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Partisan: Oppn gives notice for no-trust vote against Dhankhar

This is the first time such a resolution has come up in Upper House

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NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 10

A fractured Opposition on Tuesday united to submit a notice to move a motion of no-confidence against Vice-President and Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar, accusing him of bias in the conduct of House proceedings. This is the first such notice against an RS Chairman since the constitution of the Upper House on April 13, 1952.

"All parties belonging to the INDIA group have had no option but to formally submit a no-confidence motion against the RS Chairman for the extremely partisan manner in which he has been conducting the proceedings of the Council of States," Congress chief whip in the RS Jairam Ramesh said.

The resolution mentions that the position of the RS Chairman is of pivotal importance but "Chairman Dhankhar had reduced the prestige of the position he occupies to that of a spokesman for the government of the day". The notice was condemned by the government, which said it had been



Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar arrives in the House during the winter session of Parliament. ■■

OPPOSITION SHORT OF NUMBERS

231 effective strength of Rajya Sabha after recent byelections

112 MPs belong to the ruling NDA (95 from the BJP alone)

6 nominated MPs to side with govt in case of vote, taking NDA

strength to 118, two more than the simple majority of 116

85 is combined Oppn strength, including 27 MPs from Cong

If motion is moved, Oppn needs simple majority to get it passed

CONG BID TO HIDE MISDEEDS: RIJUJU

■ Union minister Kiren Rijiju said the notice was meant to hide Congress misdeeds and its "links" with George Soros

■ It would fail as majority have full faith in Dhankhar, he said

brought by the Congress to "deflect attention from the party's top brass links with Hungarian-American businessman George Soros and his anti-India agenda".

"The NDA has the majority.

This notice which the Congress has brought to hide its sins and deflect attention from the connection between itself and George Soros and his anti-India actions will never succeed. We are proud of

Chairman Dhankhar, who comes from a humble farming background and has always espoused the cause of the poor." Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju

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Chandigarh-born Dhillon, a farm agitation votary, in Team Trump

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NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 10

US President-elect Donald Trump has nominated Chandigarh-born Indian-American Harmeet K Dhillon as the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights at the Department of Justice.

Dhillon, 54, has been critical of India, especially over the alleged plot to assassinate Khalistani terrorist Gurbhag Singh Pannun and the action against farmers during their 2020-21 agitation at the borders of the national capital.

During the police crackdown on the protesting farmers at Singhu and Ghazipur



TOP JUSTICE DEPT JOB

■ Trump has picked Harmeet Dhillon as Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights at the Department of Justice

■ She is first Sikh and the third of Indian descent in the new team that takes over on Jan 20

borders, Dhillon had urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to "hear them, meet

with them and compromise".

After the US Department of Justice indicted Indian nationals for facilitating the alleged attempt to kill Pannun, Dhillon had posted on X: "India's American death squad indictment. America's Sikhs want answers: who else at risk, and what is US government doing about assassination attempts on US citizens?"

In the Pannun case, the Joe Biden administration has charged Indian citizen and former official of the external intelligence wing R&AW Vikas Yadav of hatching a plot to kill Pannun, chief of the banned Sikhs for Justice (SFJ).

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After HC rap, preacher Dhadrianwale booked for 2012 sexual assault, murder

AMAN SOOD
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PATIALA, DECEMBER 10

Weeks after the Punjab and Haryana High Court rapped the Punjab Police in the case, an FIR has been registered against preacher Ranjit

Singh Dhadrianwale on the charges of "sexual assault and murder of a woman at his dera" 12 years ago.

The FIR was lodged at Patsiana police station in Patiala on December 7 under IPC Sections 302 (murder), 376

(rape) and 506 (criminal intimidation). The woman's brother had complained to the Punjab DGP on November 26. The complainant, a resident of Bhawanigarh Road at Samana in Patiala, had

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh meets Russian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow on Tuesday. ■■

INDIA-RUSSIA TIES 'DEEPER THAN OCEAN'

■ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh met Russian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow on Tuesday and said the friendship between the two nations was "higher than the highest mountain and deeper than the deepest ocean".

■ They noted that India-Russia partnership held immense potential and combined efforts would pave the way for "remarkable outcomes". Rajnath said India had always stood by Russia and would continue to do so in future.

Lalu wants Didi to lead INDIA; Cong says TMC weakening Oppn unity

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NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 10

The disquiet over leadership within the INDIA bloc has been growing with the RJD on Tuesday demanding that Trinamool Congress president and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee lead the alliance instead of the Congress.

RJD president Lalu Prasad Yadav replied in the affirmative when asked by journalists in Patna what he thought of Mamata's recent indication of her willingness to lead the opposition alliance.

"Yes, she should lead," said former Bihar Chief Minister Lalu, a staunch Congress ally who caused a flutter with his statement. Incidentally, the RJD-Congress rift may not augur well for the INDIA bloc in Bihar where the Assembly elections are to be held in less than a year.

Asked about the Congress' reservations, Lalu said these "amounted to nothing". "The Congress' opposition will not

YSRCP too supports Bengal CM in top role

make any difference. Mamata should be given the leadership role," he said. The terseness displayed by Lalu towards the Congress came a day after AICC secretary Shahnawaz Alam, the co-in charge for Bihar, had hinted that the party was no longer willing to play the role of "little brother" in the Mahagathabandhan, the state's prototype of the INDIA bloc.

The YSR Congress Party, which is currently not a part of the INDIA bloc, too, has backed Mamata, calling her the "most capable leader to lead the bloc". "Didi will handle INDIA bloc more effectively and lead it to power," YSRCP Rajya Sabha MP Vijayasai Reddy told reporters outside Parliament.

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Ex-Foreign Minister Krishna dies at 92

NEW DELHI: Former Karnataka CM and former External Affairs Minister SM Krishna died in Bengaluru on Tuesday, leaving behind a rich legacy of statesmanship and public service that saw the 92-year-old leader scale heights of political achievements. Suave and a man with enviable academic credentials, Krishna started his political innings as an Independent MLA from Maddur in 1962. **BACK PAGE**



Part of 185-year-old mosque demolished

FATEHPUR (UP): Amid tight security, a portion of the 185-year-old Noori Masjid in Uttar Pradesh's Fatehpur district was demolished by the authorities on Tuesday claiming it was illegally constructed two-three years ago and was obstructing the widening of the Banda-Bahraich highway. The mosque panel claimed it was built in 1839. **BACK PAGE**

Farmers' foot march to Delhi on Dec 14

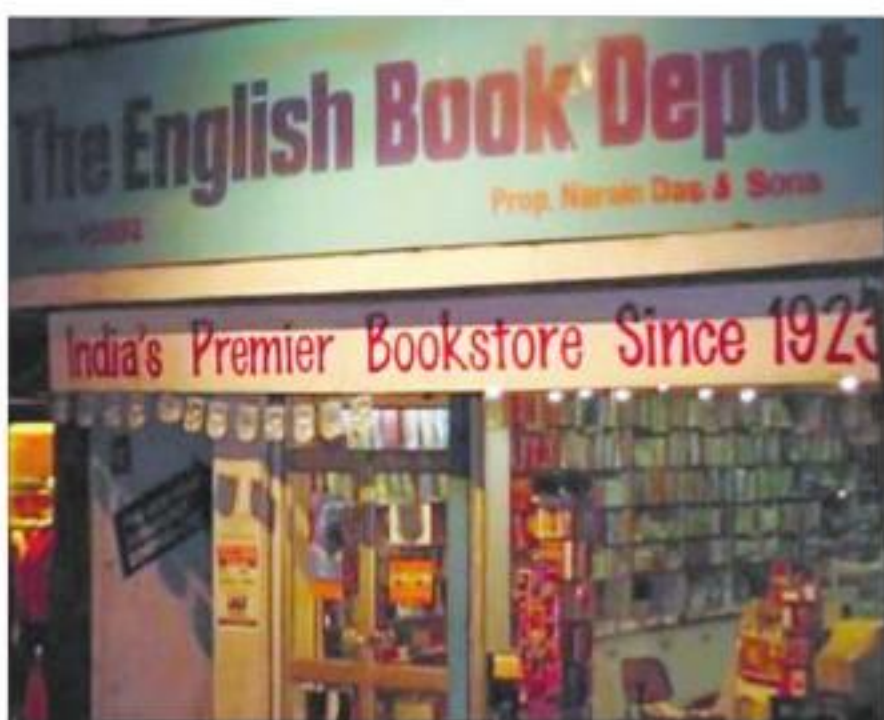
PATIALA: The next "Marjeevda Jatha" of 101 farmers will begin its foot march towards Delhi on December 14, said farmer leader Sarwan Singh Pandher at the Shambhu border on Tuesday. He said the decision was taken following a meeting of the Kisan Mazdoor Morcha and the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (Non-Political). **INSIDE**

Cheating case: Court calls Dhamendra

NEW DELHI: A Delhi court has summoned Bollywood actor Dhamendra (89) and two others in a cheating case related to the Garam Dharam dhaba franchise. Judicial magistrate Yashdeep Chahal passed the order on a complaint filed by Delhi businessman Sushil Kumar, who alleged he was lured into investing in the franchise. — PTI

Blast outside clubs in Gurugram, 1 held

GURUGRAM: Days after blasts at singer Badshah's pub in Chandigarh, a low-intensity explosion took place outside two nightclubs in Sector 29 here on Tuesday. The suspect reportedly hurled two "sutli" bombs at the clubs. There were no casualties. A scooter and a signboard were damaged. Sachin of Meerut was arrested when he was about to hurl another bomb. A country-made weapon and two crude bombs were seized from his possession. Preliminary investigations suggest the Bishnoi gang was behind the explosion. **INSIDE**



A file photo of The English Book Depot in Ferozepur Cantonment.

ANIRUDH GUPTA

FEROZEPUR, DECEMBER 10

Marking the end of an era, the town lost its iconic book shop, which was founded during the British rule in 1923. Once a rendezvous for people from various walks of life, including the British during the pre-Partition era, The English Book Depot finally gave in to the pressures of change.

Started by Lala Narain Dass, this shop stood testimony to a bygone era when bibliophiles used to hang out here for their regular copies of magazines, novels and literary classics.

Senior bureaucrats posted in the town during the sixties and seventies still remember this place, which was not just a bookstore but a hangout place for socialising. "Even after superannuation, many bureaucrats would never miss a chance to visit this place," recalls AS Rai, a senior police official, whose father was a regular visitor to the store during his posting here.

At one time, the entire family of Dass was involved in this trade. Even now his fourth generation is running book shops in various parts of the country. However, no

NOT THE FIRST ONE TO FADE INTO OBLIVION

■ The English Book Depot, founded by Lala Narain Dass in 1923, has been taken over by a stationery trader

■ Prem Book Depot, another landmark of Ferozepur, also couldn't stand the pressures of change and shut down

■ Nutan Dass & Co, set up in 1943, also had to down the shutters as its owner found it tough to make ends meet

one from his family is settled here, said Siddhant Arora, his great grandson who owns

a book shop in Dehradun. He said the digital boom had taken a toll on bookstores.

The English Book Depot has been taken over by a local businessman, Rakesh Bansal, who renamed it to Kewal Book Depot and is selling stationery items there.

"More and more people are giving up reading in today's fast evolving digital era juxtaposed with the emergence of social media and OTT platforms. Book shops are no more a viable venture as there has been a striking decline in the avid reading culture," said Harish Monga, a reader.

Besides, the online book business had adversely hit the brick and mortar shops as people were getting books at cheaper prices than what was available in the market, he added.

Old timers recall that in this border town which was once a huge garrison during the erstwhile colonial regime, there used to be a lot of book shops, including Nutan Dass & Co and Prem Book Depot. The town's elite and defence officials were regular customers. Most of the old bookshops have either shut down or are on the verge of closure.

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After Chandigarh, blast outside nightclubs in Gurugram, 1 held

Role of Lawrence Bishnoi & Goldy Brar's gang suspected | Probe on, say police

SUMEDHA SHARMA & SANJAY ADARSH

GURUGRAM, DECEMBER 10

Days after blasts at singer Badshah's bar in Chandigarh, a low-intensity explosion was reported outside two nightclubs in Sector 29 here in the early hours of Tuesday. The explosion is believed to be the handiwork of Lawrence Bishnoi and Goldy Brar's gang, said a senior intelligence officer on the condition of anonymity.

The police arrested a person, identified as Sachin, who allegedly hurled two 'sutli' bombs at the nightclubs. Sachin (30), a resident of Meerut, was arrested on the spot when he was about to hurl another bomb. He was reportedly given the contract by the gang to carry out the blast.

There were no casualties in the explosion, although a scooter and a club signboard were damaged. A spokesperson for the Gurugram police said the accused was being interrogated by the Crime Branch and STF team. No other accused has been arrested so far, he added. Sources, however, claimed his interrogation led to deten-



tion of another accused.

A country-made weapon and two crude bombs were recovered from his possession.

According to the intelligence officer, one of the clubs in the area had recently got a threat from the gang. "The police and the Special Task Force (STF), Haryana, were on alert and had teams manning the area since the Chandigarh incident. They nabbed the accused on the spot," he said.

The explosion at Human Pub and Toy Box Club took

place around 5:15 am. While one bomb exploded, the other hit the pub signboard and fell outside. The accused was caught in the process of throwing another one.

Gurugram Police Commissioner Vikas Kumar Arora, who reached the spot, directed the bomb disposal team to defuse the two crude bombs recovered from the accused.

Police sources said Lawrence Bishnoi gang had called club operators via WhatsApp about 13 days ago



<< A CCTV footage shows the explosion outside a nightclub at Sector 29 in Gurugram in the wee hours of Tuesday; and (above) a bomb disposal squad at the spot to defuse the recovered bombs.

demanding crores in extortion and a stake of up to 30 per cent in the business. After the club operators approached the police, cops were deployed in the Sector-29 market.

A senior STF official on the condition of anonymity said: "Following intelligence inputs that Brar and Bishnoi gangs would target Gurugram, we had been keeping a strict vigil. The clubs were alerted as well. We suspect the involvement

of more accused and teams are out to nab them."

The intelligence officer said the choice of 'sutli' bombs as explosive showed the motive was to only create a scare. After today's incident, the fear has gripped club owners in Sector 29. "Every other day somebody calls us posing as a member of Bishnoi, Kaushal, or Brar gang and seek money. Though most calls are hoax, today's explosion has scared us," said one of the club owners in Sector 29.

HSGMC elections notified, voting scheduled for Jan 19

CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 10

The much-awaited elections for the Haryana Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee (HSGMC) will be held on January 19, 2025, bringing months of speculation to an end. Justice HS Bhalla, Commissioner of Gurdwara Elections, Haryana, notified the election for the 40-member Sikh body tasked with managing, supervising, and taking over the assets of 52 gurdwaras in the state.

The previous HSGMC (ad hoc) had completed its tenure in May this year. Since then, Sikh leaders have been urging the government to conduct the election. However, on August 14, the government nominated a new 41-member ad hoc HSGMC to manage the affairs of these gurdwaras temporarily.

According to the notification, the process will begin with the publication of the nomination notice on December 18. Nominations can be filed between December 20 and 28, and the scrutiny will take place on December 30. Valid nominations will be displayed on January 1, 2025, following any revisions by the Deputy Commissioners concerned.

Withdrawal of nominations, the allotment of election symbols, and the publication of polling stations will be finalised



The Nada Sahib Gurdwara in Panchkula. FILE

ELECTION SCHEDULE

- Filing of nominations: December 18
- Scrutiny of nominations: December 30
- Display of valid nominations: January 1, 2025
- Withdrawal of candidature: January 2
- Allotment of symbols: January 2
- Polling: January 19

HSGMC'S MANDATE

The HSGMC is a statutory body responsible for managing, supervising and taking over the assets of 52 gurdwaras in Haryana.

on January 2. Polling is scheduled from 8 am to 5 pm on January 19, with counting to follow immediately after.

The Supreme Court had earlier upheld the Haryana Sikh Gurdwara (Management) Act, 2014, which brought all gurdwaras in the state under the

control of HSGMC. Since its inception in 2014, the committee has largely been run by government-nominated members. The Sikh community has long demanded democratic elections for the committee to oversee the management of their religious institutions.



BJP candidate Rekha Sharma files nomination papers for the Rajya Sabha elections in the presence of CM Nayab Singh Saini and state BJP chief Mohan Lal Badoli in Chandigarh.

BJP's Rekha Sharma files papers for Rajya Sabha poll

CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 10

BJP candidate Rekha Sharma filed her nomination for the lone Rajya Sabha seat from Haryana. She is set to be declared elected unopposed after the withdrawal of candidates on December 13 as she is the only candidate in the fray.

She submitted her nomination papers to Returning Officer Ashok Kumar Meena in the

presence of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, BJP state president Mohan Lal Badoli and several Cabinet ministers.

