 2021	at 10 00 to 31 01 20	21 at 16 00 HO	IRS	

Pre-bid Meeting at Superintending Engineer, WSS Circle, Ferozepur Office on dt. 25.01.2021 at 11.15 A.M. The deadline for submission of bids online is 31.01.2021 at 16.00 HOURS.

Part I bid named Technical Qualification part of bid will be opened on 01.02.2021 at 11.00 HOURS. Other details including eligibility criteria of bidders can be seen in the bidding documents on websites: https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the User ID and Password for participating in e-tendering may obtain the same by registerin in the e-procurement portal (https://eproc.punjab.gov.in). The contractors once registered can participate in any of the department tenders of Government of Punjab. All other details can be seen in the bidding document. For any clarification/difficulty regardin

e-tendering process flow, please contact on our helpdesk numbers 0172-2791326, 2791226. 2) Bidder have to pay the bid security through online must be furnished through e-payment facility available at website.

3) Corrigendum, if any, will be given on above website & will not be advertised in newspapers.

On behalf of Chairman, GPWSC Vill. Attu Wala Hithar & Thara Singh Uttar, Block Mamdot & Guruharsahai, Distt. Ferozepur

Sd/- Executive Engineer, W/S & Sanitation Division No. 2, Ferozepur

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Information

Public is informed that facilitation service for filling online applications related to Driving Licence, Registration of Vehicle and other related services are available at 516 Sewa Kendras and 3500 Common Service Centres (CSC)/Village Level Entrepreneurs in the State. The nearest CSC/VLE can be located by visiting www.csclocator.com or visit www.punjabtransport.org. Transport Department Helpline 1800-1800-222 is also active to assist the public.

> **State Transport Commissioner Punjab**

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INDIAN RAILWAYS **GOVERNMENT OF INDIA** MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(INDIAN RAILWAYS ORGANIZATION FOR ALTERNATE FUELS)

Corrigendum-2

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) In order to develop Technical specifications for development of fuel cell/battery based hybrid power train along with associated control and suitably designed Energy Management Strategy (EMS) and storage module for retrofitment on 700 HP Narrow Gauge ZDM3 Diesel- Hydraulic Locomotives running on Kalka- Shimla section, EOI (IROAF/CME/BD/FUEL CELL POWERED LOCO) is invited on 29.10.2020.

The date of submission of EOI in the prescribed Format is extended from 21.01.2021 to 01.02.2021 Please visit website of IROAF https://iroaf.indianrailways.gov.in/→IROAF Tenders-→Expression of Interest.

Contact person:

Chief Mechanical Engineer/BD,

Indian Railways Organization for Alternate Fuels (IROAF), Government of India, Ministry of Railways

4th Floor, Railway Office Complex, Tilak Bridge, New Delhi-110002 Telephone no.:-011-23379107, Fax no.:-011-23379083

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All-round development of J&K Centre's goal, says House panel

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 21

The all-round development of J&K is a major goal of the Centre, a parliamentary delegation, which is on a threeday visit to the Valley, said on Thursday as it began consultations with stakeholders on how to resolve problems being faced by the residents of the UT.

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture delegation, led by chairman TG Venkatesh, also held meetings on the promotion of transport, tourism and culture in the Union territory, an official spokesman said.

He said Union Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office Jitendra Singh and member of Parliament from Srinagar Farooq Abdullah also attended the meetings.

The visit was a first of its kind after the Covid-19 outbreak, the spokesman said. Speaking on the occasion, Venkatesh, who is the member of the Rajya Sabha, said the all-round development of the UT was a major goal

of the Central Government. The committee was on a visit to understand the problems of the residents of J&K and to resolve them, he said.

"The committee is here to listen to the stakeholders about constraints specifically being faced by them in sectors like road, transport and what measures are needed to be

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 21

freezing point.

The intense cold wave con-

ditions continued unabat-

ed in Jammu and Kashmir

on Thursday as the mini-

mum temperature stayed

several degrees below the

Srinagar city recorded a

low of -7°C, down from -6°C

the previous night, a Met

The minimum tempera-

ture in the city last night

was nearly five degrees

below the normal for this

The Gulmarg skiing

resort in north Kashmir's

Baramulla district recorded

-7.8°C last night, down from

Pahalgam tourist resort

recorded a low of -9.3°C,

down from the previous

night's -8.3°C, the Meteo-

rological Department said.

town to the Valley — recorded

a minimum of 8.8°C, it said.

Qazigund — the gateway

Kupwara in north Kashmir

Several water bodies in the

Kashmir valley have frozen

due to the bone-chilling cold.

A thick layer of ice has

recorded a low of -5.9°C, while

Kokernag recorded -6.9°C.

-6.5°C the night earlier.

time of the year, he said.

Department official said.



The parliamentary delegation during a meeting with officials of the Tourism Department and other stakeholders in Srinagar. PTI

railway and air connectivity

During the meeting, various

representatives from tour,

travel and hospitality sectors

representing several organi-

sations raised various issues

related to better connectivity

and promotion of the tourism

He said other issues and

demands raised by the stake-

holders included lifting of

travel advisories, cultural and

adventure sports and med-

ical tourism promotion,

preservation of cultural and

heritage, enhancement in

Central Government funds,

revival and restoration of

lakes and other water bodies

and better road connectivity

across all tourist destinations.

He said the committee also

sector, the spokesman said.

during the meeting.

taken to ensure that the highways in J&K match international best standards," he said.

The chairman said the committee would also take stock of the promotion of the tourism sector vis-a-vis tapping domestic tourism, promotion of rural and adventure tourism, hotel infrastructure and development of highways for better connectivity.

The spokesman said the delegation held meetings with the stakeholders to review and examine the status of national and state highways, potential and promotion of the tourism sector and preservation of archaeological and heritage sites in Jammu and Kashmir.

He said the committee also held a threadbare discussion on the development of road,

Mercury dips across Valley

HIGHWAYS TO MATCH INT'L STANDARDS

66 The committee is here to listen to the stakeholders about constraints specifically being faced by them in sectors like road, transport and what measures are needed to be taken to ensure that the highways in J&K match international best standards.

TG Venkatesh, PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE DELEGATION CHAIRMAN

held a meeting with officials of the Union Ministry of Culture and Tourism, the ASI and the UT Government on the promotion and preservation of archaeological sites and artefacts in J&K. The officers concerned briefed the delegation on measures taken for the promotion of archaeological sites, monuments, and artefacts through a power-

point presentation, he added. The other MPs of the delegaincluded Prassana Acharya, Vinay Dinn Tendulkar, Margani Bharat, Rahul Kaswan, Ramesh Chandra Majhi, Chhedi Paswan, Kamlesh Paswan, Sunil Kumar Pintu, Tirath Singh Rawat, Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Ramdas Chandrabhanji Tadas and Krupal Balaji. — PTI

Police denying |

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jobs: Refugees

West Pakistan refugees on

Thursday held protests

across the city against the

J&K Administration alleging

that they are being denied |

government jobs, despite

abrogation of Article 370 and

the community being grant-

They claimed that a few

days back police officials

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Led by West Pakistan

Refugees Action Committee

president Laba Ram Gandhi,

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demanding justice by provid-

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their families as is applicable

"We are holding protests

today in support of our

demand for government

jobs as per the due process

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JAMMU, JANUARY 21

GAW KADAL ANNIV Shutdown in Srinagar

markets

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 21 Markets in parts of Srinagar city on Monday observed a complete shutdown to mark the anniver-

sary of the 1990 Gaw Kadal

incident, officials said.

Shops and business establishments in Gaw Kadal, Basant Bagh, Maisuma, Lal Chowk and its adjoining areas remained closed to mark the day when dozens of persons were killed in alleged firing by security forces during a protest march at Gaw Kadal, they said.