Speaking to mediapersons after the nomination, Saini said the Rajya Sabha seat became vacant after Krishan Lal Panwar was elected as an MLA to the Haryana Vidhan Sabha and now Rekha Sharma filed her nomination for

this Upper House seat.

Congratulating Sharma, the Chief Minister said she had been working at the grassroots level to strengthen the party for a long time. Sharma thanked the PM Narendra Modi, BJP president JP Nadda, Union Home Ministers Amit Shah and Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar besides Saini for reposing faith in her. —TNS

Officials, Rohtak villagers at loggerheads over construction of school building; students suffer

SUNIT DHAWAN

ROHTAK, DECEMBER 10

Residents of Garnawathi village in Rohtak district and the government officials have locked horns over the construction of a government school building in the village.

As per sources, the building of Government Senior Secondary School at Garnawathi village was demolished in 2017 after being declared condemned.

Villagers assert that in 2019, the village panchayat deposited an amount of Rs 5.43 crore with the government for the construction of a new building of the school.

However, the officers concerned maintain that the village panchayat might have passed a resolution in this regard, but it did not deposit the said amount.

A number of villagers staged a protest in Rohtak on Monday, demanding the construction of the school building and repair, maintenance, or reconstruction of the dilapidated build-

₹5.43 cr deposited, says panchayat, DEO denies claim



Villagers stage a protest for the construction of a government school building in Rohtak. TRIBUNE PHOTO

ings of several other schools at Dobh, Kabulpur, Masudpur, Mokhra, Kahnaur, Balambha and Bahu Akbarpur villages in the district. The protesters also submitted a memoran-

dum addressed to the Chief Minister to the District Development and Panchayat Officer in this regard.

Rohtak District Education Officer (DEO) Manjeet

Malik refuted the claim of the village residents.

"The villagers are claiming that the Garnawathi panchayat had deposited an amount of Rs 5.43 crore for the construction of the

school building, but no such amount had been deposited as per government record," the DEO maintained.

She said the district authorities had been apprised of the matter and further action would be taken as per their directions. The officer asserted that the construction or repair of the buildings of the other schools was in process at different stages.

On the other hand, Rohtak Zila Parishad member Jaidev Dagar countered the claim of the DEO, pointing out that in a communicate sent to the Public Works Department, Haryana in 2022, the state Directorate of School Education had clearly mentioned that the Garnawathi panchayat had deposited an amount of Rs 5.43 crore for the construction of the school building.

Dagar claimed that the number of students at the Garnawathi school had dropped by 100-150 in the past few years due to lack of a proper school building.

GST on textiles: AAP slams govt

CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 10

Haryana AAP president Dr Sushil Gupta today criticised the BJP government over GST on textiles. He accused the BJP of trying to destroy trade in the

country, leaving the poor struggling for basic needs like food and clothing. "If higher taxes are imposed on the textile industry, it will ultimately burden the common man." —TNS

Special diet, oil massages for elephants to brave the chill

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

YAMUNANAGAR, DECEMBER 10

With the onset of winter, special arrangements have been made for the care of elephants at the Chaudhary Surinder Singh Elephant Rehabilitation Centre (ERC) in Ban Santoor, Yamunanagar district. The centre, operated by the Haryana Forest Department in collaboration with Wildlife SOS, houses four female elephants — Chanchal (82), Laxmi-I (62), Lilli (49), and Laxmi-II (41).

Special diets and massages with sesame oil are being provided to protect the elephants from the cold. "Chanchal, the oldest elephant here, requires extra care due to her age and dental issues, which make chewing difficult. She is fed 100 kg of chopped soft grass daily, along with 250 gm desi



Elephants at Chaudhary Surinder Singh Elephant Rehabilitation Centre at Ban Santoor (forest area) in Yamunanagar district.

ghee, 100 gm chyawanprash, 500 gm boiled black grams, 15-20 kg cooked concentrate, 30 kg vegetables and 20 kg fruit," said Lili Ram, Wildlife Inspector, Yamunanagar.

The other three elephants — Laxmi-I, Lilli, and Lax-

mi-II — also receive a carefully curated diet, including 250 kg green fodder, 5 kg fruit, 15 kg vegetables, and 6 kg cooked concentrate per day for each elephant.

Chanchal and Laxmi-I have been residents of the centre since April 2013, Lili

joined in October 2014, and Laxmi-II arrived in 2019. The 50-acre centre, equipped with a natural water pond for mud baths, allows the elephants to roam freely and enjoy a natural habitat.

"Our elephants enjoy

freedom in the jungle all day and are well cared for to ensure their health and comfort," added Lili Ram.

Ashish Batura, coordinator of the Elephant Rescue Centre and Manager at Wildlife SOS, highlighted the centre's mission. "The

CHANCHAL'S DAILY MENU	
■ 100 kg chopped grass	
■ 250 gm desi ghee	
■ 100 gm chyawanprash	
■ 500 gm boiled black grams	
■ 15-20 kg cooked concentrate	
■ 30 kg vegetables	
■ 20 kg fruit	

ABOUT THE CENTRE

- Spread over 50 acres in Ban Santoor, Yamunanagar
- Houses four female elephants — Chanchal, Laxmi-I, Lilli, and Laxmi-II
- Operated by Haryana Forest Department & Wildlife SOS

ERC aims to rehabilitate elephants that are rescued from abuse, illegal custody or poor conditions. We provide high-level veterinary care, enrichment and treatment to restore their health and ensure their welfare," he said.

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Unsold paddy linked to gate passes raises concerns in Karnal

7,500 quintals unaccounted; market committees face scrutiny

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KARNAL, DECEMBER 10 Days after no action was taken on the alleged deletion of gate passes during paddy procurement in various grain markets, another case has surfaced. Gate passes for nearly 7,500 quintals of paddy were issued, but the government portal still lists this paddy as unsold.

Interestingly, over a month after the procurement season ended on November 15, no physical stock of this paddy is available in the grain markets, raising serious concerns about irregularities.

An official of the Haryana State Agricultural Marketing Board (HSAMB) clarified that gate passes are only generated for farmers who physically bring their produce to the market. "No gate pass can be issued without the physical arrival of paddy," the official said.

Data shows the unsold



Labourers unload paddy in Karnal grain market. TRIBUNE FILE

WILL INVESTIGATE

"I have received the report from the Deputy Commissioner of Karnal regarding the deletion of gate passes. It will be probed thoroughly.

Mukesh Ahuja, CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR, HSAMB

paddy is distributed across Taraori (1,200 quintals), Nissing (800 quintals), Karnal (3,000 quintals), Gha-

raunda (400 quintals) and Assandh (1,900 quintals). Sources suggest a thorough investigation could expose

lapses or cases of market tax evasion, as the unsold list includes names and numbers of farmers and arhtiyas. Previously, The Tribune reported deletion of gate passes for 98,000 quintals of paddy across nine grain markets, along with instances where multiple gate passes were issued within seconds—a practice deemed unfeasible by experts.

In Taraori, gate passes were allegedly issued without vehicle arrivals. Experts suspect the involvement of market committee employees and officials in these irregularities.

"Despite the gravity of these findings, authorities have yet to take action. The delay in addressing the issues raises questions," said an official. Market committee secretaries have started issuing notices to arhtiyas for clarification on the unsold paddy. "I have issued notices to arhtiyas for clarification of the unsold paddy. Further action will be taken after their reply," said Sanjiv Sachdeva, secretary, Karnal Market Committee.

Mukesh Ahuja, Chief Administrator of HSAMB, acknowledged the issue. "I have received the report from the Deputy Commissioner of Karnal regarding the deletion of gate passes. It will be probed thoroughly," he stated.

'Drug-free' campaign falters as addiction claims another life

Menace persists despite police initiative, say villagers

DEEPENDER DESWAL
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

HISAR, DECEMBER 10

The death of a youth, identified as Munka, due to suspected drug overdose in Asrawan village two weeks ago has raised questions about the effectiveness of the "drug-free" village initiative launched by the Hisar Range police. The incident follows the death of three youths in Pabra village, also due to suspected overdoses, within the past two months.

Asrawan village was declared drug-free about four months ago under a campaign by the police. However, Asha Ram Manjhu, husband of the village sarpanch, admitted that Munka's death was linked to drug addiction. While he claimed that efforts have significantly reduced drug-related issues, villagers privately acknowledged that addiction continues to affect some youths.

Evidence of drug use, including used syringes and crumpled wrappers, has been found at a secluded spot outside the village, the



FAMILIES DON'T COOPERATE

"Families of addicts often refuse to cooperate due to stigma. They fear their children will face difficulties in getting married if their addiction becomes public. Villager

same area where Munka's body was discovered. "The drug problem persists, but people hesitate to speak openly about it," said a villager, requesting anonymity.

Manjhu denied widespread drug use in the village, stating, "We have formed a committee in cooperation with the police to monitor activities and ensure no narcotics

or banned drugs are sold in the village." He alleged that certain individuals were attempting to tarnish the village's reputation.

In the neighbouring village of Malapur, which was also declared drug-free on October 28, residents admitted that some youths still gather in hidden corners to consume substances such as sulphur and inject chitta. "Families of addicts often refuse to cooperate with the panchayat and police due to societal stigma. They fear their children will face difficulties in getting married if their addiction becomes public," said a villager, emphasising the need for a thorough investigation and sustained efforts to address the issue.

Malapur's sarpanch, Sander Poonia, said, "We are working tirelessly to educate and motivate our youth to avoid addiction, which has ruined several families in the past." The situation underscores the need for more comprehensive and sustained measures to combat the drug menace before declaring any area "drug-free."

Shah sets March 31 deadline for enacting new criminal laws

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 10 Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday directed the Haryana Government to ensure 100% implementation of the three new criminal laws—the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam—by March 31, 2025. These laws came into effect on July 1, 2023.

Shah issued the directive during a review meeting attended by Haryana Chief

Minister Nayab Singh Saini, Chief Secretary and the DGP. He took stock of the implementation status of various provisions related to police, prisons, courts, prosecution and forensics in the state.

Calling the new laws "protectors of civil rights" and foundational to the "ease of justice," Shah emphasised using technology to streamline the justice system. He recommended deploying more than one forensic mobile van in each district and assigning

a DSP/rank officer to monitor Zero FIRs and their translation into other languages.

"The DGP must ensure that all police personnel are sensitised to prioritise timely justice," Shah stressed. He also directed that SPs investigate cases within prescribed timelines and suggested that Saini conduct progress reviews every 15 days, while the Chief Secretary and DGP hold weekly reviews with relevant officials. — TNS

Focus on uplifting experience at religious places, says Shekhawat

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KURUKSHETRA, DECEMBER 10

Union Tourism and Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat today said a shift from monumental tourism to experiential tourism is being observed, and efforts should be made to uplift experience at the religious places. He was addressing the 'sants' and representatives of religious places and 'Tirths' (pilgrimages) who reached here from various states to attend the first-ever Akhil Bhartiya Devasthanam Sammelan, on the occasion of International Gita Mahotsav.

The saints raised the concerns related to the condition of shrines and gave suggestions to the minister during the conference. They also pledged to dedicate the Gita shalokas, to be recited on the occasion of Gita Jayanti, to the Hindus and temples in Bangladesh.

The Union Minister said: "Kurukshetra has immense potential to revive the ancient culture, rituals and thoughts of India. We can connect our people on the basis of faith, but to connect the people of rest of the world we need to present historical and scientifically validated evidences, and Kurukshetra has that potential. After Covid, the public's perspective of seeing the world has changed. There is a shift



Union Tourism and Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat along with saints at the Akhil Bhartiya Devasthanam Sammelan in Kurukshetra on Tuesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

from monumental tourism to experiential tourism. If we don't uplift the experience in our places of faith, we are going to face challenges in future. Sanitation is the first thing to start with and we have to take a pledge to focus on these issues."

Shekhawat said: "The Central Government is continuously making efforts and implementing plans to develop all pilgrimage sites in the country. The 'tirths' have played a critical role in keeping the country united. Probably, this was the first such attempt where 'sants' of major religious places have assembled at one place to discuss

the condition, situation and development of the religious places. The temples and 'tirths' are not just the centre of religion and faith, but they also played a critical role in uniting this country, and also preserving the cultural heritage of this country despite various attacks on our culture, educational institutions and temples."

"The saints have raised their concerns over the young generation going away from temples, and state governments collecting funds from temples. The issue of Bangladesh was also discussed and definitely the Hindus of this country are

distressed and upset. The Central Government is making all efforts. Thousands of people participate in the prayers at all the 'tirths' physically and virtually daily and we should take a pledge to start praying for the welfare and safety of Hindus of Bangladesh", he said.

Shekhawat said: "More such conferences should be organised at regional levels. We should discuss how we can connect our places of faith with the public. Such efforts will connect all pilgrimage sites together through which the future generation will be connected to the culture and traditions."

Hooda: Poor not getting ration on time

CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 10

Former CM Bhopinder Singh Hooda today said neither the BJP government was able to provide ration to the poor on time, nor is it giving commission to depot holders. He said depot holders had not got the commission for the last nine months, putting the livelihood of their families in danger.

"The situation is such that the government has allotted millets for the month of September late at many places. There is even news that the millets for September were distributed till October 12. The government often delays the distribution of mustard oil. Sometimes the poor get the oil with a delay of two or three months," he said.

Hooda said the BJP did a lot of fraud in making BPL ration cards to gain electoral benefits, and the poor were suffering the consequences of this and were not able to get ration on time.

"It is surprising that now after the elections, the government is saying that it will investigate how so many ration cards were made," he pointed out.

The former Chief Minister said earlier the BJP government cut the ration cards of lakhs of needy people in the name of family ID and pushed the poor into food insecurity. — TNS

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Three HSIIDC services notified

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CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 10

The Haryana Government has notified three new services of the Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation (HSIIDC) under the Right to Service Act, 2014, with clearly defined time limits for their delivery.

A two-day deadline has been set for granting permission for de-mortgage. Similarly, Provisional Transfer Letter (PTL) must be issued within 45 days, and a Final Transfer Letter (FTL) within 7 days. A notification to this effect has been issued by the Chief Secretary Dr Vivek Joshi.

For other services, a time frame of 15 days has been prescribed for change of constitution and 40 days for bifurcation of plot.

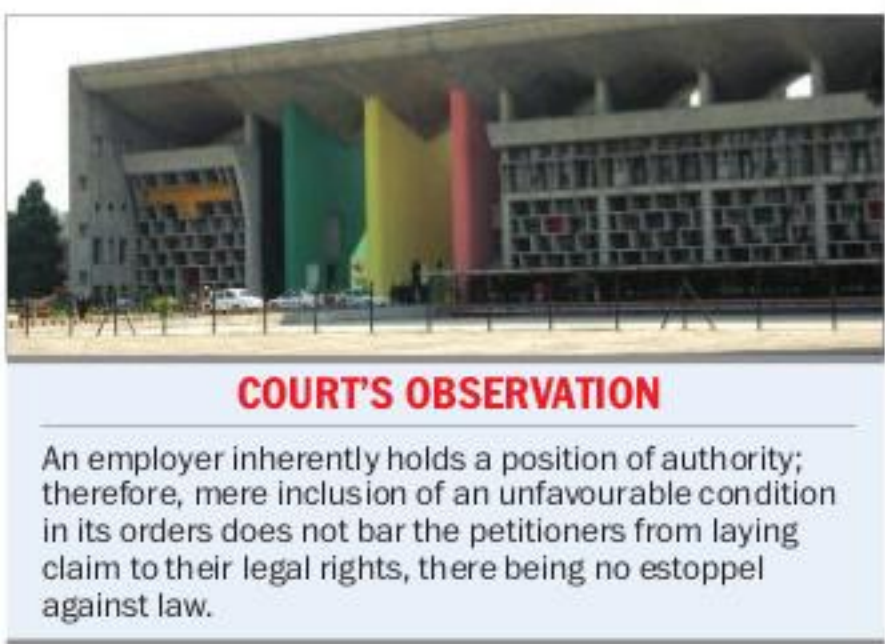
Employers can't deny legal rights via unilateral conditions: HC

SAURABH MALIK
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CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 10

The Punjab and Haryana High Court has asserted that employers cannot evade legal obligations by merely incorporating unfavourable conditions in the orders they pass. Justice Aman Chaudhary also made it clear that an employer, by virtue of its position of authority, was required to adhere to legal mandates and ensure the rights of employees were upheld.

Justice Chaudhary asserted: "An employer inherently holds a position of authority; therefore, mere inclusion of an unfavourable condition in its orders does not bar the petitioners from laying claim to their legal rights, there being no estoppel against law." The ruling came during the hearing of



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a petition where an employee challenged an order perceived to infringe upon his statutory entitlements.

Referring to the duties of a model employer, Justice Chaudhary observed he "exemplifies the pinnacle of excellence in human resource management, fostering a positive and dynamic professional setting, not just prioritising the well-being of its employees but making tracks for organisational success buttressed by an engaged and motivated workforce".

The judgment is significant as it indicates that employees' legal rights remain inviolable, irrespective of contractual or organ-

isational stipulations imposed unilaterally by the employers. Referring to the facts of the case, Justice Chaudhary observed during the course of hearing that the petitioner, who retired on October 31, 2001, was promoted as Additional Inspector-General of Prisons on May 4, 2000, albeit in his own pay scale due to the pendency of a chargesheet, which was later dropped. Subsequently, he was promoted to the post on a regular basis on June 19, 2001. But he was not granted the corresponding pay scale for the intervening period despite evidence supporting his claim, including a letter from the Director-General of Prisons recommending the pay scale effective May 18, 2000.

Justice Chaudhary observed the petitioner served in full capacity as

the Additional Inspector-General of Prisons, shouldering additional responsibilities of the chief probation officer and handling pending court cases.

"It is no longer res integra that an employee, who is assigned to officiate in a role that entails duties and responsibilities of greater magnitude than those of his substantive position, is rightfully entitled to the remuneration associated with the higher grade officiating post by virtue of consistent judicial rulings on the controversy at hand. Ruefully, he was still not compensated at the enhanced rate for performing the duties of the post, despite his case being covered on all fours by judgment passed by the Division Bench of this court," Justice Chaudhary asserted.

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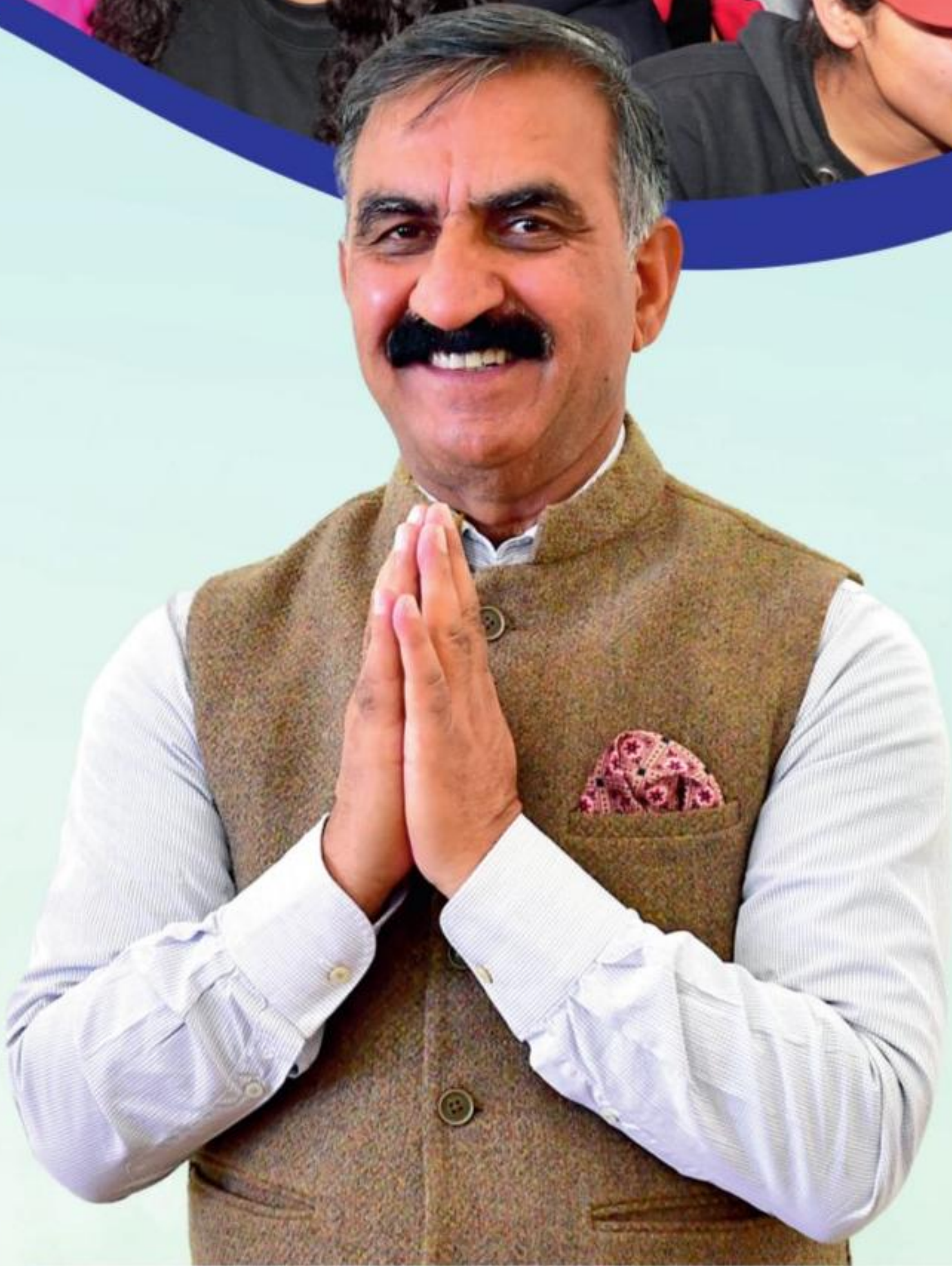
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संवेदनशील हिमाचल सरकार

- विधवा, बेसहारा, तलाकशुदा महिलाओं और दिव्यांग माता-पिता को बच्चों की शिक्षा और पालन-पोषण के लिए वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करने के उद्देश्य से इंदिरा गाँधी सुख शिक्षा योजना शुरू
- 18 वर्ष की आयु से कम आयु के बच्चों के शिक्षा, स्वास्थ्य व पोषण संबंधी खर्च के लिए 1,000 रुपये प्रति माह दिए जा रहे हैं।
- IIT, IIM, Ph D पाठ्यक्रमों और मेडिकल कालेजों में 27 वर्ष आयु तक पढ़ाई का खर्च सरकार वहन करेगी।
- भवन एवं अन्य निर्माण कामगार कल्याण बोर्ड में पंजीकृत पात्र विधवाओं, एकल, निराश्रित और दिव्यांग महिला श्रमिकों को गृह निर्माण के लिए 3 लाख रुपये की सहायता।
- मुख्यमंत्री कन्यादान योजना के तहत 400 बेटियों को 24.20 करोड़ रुपये की वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान ।
- विधवा पुनर्विवाह योजना के अंतर्गत सहायता राशि 65 हजार रुपये से बढ़ाकर 2 लाख रुपये की।
- बाल देखभाल संस्थानों में बच्चों को आवास, शिक्षा, चिकित्सा और परामर्श सेवाएं देने के लिए 59.73 करोड़ रुपये जारी।
- मुख्यमंत्री सुख-आश्रय योजना के अंतर्गत निराश्रित बच्चों के माता एवं पिता का कर्तव्य निभाते हुए 4000 बच्चों को 'चिल्ड्रन ऑफ द स्टेट' के रूप में अपनाकर उनकी शिक्षा, जेब खर्च के साथ-साथ स्टार्ट-अप शुरू करने और घर बनाने के लिए मदद की जा रही है।
- अनाथ बच्चों और बेसहारा वर्गों के लिए कानून बनाने वाला हिमाचल प्रदेश देश का पहला राज्य बना।
- इंदिरा गांधी बालिका सुरक्षा योजना के तहत एक बेटी के बाद परिवार नियोजन अपनाने पर प्रोत्साहन राशि 35,000 रुपये से बढ़ाकर 2,00,000 रुपये तथा दो बेटियों के बाद 25,000 रुपये से बढ़ाकर 1,00,000 रुपये की।
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सरकार गाँव के द्वार

“प्रदेश के दूर-दराज़ इलाकों के लोगों को अपने काम करवाने के लिए ज़िला मुख्यालय या राज्य सचिवालय के चक्कर न काटने पड़े और उनके धन व समय की बचत हो, इस सोच के साथ 'सरकार गाँव के द्वार' कार्यक्रम की शुरुआत की गई है। मैं खुद दुर्गम क्षेत्रों के गांवों में रात्रि विश्राम कर स्थानीय लोगों की समस्याओं को क़रीब से जानने व उनका समाधान करने के प्रयास कर रहा हूँ। मैंने मंत्रिमंडल के अपने सभी सहयोगियों से भी कहा है कि जन समस्याओं का तेजी से समाधान करें ताकि दुर्गम क्षेत्रों के विकास को नया आयाम दिया जा सके।”

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HC shifts ‘custodial death’ probe to Haryana Police

SAURABH MALIK
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 10 The Punjab and Haryana High Court has transferred the investigation into a youngster's alleged custodial death at a Budhlada police station in Mansa district to IPS officer Himadri Kaushik, currently posted as Panchkula Deputy Commissioner of Police.

The direction came after Justice Vinod S Bhardwaj found that the explanation provided by the Punjab Police for 23 injuries found on the victim's body was inadequate.

"This court has noticed the stand of the respondents, but it has nowhere explained the presence of 23 injuries on the deceased and all of them below the abdominal area. The injuries are, thus, on a pattern and not just random injuries in a scuffle or fight," Justice Bhardwaj also rapped the special investigation team (SIT) constituted in the case for not giving reasonable explanation, while

asserting that it appeared to be an eyewash. The direction and the admonition came on a petition filed against the State of Punjab and other respondents by Malkit Singh and another petitioner.

Appearing on their behalf before Justice Bhardwaj's Bench, legal aid counsel Sarthak Gupta sought direction to the respondents to impartially investigate the alleged custodial death of Manpreet Singh, alias Billa, following which an FIR was registered on June 4, 2021, at the City police station in Budhlada under Section 304 of the IPC and the provisions of the SC and ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

Justice Bhardwaj's Bench was told during the course of hearing that Billa, aged 18-19, was allegedly picked up by the police of Mansa district on the night of May 22, 2021. His parents claimed he was mercilessly beaten at the police station, leading to his death under suspicious circumstances the next day.

Farmers to make third attempt at marching towards Delhi on Dec 14

MOHIT KHANNA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PATIALA, DECEMBER 10 The next "Marjeevda Jatha" of 101 farmers would begin its foot march towards Delhi on December 14, said farmer leader Sarwan Singh Pandher while addressing mediapersons at the Shambhu border on Tuesday.

He said the decision to send the "jatha" (group) was taken following a meeting of the Kisan Mazdoor Morcha and the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (Non-Political) at Shambhu.

"We have waited for nearly two days, but no formal invitation has been sent by the government for talks. Even Prime Minister Narendra Modi did not speak a word on the issue during his visit to Haryana on Monday," he added.

Prayers would be held on December 11 for the success of farmers' protest. He also sought support from Punjabi singers, religious preachers for the Kisan Andolan 2.0.

In the morning, farmers carried out a cleanliness drive at the protest site that saw a high-voltage action on December 6 and 8 after paramilitary personnel and the Haryana Police thwarted their attempts to move towards Delhi.

Over 30 farmers were injured in the two attempts as the security personnel lobbed tear gas shells on protesters. Farmer leader Tajveer Singh said a scaffolding was being



Farmer leader Sarwan Singh Pandher (C) addresses mediapersons at the Shambhu border in Patiala on Tuesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: RAJESH SACHAR

PEOPLE URGED TO SKIP DINNER ON DEC 12

- The SKM (Non-Political) and Kisan Mazdoor Morcha on Tuesday appealed to the people of the country to skip dinner on December 12 to express solidarity with both outfits and SKM (Non-Political) convener Jagjit Singh Dallewal
- Dallewal has been observing an indefinite fast at the Khanauri border since November 26
- Farm leader from Haryana Abhimanyu Kohar said people skipping dinner on December 12 should share photographs on social media to show solidarity with farmers' cause

DALLEWALA RESIDENTS OBSERVE FAST

- Residents of Dallewala village in Faridkot district observed a fast in support of farmer leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal on Tuesday; almost all families in the village avoided cooking at their homes
- The peaceful protest by villagers culminated outside a local gurdwara, where residents prayed for the success of their leader's endeavour and for his health and safety
- Apart from Dallewala villagers, office-bearers and workers of the BKU (Ekta-Sidhupur) and Dallewal's kin were also present there

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2.	Restoration of rain damages of LWSS Ramshehar in Tehsil Ramshehar Distt. Solan (HP). (SH:- Improvement of distribution system).	199518/-	3990/-
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5.	Restoration of rain damages of LIS Panjali in Tehsil Ramshehar Distt. Solan (HP) (SH:- Laying, Jointing, testing of HDPE Pipes of 90 mm & 110 mm dia PN-4 PE 80 and, C/o 4 Nos outlets).	199460/-	3989/-
6.	Restoration of rain damages LIS Jaged in Tehsil Ramshehar Distt. Solan (HP) (SH:- Laying, Jointing and testing of HDPE Pipe of 90 & 110 mm dia PN-4 PE 80 and C/o 3 No. outlets).	199972/-	3999/-
7.	Restoration of rain damages to FIS Bhaisi Ramshehar in Tehsil Ramshehar Distt. Solan (HP) (SH:- C/O Pucca field channel from RD 40 To RD 82, RD 130 to RD 175 and RD 230 to RD 260).	198666/-	3973/-
8.	Restoration of rain damages LWSS Audda Diggall in Tehsil Ramshehar Distt. Solan (HP) (SH:- Renovation of pump house cum attendant quarter).	118200/-	2364/-
9.	Restoration of rain damages LWSS Loona Bhakungi in Tehsil Ramshehar Distt. Solan (HP) (SH:- Renovation of pump house cum attendant quarter).	109532/-	2191/-
10.	Restoration and rain damages to FIS Bhaisi in Tehsil Ramshehar Distt. Solan (HP). (SH:- Removal of slips and jungle clearance from RD 0.00 to 490).	120503/-	2410/-
11.	Restoration and rain damages of LWSS Chamdar in Tehsil Ramshehar Distt. Solan (HP). (SH:- Providing and Fixing of Mono Submersible Pumping Machinery 10 HP).	144750/-	2470/-
12.	Restoration of rain damages of Various LWSS Goela Panner in Tehsil Nalagarh Distt. Solan (HP) (SH:- Improvement of distribution system of LWSS Goela Panner).	192759/-	3855/-
13.	Restoration of rain damages of GWSS Pahari Chikni in Tehsil Nalagarh Distt. Solan (HP) (SH:- Improvement of distribution system).	199720/-	3994/-
14.	Restoration of rain damages of Various LWSS Goela Panner in Tehsil Nalagarh Distt. Solan (HP) (SH:- P/LJ New Pipe and Improvement of distribution system of LWSS Goela Panner).	194825/-	3897/-
15.	R/M of various Hand Pump under Jal Shakti Sub Division Ramshehar in Tehsil Ramshehar Distt. Solan (HP) (SH:- Development/Flushing of 7 Nos Hand Pumps).	161000/-	3220/-
16.	Restoration of rain damages of JSV section Nand under JSV Section Ramshehar in Tehsil Ramshehar Distt. Solan (HP) (SH:- Dismantling and relaying of GI Pipe 25 mm and 15 dia in village Thela).	196020/-	3920/-
17.	Restoration of rain damages of LWSS Maloun in Tehsil Ramshehar Distt. Solan (HP) (SH:- Improvement of distribution system of various dai to village Jakhad).	199530/-	3991/-
18.	Restoration of rain damages of LIS Okhoo in Tehsil Ramshehar Distt. Solan (HP). (SH:- Renovation of pump house of LIS Okhoo).	199172/-	3983/-
19.	Restoration of rain damages of LIS Okhoo in Tehsil Ramshehar Distt. Solan (HP). (SH:- Providing and fixing electric accessories).	122450/-	2449/-
20.	Restoration of Various LWSS under JS Section Nand in Tehsil Nalagarh Distt. Solan (HP) (SH:- Welding of rising main/gravity main of various dai in place of leakage portion).	199729/-	3995/-
21.	Restoration of rain damages of LIS Okhoo in Tehsil Ramshehar Distt. Solan (HP) (SH:- Renovation of Pump house).	172505/-	3450/-
Cost of Form: Rs. 250/- (For each)			
Date & Time of Opening: 17.12.2024 at 11:30 a.m. (For each)			