The march was taken out to protest alleged molestation of women by the forces a day before in nearby areas during search operations. — PTI

One dies, 117 test +ve in UT

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 21

The Covid-19 death toll in Jammu and Kashmir rose to 1,924 on Thursday with one more fatality, while 117 new cases pushed the infection tally to 1,23,764, officials said.

Of the new cases, 42 were from the Jammu division and 75 from the Kashmir division of the Union territory, they said.

Srinagar district recorded the highest 46 cases, followed by 33 in Jammu district. While six districts — Rajouri, Doda, Samba, Poonch, Reasi and Ramban — did not report any new cases, 12 districts had cases in single digits, the officials said.

The number of active cases rose to 1,111 in the UT, while 1,20,729 patients had recovered from the infection so far, the officials said.

Date: 21.01.202



A medic administers Covid vaccine on a doctor in Jammu. PTI

One death was reported due to Covid-19 in the past 24 hours in the Jammu

region, officials said, adding that the death toll had risen to 1,924. — PTI

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB PWD B&R BRANCH NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS

Bid No.: 99

On behalf of the Governor of Punjab, Executive Engineer, Provincia Division No. 1, PWD, B&R, Patiala invite the following bid from eligible bidders enlisted with Punjab PWD B&R for the work of:-

1. Construction of 80' Wide Road of Lehal Mandal Site, Residentia Colony Under OUVGL Scheme Model Town, Patiala.

For detail terms & conditions of notice inviting bid, refer to punjab.gov.in and http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in w.e.f. 22.01.2021 at 01:00 p.m. to 15.02.2021 up to 04:00 p.m. Date & Time of opening of Technical Bid 16.02.2021 at 11:00 a.m.

Note:- Corrigendum, if any, will be issued on website only.

(On behalf of Governor of Punjab.) Sd/- Executive Engineer, Prov. Divn. No. 1,

REGISTRATION OF DEALERS FOR REPAIR OF MILITARY VEHICLES **GENERATOR SETS, COMPUTER AND PERIPHERALS**

 Applications are invited from reputed firms/vendors for the purpose of 'Registration of Dealers' for repair of vehicles and equipment as mentioned below in respect of Military Station Chandimandir :-

Type of vehicle/equipment

Ashok Leyland Stallion Trucks - 228, Maruti Cars & Gypsies - 182 Tata Trucks - 88. Army Bus (Tata) - 17, Motor Cycle Hero Honda Motor Cycle Royal Enfield - 40, Car Ambassador - 11, DCM Toyota - 4, Eicher Canter - 2, Indigo - 3, Innova Crysta - 4, Tractor Tata Strome Safari - 19.

Generator and Charging Sets 2 to 75 KVA - 106, Air Compressor 02 & IFLT 2 to 5 Ton- 05

Computers - 1474.

Medical and Dental equipments.

Computer Peripherals such as Printer, UPS CVT etc — 3448.

(0) Desired OEM authorized dealers/local vendors are requested to submit application to Station Headquarters Chandimandir by 10 Feb 2021. For any gueries, please

Station: Chandimandir Dated: 22 Jan 2021

(Administrative Commandant) Station Headquarters, Chandimandir

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB DEPARTMENT OF EXCISE

Tender for Installation of CCTV Cameras in the bottling halls at all the Distilleries, Bottling Plants and Breweries.

There are 15 distilleries, 24 bottling plants and 4 breweries in the State of Punjab. Department of Excise & Taxation, Punjab invites bids from Companies registered under Indian Company Act for Installation of CCT\ Cameras in the bottling halls at all Distilleries, Bottling Plants and Breweries for monitoring the production of PML, IMFL and Beer

The detailed qualification criteria, scope of work and terms and conditions of the tender are contained in the RFP which may be downloaded from Excise Department Website www.excise.punjab.gov.in Sealed bids superscribing 'Tender for Installation of CCTV Cameras

in the bottling halls at Distilleries, Bottling Plants and Breweries' addressed to the Excise Commissioner, Punjab should reach by 05.02.2021 till 4.30 P.M. at the address given below.

The technical bid received within the time limit will be opened or 08.02.2021 at 11.00 A.M. in the presence of Bidders who may remai present and the Financial/Commercial Bid will be opened on 08.02.202 at 04.30 P.M.

> **Excise Commissioner, Punjab Excise & Taxation Bhawan,**

Sector- 69, SAS Nagar (Mohali)

UNIDENTIFIED General Public is hereby informed that

unknown person aged about 30-35 years, wheatish complexion, Height 5'-4", wearing brown jacket, red & blue lined shirt, black pent, brown shoes, grey woollen cap and red/yellow muffler was found hanging at Film City, Near IRB Complex, Sarangpur, Chandigarh on 16.01.2021. He was admitted to GMSH-16, Chandigarh where he was declared brought dead. In this regard, a DDR No. 30, dated 16.01.2021 has been lodged in Police Station-Sarangpur, Chandigarh. The legal heirs and address of deceased are not known. The photograph of deceased is given above

If anyone having any information/clue about the above said deceased person, please inform to SHO, Police Station Sarangpur on Phone No. 9779580945, 0172-2920900, 2680927 or Police Control Phone No. 0172 2749194 or 112.

Chandigarh Police **MILITARY HOSPITAL, AMBALA** REGISTRATION OF VENDORS FOR PURCHASES OF MEDICINES /

Supply of Medicines, Surgical items, Lab reagents and kits Medical equipments and Hearing Aids from reputed pharmaceutical vendors/ chemists for financial year 2021-22. Application with all the requisite documents should reach this hospital by 22 Feb 2021. Application form and required list of documents can be asked online from dglpmhambala@gmail.com . All documents should be sent by post. By hand ducements will not be accepted Procurement will be done as per guidelines in DPM 2009

SURGICAL DISPOSABLES/ EQPTS AND HEARING AIDS FY 2021-22

Military Hospital Ambala invites application for Registration and

DFPDS-2016 and GFR 2017as amended from time to time and other directives on the Subject from Govt of India (MoD) Details of terms and conditions are available on notice board of MSLP Cell of MH Ambala.

WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT PUNJAB **E-TENDER NOTICE**

N.I.T. (E-Tender) Shahpurkandi Dam Project OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, STORE & DISPOSAL DIVISION, SHAHPURKANDI DAM PROJECT,

SHAHPURKANDI TOWNSHIP, PATHANKOT. E-Tender Notice Number (Online) 7-SPKD/Store & Disposal/2021

I	2	Name of Work	Disposal of old & used condem Machinery/vehicles/various type of Ite
Ì	3	Date & Time for downloading of Bid Document	22.01.2021 FROM 9:30 AM
Ì	4	Last date & Time for submission of Bid	15.02.2021 UP TO 5:00 PM
Ì	5	Cost of Tender Form	Rs. 1000/-
Ì	6	Date & Time for Opening of Bid	16.02.2021 at 2:00 PM
I	7	Website for Bid documents, related details, Terms & Conditions etc.	www.eproc.punjab.gov.in
1		The contractors shall have to	and themselves registered v

www.eproc.punjab.gov.in and get user ID & Password. Class 3 digital signature certificate (DSC) is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering process. For ar clarification/difficulty contact on Helpdesk Number 0172-2970284, 0172-2970263 from 9.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M. For Tender related details, Terms & Conditions etc refer above said website. Corrigendum, if any, will be published on website only. Sd/- Executive Engineer,

> Store & Disposal Division, Shahpurkandi Dam Project Shahpurkandi Township, DISTT-PATHANKOT, **PUNJAB – 145029.**

DPR/Pb/991

Mob: +919465545003.