ਪਬਲਿਕ ਨੋਟਿਸ

ਸਾਲ 2012 ਵਿਚ ਲੋਥ ਅਟੈਂਡੈਂਟਾਂ ਦੀ ਭਰਤੀ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਮਾਣਯੋਗ ਸੁਪਰੀਮ ਕੋਰਟ ਵੱਲੋਂ SLP (C) NO 028247/2016 ਅਤੇ ਸਿਵਲ ਅਪੀਲ ਨੰਬਰ 1511-5113 ਆਫ 2021 ਮਿਤੀ 11.09.2024 ਵਿਚ ਹੋਏ ਲਿਟੇਟ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਲੋਥ ਅਟੈਂਡੈਂਟਾਂ ਦੀ ਲਿਖਤੀ ਪ੍ਰੀਖਿਆ ਦੀ ਮਿਹਨਤ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਇਕ ਅਸਾਮੀ ਵਿਦੁੱਧ ਪੰਜ ਬਿਕਾਰਾ ਨੂੰ ਸਕਰੂਟਨੀ ਅਤੇ ਇੰਟਰਵਿਊ ਲਈ ਬੁਲਾਇਆ ਜਾਣਾ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਦਾ ਕਰਾਈਟਰੀਅਮ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਕੂਲ ਸਿੱਖਿਆ ਬੋਰਡ ਦੀ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ <https://www.pseb.ac.in/establishment-branch> 'ਤੇ ਪਾਇਆ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਸਾਲ 2011 ਵਿਚ ਲੋਥ ਅਟੈਂਡੈਂਟਾਂ ਦੀ ਪੋਸਟ ਲਈ ਫਾਰਮ ਨਾਲ ਨੱਥੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਵਿਦਿਅਕ ਯੋਗਤਾ, ਤਜਰਬਾ ਸਰਟੀਫਿਕੇਟ ਅਤੇ ਜਿਸ ਕੋਟਾਗਿਰੀ ਵਿਚ ਅਪਲਾਈ ਕੀਤਾ ਹੈ, ਦੇ ਅਸਲ ਸਰਟੀਫਿਕੇਟਾਂ ਦੀ ਸਕਰੂਟਨੀ ਅਤੇ ਇੰਟਰਵਿਊ ਲਈ ਬੋਰਡ ਦੀ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ <https://www.pseb.ac.in/establishment-branch> 'ਤੇ ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਤੇ ਬੈਚਿਊਲ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਸੂਚੀ ਵਿਚ ਚਲਾ ਮਿਤੀਆਂ (16.12.2024 ਤੋਂ 20.12.2024) ਨੂੰ ਸਵੇਰੇ 10 ਵਜੇ ਮੁੱਖ ਦਫਤਰ, ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਕੂਲ ਸਿੱਖਿਆ ਬੋਰਡ, ਸੈਕਟਰ-62, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ (ਮੁਕਾਦੀ) ਵਿਖੇ ਸਕਰੂਟਨੀ ਅਤੇ ਇੰਟਰਵਿਊ ਲਈ ਸਮੇਤ ਅਸਲ ਸਰਟੀਫਿਕੇਟ ਹਾਜ਼ਰ ਹੋਣਾ ਯਕੀਨੀ ਬਣਾਇਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ।

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ਸਾਰਵਜਨਿਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ

ਸਰਵਸਾਧਾਰਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ:-

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HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Nagrota Bagwan invites short terms offline tenders on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following work through offline tendering process:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (In Rs.)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)
1	A/R & M/O LWSS to Dr. RPGMC Tanda on Tehsil Nagrota Bagwan Distt. Kangra (SH:- Supply and erection of Raw Water Polder pumpset 48kW/64HP with allied accessories)	4,95,040/-	9905/-
2	Source Strengthening of Water Supply Scheme Antraz, Jhiki Kotli, Baloi, Chandroti, Thana Bagran Kawan and adjoining area in Tehsil Nagrota Bagwan Distt. Kangra, (SH:- Providing and installation of Air Conditioners and Stabilizer at new Inspection hut at Nagrota Bagwan)	4,93,000/-	9860/-
3	Source strengthening of WSS Sadarpur, Thanpuri, Rajiana, Kalaid, Ghorab, Bhunehar, Hatwas and its adjoining area in Tehsil Nagrota Bagwan and Source Strengthening of WSS Jandrah & Multi village group of Upperi Kotlian and Sunhi Saroti including adjoining area in Tehsil Nagrota Bagwan and Baroh Distt. Kangra (HP) (SH:- Painting work at new Inspection Hut at Nagrota Bagwan.)	4,61,553/-	9235/-
4	GM/Tycom Project Director NH authority of India regarding upgradation of Four lane in Tehsil Nagrota Bagwan Distt. Kangra (SH:- Providing and laying of Cobble stone near JSV Inspection hut/Nagrota Bagwan)	4,80,241/-	9605/-

Time limit: 3 Months (for each)
Cost of Tender Form (In Rs.): 250/- (for each)

The application for the same may be submitted to this office on or before 12.12.2024 at 10:30 AM.
Last date of issue of tender forms 12.12.2024 up to 3.00 P.M. and opened on next day at 11:30 AM
The tender form can be obtained from the office of the Executive Engineer JSV Division Nagrota Bagwan up to date specified above.

Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti Division, Nagrota Bagwan.

DPR/HP/3796

HC junks petition against Sukhbir's election

Says plea did not disclose any cause of action

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 10 The Punjab and Haryana High Court has dismissed "at the threshold" an election petition challenging Sukhbir Singh Badal's election from "10-Firozpur Parliamentary Constituency" during the 2019 General Elections.

Justice Tribhuvan Dahiya asserted the petition did not disclose any cause of action. It also did not contain "mandatory ingredients of corrupt

practices/material facts, which is fatal to the case".

In the petition filed under the provisions of the Representation of the People Act for declaring void Badal's elections before setting it aside, Kashmir Singh had stated that Sukhbir had failed to disclose details of dependent daughters in Form 26, had omitted expenditure incurred during rallies addressed by

former Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal and had engaged in corrupt practices such as the distribution of liquor to influence voters.

Sukhbir was represented in the matter by advocate Karambir Singh Nalwa, Lalit Sharma and Ashima Attri. Allowing their application for dismissing the election petition at the threshold, Justice Dahiya,

however, observed the allegations were bereft of essential details, such as names, dates, locations, and connections to the respondent or his election agent.

Justice Dahiya said: "Merely because the respondent has daughters would in itself not make them dependent too. It is not a case that a daughter cannot but be dependent on father. Therefore, in the absence of material facts regarding non-furnishing of complete particulars in Form 26, the challenge is unsustainable."

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

SR. NO.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./AUTH.	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/ EMD (APPROX.) in Rupees
1	DHBNV	PROVIDING HIRING OF VEHICLE ON OUTSOURCE BASIS FOR OFFICE OF SDO OP. DIVN. DHBNV AND UNDER GEN. OP. DIVN. DHBNV JND FOR THE YEAR 2024-25 ON THE APPROVED RATES OF NGAM/NIT NO. 01XEN/OP/JND/2024-25	16.12.2024 07.01.2025	3.92 LACS

WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/CORP./AUTH.: www.dhbnv.org.in
NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/E-MAIL: 01681225537 xenajind@dhbnv.org.in

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT:
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GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

SR. No.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./ AUTH.	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT/ EMD (APPROX.) in Rupees
1	UHEVN	REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE IN WARD 09-16 IN MC KALANAUR + 5 WORKS	11.12.2024 23.12.2024	60.93 LACS

WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/CORP./AUTH.: <https://etenders.hry.nic.in>
NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/E-MAIL: 9802401200 secy-kalanaur@ubharyana.gov.in

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT:
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PRDH-13/2025/40/30950/31/4

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No.- 770-W/169/WA-1/FZR-258-2024-25-ADEN-PTK & 259-2024-25-ADEN-JAT acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date 01.01.2025 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to the closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through payment modes available on the IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card, etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker cheques, Deposit receipts, FDR, etc. are not allowed.

Tender Type	Tendering Section	Bidding System
Open	Works	Two Packet System

Date of Uploading Tenders: 09.12.2024
Bid Starting Date: 18.12.2024
Bid Closing Date/Time: 01.01.2025

S. No.	Tender No.	Details of Tender
1.	258-2024-25-ADEN-PTK	Supply, installation, and commissioning of track based Electronic type rail gauge face lubricator 16 nos (16x12x5yrs=960 month) in the section of ADEN/PTK under the jurisdiction of Sr. DEN-II/FZR 5 years
		Advertised Value (Rs.): 2,16,94,877.40 Validity of Offer: 90 Days Period of Completion: 60 Months
2.	259-2024-25-ADEN-JAT	Supply, installation, and commissioning of track-based Electronic type rail gauge face lubricator 68 nos (68x12x5yrs=4080 month) in the section of ADEN/JAT under the jurisdiction of Sr. DEN-II/FZR for 5 years.
		Advertised Value (Rs.): 8,91,26,503.20 Validity of Offer: 90 Days Period of Completion: 60 Months

NOTE: Contractors are advised to check the IREPS website for any corrigendum issued against this tender before submitting the bids.

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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

Tender Reference No. 10/2024

Punjab Water Resources Management Development Corporation, Lining Division No. 8 Bathinda invites online bids for e-Tender on work order basis for Micro Irrigation System of outlet RD 20400-L of Joga Disty of Village Kuttival Khurd Distt. Bathinda.

Closing Date and Time : 23.12.2024, 10:00 A.M.

For details login to : www.eproc.punjab.gov.in

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

Sd/- Divisional Engineer,
PWRMDC Lining Division No. 8, Bathinda.

DPR/Pb/39931

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA CORRIGENDUM

SR. NO.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./ AUTH.	OLD REFERENCE/ NIT NO.	NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/ CORP./AUTH.	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	UHEVN	NIT-454P/AD/11KV SWITCHING S/STN/ 2024/BD NO. B-805 FOR CREATION OF 11KV SWITCHING SUBSTATION OF SUKHOV NAGAR PANNATE ON TURNEY BASIS IN UHEVN, CLOSING DATE 18.12.2024 (UP TO 1500 HRS) OPENING DATE 20.12.2024 (AT 1500 HRS)		www.ubhvn.org.in	01722570431 ocpd@ubhvn.org.in
2	UHEVN	NIT NO 439/BD NO. 780P/AD/2024-2025	EXTENSION OF CLOSING AND OPENING DATE OF BID. DATE OF CLOSING 09.12.2024 DATE OF OPENING PART-1: 11.12.2024	www.ubhvn.org.in	01722570431 ocpd@ubhvn.org.in

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GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA CORRIGENDUM

SR. NO.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./ AUTH.	OLD REFERENCE/ NIT NO.	NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/ CORP./AUTH.	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	UHEVN	922/204-25/HEVP	CONSTRUCTION OF SDO OFFICE BUILDING AND OTHER CIVIL WORK FOR SDO OF SUB DIVN. UHEVN CHORMASTPUR. CLOSING DATE 15.12.2024 OPENING DATE 20.12.2024	https://tenders.hry.nic.in	956683348 xenduldev@ubhvn@gmail.com
2	UHEVN	NIT NO 48/2024	THE RECEIPT AND OPENING OF TENDER ENQUIRY NIT NO. 48/2024 FOR HIRING OF BUILDING FOR PURPOSE FOR COMPLAINT CENTER. MODEL TOWN FOR OFFICE OF SDO (O/P) SUB DIVN. UHEVN, MODEL TOWN, AMBALA CITY - AGAINST NIT NO. 48/2024 IS NOW EXTENDED TO 17.12.2024.	https://tenders.hry.nic.in	01712640151 xanpambalady@ubhvn.org.in

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NORTHERN RAILWAY QUOTATION NOTICE

Dy. Chief Engineer/Construction-I, Northern Railway Chandigarh for and on behalf of President of India invites sealed open quotations on the prescribed forms for the following works, which will be received up to 11:30 hrs. on 16.12.2024 and will be opened soon thereafter in this office. Quotation documents can be obtained from the office of undersigned.

SN	Name of work	Approx. cost/ Earnest Money	Completion period
1	Facilitation of acquisition of land in the State of Punjab in c/w Alal-Himtana Rail Project.	₹ 9,59,100.00 ₹ 19,200.00	06 (Six) Months

No. 2-W/C/CDG/Land Acquisition Facilitation/Alal Himtana 3793/2024

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Govt signs pact to boost green energy, develop infrastructure for e-vehicles

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SHIMLA, DECEMBER 10
The state government today signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with two companies to develop electric vehicles infrastructure across five selected green corridors in the state.
As per the MoU, the companies would establish electric vehicles charging stations, way-side amenities and supermarkets at 41 strategic locations along these corridors within a year. CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said that Jio-BP would develop the Mandi-Jogindernagar-Pathankot and Kirtipur-Manali-Kelang corridors, while EVI Technology would complete the work of Parwanoo-Una-Sansarpur-Ternace-Nurpur and Parwanoo, Shimla-Reckong Peo-Losar corridors within one year. Besides, he said, Electroweb

Charging stations, wayside amenities, supermarkets to come up at 41 locations



CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu and Deputy CM Mukesh Agnihotri were present while signing a memorandum of understanding with two companies in Shimla on Tuesday.

Company would work on developing the Shimla-Hamirpur-Chamba Green Corridors. The CM said that charging facility would be made available for e-vehicles at these 41 locations. "Public amenities such as toilets and restaurants would also be established at

these places and the companies would pay Rs 75 lakh annually as lease money to the state government," the Chief Minister said. "This initiative would play a vital role in reducing carbon emissions and promoting a sustainable environment for future generations," he said, adding that Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC) would gradually replace its fleet of buses with electric vehicles. Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri said the state was planning to procure 350 e-buses. "The establishment of these green corridors would also encourage private vehicle owners to switch to electric vehicles," he said. Director Transport Department DC Negi signed the MoU on behalf of the state government with the representatives of EVI Technology and Jio-BP.

Congrue marked by bribery, fiscal inefficiency: BJP
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, DECEMBER 10
Leader of Opposition Jai Ram Thakur today said every section of society was fed up with the Congress misrule in Himachal, where the party came to power on the basis of false guarantees.
Addressing the Akrosh rally here today, Thakur said when Himachal has virtually been put on sale what is the celebration about. "The government has no money to pay salaries and pensions so why spend crores on celebrations. The properties of the state government are being attached so what can be more shameful," he said. Thakur said the BJP would expose the mismanagement in the two-year Congress rule which has been marked by corruption, poor governance and fiscal mismanagement. "The Congress came to power on the false guarantees," he alleged.

Pvt bus plunges into gorge, three killed

42 passengers on board | Locals help in rescue | Injured rushed to hospital

OUR CORRESPONDENT

KULLU, DECEMBER 10
Three persons, including the driver, were killed and several others were critically injured when a private bus they were travelling in met with a road accident in Kullu district's Anni subdivision on Tuesday.
The bus, carrying 42 passengers, plunged into a gorge on the Shwad-Anni route. The deceased were identified as Keshav Ram (56) of Kothi village in Anni, Gulshan (24) of Katauli village of Anni, and Dinanath of Bauri village in Karsog. The 108 emergency service in-charge of the Kullu and Mandi zone, Ashish Sharma, said three ambulances were rushed to the spot and the injured were



The bus, carrying 42 passengers, slipped into a gorge while it was travelling on the Karsog-Anni route in Kullu. TRIBUNE PHOTO

taken to the Anni Civil Hospital. Around 10 critically wounded passengers were referred to the IGMC, Shimla, and five others were referred to Rampur hospital. Local residents rushed to the spot and began rescue operations by evacuating the victims from the mangled remains of the bus. Many residents also rushed the injured to the hospital in their vehicles.

Kullu Deputy Commissioner Torul S Raveesh said the injured were provided an immediate relief of Rs 5,000 each, while the kin of the deceased were given Rs 25,000 each. Meanwhile, the cause of the accident has not been ascertained.
CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu and Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri have expressed grief over the bus accident. The CM directed the district administration to extend every possible support to the affected families and ensure that the injured receive the necessary medical care. Conveying their condolences, the leaders prayed for the peace of the departed souls and strength to the bereaved family members to bear the loss.

BJP insulting mandate by holding protests: Pratibha

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, DECEMBER 10
State Congress president Pratibha Singh today said the BJP was insulting peoples' mandate by holding protests against the Congress government when it was celebrating its two years in office.
She said that the Congress government had fulfilled five of the 10 guarantees it gave to the people within two years of its term. "The remaining guarantees

will be fulfilled in a phased manner," she said.
She further said the government was doing a good job under the leadership of Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu and Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri. "Tomorrow's rally in Bilaspur will be historic, where the government will present its report card to the people. Besides, some plans for the next three years will also be unveiled at the function," she said.

No enrolment, 27 more schools on verge of closure

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SHIMLA, DECEMBER 10
As many as 27 more primary and upper primary schools will be denotified and shut shortly owing to zero enrolment. Citing zero enrolment in these 27 schools, the Directorate of Elementary Education has sent a proposal to the government to denotify and close these schools with immediate effect for proper utilization of resources.

"We have been informed about zero enrolment in these schools by the concerned deputy directors and we have sent the proposal to denotify these schools to the government," said Ashish Kohli, Director, Elementary Education.

In the last two years, 1,094 schools in primary and upper primary schools have either been closed or merged due to low enrolment. While 17 of these are primary schools, the remaining 10 are upper primary schools. Nine out of 10 middle schools with zero enrolment fall in Shimla district. One school is in Sirmour district. Among the 17 primary schools, four are in Shimla district, three in Kangra district, two each in Hamirpur, Lahaul and Spiti, Una and Solan districts, and one each in Kinnaur and Sirmour districts. "Some of these schools had children of migrant labourers. They have moved to a different place and hence there are no children in these schools now," said Kohli.

1,094 INSTITUTIONS SHUT OR MERGED

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STAFF TO BE SHIFTED

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The Director said that the teaching staff from these schools would be shifted to schools of excellence or the schools having just one teacher. "Around 500 primary and upper primary schools have been identified as schools of excellence across the state. The staff from the denotified or the merged schools is being absorbed in these schools to provide quality education to the students," he said.
The Director said that efforts were being made to provide at least five teachers for primary classes in the schools of excellence. "In these schools, we are providing one teacher for every class. Elsewhere, teachers are teaching multiple classes. Having one teacher for every class will enhance the quality of education," said Kohli.
Apart from having adequate staff, the government will ensure good physical infrastructure in the schools identified as schools of excellence.

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Chief Secretary

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December 10, 2024
Chief General Manager

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Thawing the frost

India, Bangladesh seek common ground

THE meeting between the foreign secretaries of India and Bangladesh in Dhaka on Monday marks a cautious attempt to mend ties strained since the ouster of Sheikh Hasina's government. The political upheaval in Bangladesh and the ensuing asylum provided to Hasina by India cast a shadow over bilateral relations. This shift, compounded by rising tensions over minority harassment and diplomatic incidents, underscores the complexities of managing a relationship deeply rooted in shared history and mutual interests. The discussions in Dhaka focused on contentious issues, such as attacks on minorities, including Hindus, and the arrest of Hindu monk Chinmoy Krishna Das on sedition charges. While New Delhi raised concerns over the safety of minorities, Dhaka argued that these incidents stem from political, not religious, factors. Such narratives reveal the challenges of bridging divergent perspectives, particularly when public sentiment and political optics are involved.

Interim leader Muhammad Yunus' administration has emphasised the need for a pragmatic relationship with India, balancing dignity with cooperation. His call to "Forget transient matters" highlights the urgency to de-escalate tensions and prioritise long-term goals, such as trade and border management. India's insistence on protecting minority rights, coupled with Bangladesh's call for equity, underscores the need for nuanced diplomacy that respects each nation's sensitivities.

India, with its strategic commitment to a stable South Asia, must tread carefully. Overplaying its hand in domestic Bangladeshi politics risks alienating the current regime, potentially eroding trust. Meanwhile, Dhaka must recognise that India's concerns about minority safety and political stability are not merely rhetorical but reflect broader regional stability imperatives. This diplomatic reset is a crucial opportunity. By focusing on shared interests and maintaining open communication, the two neighbours can ensure that their relationship remains resilient amid political turbulence.

New RBI Guv

Inflation-growth balance key task

REVENUE Secretary Sanjay Malhotra's surprise appointment as the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor comes amid worries over a decline in economic growth, a weaker currency and an upturn in inflation. As he embarks on his three-year term, Malhotra has huge expectations to deliver, particularly concerning the monetary policy. Despite the several high points during his six years in office, the second longest for any chief of the central bank, Shaktikanta Das ends his tenure on a sombre note. His parting message about restoring inflation-growth balance being the most important task ahead is acknowledgement of the unfinished agenda. Political overtones have been dominating the clamour for a cut in interest rates, with both the Finance Minister and Commerce Minister flagging high bank interest rates as a growth dampener.

Das leaves behind a legacy marked by steady policy-making and deft crisis management. He steered the economy through the Covid pandemic which prevented any economic activity for well over a year; and also oversaw its recovery, especially in the financial sector. Another achievement was to mend the difficult relationship between North Block and Mint Street that he had inherited from Urjit Patel. The generous out-of-record dividend to the Centre remains a contentious issue, raising concerns about weakening of the RBI's financial strength and independence.

While strengthening the banking system, Das prevented a build-up of risk, asking lenders to avoid all forms of exuberance. The Governor-headed Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) kept the repo rate unchanged at 6.5 per cent for the 11th consecutive time last week. It signalled the RBI's cautious approach amid inflation and slowing growth. A review of the rate cut is likely by the Malhotra-headed MPC in its February meeting. It will be a tough call.

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

LAHORE, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1924

The Kohat Findings-I

IN assessing the value of the findings arrived at by the Government of India in regard to the Kohat tragedy, its origin, the circumstances attending it, and the manner in which it was handled, the first thing to be borne in mind is the nature of the enquiry on which they are based. If ever there was an occurrence, which, by reason of its gravity and of its far-reaching consequences, called for the most thorough and searching enquiry by an independent and impartial body enjoying public confidence in the fullest measure, here was one. Such an enquiry was actually demanded by every responsible newspaper in the country, as well as by the public bodies and public men whose representative character no one could deny. The Legislative Assembly itself, as was to be expected, was greatly agitated over the affair, and it is an open secret that the announcement made in the House that the Viceroy had taken up the matter in right earnest and had decided to depute Mr Bray, the Political Secretary, to confer with the Chief Commissioner as to what should be done in the matter, which was generally regarded as a preliminary to be fuller enquiry, was in part a response to the strong feeling of a large number of hon. members, which could not find expression only on account of shortness of notice. In point of fact, however, not only was not the visit of Mr Bray followed by the expected enquiry, but no enquiry worth the name was held either by himself or by Sir Charles Innes who went to Kohat after he had left, or even by the Chief Commissioner.

OPINION

Syrian crisis and risks for India

India must mobilise friendly Arab states to prevent a destructive dynamic taking hold



SHYAM SARAN
FORMER FOREIGN SECRETARY

ANY political turmoil and violence in the Gulf and West Asia directly and significantly impact India's security interests.

One, the welfare and safety of nine million Indians living and working in this swathe of territory on our western flank are a huge preoccupation.

Two, this region is critical to India's energy security as it supplies a significant part of our oil and gas requirements.

Three, of late, the Gulf countries have become major economic and commercial partners, with rising trade and investment flows.

And, four, India has become much more deeply engaged with Israel, which is now a significant defence and technology partner and this adds a complex dimension to our West Asia policy.

Both on Syria and Iran, Indian interests may be at odds with Israel. India has maintained a friendly relationship with the Assad (both Hafez and Bashar) regime in Damascus over the past six decades. Iran is the most proximate power to India in the Gulf region and lies on the western flank of Pakistan, a perennial adversary. It impinges directly on India's maritime security. It provides access to Central Asia through the Chabahar port and the "northern corridor" of rail and roads connecting Afghanistan and beyond. The longstanding and deep civilisational ties which bind India and Iran are important in themselves.

If, encouraged by the serious weakening of Iran by the decimation of Hezbollah in southern Lebanon and now the fall of Assad in Syria, Israel and the US launch



A LESSON: Succumbing to sectarian impulses can unravel nations, even those that embrace diversity. PTI

an attack to cripple Iran's nuclear and oil facilities, as some are loudly advocating both in Tel Aviv and Washington, the entire western flank of India is likely to go up in flames. All vital interests of India listed above will be damaged severely and over the long term.

The Arab states are also deeply worried about the risks of such a war. They may have been wary of Iran, but not to the extent of risking a regional war. On this critical issue, their interests should be closely aligned with India's. Should India be prepared to confront Israel and the US to safeguard its interests? Should it mobilise friendly Arab states to prevent a destructive and dangerous dynamic taking hold? It should.

The events in Syria leave several questions unanswered. Assad would have known that the fall of Aleppo would leave Damascus dangerously exposed. This was probably the most fiercely fought-over city when Assad began to regain the territory lost in the initial phase of the civil war post 2012. And yet, Aleppo fell to the Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) militant group, led by Mohammad al-Jolani, after half-hearted resistance from the Syrian military.

It is an irony of history that the only two secular and plural countries in the West Asian region — Iraq and Syria — were destabilised and subverted by the US and its allies.

From Aleppo to Damascus, there were virtually no Syrian military forces to deter the advancing rebel army, which literally walked into Damascus unopposed. There was time for Assad and his family to take a flight out to Russia, while his Prime Minister stayed behind to announce that he would stay in office to help with the "transition" of power.

Jolani announced that there would not be any reprisals against those who had worked in Assad's government and that only the

intelligence agencies which had oppressed and tortured Syrian people would be brought to justice. These are reassuring words.

The Iranians evacuated from Damascus in advance of the advancing rebels, making no attempt to fight along with Syrian soldiers. The Russians, too, kept a low profile and were assured that their naval base in Tartus on the Mediterranean coast and military facilities and personnel in the Latakia province would not be targeted.

There is no word about the 900 US military personnel who are based in the area controlled by the Syrian Kurds, who have maintained an autonomous swathe of territory, supported by the US.

Turkey controls the adjacent area as a buffer and has reportedly backed the HTS and associated militant groups in carrying out the operations against the Assad regime.

The HTS is proscribed as a terrorist organisation and the US has a bounty of \$10 million on head of its leader Jolani. Will that be pursued or quietly dropped? Was this a deal put together behind the scenes by the key stakeholders, including the US, Russia, Turkey and, perhaps, even Iran? With

Hezbollah neutralised, the Iranians would have been reluctant to enter the fray themselves. The Turks may have seen a chance to expand their presence and influence in Syria not only to begin the repatriation of the large Syrian refugee population in Turkey, but also, most importantly, to keep a check on the activities of the Kurds who are considered a major security threat to Turkey.

This would suggest that the likelihood of Syria emerging as an independent, sovereign state with control over all the territories within its formal borders is minimal. It will continue to be the playground of proxies that it has been for several decades now, though the nature of play may be different.

The HTS has criticised Iran, declaring that Syria would no longer be a playground for Iranian ambitions. But there have also been video clips of HTS fighters declaring their intent to advance into Gaza and to occupy Jerusalem. If the HTS leadership reverts to a pro-Palestinian and anti-Israel posture, Israel would not hesitate to use coercive military measures against it. Israel has already carried out air raids against suspected missile and chemical weapon storage sites within Syria.

It is an irony of history that the only two secular and plural countries in the West Asian region — Iraq and Syria — were destabilised and subverted by the US and its allies. They proved to be an anachronism in the western strategy of sowing sectarian divisions and creating a so-called "Sunni crescent" to isolate Shia Iran after the Islamic revolution there in 1980. They may have been ruled by autocratic leaders, but their societies accommodated diverse ethnic and religious communities. A plural India shared a sense of affinity with them.

One should learn a lesson from our western neighbourhood. Succumbing to sectarian impulses can unravel nations, even those that have long histories of embracing diversity.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

I think I would abolish schools which systematically inculcate sectarian beliefs. — Richard Dawkins

A tale of the hand & grenade firing

COL RS NARULA (RETD)

THE days at the Indian Military Academy (IMA), Dehradun, are memories of a lifetime. Any biography of a renowned army man includes a stint of his academy days. The training settles the diversified culture at a common grid. Various incidents of serious nature occur, which appear humorous later while recalling them, forming a memory to be cherished.

One such incident took place in 1987 during our class on weapon training on the 'launching of a hand grenade'. The training *ustaad* (instructor) explained the same on a blackboard kept on the easel with a diagram showing the parts of a grenade. We listened to the instructions quietly, sitting on a semi-circular concrete bench under a banyan tree.

After the theory class, he took us to the grenade firing range and demonstrated the process. He held a dummy grenade in his right hand, with its lever facing the palm (so that it does not get released even accidentally), removed the clip with his left hand, threw it across a protective wall and ducked down in the trench, making sure not to rise till the grenade explosion was heard, whose sound he made with his mouth.

He made each one of us practice it similarly. Everyone came inside the trench turn-wise with a dummy grenade and performed as directed. We were then asked to remember the procedure in our minds so as to drill the process inside us.

And then D-Day arrived for actual live grenade firing. The first cadet hopped inside the trench and performed as practised. After taking out the pin from the grenade with his left hand and throwing it behind the protective wall with the right hand, he ducked down, waiting to hear the sound of its explosion, and handed over the clip to the *ustaad*. After hearing the explosion, he exited the trench, full of excitement of bursting the first grenade of his life. The next waiting Gentleman Cadet (GC) then entered the trench. Likewise, everyone followed.

Finally, Prasad (name changed) came for his debut live grenade launch. He was a left-hander and could understand Hindi with great difficulty, but after watching those before him, the drill was refreshed in his mind by the visual mode of learning.

He came with the grenade in his left hand, took out the pin with his right hand and then, instead of the grenade, he threw the pin behind the protective wall and handed over the grenade to the *ustaad*, while bending down and ducking his head between his knees to hear the blast.

"*Arrey yeh kya kar rahe ho, GC*," shouted the *ustaad* and with a good reflex action, he threw away the grenade handed over to him by Prasad behind the wall and ducked down, joining him. The grenade blasted after three seconds.

Thank God, such *ustaaads* with mettle and presence of mind are posted in the IMA!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Uncertainty in West Asia

Apropos of 'Assad's fall', the manner in which Islamic rebels conquered Damascus and forced President Bashar al-Assad to flee the country could mark the start of an era of uncertainty for West Asia. Iran has suffered a significant setback with the seizure of Syria by rebel forces. Although India's economic ties with Syria have not grown significantly, both countries have joined forces in the battle against terror. Not only that, but Bashar al-Assad has always supported India about Kashmir. It remains to be seen what kind and how much Syria's posture will alter considering the new circumstances.

ABHIJIT ROY, JAMSHEDPUR

World must help Syria

With reference to 'Assad's fall', with the downfall of Bashar al-Assad, the family's grip on Syria, a legacy which spanned more than five decades, has ended. Corruption, poverty and inequality under Assad's rule alienated a large population. Not only this, economic mismanagement, along with severe drought in the late 2000s, devastated rural livelihoods, fuelling discontent. The fall of the Assad regime will have far-reaching consequences for Syria as well as West Asia. Decades of conflict have left Syria with a shattered economy and the international community must make efforts to help Syrian people to prevent further suffering.

SATISH SHARMA MAJRA, KAITHAL

High stakes for India

Refer to 'Stakes are the highest for Israel'; the fall of Assad's rule will lead to competition for power in Syria and the region. But Iran and Russia have both suffered a major blow with the loss of one of their key allies. Even though Israel is happy with the fall of the Assad regime, it will have to worry if Syria falls in the hands of the extremist groups. For India, there is lingering attachment to the Assad dynasty that had backed India in its dispute with Pakistan for decades. India, whose stakes in the region are growing by the day, has no time to waste on sentimentalism; it must think of the post-Assad West Asia regime in strategic terms.

LJ SINGH, BY MAIL

An example of public morality

Refer to 'Gifted lot'; Lok Sabha MP Sudama Prasad has, indeed, led by example. He established high moral standards by returning the gold and silver gifts he received during the tour of the committee. The guidelines for public enterprises debar them from giving expensive gifts as the extravaganza, ultimately, falls on the government exchequer itself. The MP rightly remarked that when the railway passengers were made to travel without dignity, the luxurious treatment to the committee members in terms of costly gifts and lavish venues for meetings and accommodation was uncalled for. Even as the Minister of Railways has ordered an inquiry into the incident, the precedent set by Prasad also serves the purpose.

KR BHARTI, SHIMLA

Reject superficial rituals

Refer to 'Gifted lot'; the practice of presenting token gifts such as bouquets or shawls to politicians during their visits is a glaring misuse of resources. While intended as gestures of respect, these items are short-lived and, ultimately, meaningless in impact. In a country grappling with poverty and inadequate healthcare, such expenditures are unjustifiable. Imagine the collective potential of redirecting these funds towards meaningful causes, like planting trees, aiding education or supporting charities. It's time for leaders and organisers to reject these superficial rituals and embrace impactful alternatives. Let respect be shown through actions that leave a legacy, not through fleeting displays of excess.

BALBIR SINGH KAKKAR, JALANDHAR

Leaders must take action

Apropos of 'Why Punjab has fallen deeper into the abyss'; the author has rightly called upon the state and Central leaderships to "take cognisance of the precarious situation and chart a plan". But sadly, the onupmanship and political slugfest between the two is taking its toll, ceding space to elements inimical to peace, harmony, progress and integrity in the state.

LALIT BHARADWAJ, PANCHKULA

TEMPERATURE IN °C

Amid protests, 3-member ministerial panel formed to examine quota policy

OUR CORRESPONDENT

SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 10 Giving in to the demand of protesters, the Jammu and Kashmir Government on Tuesday constituted a three-member ministerial committee to examine the new reservation policy that was implemented in the UT.