Farm unions reject offer

demands of the movement, which will be communicated to the Union ministers tomorrow," said Joginder Singh Ugrahan of BKU (Ekta-Ugrahan).

Ugrahan alleged the government was trying to buy peace for the time being by suspending the laws for 18 months, but the farmers would not relent till these were repealed. "The Centre is testing the patience of the farmers. The unions unanimously rejected the Centre's laws are abolished," he said.

meanwhile, condemned the farmers saying such "adamant attitude" wasn't good for democracy. Earlier, the unions also

rejected the Delhi Police's proposal to shift their protor rally from Delhi's Out-



Youngsters play in snow on the outskirts of Srinagar. PTI

formed over several roads in the city and elsewhere in the Valley, making it difficult for motorists to drive in the early hours. However, the situation may improve as the Valley is experiencing unusual winter sunshine.

The Met Department has forecast that a western disturbance will affect the Union territory for a few

days from January 22. Kashmir is currently under the grip of 'Chillai-Kalan' — the 40-day harshest winter period when cold wave grips the region and temperature drops considerably, leading to freezing of water bodies, including the famous Dal Lake here as well as water supply lines in several parts of the Valley.

The chances of snowfall are the maximum during this period and most areas, especially in the higher reaches,

receive heavy snowfall. While 'Chillai-Kalan',

which begins on December the cold wave will continue Khurd' (small cold) and 10-day-long 'Chillai-Bachha' (baby cold). — PTI

21, will end on January 31, even after that in Kashmir, with a 20-day-long 'Chillai-

Gandhi told reporters here. He said a few days back, there was a recruitment drive in the J&K Police. "Our boys passed all required mandatory physical and written tests. They passed both of them. When they went to the Police Lines to submit their documents, they were pushed out by saying that they should get a state subject certificate," he alleged. — PTI

DPR/Pb/988 Municipal Committee, Pataudi

SR. NO.	NO. DEPARTMENT	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER		IG DATE DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/ EMD/	WEBSITE OF THE	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL	TENDER REF. NO./TENDER NO.
	BOARD/ CORP./AUTH.		Tender Publish Date	Tender Closing Date	(APPROX/ In Rupees	DEP.		
1		Construction and Development of Small Park in Front of Ex-MLA Rambir, Ward No. 1, Pataudi	21.01.2021 at 9:00 AM	31.01.2021 at 5:00 PM	3330/6660			2021_HRY_157106_
2		Const of Road from Platinum Workshop to Farm of Amit Khurana, Ward No. 15	21.01.2021 at 9:00 AM	31.01.2021 at 5:00 PM	3070/6140	р/арк		2021_HRY_157106_
3		Const of Road and Drain from Sonu to Mahesh Sehgal Ward No. 7, Pataudi	21.01.2021 at 9:00 AM	31.01.2021 at 5:00 PM	2330/4660	nicge		2021_HRY_157106_
4	Municipal	Const of Road and Drain from Khem Chand to House of Shri Permanand	21.01.2021 at 9:00 AM	31.01.2021 at 5:00 PM	1120/2240	ic.in/		2021_HRY_157106_
5	Committee, Pataudi	Const Road and Drain 4 Nos. street along with Sanjay Chhanna House, Ward No. 7, Pataudi	21.01.2021 at 9:00 AM	31.01.2021 at 5:00 PM	4070/8140	.hry.n	0124-2672869	2021_HRY_157106_
6		Const of Road opposite from Jai Shree Factory to Ramavtar Saini Rajasav Rasta Khasra No. 365 on Bilaspur Road, Ward No. 5		31.01.2021 at 5:00 PM	1330/2660	tenders		2021_HRY_157106_
7		PROVIDING AND FIXING OF TIN SHED AND REPAIRING WORK IN AMBEDKAR BHAWAN, WARD NO. 3, PATAUDI		31.01.2021 at 5:00 PM	6970/13940	https://etenders.hry.nic.in/nicgep/app		2021_HRY_157106_
8		P F of Tin Shed and earth filling in Chaupal, Ward No. 3, Pataudi	21.01.2021 at 9:00 AM	31.01.2021 at 5:00 PM	15000/30000	2		2021_HRY_157106_

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER NAME OF DEPARTMENT OPENING AMOUNT/ WEBSITE OF THE NODAL OFFICER/ **CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL EMD DEPARTMENT** CLOSING (APPROX.) DATE in Rupees CONST. OF RETAINING WALL AT VILLAGE POND NEAR MANDIR MILKRA FOREST DEPARTMENT, 1732237821 18.01.2021 https://etenders.hry.nic.in IN MUGALWALI BEAT IN RANJITPUR BLOCK SADHAURA RANGE 4.29 LACS dfo_tynr@rediffmail.com YAMUNA NAGAR 26.01.2021 (LABOUR CHARGES TENDER) IN YAMUNANAGAR DISTRICT TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF 302 NOS RIKSHAW REHARI (TRY CYCLE 21.01.2021 9467251500 PANCHAYATI RAJ, HISAR https://etenders.hry.nic.in FOR VARIOUS VILLAGES OF DISTT. HISAR 03.02.2021 prexeeng.hsr@hry.nic.in 19.01.2021 9467251500 3 PANCHAYATI RAJ, AMBALA PDG E.I. IN FIRST FLOOR ZILA PARISAD BUILDING DISTT. SONIPAT 2.09 LACS https://etenders.hry.nic.in 25.01.2021 prexeeng.hsr@hry.nic.in 19.01.2021 29.85 9896021072 CONSTRUCTION OF ANGANWADI CENTRE AT VILAGE MAHRA + 1 OTHER WORK PANCHAYATI RAJ, SONIPAT https://etenders.hry.nic.in **LACS** 26.01.2021 prexeeng.snp@gmail.com CONST. OF GOBAR DHAN PROJECT AT VILLAGE KAJAL HERI BLOCK 25.01.2021 70.97 01667230855 PANCHAYATI RAJ, FATEHABAD https://etenders.hry.nic.in FATEHABAD, DISTT. FATEHABAD 08.02.2021 **LACS** prexeeng.ftb@hry.nic.in GHANGALA VILLAGE ESTIMATE FOR AUGMENTATION OF WATER WORKS AND LAYING OF PIPELINE UNDER JJM CATEGORY-II (JJM), "CONSTRUCTION OF 15.01.2021 45.60 8221012343 PUBLIC HEALTH 6 BRICK LINING 1 NO. S&S TANK, RCC 1 NO. HLT, 1 NO. FILTER BED, 1 NO. CWT, https://etenders.hry.nic.in ENGINEERING, SIWANI eesiwani@phedsiwani.gov.in 03.02.2021 SUPPLY AND ERECTION OF PUMPING MACHINERY AND LAYING OF PIPELINE AND ALL OTHER WORKS CONTINGENT THERETO". LAYING RCC PIPELINE 450MM I/D NP-2 FOR CONNECTING EXISTING PIPEINE IRRIGATION & WATER CLOSING 27.88 LACS 01282251214 RESOURCES DEPARTMENT FOR FILLING KHERKI GAUSHALA POND AT KM 5.920/L OF MAI DISTY. + DATE https://etenders.hry.nic.in xen-wsnrl.irr@gov.in HARYANA, NARNAUL 01.02.2021 4 OTHER WORKS DIRECTORATE OF MEDICAL OUTSOURCING OF MANPOWER SERVICES INCLUDING SANITATION AND 19.01.2021 **EDUCATION & RESEARCH** SECURITY SERVICES FOR O/O DIRECTORATE MEDICAL EDUCATION AND https://etenders.hry.nic.in dgmer.haryana@gmail.com 02.02.2021 RESEARCH, HARYANA, PANCHKULA PANCHKULA CLOSING DIRECTOR GENERAL 01722585721 3 CRORE PRISONS, DEPARTMENT SUPPLY OF DIETARY ARTICLES TO VARIOUS JAILS OF HARYANA DATE https://etenders.hry.nic.in office dg.prisons@hry.nic.in HARYANA PANCHKULA 09.02.2021 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.harvanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hrv.nic.in PRDH/11/2021/180/1507/I/31/4

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offer. We won't return till the BJP leader RP Singh, Congressional candidate

posed Republic Day trac-

er Ring Road.

over accommodating pro-

BJP-RSS elements in the government following renewed activism by organisations opposed to the Hindutva project and also after witnessing the fate of such candidates, added the sources.

Sri Preston Kulkarni lost the elections after strident opposition from Indian-American organisations and former US Congressperson Tulsi Gabbard also lost political ground because of this reason.

Sonal Shah has served on

FROM PAGE 1 Biden keeps out Dems reiterated as the pending with RSS-BJP links

place as secular Indian-Biden's unity task force but American organisations her father was the president have maintained the presof Overseas Friends of BJPsure on the Biden-Harris USA and is the founder of transition team to keep RSS-run Ekal Vidyalaya for such individuals on the which she has raised funds. sidelines, said sources.

Jani's may have been the The Democrats may have case of lax vetting. Name Biden campaign's 'Muslim been more circumspect Outreach' coordinator, he was re-appointed National Asian American and Pacific Islander Director after it was pointed out that his family had ties with PM Modi and other BJP leaders.

> administration does not backtrack on excluding those with RSS-BJP links, 19 Indian-American organisations have written to Biden pointing out that many South Asian-American individuals with ties to far-right Hindu organisations in India are affiliated with the Democratic Party.

To ensure the Biden



Twin suicide blasts in Iraq kill 32, injure 110

BAGHDAD, JANUARY 21

Twin suicide blasts ripped through a busy market in Iraq's capital Baghdad on Thursday, killing at least 32 persons and wounding over 110, officials said.

The rare suicide attack hit the Bab al-Sharqi commercial area in central Baghdad amid heightened political tensions over planned early elections and a severe economic crisis. No one immediately took responsibility for the attack, but Iraqi military officials said it was the work of the Islamic State.

Iraq's Health Minister

Hassan Mohammed al-Tamimi said some of the wounded were in a serious condition.

Maj Gen Tahsin al-Khafaji,

spokesman for the Joint Operations Command, said, "This is a terrorist act perpetrated by a sleeper cell of the Islamic State. The IS wants to prove its existence after suffering many blows in military operations." The suicide bombings were the first in three years to target Baghdad's bustling commercial area. A suicide bomb attack took place in the same area in 2018 shortly after then-PM Haidar al-Abadi declared victory over the IS.—AP

Merkel: Will vaccinate all citizens by summer

BERLIN, JANUARY 21

Covid-19 vaccines show a way out of the pandemic as they can be adapted for new variants of the virus and Germany should be able to vaccinate all citizens by the end of summer, German Chancellor Angela Merkel said on Thursday.

The German Government would do everything to protect vaccine supply chains even if it cannot control production, Merkel told a news conference, adding that the country should **TRACKING VIRUS** NATIONS **DEATHS**

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US	4,16,191
BRAZIL	2,12,893
■ ■ MEXICO	1,44,371
UK	93,290
■ ■ITALY	83,681
WORLDOMETER TILL JAN 21, 10 PM	*

have enough surplus vaccine in the third quarter to give some of it away. — Reuters

Biden sends immigration Bill to Congress

Thousands of Indian IT professionals to benefit | Launches Covid initiatives on 1st day in WH

WASHINGTON, JANUARY 21

US President Joe Biden on the first day of his presidency sent a comprehensive immigration Bill to Congress. The Bill proposes a major overhaul in the immigration system, including granting legal status and a path to citizenship to tens of thousands of undocumented immigrants and other groups and reduce the time that family members must wait outside the US for the green card.

Called the US Citizenship Act of 2021, the legislation modernises the immigration system and proposes to eliminate the per country cap for employment-based green card, a move that would benefit thousands of Indian IT professionals, whose current wait period for legal permanent residency runs into several decades.

"Today, President Biden sent an immigration Bill to Congress. The US Citizenship Act modernises our immigration system. It provides hard-working people who have enriched our communities and lived here for decades an opportunity to earn citizenship," White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki told reporters at a news conference.

"The President's priority reflected in the Bill are to responsibly manage the border, keep families together, grow our economy, address the root causes of migration from Central America and ensure that America can remain a refuge for those fleeing prosecution," Psaki said.

The Bill would stimulate America's economy while ensuring that every worker is protected. The Bill creates an earned path to citizenship for immigrant neighbours, colleagues, parishioners, community leaders, friends, and loved ones, including



(right) Vice-President Kamala Harris with her husband at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington. REUTERS

JOINT VIDEO MESSAGE BY 3 EX-PRESIDENTS

Washington: Former US presidents Bill Clinton, George W Bush and Barack Obama have recorded a rare joint video through which they sent their wishes to President Joe Biden. "Inaugurations signal a tradition of a peaceful transfer of power

that is over two

centuries old," said

Obama. PTI "Dreamers" and the essential workers who have risked their lives to serve and protect American communities. the White House said.

According to the White House, the Bill clears employment-based visa backlogs, recaptures unused visas, reduces lengthy wait times, and eliminates percountry visa caps.

It makes it easier for graduates of US universities with advanced degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) stay in the US, improves access to the green card for workers in

CHINA WARMS UP TO NEW PREZ

Beijing: A visibly relieved China on Thursday warmly congratulated new US President Joe Biden and urged him to heal and rebuild the severely damaged bilateral ties by his predecessor Donald Trump. Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying, known for fiery retorts against the US, said, "We hope Biden will be successful in governance." PTI

LEADERS LAUD RETURN TO CLIMATE FIGHT Berlin: World leaders breathed a sigh of relief that

the United States under President Joe Biden is rejoining the global effort to curb climate change, a cause that his predecessor had shunned. British Prime Minister Boris Johnson and French President Emmanuel Macron were among those welcoming Biden's decision to rejoin the Paris climate accord, reversing a key Trump policy in the first hours of his presidency Wednesday. AP

lower-wage sectors, and elim- addressing inates other unnecessary hurdles for employmentbased green card.

Biden also launched initiatives on Thursday to rein in the raging Covid-19 pandemic, tackling his top priority on his first full day in the White House as he tries to turn the page on Donald Trump's tumultuous leadership.

His administration plans a coordinated federal coronavirus response aimed at restoring trust in the government and focused on boosting vaccines, increasing testing, reopening schools and

thrown up by the disease.