An order issued by the Jammu and Kashmir General Administration Department granted sanction to the constitution of the sub-committee, which will examine the grievances of a section of aspirants in consultation with other stakeholders.

The government order named three cabinet ministers — Sakina Itoo, Javed Rana and Satish Sharma — as the members of the panel. “The committee shall be serviced by the Social Welfare Department and shall submit its report to the Council of Ministers,” the order said.



Medical students during a protest against the reduction of open merit seats in Srinagar. FILE PHOTO

Last month, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah had announced that the Cabinet had decided to form a sub-committee to engage with all stakeholders on the issue.

Earlier this year, the Union Territory Administration,

under Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha, introduced a 10 per cent reservation for the Pahari community, raising the total reserved seats for various categories to 60 per cent, leaving only 40 per cent of seats for candidates from

the General category.

For months now, there is a growing demand by aspirants for the review of the new policy. They say the reservation policy was disastrous for the youth of Jammu and Kashmir, who come in

the General category.

On Monday, medical students from Srinagar's Government Medical College (GMC) had also staged a protest against the reduction of open merit seats. On Tuesday, medical students from Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences, located in the Bemina area, also held protests for the same cause.

The recent changes to the Jammu and Kashmir reservation policy have been challenged in the Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court too.

Last week, a division Bench of the High Court scheduled a hearing on the matter for December 27, saying, “Any appointment made under the pursuant SO under challenge shall be subject to the outcome of the petition.”

Another petition related to the matter is also set to be heard by the court on December 27.

Will move impeachment motion against Allahabad HC judge: MP

OUR CORRESPONDENT

SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 10 Senior National Conference leader Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi said on Tuesday that he will move an impeachment motion in the Parliament for the removal of Justice Shekhar Kumar Yadav, a sitting Judge of the Allahabad High Court.

The Supreme Court on Tuesday called for details regarding the conduct of Justice Shekhar Kumar Yadav of the Allahabad High Court over his speech at a Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) event in which he allegedly endorsed the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) and made certain controversial remarks against Muslims.

Srinagar MP Mehdi wrote on X that he needed signatures of 100 members to move the motion and more than seven members have signed it. Mehdi said he has also talked to members of the Congress, Samajwadi

Justice Yadav allegedly made remarks against Muslims at VHP event



Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi

Party, Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam and All India Trinamool Congress. “They assured me that they will sign and support the motion after consultation with their respective party leaderships,” he said.

“I am hopeful that they will support this motion because these are the parties who believe in the idea of India and its principles and values,” he said.

Copy of the motion posted by the MP on X said, “This

House resolves to present an address to the President of India for the removal of Justice Shekhar Kumar Yadav, a sitting Judge of the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Allahabad, from office on the charge of proved misbehaviour.”

“The statements and actions of Justice Shekhar Kumar Yadav, as documented in video evidence and as reported by news organisations, constitute a violation of the foundational principles of judicial conduct and constitutional mandate.”

The MP has mentioned the statements made by Justice Yadav. In a purported video of his speech widely circulated on social media, Justice Yadav can be seen saying that the law should work according to the majority. Justice Yadav had reportedly said that the main aim of the UCC was to promote social harmony, gender equality and secularism.

FIR registered over manhandling of Kashmiri vendor at Haryana craft fair

KURUKSHETRA, DECEMBER 10 A Kashmiri vendor was allegedly manhandled by a group of men during the ongoing International Gita Festival here, prompting the police to register an FIR in the matter, officials said on Tuesday.

The incident took place on Saturday when the vendor from Srinagar was allegedly manhandled by a group of men who were holding saffron flags and walking past various stalls, they said.

Several craftspeople drawn from around the country have put up their stalls at the Craft Mela of International Gita Jayanti Mahotsav-2024 which have been allotted by the authorities here.

The Craft Mela is being organised on the periphery of holy Brahmavar here.

The incident went viral on social media, in which it can be seen how a group of men holding saffron flags and chanting slogans enter the stall and one of them manhandles the vendor and others start throwing the items away.

A few locals came to the rescue of the stall owner immediately to help him arrange the items and to condemn the act.

The police on Tuesday said an FIR under relevant provisions of the law including rioting and criminal intimidation has been registered in connection with the incident.

In his police complaint, the

vendor said, “On Saturday, a group of 30 to 40 men came and started shouting slogans and called me a Bangladeshi.”

“They started shouting slogans to remove shops of Muslims, while throwing our items. They also thrashed me with sticks...they also made announcements not to buy products from Muslims,” the vendor alleged.

Kurukshetra SHO Dinesh Singh on Tuesday said that an investigation into the matter is going on and police will go through the CCTV footage of the area. He said that of the total of over 600 stalls the security has been enhanced at over 50 stalls of the vendors from minority communities to avoid any such happening again. — PTI

At -5.4°C, Srinagar records season's coldest night

SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 10 Intense cold conditions prevailed in parts of the Kashmir Valley as the minimum temperature plummeted several degrees below the freezing point, officials said on Tuesday.

Srinagar and many other places recorded the lowest minimum temperatures of the season so far owing to clear skies, the officials said. The night temperature was 2.7 to 5.7 degrees down from the normal for this time of the season, they said. The officials said Srinagar city recorded a minimum temperature of -5.4°C, down from the previous night's -3.3°C.

Monday night was the coldest night of the season so far in the city and the night temperature was 4.8 degrees down from the normal, they said. The water supply pipes froze due to



Farmers work in a field in Dal Lake, Srinagar, on Tuesday morning. PTI

the intense cold in few areas of the Valley, the officials said.

The night temperature at the famous ski resort of Gulmarg, in north Kashmir, settled at a low of -9.0°C, dropping to the

lowest this season, the officials said, adding the resort was the coldest weather station in Kashmir last night.

Pahalgam, which serves as base camp for the annual

Amamath Yatra, recorded a low of -8.4°C, they said. Qazigund, the gateway town to Kashmir, recorded a low of minus 6.4 degrees Celsius, while Kupwara in north Kashmir regis-

tered the minimum of -4.5°C, and Kokernag in south Kashmir -4°C.

While the higher reaches of Kashmir experienced snowfall on the intervening night of Sunday and Monday, there has been no snowfall in the plains of the Valley.

The dry spell in the plains has resulted in increase in ailments like cough and common cold, the officials said.

The weather office has forecast mainly dry weather in Kashmir till December 18, with a possibility of light snowfall in isolated places in the higher reaches of the valley on December 12.

While Kashmir is undergoing cold wave-like conditions, the valley is bracing for the 40-day harshest winter period which will begin on December 21. — PTI

GOC reviews security in Kishtwar region

JAMMU, DECEMBER 10 Senior Army officials on Tuesday reviewed security situation in the Kishtwar region of Jammu area following allegations that some locals were beaten by troops inside a camp here, officials said.

The situation in the higher reaches of Kishtwar was also reviewed at the meeting chaired by Nagrota-based Lieutenant General Navin Sachdeva, who heads strategic XVI corps of the Army.

Since last year, the south of Pir Panjal comprising areas including Doda, Poonch, Rajouri, and Kishtwar has seen a surge in ter-

ror activities.

Lieutenant General Sachdeva visited hinterland areas in Kishtwar district and lauded troops' vigilance and dedication in guarding the region.

The White Knight Corps posted on X: “GOC White Knight Corps accompanied by GOC Cif Delta visited Kijai in Kishtwar sector to review the prevalent security situation and operational preparedness.”

GOC commended the troops for their steadfast commitment and emphasised the importance of maintaining the highest standards of professionalism in all operations. — PTI

Blaze at Srinagar MLA hostel



Firefighters douse a fire that broke out at the four-storey MLA hostel building near the MA Road area in Srinagar on Tuesday. PTI

FROM PAGE 1

Chandigarh-born Dhillon, a farm agitation votary...

FROM PAGE 1 In a social media post, Trump wrote: “I am pleased to nominate Hameet K Dhillon as Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights at the US Department of Justice.”

Dhillon is the first Sikh to be nominated by Trump and the third of Indian descent — after Vivek Ramaswamy and Kashyap ‘Kash’ Patel — who will join the new team when it takes over on January 20 next year. Her father Tejpal Dhillon, a doctor at the Post-Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGI), Chandigarh, migrated to the US when she was a child in the early 1970s.

Dhillon uses her Punjabi

identity on the social media — her handle on X is ‘@pnjaban’. In July, she had recited ‘ardas’ (a Sikh prayer) at the Republican National Convention, where Trump was in attendance.

Dhillon, an attorney, has made headlines for her legal battles against big tech companies, her defence of religious freedom during the COVID-19 pandemic, and her challenges to corporate policies she deems discriminatory, Trump added. She has represented clients in election and campaign law matters, including compliance, ballot description contests, and intellectual property disputes related to campaign communications.

Partisan: Oppn gives notice for no-trust..

said after the Congress-led INDIA bloc parties piloted the move. Signed by 60 opposition MPs of the Rajya Sabha, the notice complete with a resolution mentioning the rationale for moving it was submitted to RS Secretary-General PC Mody today. The signatories included MPs from the Congress, TMC, AAP, RJD, Samajwadi Party, DMK and the Left. Congress president and Leader of Opposition in the RS Mallikarjun Kharge and senior Congress leader Sonia Gandhi did not sign.

The notice moved under Article 67(b) of the Constitution requires signatures of at least 50 MPs. “Vice-President may be removed from his office by a resolution of the Council of States (Rajya Sabha) passed by a majority of all the then members of the Council and agreed to by the House of the People; but no

resolution for the purpose of this clause shall be moved unless at least 14 days' notice has been given of the intention to move the resolution,” the Article says. The resolution of the Opposition will be considered by Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh, with sections of the Opposition admitting to possibilities of rejection on technical grounds.

“The motion requires a 14-day notice. The current winter session has eight sittings left. The motion can be rejected on technical grounds unless the Deputy Chairman counts sittings of this and the next session,” a Congress leader said. Additionally, the Opposition does not have the numbers to carry the motion but it said the move was made in the interests of parliamentary democracy.

The resolution states that the conduct of the RS Chairman on December 9, 2024,

was particularly one-sided and unfair and that he “encouraged and provoked Treasury Benches to make outrageous remarks”.

On Monday, Dhankhar had, without prior notice by the BJP, allowed its MPs, including House leader JP Nadda, to accuse veteran Congress leader (Sonia Gandhi) who was not named of conspiring with Hungarian-American business George Soros to “destabilize” India.

The Opposition in its resolution against the VP also alleged that the term of Dhankhar had been rife with instances where he acted in a manner that was explicitly partisan and unfair towards members of the Opposition. The signatories said the VP had once described himself as “Eklavya of the RSS and such remarks were unbecoming of the non-partisan nature of his position”.

Lalu wants Didi to lead..

Sarkar alleging that Mamata's recent actions had only helped in favouring the BJP and derailing opposition unity.

J&K CM Omar Abdullah had said on December 9 that Mamata could claim the INDIA bloc leadership, and that there would be a discussion. Last week, Nationalist Congress Party (SCP) chief Sharad Pawar had acknowledged Mamata's leadership

potential, emphasising her prominence as a national leader and the competence of her party's representatives in Parliament.

“Yes, certainly (she is capable of leading the alliance). She is a prominent leader of this nation. She has that capability. The elected leaders she sent to Parliament are responsible, dutiful and well aware,” said Pawar.

Once a go-to spot, Ferozepur's..

Ironically, many owners have switched over to selling mobile phones or stationery items to earn a living.

Prem Book Depot, which was managed by Jagdish Arora, first shifted from the main bazaar to the outskirts due to declining business. But it couldn't stay afloat and was finally closed down. Deepak Bhagat (75), propri-

etor of Nutan Dass & Co, which was set up in 1943, said he had to close the shop as the habit of reading was dying and not many people were interested in books anymore. “We used to supply books to British army officers and other residents of the cantonment area,” said Deepak, who is now running a stationery shop to make a living.

After HC rap, preacher Dhadrianwale booked for 2012 sexual assault, murder

not only sought legal action against Dhadrianwale for the alleged rape and murder of his sister, but also demanded protection for himself.

The FIR — *The Tribune* has a copy — mentioned that the woman was allegedly poisoned to death by the preacher on April 22, 2012. “Poison was detected in post-mortem too. We filed a number of complaints, including those on June 11, 2012, and September 8, 2023, but no action was taken,” read the FIR.

The complainant alleged that the “preacher raped and murdered his sister and when his family protested, their house was demolished”. “He (Dhadrianwale) threatened us not to raise our voice again, else he will get all our family members killed. We have been living under constant

threat for long and waiting for justice. This is yet another representation seeking protection for my life and liberty and to take legal action against the culprit so that my deceased sister and our family can get justice,” the woman's brother alleged.

On December 3, less than a fortnight after the Punjab Police was rapped for “novel and extra-legal method” of conducting an inquiry without registering an FIR, the High Court asserted that the case revealed a grim reality.

Chief Justice Sheel Nagu had asked the Punjab DGP to explain “whether the tendency of conducting a preliminary inquiry to assess the veracity of allegations in the ‘first information’ had been stopped”. The Chief Justice also asked the

DGP to elaborate upon the action taken against “erring police officers”. The directions came on a petition seeking the registration of a murder case against Dhadrianwale. Sources said the police had also initiated legal proceedings against the then SHO and the DSP (who has retired).

Reacting to the developments, Dhadrianwale said the “case was very old and pertained to suicide, with nothing being found even during post-mortem”. “The autopsy was conducted after the suicide incident near our (dera) gate. I am innocent and have full faith in the High Court and the Punjab Police. I will join the investigation, no matter which probe agency calls me,” the preacher said.



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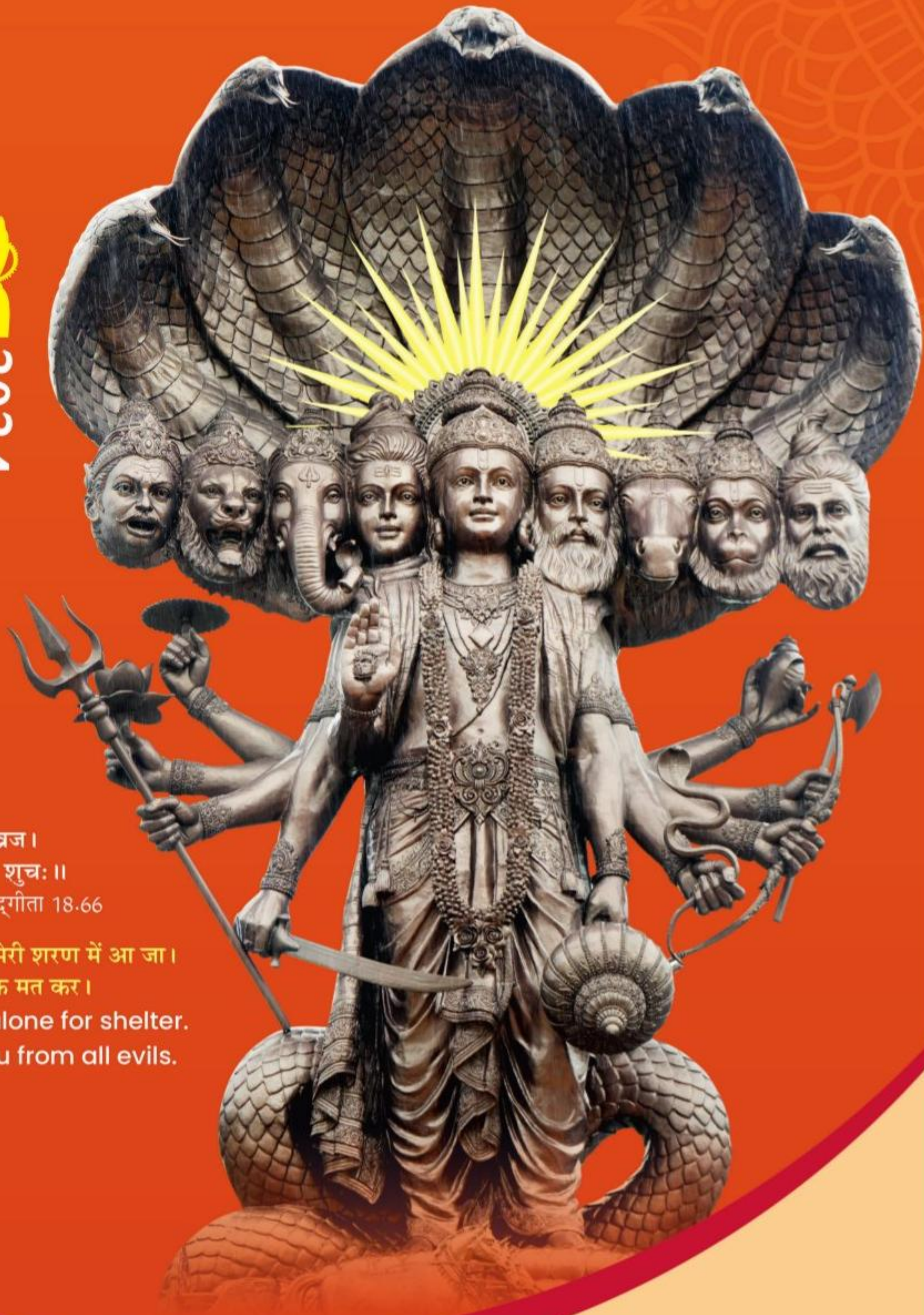
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अहं त्वा सर्वपापेभ्यो मोक्षयिष्यामि मा शुचः ॥
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सम्पूर्ण कर्तव्य कर्मों का आश्रय छोड़कर तू केवल मेरी शरण में आ जा ।
मैं तुझे सभी पापों से मुक्त कर दूंगा, शोक मत कर ।
Abandoning all duties, come to Me alone for shelter.
Be not grieved, for I shall release you from all evils.



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11:00 am	Purushottampura Baag, Kurukshetra	Cultural Programmes in Odisha Pavilion
02:00 pm	Srimad Bhagavadgita Sadan, Kurukshetra University	48 Kos Tirtha Sammelan
03:00 pm	In front of the Kurukshetra Development Board Office	Departure of Gita Shobha Yatra
03:00 pm to 04:30 pm	Senate Hall, Kurukshetra	The Resonance of Dialogue: Panchjanya 'Haryana's Transformation' Deepotsav
05:30 pm	Brahma Sarovar, Sannihit Sarovar & Jyotisar	
05:30 pm	48 Kos Kurukshetra region	Deepotsav at Tirthas
06:00 pm	Purushottampura Baag, Brahma Sarovar	Gita Maha Aarti and Deep Daan



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1200 gaz factory for sale, 5000 sqft, 20 ft high shed on Panchkula - Saha Highway. Contact: 86890-89297. (CL24082694)

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PUBLIC NOTICES

I, Tilak Raj son of Kadu Ram, resident of C-702, Sushma Chandigarh Grande, Ambala Chandigarh Highway Zirakpur, Punjab 140703 has changed my name from Tilak Raj Roach to Tilak Raj. (CL24082748)

I, Harpreet s/o Amar Nath, Village Dhillwan, P.O. Dakoha, Jalandhar, have changed my name to Harpreet Duggal. (CL24082747)

We, Prem Singh Son of Gurbachan Singh & Paramjit Kaur Wife of Prem Singh Residence of SCF 58, Govind Vihar, Baltana Zirakpur, Mohali (Pb), declare that our son Malkit Singh & his wife Simranjeet Kaur are out of our control, we debar them from all our moveable/immoveable property. Anybody dealing with them do so at his own risk. (CL24082758)

I, Anwar S/o Mohd Sultan resident of H. No. 117/13, Subhash Nagar, Rohtak, Haryana 124001, have changed my name to Sajad Anwar. (CL24082797)

I, Shadab S/o Sajad Anwar resident of H. No. 117, W. No. 13, Subhash Nagar, Rohtak- 124001 (Haryana), have changed my name to Shadab Anwar. (CL24082798)

I, Naresh S/o Pala Ram R/o Mor Pati, Narwana, Distt. Jind have changed my minor son name Parvesh Kumar to Parvesh Mor. (CL24082741)

I, Seema Ahuja w/o Tarsem Kumar r/o # 89, Mohalla Anronian Street, Patiala, have changed my name to Seema. (CL24082725)

COURT NOTICES

In the Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh
CM-18190-CWP-2024 IN/AND
CWP-3596 of 2022
Date of hearing: 29.01.2025
Parvinder Singh and Ors
...Petitioner(s)
Vs/
PSPCL and Ors
...Respondents(s)

Notice of Motion
4. Ravipal Singh s/o not known, resident of H.No: 2040-41, Sector 125, Sunny Enclave, Near Bajwa Store, Bhagat Singh Market, Kharar, Tehsil Kharar, District SAS Nagar (Mohali).

Whereas it has been proved to satisfaction of this Court that the above named respondents cannot be served under 5 Rule 20 of CPC in an ordinary manner so notice is hereby issued against them to appear in this Court on 29.01.2025 (Actual), personally or through some one authorized by law failing which it will be heard and decided in their absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court this 28th day of November 2024.

For Superintendent (Writs) for Assistant Registrar (Writs)
CL24082703

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)
In the Court of Ms. Gitanjali Goel
Addl. Civil Judge (Sr. Division), Naraingarh
CNR No. HRAMAO-000783-2024
Case No. GW/18/2024
Next Date: 15.01.2025

Suman aged about 29 years widow of Dalvir Singh r/o Vill. Manakpur, Thakur Dass, Pinjore, Distt. Panchkula

Vs.
General Public
(Petition U/S 8 of Hindu Minority and Guardianship Act for permission to sell the share of minor namely Manvi 9 years old d/o Late Dalvir Singh to the extent of her share measuring 1 kanal 16 marla i.e. 3/35 share from the land bearing Khewat/Khatoni 77/97 Kharsa No. 11/1, 2, 9/1, 9/2, 9/3, 9/4, 9/5, 10, 12/1, 12/2, 12/3, 12/4, 12/5, 12/6, 12/7, 12/8, 12/9 Kite 17, Area 21 kanal and land measuring 4 marla situated in Village Chhota Garh, H.B. No. 69, Teh. Naraingarh, Ambala as per Jamabandi of Year 2021-2022 and Mutation No. 584.
Publication issued to: General Public, India

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 15.01.2025 at 10.00 a.m.

For details logon to https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=ambala
Dated, this day of 09.12.2024.

Sd/- Addl. Civil Judge (Senior Divn), Naraingarh
CL24082708

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)
In the Court of Ms. Papneet
Civil Judge (Jr. Division), Balachaur
EXE/209/2024
Harjinder Pal
Vs.
Balwinder Kaur
CNR No. PBSBAO-000322-2024
Next Date: 02.01.2025

Publication issued to: Balwinder Kaur
Spouse: Bakshi Ram
R/o Ward No. 02, Balachaur, Distt. SBS Nagar

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 02.01.2025 at 10.00 a.m.

For details logon to https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=sbsnagar
Dated, this day of 09.12.2024.

Sd/- Civil Judge (Junior Division), Balachaur
CL24082719

High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh
FAO No. 77 of 2005 (O&M)
Date of hearing: 08.04.2025(A)
New India Assurance Co. Ltd.
...Appellants
Vs/
Pushpa Gautam and others
...Respondents(s)
Appeal U/S 173 of Motor Vehicles Act 1988.

Notice to: Respondent:
4. Anil s/o Shri Attar Singh r/o Village Raipur, Tehsil and District Sonapat, 5. Jaipal s/o Shri Bhan Singh (Harjain) r/o Kailash Colony, Shadipur Road, Sonapat.

In above titled appeal, the respondent(s)/defendant(s) could not be served in ordinary process. It is ordered that respondent(s)/defendant(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 08.04.2025.

For details logon to www.highcourtchd.gov.in
Superintendent
For Registrar (Judicial)
Punjab and Haryana
High Court, Chandigarh.
CL24082738



E-AUCTION NOTICE

E-Bids are invited for licensing out Water Sports activities (Jet Ski/ Scooter, Sofa Ride & Banana Rde) at Tikkar Taal Tourist Complex, Morni of Haryana Tourism Corporation Ltd. The e-auction will be held on **23.12.2024 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Last date for submission of documents is **18.12.2024 till 11:00 a.m.** For enquiry please contact DDO of Tikkar Taal Tourist Complex, Morni (Sh. Ashwani Sharma, M.No. 9779100579).

E-Auction documents along with details of activity is available at the website of HTC i.e. www.haryanatourism.gov.in as well as on NIC portal <http://eaction.gov.in> for online participation. Managing Director, HTC reserves the right, to accept or reject any or all bids without assigning any reasons.

ISSUED BY
MANAGING DIRECTOR
PRDH/1117/11/129/2025/30959/C/31/6

CHAIRMAN, KUTLEHAR TOURISM DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY (KTDS)-CUM-DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, UNA, TENSIL & DISTRICT UNA, HIMACHAL PRADESH

NOTICE INVITING BID

Kutlehar Tourism Development Society (KTDS) invites Bids from leading reputed Adventure Operators/Agencies for leasing out Adventure activity at Gobind Sagar Lake, Androuli, District Una.

Sr. No.	Name of Adventure Activity	Min. Quantity	Sr. No.	Name of Adventure Activity	Min. Quantity
1.	Parasailing with Speed Boats	02	9.	ATB Ride	02
2.	Jet Ski	02	10.	Zip Line	01
3.	Speed Boats	04	11.	Para Motoring	02
4.	Bumper/Banana Ride/Similar Rides with Speed Boat	02	12.	Hanging Restaurant	01
5.	Water Jetavalor	02	13.	Food Van Double Decker	01
6.	Shikha	02	14.	Floating Jolly	02
7.	Cruse (100+ Seaters)	02	15.	Paragliding	04
8.	Hot Baloons	02	16.	Rescue Boats	02

Last Date of Submission/Receipt of Bids: 31.12.2024 up to 5:00 PM for each

Opening Date of Technical & Financial Bids: 02/01/2025 at 3:00 PM for each

The bid document along with detailed terms and conditions, Scope of Work, License Fees is available at <http://www.hpuna.nic.in>. Chairman, KTDS reserves the right to accept or reject the bid without any reason thereof.

DPR/HP/746 Sd/- Chairman, Kutlehar Tourism Development Society.

Himachal Pradesh Public Works Department

Ph. 01908-224598, Fax:224584, e-mail: se-jog-hp@nic.in
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Superintending Engineer, JNR Circle HP PWD, Joginder Nagar on behalf of Governor Himachal Pradesh invites the item rate bids, in electronic tendering system, from the eligible and approved contractors registered with HPPWD/CPWD/P&T, Railways/other state/Central government agencies for the works as detailed in table.

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Starting Date of downloading Bid	Time limit
2.	C/O Balance work on Harer to Karnashu Via Tara Shila Nalla Road km 0/00 to 6/255 Under NABARD RIDF- XXV/I (SH- M/T & C/o Cement Concrete pavement in settled portion 0/890 to 0/810, 0/890 to 0/990 along with 0/945 to 0/975, B/Wall at RD/1850 to 1895 & R/Wall at 1/920 to 1/935, 500 to 5015, 4735 to 4765 & 4825 to 4/840 PIF Crash Barrier at RD 0/780 to 0/840, 4/720 to 4/795).	Rs. 52,32,317/-	18.12.2024	Three Months

Earnest Money: Rs. 1,04,700/-
Deadline for submission of Bid: 30.12.2024

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website www.hp.tenders.gov.in.

On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh
Sd/- Superintending Engineer, JNR Circle HP PWD, Joginder Nagar.
e-mail ID: se-jog-hp@nic.in
M. No. 01908-224598, Fax No. 01908-224584.

DPR/HP/3810

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

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1.	HARYANA AGRO INDUSTRIES CORPORATION LIMITED	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR REGISTRATION/EMPANELMENT OF B2B AGGREGATOR FOR THE SUPPLY OF FMCG PRODUCTS (HUL, NESTLE, CADBURY, COLGATE, COKE, GODREJ, BRITANNIA, HIMALAYA, BAJAJ, PERFETTI, DABUR, PATANJALI & ETC.) TO HAICLSPECIFIED DELIVERY POINTS WITHIN THE STATE OF HARYANA.	12.12.2024 15.01.2025	EMD 1 LAKH	https://www.haic.co.in	0172-2561305 haicpk@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaaprocurment.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

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GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./AUTH.	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/ CORP./AUTH.	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAIL/EMAIL
1	HVPNL	CREATION OF 01 NO. 132KV BAY ALONG WITH ALLIED EQUIPMENTS AT 132KV S/STN MELAGROUND TO ACCOMMODATE THE LLO OF 132KV SHAHPUR BEGU-RANIA S/C LINE (SIRSA)	05.12.2024 16.12.2024	5.96 LACS	www.hvnpn.org.in	0172-2583789 PRO@HVPN.ORG.IN
2	HVPNL	TO CARRY OUT THE EARTHING AUDIT (HEALTH ASSESSMENT) OF EXISTING EARTHING SYSTEM (EARTH PIT & MAT) OF HVPNL SUBSTATIONS.	04.12.2024 03.01.2025	EMD 6.34 LACS	www.hvnpn.org.in	0172-2583789 PRO@HVPN.ORG.IN

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaaprocurment.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

PRDH/13/2025/60/30945/V/31/4

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

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1	DHBVN	EMPANELMENT OF WELL-REPUTED TRANSPORT AGENCIES/ INDIVIDUAL TRANSPORTERS FOR PROVIDING VARIOUS TYPES OF VEHICLES ALONG WITH DRIVER FOR TRANSPORTATION OF MATERIAL FROM FIELD OFFICES TO CENTRAL/DIVISIONAL STORES OR FROM CENTRAL/DIVISIONAL STORES TO FIELD OFFICES OR FROM ONE FIELD OFFICE TO OTHER FIELD OFFICE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF SE (OP) CIRCLE, DHBVN, PALWAL FOR ONE YEAR FURTHER EXTENDABLE FOR ANOTHER ONE YEAR ON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION TO THE SATISFACTION OF DHBVN AGAINST NIT-01/SE(OP)/PWU/2024-25	06.12.2024 30.12.2024	25000/-	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01662223187 seop@palwal@dhbvn.org.in

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaaprocurment.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

PRDH/13/2025/60/30953/V/14/14

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA CORRIGENDUM

SR. NO.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./AUTH.	OLD REFERENCE/NIT NO.	NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/ CORP./AUTH.	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1.	HVPNL	2024_HBC_412786_1/E-TENDER ENQUIRY No 1122202411-42-04 HVPNL DEPT/HRY DATED 22.11.2024	CORRIGENDUM No. 01, THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UP TO 18.12.2024 (13.00 Hrs.)	www.hvnpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvnpn.org.in
2.	HVPNL	2024_HBC_412785_1/E-TENDER ENQUIRY No 1122202411-30-09 HVPNL DEPT/HRY DATED 22.11.2024	CORRIGENDUM No. 01, THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UP TO 18.12.2024 (13.00 Hrs.)	www.hvnpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvnpn.org.in
3.	HVPNL	2024_HBC_409604_1/15/TSKN/2024-25 DATED 07.11.2024	THE TENDER WAS TO BE OPENED ON DATED 09.12.2024. NOW DATE EXTENDED UP TO 18.12.2024. DUE TO MINIMUM PARTICIPATION OF BIDDERS.	www.hvnpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvnpn.org.in
4.	HVPNL	2024_HBC_412509_1/13GE-50/2024-25 DATED 21.11.2024	THE CLOSING DATE OF TENDER WAS 09.12.2024 CHECKED FOR PARTICIPANTS AND NO BIDDER FOUND. SO CLOSING DATE IS HEREBY EXTENDED UP TO 17.12.2024, AT 10:00 Hrs.	www.hvnpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvnpn.org.in

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.etenders.hry.nic.in

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GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

SR. NO.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./ AUTH.	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/CORP./AUTH.	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/ EMAIL
1.	HARYANA MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED PANCHKULA	NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF PURE TONE AUDIOMETER ON RATE CONTRACT FOR TWO YEARS AS MENTIONED AGAINST ITEM IN SCHEDULE OF REQUIREMENT	09.12.2024 30.12.2024	1.38 CRORES	www.hmsci.org.in	8929299829 equipmentdgm2020@gmail.com
2.	HARYANA MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED PANCHKULA	NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF NASAL ENDOSCOPE ON RATE CONTRACT FOR TWO YEARS AS MENTIONED AGAINST ITEM IN SCHEDULE OF REQUIREMENT	09.12.2024 30.12.2024	82.61 LACS	www.hmsci.org.in	8929299829 equipmentdgm2020@gmail.com
3.	HARYANA MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED PANCHKULA	NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, TESTING, COMMISSIONING AND VALIDATION OF BSL 3 TB CONTAINMENT LABORATORY AND ASSOCIATED WORKS ON TURNKEY BASIS AT POLYCLINIC SECTOR 10 AMBALA CITY IN COMPLIANCE WITH NATIONAL TUBERCULOSIS (NTEP) AS MENTIONED AGAINST ITEM IN SCHEDULE OF REQUIREMENT	10.12.2024 31.12.2024	1 CRORE	www.hmsci.org.in	8929299829 equipmentdgm2020@gmail.com
4.	HARYANA MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED PANCHKULA	NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF ICU BED ON RATE CONTRACT FOR TWO YEARS AS MENTIONED AGAINST ITEM IN SCHEDULE OF REQUIREMENT	10.12.2024 31.12.2024	3.57 CRORES	www.hmsci.org.in	8929299829 equipmentdgm2020@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaaprocurment.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

PRDH/13/2025/100/30944/V/31/4

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

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IIT-Delhi tops Indian varsities in QS rankings; IISc bags 376th spot

SAMAD HOQUE
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 10

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi, emerged as the top university in the country for sustainability, according to the QS 2025 Sustainability Rankings announced on Tuesday.