"We can and will beat Covid-19. America deserves a response to the pandemic that is driven by science, data. public health... not polithe White House said in a statement outlining the administration's National Strategy on for the Covid-19 Response and Pandemic Pre-

Your faith brought me here: Harris credits her Indian mom

New York: Kamala Harris, who scripted history by becoming the first-ever woman Vice-President of the US, has credited her Indian mother for showing faith in her and always reminding her two daughters that "though we may be the first, we should not be the last". Harris remembered her late mother Shyamala Gopalan, a cancer researcher and civil rights activist from India, saying she had always carried that

lesson from her mother with her throughout her career. "My story is the story of millions of Americans. My mother Shyamala Gopalan arrived in the US from India. She raised my sister Maya and me to know that though we may be the first, we should not be the last," Harris said at the Presidential Inaugural Committee's official Asian American inaugural ball. "Your continued faith in me has brought me to this moment," she said. PTI

US REJOINS WHO, **UN HAILS DECISION**

United Nations: The US rejoined the World Health Organisation (WHO) in one of the first official orders of Reddy, has received glowing the Joe Biden presidency, reversing a key foreign pol- American from Telangana icy decision his predecessor Donald Trump took last year. Biden, in a letter to **UN Secretary General** Antonio Guterres on Wednesday, said, "The US intends to remain a member of the WHO." РТІ

PRAISE FOR INAUGURAL **ADDRESS WRITER**

Washington: US President Joe Biden's powerful inaugural speech, penned by Vinay tributes. Reddy — an Indian who wrote the speech that outlined Biden's goals for his administration, focusing on healing from the current state of division in national politics — has been praised for his "calming" and "inspiring" words. PTI

22-YR-OLD POET TURNS BESTSELLER

Washington: After a powerful reading at the US inauguration, 22-year-old Amanda Gorman reached the top of Amazon's bestseller list. Hours after Gorman's electric performance at the swearing-in of President Joe Biden and Vice-President Kamala Harris, her two books, neither out yet, topped Amazon sales list. REUTERS

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ONGC TOP LOSER

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Sun Pharma and ITC

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— Agencies

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glorious summer: RBI

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 21 The RBI has promised a

'glorious summer' on the basis of recent high frequency indicators. The recent shifts in the

macroeconomic landscape have brightened the outlook, with GDP in striking distance of attaining positive territory and inflation inching closer to the target. Financial markets remain ebullient with strong portfolio inflows and India is on track for receiving record annual inflows of foreign direct investment, noted the apex bank's monthly ments sustain, policy space could open up to further support the recovery," it said.

It noted the New Year began with countries across the world in a massive vaccination drive, and felt "the worst is behind us."

"Recent high frequency indicators suggest the recovery is getting stronger in its traction and soon the winter of our discontent will be made glorious summer," said the RBI, quoting William Shakespeare.

"In fact, the number of eway bills issued during December 2020 was the highest, suggesting that the recovery is no longer aloft on the fleeting tailwinds of festival spending statement. If these move- but is rising Phoenix-like on the wings of an intrinsic momentum," said the central bank.

Economy poised for Sensex breaches 50,000-mark, closes lower on profit-booking

MUMBAI, JANUARY 21

The BSE Sensex scaled the 50,000-mark for the first time on Thursday on growth optimism and global cues, but succumbed to profit-booking in fag-end trade to finish in the red.

Weighed by selling in banking, finance and IT counters, the Sensex ended 167.36 points lower at 49,624.76. Similarly, the Nifty slipped 54.35 points to close at 14,590.35.

ONGC was the top loser, followed by Airtel, SBI, NTPC, Sun Pharma and ITC.

On the other hand, Bajaj Finance, Bajaj Auto, RIL, Bajaj Finserv and Asian Paints were among the gainers, climbing up to 2.72%.



BSE employees celebrate near the bull's statue after the Sensex crossed 50,000-mark for the first time, in Mumbai on Thursday. PTI

Realtors seek GST waiver for under-construction houses

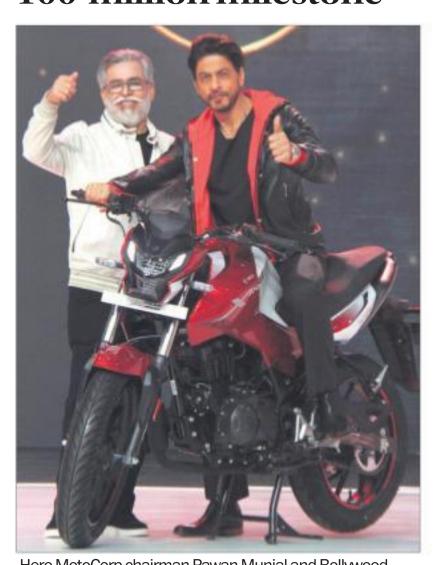
investors but for the economy also. Markets are barometers of the economy with the potential

"Sensex at 50K is great news to discount the future. If this is turn, the markets may further not only for the market and true, the Indian economy is on surprise on the upside,"said V a strong recovery path. If the recovery in growth and corpo-

rate earnings gather momen-

K Vijayakumar, chief investment strategist at Geojit Financial Services. — PTI

100-million milestone



Hero MotoCorp chairman Pawan Munjal and Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan at the launch of the company's 100 millionth motorcycle in Gurugram on Thursday, s. CHANDAN

Future-RIL dealgets **SEBInod**

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 21 Future Retail's Rs 24.713-crore deal to sell its retail assets to Reliance Industries (RIL) has got approvals from stock exchanges with certain riders.

The indebted group will have to seek shareholders' nod for the deal and get an approval from the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT).

Markets regulator SEBI has also given a go-ahead to Future Group's scheme of arrangement and sale of assets to Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL). — PTI

the industry status. To miti-**WISH LIST**

VIJAY C ROY TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 21

The real estate sector, which is one of the major employment generators, expects major reforms in the upcoming Budget to bolster demand. Given the depth of pain in the sector, mainly because of slowdown due to the pandemic, this year the demand has gone beyond

gate the negative impact, the developers are of the view that the Centre will have to go the extra mile to stimulate growth. Let's have a look what the realtors expect in the Budget:

Hike rebate on home loan The government should hike

rebate on home loan under Section 24 of the Income Tax Act from Rs 2 lakh to at least Rs 5 lakh to generate demand, especially in the affordable and mid-segment housing.

GST waiver "At present, the GST on

under-construction properties is 5% for premium homes (above Rs 45 lakh) and 1% for affordable homes (below Rs 45 lakh). To generate the demand, the government

should provide GST waiver

for limited period or the price

cap for affordable houses should be increased from Rs 45 lakh to Rs 60 lakh," said LC Mittal, director, Motia Group.

Ease liquidity "The liquidity crunch had a

cascading effect across sec-

"Developers need a rational capital flow to maintain the supply pipeline, especially for the ready-to-move-in houses. Increased supply also helps to keep property prices rangebound," said Anuj Puri, chairman, ANAROCK Property Consultants.

tors, including the real estate.

More stress funds

"Establishing the SWAMIH Investment fund of Rs 25,000 crore to help the realty sector is appreciated. However, allowing more such stress funds will help facilitate the last mile funding for stressed and stalled

projects," said Dr Niranjan Hiranandani, national president, NAREDCO.

Fractional ownership "The government should

look at encouraging concept of fractional ownership as it can bring turnaround in India's investment scenario. The government should allow tax exemptions for investment through fractional ownership. There should also be conducive policy reforms and infradevelopment structural which can boost commercial real estate," said Shiv Parekh, founder, hBits.

It's curtains **for Scooters India Ltd**

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 21 The company that manufactured famous scooters like Lambretta and Vijai Super will be shut down after the Cabinet gave its nod to close the lossmaking firm, sources said.

The CCEA is believed to have given consent to shutting down of Lucknow-based firm at its meeting on Wednesday, they said. The Scooters India brand name shall be sold separately as the company holds famous brands such as Lambretta, Vijai Super, Vikram and Lambro. — PTI

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SPORT

Dhols for Rahane, chariot for Natarajan

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 21

In cities, towns and villages across India, the national cricket team players, having made history in Australia, were given a hero's welcome as they returned to the country. Some of them got back home after nearly five months away, having left for Dubai in August to play in the IPL, then flown directly from there to Australia.

In Mumbai, chants of "Aala re aala Ajinkya aala" – "Here comes our Ajinkya!" welcomed Ajinkya Rahane at the residential complex he lives in in suburban Matunga, amid the beating of the traditional dhol and showering of flower petals on him.

In Hyderabad, the mood was sombre as Mohammed Siraj headed straight to the grave of his father, who died when the young cricketer was in Australia.

In his native village Chinnappampatti in Tamil Nadu, Thangarasu Natarajan — who made his international debut in all three formats of the game in Australia — was given a great welcome, complete with garlands and a chariot ride through the streets.

Besides stand-in captain Rahane, also arriving in Mumbai were coach Ravi Shastri, star batsman Rohit Sharma, pacer Shardul Thakur and opener Prithvi

BRIEFLY

Williams earns ATK Mohun

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Chennaiyin FC in the Indian

Super League here today.

Madrid in Copa del Rey

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Real Madrid 2-1 in the Round

of 32 of the Copa de Rey. The

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scored in the 80th minute to

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Ronaldo helps Juventus win

Cristiano Ronaldo scored to help Juventus win a record-

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Man United beat Fulham 2-1.

Paul Pogba scored a long-

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United came from behind to

beat Fulham 2-1 and move

back to the top of the Premier

League. Leicester - by beating

Chelsea on Tuesday - and Man-

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kickoff of the Fulham-United

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United responded to pull two

points clear and tie the club

record of 17 Premier League

away games without defeat,

which was set by the treble-

winning side of 1999.

Lewandowski's penalty

was enough for Bayern

Munich to consolidate their

win at Augsburg. AGENCIES

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Robert Lewandowski's penalty

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Indian players given hero's welcome back home





Shaw. Brisbane Test hero Rishabh Pant landed in New Delhi early this morning.

Mohammed Siraj gestures after his arrival in Hyderabad; **LEFT:** Ajinkya Rahane being welcomed by his family and supporters at his residence in Mumbai. PTI

and bowling coach Bharat Arun, are currently in Dubai and are expected to reach the country early morning on Friday. — TNS, agencies

After abuse, umpires offered us option of going off: Siraj

HYDERABAD, JANUARY 21

India pace bowler Mohammed Siraj today revealed that the on-field umpires had offered his team the option of leaving the field during the third Test against Australia after he was subjected to racial abuse by the crowd in Sydney.

Siraj and his senior pace colleague Jasprit Bumrah faced racial abuse for two days at the Sydney Cricket Ground, forcing the Indian team management to lodge an official complaint with match referee David Boon. Cricket Australia later offered an unreserved apology for the abuse.

Siraj, called a "brown monkey" by some spectators, had reported the matter to skipper Ajinkya Rahane, who brought it to the notice of onfield umpires Paul Reiffel and Paul Wilson.

"I faced abuses in Australia. The case is going on, let's see whether I get justice or not. My job was to report the incident to the captain," the 26year-old, who was India's highest wicket-taker with 13 scalps in the 2-1 series win, said on his arrival here.

"The umpires offered us to leave the game but

Rahane bhai said we won't leave the game. We did no mistake, so we will play," said Siraj. The game was halted for a few minutes on the fourth day and ended in a thrilling draw.

He said the unruly crowd behaviour acted as a moralebooster for him during his debut Test series. "The abuses which I faced in Australia made me mentally stronger. I didn't let them affect my game," Siraj said. Six spectators were expelled from the stadium after play was held up during the match.

Cricket Australia has promised to take strong action against those found guilty.

Dhoni comparisons feel amazing: Pant

New Delhi: Rishabh Pant, the hero of Brisbane, said while comparisons with MS Dhoni are flattering, he wants to carve his own identity in the game. "You feel amazing when you are compared to someone like MS Dhoni and you compare me with him," Pant said after landing here. "It's amazing but I don't want to be compared with anyone, I want to make myself as a name in Indian cricket."—PTI



First-time parents Virat Kohli and Anushka Sharma at Bandra in Mumbai, PTI

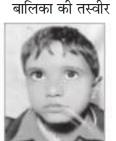
We have to be at our absolute best against India: Root **GALLE:** England will have to be at their "absolute best" to challenge India in India, captain Joe Root said. England will tour India to play four Tests, beginning on February 5. "I expect India to be full of confidence. They are a very good team and know how to get the best out of their conditions. We are going to have to be at our absolute best but that is an exciting prospect for us," Root said. PTI

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LONDON, JANUARY 21

Inspirational all-rounder Ben Stokes and fast bowler Jofra Archer returned to a 16-member strong England squad named for the first two Tests of the upcoming four-match series against India.

The England selectors also named six travelling reserves for the first two Tests, to be held at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai from February 5.

Both Stokes and Archer were rested for the ongoing two-match Test series in Sri Lanka, while Rory Burns

was at home for the birth of his child. The team will continue to be led by Joe Root. Surrey's Ollie Pope will travel to India and will be added to the squad when passed fit. Pope is recovering from a shoulder injury sustained in September during the Test

The Chennai contingent,

Ashwin, Washington Sundar

Ravichandran

including

series against Pakistan. The national selectors have rested Jonathan Bairstow, Sam Curran and Mark Wood, who are currently in Sri Lanka. Subject to fitness of the rest of the squad, Craig Overton will return home after the Sri Lanka series. — Agencies

Stokes, Archer back Junior team stuns Chile

SANTIAGO (CHILE), JANUARY 21 The Indian women's junior hockey team rallied from a goal down to script a stunning 3-2 win over the Chilean senior side here. Deepika (39th minute), Sangita Kumari (45th) and Lalrindiki (47th) scored for India after Fernanda Villagran (21st) had given the hosts the advantage. Chile's Simone Avelli (56th) pulled one back late in the match, but it was not enough to force a comeback. It was India's third consecutive victory on the

tour. They had defeated

Chile's junior side twice

earlier this week. — PTI



India's players celebrate after a goal. PHOTO: HOCKEY INDIA

Sindhu, Sameer sail into quarterfinals

BANGKOK, JANUARY 21

PV Sindhu and Sameer Verma stormed into the quarterfinals of the Thailand Open Super 1000 badminton tournament after registering straight-game wins but HS Prannoy bowed out here today.

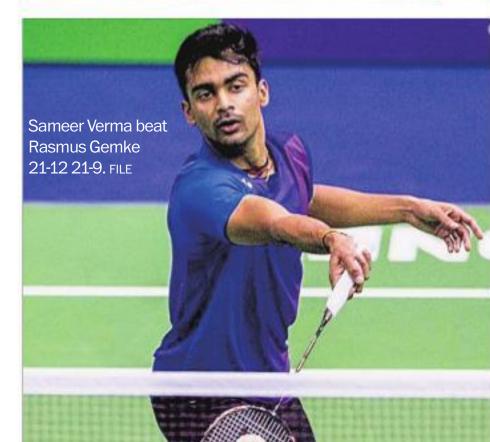
Olympics silver medallist Sindhu expectedly outclassed Malaysia's world No. 92 Kisona Selvaduray 21-10 21-12 in a second-round contest that lasted just 35 minutes. She will face Thailand's Ratchanok Inthanon next.

"I was remembering last week's tournament and each point was really important for me," Sindhu said.

World No. 31 Sameer also continued his impressive run, stunning world No. 17 Rasmus Gemke 21-12 21-9 in just 39 minutes for his third victory over the Danish player. The Indian, who had shocked Malaysia's eighth seed Lee Zii Jia in the opening round, will face third seed Anders Antonsen of Denmark in the quarterfinals. "I was very confident before the match. I came prepared. I'm feeling very confident, so let's see. It will be tough (against Antonsen) but I will play my best,"

Sameer said. The mixed doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Ashwini Ponnappa also made it to the quarterfinals with a stunning 22-20 14-21 21-16 win over world No. 17 Mark Lamsfuss and Isabel Herttrich of Germany in a match





Satwiksairaj also paired up with Chirag Shetty in the men's doubles to notch up an upset 21-18 23-21 win over the seventh-seeded South Korean combination of Choi Solgyu and Seo Seung Jae. Prannoy, however, failed to

gruelling three-game match. Also bowing out were MR Arjun and Dhruv Kapila after losing 9-21 11-21 to

Malaysia's Daren Liew, a day

after battling through pain to

upstage Asian Games cham-

pion Jonatan Christie in a

Need to spread boxing throughout India, says Shelar

DEEPANKAR SHARDA TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 21 There is a need to make toplevel training facilities available across the country to increase the spread of the sport, said Ashish Shelar, who is one of the candidates in the Boxing Federation of India's (BFI) presidential elections. "Boxing, or any sport, can only thrive when good training facilities are easily available. Unfortunately, such facilities are not spread across the country," Shelar said. "There should be at least one National Boxing Academy in each of the eight zones of the country. There is a lot of talent in the northern

and eastern states. Southern

India used to have some of

the best boxers. Unfortunate-

ly, the South is now being

ignored," he added. Shelar also said that there should be more inter-district or inter-zonal tournaments. "State units are crucial for the success of any national federation. The more we empower them with strong infrastructure and financial stability, the more all-round development we will see," he said.

Corporate attention

Shelar said that boxing has not been able to attract the kind of corporate attention it deserves. "Boxing is one of the top six priority disciplines in the country. It is one of the most entertaining too, if the

any indication. Sadly, it has not been able to attract the kind of corporate attention it

deserves," he said.

"The Central Government is contributing its share, which goes towards mainly the elite boxers of the country. The BFI has to play an active role and spread the game by empowering the state units, ensuring there are lucrative national-level events in each zone by attracting local sponsors and corporate entities," he added.

Experienced

Shelar, who has been attached with cricket and football, said his relationship with boxing in Mumbai and Maharashtra went a long way back. "I could not pursue my initial interest in boxing during my college days due to a change in profession. But I have always kept in touch with my friends in boxing and appreciated its steady growth in Maharashtra over the years," said Shelar. "It was only a few months back that my friends from the Maharashtra Boxing Association requested me to contest. They felt that my experience in cricket as president of MCA and as Maharashtra's Sports Minister will help."

"My immediate aim would be to bind all state units together by enhanc ing their financial status, so that sport becomes an attractive career option for the youngsters," he said.

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जनसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि यह बच्चा (पप्पू), जिसकी उम्र लगभग 8 साल है, दिनांक 25.09.2020 को चाइल्ड लाइन को शीला बायपास आकाश इंस्टिट्यूट रोहतक के सामने लावारिस हालत में मिला। बच्चे को बाल कल्याण समिति रोहतक के आदेशानुसार जगन्नाथ आश्रम



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Notice to Centre

on plea against

'Mirzapur'

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 21

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The MEA has lodged a strong protest with the Sri Lankan Foreign Ministry following the loss of three Indian lives and one Sri Lankan national following a collision between the fishing vessel and a Sri Lankan naval craft.

"Our protest in regard to this incident was conveyed by our High Commissioner Gopal today. A strong demarche was also made to the Sri Lankan Acting High Commissioner in New Delhi," said a statement issued by the MEA.

"Expressing our deep anguish at the loss of lives, we emphasise the need to deal with issues pertaining to fishermen in a humanitarian manner. Existing understandings between the two governments in that regard must be strictly observed," it added. — TNS

China: Construction in Punjab, Haryana among 'own territory' normal

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NEW DELHI, JANUARY 21

China's development and construction activities "within its own territory" are "normal" and "entirely a matter of sovereignty", the Chinese Foreign Ministry said on Thursday when asked to react to reports that Beijing has constructed a new village in Arunachal Pradesh.

"First, I'd like to tell you that China's position on the east sector of the China-India boundary, or Zangnan (southern part of China's Tibet), is consistent and clear. We have never recognised the so-called 'Arunachal Pradesh' illegally established on the Chinese territory," said the ministry's

'DON'T RECOGNISE AP'

China's position on the Zangnan region (South Tibet) is consistent and clear. We never recognised the so-called Arunachal Pradesh Chinese foreign ministry

spokesperson Hua Chunying. She was asked if reports of China intruding into the Indian territory to build a village were true and if the area was under Chinese control for a long time.

Reports based on satellite images show a new village of over 100 homes constructed by China in Arunachal Pradesh.

The first image dated

August 26, 2019, did not show any human habitation, but the second one of November 2020 showed a row of structures.

The Indian Foreign Office has also reacted to the reports by stating that it keeps a "constant watch on all developments having a bearing on the country's security" and takes necessary measures to safeguard its sovereignty and territorial integrity.

The India-China border dispute covers the 3,488-kmlong Line of Actual Control (LAC). The report about China setting up a new village in Arunachal Pradesh comes amid a military stand-off in eastern Ladakh for over eight months.

WhatsApp privacy policyunchanged:

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 21 Under fire over its proposed changes in the privacy policy for WhatsApp, social media giant Facebook assured a Parliamentary Standing Commit-

Facebook and Twitter offi-

10 most innovative states

K'taka ranks 1st | HP tops among hill and NE states

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NEW DELHI, JANUARY 21

Haryana (sixth) and Punjab (10th) find place among the top 10 most innovative states as Karnataka ranks first, the Centre's policy think tank, NITI Aayog, has said in its report — India Innovation Index 2020.

Released by NITI Aayog

Chairman Rajiv Kumar in the presence of members VK Paul (Health), Ramesh Chand (Agriculture) and CEO Amitabh Kant, the index places Himachal Pradesh at the top among the hill and north-eastern states. Chandigarh has made a leap forward to rank second among the UTs after Delhi.

The index, launched last year, ranks states based on whether they provide a conducive environment for registering new businesses, applying for patents, human capital and investments, among other measures.

In the second edition, Maharashtra has overtaken Tamil Nadu for the second

BIHAR AT THE BOTTOM

- The NITI Aayog Innovation Index has placed Bihar at the bottom of the chart
- Chandigarh stands second among union territories as Delhi ranks first
- In the second edition, Maharashtra has overtaken Tamil Nadu for second spot

spot. Telangana has claimed

the fourth place, with Ker-

ala moving one notch up to

fifth slot, pushing Haryana

to sixth place on the list of

17 major states. Bihar has

"There is a very strong

correlation between innova-

tion and development. As

states become more innova-

tive, their per-capita GDP

(gross domestic product)

rises," said Amit Kapoor,

chairman of the Institute

for Competitiveness, a

Gurugram-based organisa-

tion that worked with NITI

Aayog to develop the index.

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fewer parameters. It aims to add more parameters in the next report and sync it with the global index. "The Prime Minister is very clear that it is innovation and

technology that will solve the immense challenges that India faces. Trying to spur innovation at the state level is important," Kumar said. Kant said, "By providing a

thrust to innovation, India can augment its manufacturing and export competitiveness."

"We will continue to work in very close collaboration with science and technology teams across all the states as well as the industrial and manufacturing teams across India. We will complement them as the knowledge partner to make India an innovative nation," he said.

The Supreme Court on Thursday issued notices to the Centre, Amazon Prime Video and Excel Entertainment Pvt Ltd on a petition alleging that web series "Mirzapur" tarnished the historical and cultural image of the town in Uttar Pradesh by

showing it as a "city of goons". A Bench, headed by Chief Justice of India SA Bobde, asked them to respond to the petition filed by Sujeet Kumar Singh, a Mirzapur resident, who alleged that showing "shameless things" in the name of Mirzapur was an insult to the rich culture of the town.

Singh said he had filed the plea to protect the "historical and cultural value" of Mirzapur.

SC rejects UP Govt's plea against bail to Azam Khan

The SC on Thursday rejected Uttar Pradesh Government's petitions challenging the bail granted to SP MP Azam Khan, his wife and son in a case of alleged forgery of birth certificates. A Bench led by Justice Ashok Bhushan dismissed the state government's appeal challenging the October 13, 2020, order of the Allahabad HC which had granted bail to Azam's wife and son. — TNS

TN Guv to take call on release of Rajiv Gandhi's assassins, SC told

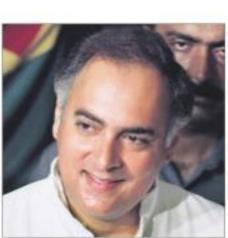
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NEW DELHI, JANUARY 21

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta on Thursday told the Supreme Court that Tamil Nadu Governor Banwarilal Purohit will take a decision in three-four days on the state government's recommendation for pre-mature release of seven convicts in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case.

ed by Justice L Nageswara Rao, which is seized of convict AG Perarivalan's plea for suspension of his life sentence in the case till the MDMA probe was completed posted the matter for further hearing after four weeks in view of Mehta's submission.

A three-judge Bench, head-



Cabinet had sought remission for convicts in 2018

The state Cabinet had on September 9, 2018, recommended to the Governor for the premature release of all seven convicts. Besides Perarivalan, other six convicts sentenced to life include Nalini Sriharan, her husband Murugan, Santhan,

Jayakumar, Ravichandran and Robert Pyas.

All seven were convicted by a special TADA court for their role in the assassination of former PM Rajiv Gandhi on May 21, 1991, during an election rally at Sriperumbudur and sentenced to death, but later it was commuted to life term. As the court said the Governor should have taken a decision much earlier and save its time, Mehta expressed regret.

Senior advocate Gopal Shankarnaryanan, representing Perarivalan, said it was good that the Governor was taking a decision. He, however, said the court should to keep the matter pending to deal with a situation where the decision was unacceptable to his client.

FB to House panel

tee that it has not "functionally changed" the privacy policy.

cials deposed before the committee on "safeguarding citizens' rights and prevention of misuse of social/online news media platforms". The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology had recently written to Will Cathcart, Global CEO of WhatsApp, to withdraw the proposed changes to the privacy policy for Indian users. Officials of the US headquartered Facebook clarified that the privacy policy is the same since 2016. — TNS

Slow acquisition hinders defence upgrade: Army Chief TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 21 Indian Army Chief Gen MM Naravane today questioned the slow pace of acquiring new weapons and military platforms terming red-

tapism as a "vicious cycle".

Ripping apart the prevailing bureaucratic system in India acquisition processes, he said, "Self-reliant is a strategic

necessity, but to achieve it a revolution is needed in bureaucratic affairs."

Gen Naravane said this while speaking at the occasion of 25 years of Army-industry partnership at a virtual conference. Talking about the Defence

Acquisition Procedure (DAP), 2020, he said it had been aligned to empower the domestic industry.

"While all these initiatives

pretation of rules. This results are quite appreciable, there is a lot of work that still needs to in every acquisition process be done," he added. being tied up in knots."

"There are certain inherent The process and proceprocedural lacunae that have dures, rather than crept into the acquisition product, become process which primarily arise paramount and due to the overbearing nature these were holdof our rules, regulations and ing hostage guidelines in trying to ensure defence zero error," Gen Naravane

modernisation he said



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh presents a certificate to an NCC cadet during the investiture ceremony in New Delhi. PTI

Rajnath to host Indian Ocean Region defence ministers' conclave

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NEW DELHI, JANUARY 21 A crucial meeting of countries of the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) on aerospace and defence sector will be held during Aero India (February 3-5).

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will host the IOR Defence Ministers' Conclave on February 4 as part of the Aero India 2021. The Defence Ministers' Conclave in the morning will be followed by two seminars by Indian Navy and the Department of Defence Production along with other partners.

The theme of the conclave will be "Enhanced peace, security and cooperation in Indian Ocean". An invite has been sent to 28 countries, most will be represented physically or virtually.

"The IOR conclave is an effort towards India's committed and continued engagement in the Indian Ocean

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■ The contract for the supply of 83 Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas will be signed during the Aero India

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■ The contract will be inked between the Ministry of Defence and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)

CRPF plans to induct women in CoBRA: DG

Director General of CRPF AP Maheshwari on Thursday said the paramilitary organisation had been considering inducting women personnel in its specialised jungle warfare commando force CoBRA. TNS

both for defence diplomacy as also for economic prosperity through sustained engagement, dialogue, experience sharing and exchange of best practices," officials here said.

Those not on NRC can vote; Cong hails decision

GUWAHATI, JANUARY 21 A day after the Election Commission announced that those excluded from the National Register of Citizens (NRC) will be eligible to vote in the upcoming Assembly poll if their names are on the voter list, the ruling BJP on Thursday said status quo about their voting rights had to be maintained while the Congress and AIUDF welcomed the decision.

The final NRC, a database of Indian citizens living in Assam which was updated under the supervision of the Supreme Court and published on August 31, 2019, excluded names of over 19 lakh of the 3.29 crore applicants. However, it has not been notified by the Registrar General of India yet. This leaves the document without any official validity.

"The NRC document in its present form has not been accepted by the party and we have asked for a re-verification. Till it is done, status quo has to be maintained," BJP Assam unit president Ranjeet Dass said. — PTI

Maha hospital fire: Civil Surgeon suspended

MUMBAI, JANUARY 21 The Maharashtra Govern-

ment has suspended the Bhandara Civil Surgeon and two others, and terminated the services of three staffers for "derelection of duty" in connection with the January 9 district hospital fire that killed 10 infants, minister Rajesh Tope said on Thursday.

The government also transferred the Additional Civil Surgeon. The Health Minister said the action was taken after a committee set up by the government following the fire incident submitted its report late on Wednesday evening. — PTI

Communalism threat to country's unity: Netaji's kin

PM Modi to attend Bose's 125th birth anniversary event in Kolkata tomorrow

SHUBHADEEP CHOUDHURY

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 21

Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's unassailable commitment to secularism has returned to haunt Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is all set to visit Kolkata on January 23 to take part in Bose's 125th birth anniversary celebrations.

Two of Netaji's grandnephews, both public figures, find the occasion appropriate to highlight the threat posed by communalism to the unity of the country.

Like previous years, the

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Netaji Research Bureau (NRB), headed by Netaji's grandnephew Sugata Bose, will organise a function on January 23 to pay homage to the intrepid freedom fighter. The Netaji Award instituted by the NRB will be this time given posthumously to Abid Hassan, a close associate of Netaji, who sailed with him in a German Uboat in 1943 on Bose's voyage to South East Asia in the middle of World War II. Sugata, who teaches history

in the prestigious Harvard University, and also a former Tri-

SCHEMES SALE OF WHITE SUGAR FOR EXPORT. + 2 OTHER WORKS



An artist makes a sand sculpture of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in Kolkata on Thursday. PTI

namool Congress (TMC) Lok Sabha member, is also slated to give a speech on Saturday on the subject of "Netaji, Abid Hassan and the unity of India". In the biography of Bose written by Sugata ("His

said, adding, "This is also

aggravated by our own inter-

Majesty's Opponent"), he has chronicled how Netaji was able to overcome the challenge posed by varied religious affiliations of the personnel of the INA. "The treatment meted out

to minorities is tragic and far removed from Netaji's ideals," Sugata Bose told this reporter while explaining why he would be speaking on the issue of unity of India in the context of Netaji and

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Abid Hasan's relationship. Despite being the chief of Netaji Research Bureau, which has played a key role in documenting information about Netaji, Sugata has not been invited for either of the two programmes — a seminar at National Library and an exhibition on Netaji at Victoria Memorial — which Modi

January 23 visit to Kolkata. Chandra Bose, who too is a grandnephew of Netaji, said upholding the principle of secularism would be the best way to pay tribute to Netaji.

will be attending during his

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