Globally, IIT-Delhi climbed an impressive 255 places to secure the 171st position, marking a new high for the institute.

The QS Sustainability Rankings evaluate universities worldwide on their contributions to solving environmental and social challenges. This year's list included 1,740 universities from 107 countries, compared to 1,397 in the previous edition.

IIT-Delhi (55) and IIT-Kanpur (87) have been ranked among the world's top 100 universities for environmental impact. While, the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru (32), also earned accolades, ranking among the top 50 globally for environmental education.



TOP INDIAN INSTITUTES

IIT-Delhi	171
IIT-Kharagpur	202
IIT-Bombay	234
IIT-Kanpur	245
IIT-Madras	277
University of Delhi	299
Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru	376
Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT)	396
Manipal Academy of Higher Education	401
Anna University	412

Meanwhile, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) was ranked at 522, Jamia Milia Islamia (737), Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology (545), Panjab University at 710, Lovely Professional University (749) and Chitkara at 811.

"Of the 78 Indian universities that feature in the 2025

QS Sustainability Rankings, 34 have improved on last year's placing and eight have maintained their positions," said Ben Sowter, vice president of London-based QS. He added, "This is an excellent achievement for the Indian higher education ecosystem and shows that Indian universities are forging ahead with their sustainability initiatives."

Despite the gains in environmental impact, Sowter noted areas where Indian universities could improve. "Within the Social Impact category, Indian universities can look to improve their indicator scores in the Health and Wellbeing, Impact of Education, and Equality lenses, where no institutions from the country feature in the top 350," he said. However, Indian universities performed better in the Knowledge Exchange and Employability and Outcomes categories, reflecting their strengths in research and industry collaboration.

This year's rankings saw participation from 78 Indi-

an universities, with nine of the top 10 institutions improving their positions and 21 new institutions making their debut.

The rankings are led globally by the University of Toronto, followed by ETH, Zurich. Lund University in Sweden and the University of California, Berkeley (UCB), tied for third place.

Citing the latest QS International Students Survey, Jessica Turner, CEO of QS, said, "Sustainability is a top priority for today's students, with nine in 10 identifying it as important and 40 per cent actively researching universities' sustainability strategies during the application process."

This underscores the urgency for sustainability to remain at the forefront of institutional agendas, she said.

QS' methodology for the 'World University Rankings: Sustainability 2025' is based on university performance across three assessment categories — Environmental Impact, Social Impact and Governance. (With PTI inputs)

Rahul, Priyanka meet Sambhal victims' kin

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 10

Congress MP and Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi and AICC General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra met the family members of the Sambhal victims at Congress Parliamentary Party (CPP) chairperson Sonia Gandhi's residence here on Tuesday evening.

Last week, the Uttar Pradesh Police prevented Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and other Congress leaders from travelling to Sambhal to meet the family members of those killed in police firing there. — TNS

Cybercrimes, climate change new threats to human rights, says Prez

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 10

Highlighting cybercrimes and climate change as emerging threats to human rights, President Droupadi Murmu on Tuesday said the culprit could even be a non-human but intelligent agent in view of the growing significance of artificial intelligence (AI).

"As we progress into the future, we are confronted with emerging challenges. Cybercrimes and climate change are new threats to human rights. The digital era, while transformative, has brought with it complex issues such as cyberbullying, deepfake, privacy concerns and the spread of misinformation," President Murmu said, addressing the Human Rights Day event organised by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) here.



President Droupadi Murmu being presented a sapling by NHRC acting chairperson Vijaya Bharathi Sayani in New Delhi. PTI

In a related event, CJI Sanjiv Khanna battled for a compassionate and humane justice system by decolonisation of laws and reformation of criminal courts. He was speaking during an event on Human Rights Day organised by the

National Legal Services Authority (NALSA).

He termed human rights as the bedrock of human society, imperative to ensure global peace. "We have decriminalised a number of laws, but a lot of work is still in progress," he said.

Courts must exercise caution in dowry cases to prevent misuse: SC

SATYA PRAKASH
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 10

Flagging misuse of Section 498A of the IPC for unleashing personal vendetta against the husband and his family by a wife, the Supreme Court on Tuesday quashed a case against a Telangana man and his family, saying the FIR was lodged with ulterior motives to settle personal scores and grudges against them.

"The inclusion of Section 498A of the IPC by way of an amendment was intended to curb cruelty inflicted on a woman by her husband and his family, ensuring swift intervention by the State. However, in recent years, as there has been a notablerise in matrimonial disputes across the country, accompanied by growing discord and tension within the institution of marriage, consequently, there has been a growing tendency to misuse provisions like Section 498A of the IPC as a tool for unleashing personal vendetta against the husband and his family by a wife," a Bench of Justices B V Nagarathna and N Kotiswar Singh said.

The Bench cautioned that vague and generalised allega-

tions made during matrimonial conflicts, if not scrutinized, will lead to misuse of legal processes and an encouragement for use of arm twisting tactics by a wife and/or her family.

"Sometimes, recourse is taken to invoke Section 498A of the IPC against the husband and his family in order to seek compliance with the unreasonable demands of a wife. Consequently, this Court has, time and again, cautioned against prosecuting the husband and his family in the absence of a clear prima facie case against them," it noted.

However, the Bench said, "We are not, for amoment, stating that any woman who has suffered cruelty in terms of what has been contemplated under Section 498A of the IPC should remain silent and forbear herself from making a complaint or initiating any criminal proceeding. That is not the intention of our aforesaid observations but we should not encourage a case like as in the present one, where as a counterblast to the petition for dissolution of marriage sought by the first appellant-husband of the second respondent herein, a complaint under Section 498A of the IPC is lodged by the latter."

NIA arrests key accused in Laos cyber slavery case

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 10

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has made a major breakthrough in the Laos human trafficking and cyber slavery case with the arrest of an absconding accused Kamran Haider, who was nabbed with the support of the Delhi Police Special Cell.

Haider was directly involved in arranging flight tickets and documents for the victims and in facilitating their illegal border crossings, with the help of contacts in the Golden Triangle Region.

NIA had chargesheeted Kamran and four others in October this year in the case relating to a well-organised network of traffickers and touts involved in various illegal activities. The four co-accused were identified as Manjoor Alam, alias Guddu, Sahil, Ashish, alias Akhil, Pawan Yadav, alias Afzal.

All the accused were "actively involved" in sending vulnerable Indian youngsters to the Golden Triangle region in Lao PDR (Laos), where they were allegedly forced to commit cyber scams targeting European and US citizens, the NIA said.

They allegedly operated through a consultancy firm, Ali International Services, which functioned as a front for human trafficking, NIA investigations have revealed. — TNS/PTI

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
TENDER REFERENCE No. 6 of 2024 Dt. 10.12.2024
The Department of Punjab Water Resources Management and Development Corporation, Lining Division No. 10, Barnala invites online bids for Work order basis for Lining, Re-Lining of 01 No. Outlet under project of Project Estimate of Main Branch of Kotla Branch Part II system.
Closing Date & Time: 23.12.2024, 09:00 A.M.
For details login to: <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>
Note:- Any corrigendum to the Tender Notice shall be published on the above website only.
Sd/- Divisional Engineer,
Lining Division No. 10, PWRMDC, Barnala.
DPR/PL/39941

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./ AUTH.	NAME OF WORK/ NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/ EMD (APPROX.) in Rupees
1.	HSMAB GURUGRAM	CONST. OF LINK ROAD FROM VILLAGE RAHRUWATO SATAKAPURI ROAD (ROAD ID NO. 11485) IN M.C. PUNHANA (CM APPROVED).	04.12.2024 17.12.2024	EMD 2.03 LACS

WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/CORP./AUTH.: <https://etenders.hry.nic.in>
NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/E-MAIL: 9416384454, xengurugram.hsamb@gmail.com
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in PRDH/13/2025/40/30946/1/3/1/4

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE
For & on behalf of the President of India, Chief Workshop Manager, N.Rty. C&W Workshop, Jagadhri Workshop/Yamuna Nagar invites open e-tender on short notice for the following work:

1	Name of work	Work of Repair cum over hauling, Updation of existing software of D.V Test bench Local No - MISC-551, D-513267550 Make Escort in tool shop of N.Rty Jagadhri Workshop.
2	Location	Northern Railway, Carriage & Wagon Repair Shop, Jagadhri Workshop, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana-135002
3	Tender Value	Rs. 476310.54
4	Quantity	As Per Scope of work.
5	Cost of Tender form	Rs. 0/-
6	Earnest money amount	₹ 9500/-
7	Completion period of the work	03 months from the date of issuance of Letter of Acceptance
8	Date & Time for submission of tender form	18.12.2024 till 15:30 hrs.
9	Opening of tender	18.12.2024 till 15:35 hrs. Tender opening will be done any time after the tender closing time. The tenders are not required to be present during the opening. Railway reserves the right to open the tender any time after closing of tender.
10	Website Particulars	www.ireps.gov.in

No.: 6-S/55/Tender/2023-24/PL II Dated: 23.11.2024

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE 3787/24
HIMACHAL PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
Vidyt Aayog Bhawan, Block No. 37, SDA Complex, Kasumpti, Shimla- 171009
Tel No 0177-2621003 & 2627907, Fax No.0177-2627162
E-mail: secy-hperc@hp.gov.in Website: <http://www.hperc.org>
No.HPERC- 610-A/2020-Vol-VIII- Date 10.12.2024

NOTICE
INVITATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE NOMINATION OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER
The Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (HPERC) invites applications from suitable persons for the nomination of Independent Member in the Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum (CGRF) for Consumers of the Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Limited (HPSEBL) at Shimla to discharge various functions relating to Redressal of Consumers Grievances against Distribution Licensee (HPSEBL) as per the provisions of the (Consumers Redressal Forum and Ombudsman) Regulations, 2013 and its amendments thereof, for further details regarding Regulations see website:<https://www.hperc.org>.
The qualifications, terms & conditions of appointment of the Independent Member shall be as provided in the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum and Ombudsman) Regulations, 2013 as amended from time to time and the HPERC order (Salary and other allowances of the Nominated Independent Member of the Consumers Grievances Redressal Forum) order 2013, which are available on the Commission's website: <https://www.hperc.org>. The tenure of Independent Member is three years or until he/she attains the age of 65 years whichever is earlier. The incumbent should have at least 2 years of residual tenure as on 10.12.2024.
Application alongwith biodata with a write up not exceeding 500 words stating as to why the candidate considers himself/herself eminently suitable for the nomination as the Independent Member, may be sent to the Secretary, HP Electricity Regulatory Commission, Vidyt Aayog Bhawan, Block No. 37 SDA Complex, Kasumpti, Shimla-171009, on or before, 09th January, 2025.
Place: Shimla **By order of the Commission**
Dated: 10.12.2024 (Jitender Sanjita), HAS, Secretary

MISSING

On dated 06/01/2024 police officials of GRPF Yamunanagar reported about a unknown missing girl age about 15-16 years in office of Child Welfare Committee, Yamuna Nagar. In this case Zero FIR No. 1 registered on dated 12/01/2024 in Thana GRPF Ambala Cantt. According to FIR the contents of the girl was not able to tell about her circumstances because she is deaf, dumb and Mentally Retarded. Also it was mentioned that she flew from Dhuri Station, Sangrur, Punjab.
If her parents/guardians want to claim her they can contact. on address mention below with all relevant documents claiming her identity within 30 days otherwise the girl will be legally free from adoption by Child Welfare Committee, Yamunanagar.
District Child Protection Unit, Yamunanagar
30-P, Ground Floor, Sector-17, HUDA, Jagadhri, Yamunanagar.
01732-237050, 237060.
PRDH/1128/11/449/2025/30966/3/14

HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT
O/o Executive Engineer, JSV Division Arki
District-Solan, H.P.-173208 Phone:- 01796-220774
E-mail:- ipharki@gmail.com | website:- www.hpiph.org
***** NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER *****
Online bids on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Arki on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, in electronic tendering system in two covers for the undermentioned work from the contractors/firms of (C & B) class enlisted with Himachal Pradesh Jal Shakti Vibhag State/CPWD Irrigation Department, Public Health Department PSU autonomous body of Center/State Govt. Department. Bids are to be submitted online which are to be encrypted and digitally signed by the Contractor/Firms. The bidders are advised to obtain digital signature certificate (DSC) from the suitable vendors or any authorized agency at the earliest.

Sr. No	Description	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Time
1.	Annual Repair & Operation and Maintenance of Sewerage Scheme Arki Town in Tehsil Arki, District Solan HP (SH-Deployment of labour/staff for operation running and maintenance of 0.70 MLD capacity STP including sewerage network system to Arki Town for a period of 18 Months.	₹4,25,511.00	₹6760.00	18 Months

Cost of Bid Form: ₹500.00
Bids are to be submitted online which are to be encrypted and digitally signed by the Contractor/Firms. The bidders are advised to obtain Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from the suitable vendors or any authorized agency at the earliest.
Key Dates:-

I	Date of Online Publication	10.12.2024 at 02:00 p.m.
II	Bid Submission Start Date and Time	From 10.12.2024 at 02:30 p.m.
III	Bid Submission End Date and Time	Up to 20.12.2024 at 11:00 a.m.
IV	Earnest Money and Cost of Tender Document Submitted Online only	10.12.2024 to 20.12.2024 at 11:00 a.m.
V	Date of Opening Bid i.e. Eligibility Criteria & Technical Bid	20.12.2024 at 11:30 a.m.
VI	Date of Opening of Financial Bid	Date and Time be Notified Separately

Last date of filling/uploading the tender through e-tendering 20.12.2024 up to 11.00 a.m. and will be opened on 20.12.2024 at 11:30 a.m. The tender forms and other detailed conditions can be obtained from the website www.hptenders.gov.in
Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti Division, Arki.
DPR/HP/3817

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
NOTICE INVITING TENDER REFERENCE NO. 21 OF 2024
The Department of Punjab Water Resources Management & Development Corporation, Lining Division No. 5, Ludhiana invites online bids on Work Order basis for work of 02 No. of Water Courses under Kotla Branch Part-2 Project in Sunam Constituency, Distt. Sangrur.
Start Date and Time of bids : 10.12.2024, 06:00 Hrs.
Closing Date and Time of bids : 19.12.2024, 11:00 Hrs.
For details, login to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>
Note: Any corrigendum to the Tender Notice shall be published on the above website only.
Sd/- Divisional Engineer,
Lining Division No. 5, PWRMDC, Ludhiana.
DPR/Pb/39936

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
NOTICE FOR CORRIGENDUM
Telephone No. 01970-222270
E-mail ID: eeppwd-jawalalmukhi@hp.gov.in
In continuation of this office Notice inviting Tender No. PWD/JMD/CB/Tender/2024:- 3059-60 dated 25.11.2024, The tender are hereby postponed due to administrative reasons and revised schedule is given as under:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Existing Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Corrected Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Existing Earnest Money	Corrected Earnest Money
1	C/o Rajiv Gandhi Govt. Model Day Boarding School at Banu Da Khu (Jawalalmukhi Constituency) Distt. Kangra, H.P. (SH- Primary Block)	4,90,63,000/-	4,60,79,618/-	9,81,000/-	4,94,000/-

Starting Date for Downloading Bid	Existing Dated: 02.12.2024 Corrected Dated: 11.12.2024
Deadline for Submission of Bid	Existing Dated: 10.12.2024, 03.00 p.m. Corrected Dated: 18.12.2024, 03.00 p.m.
Date of Opening of Bids	Existing Dated: 18.12.2024, 03.00 p.m. Corrected Dated: 18.12.2024, 03.30 p.m.

The bidders are advised to note other details of tender from the department website www.hptenders.gov.in
On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh
Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Jawalalmukhi Division HP.PWD.,
Jawalalmukhi Pin No. 176031
Telephone No. 01970-222270
E-mail ID: eeppwd-jawalalmukhi@hp.gov.in
HIM LOK SAMPARK DPR/HP/3794
No. PWD/JMD/CB/TA/3925-26
Dated: 09.12.2024

DIRECTORATE OF MINES AND GEOLOGY, HARYANA
PLOT NO. 9, DHL SQUARE, 2ND FLOOR, I.T. PARK, SECTOR 22, PANCHKULA

PUBLIC NOTICE E-AUCTION PROGRAMME

No. DMG/HY/e-Auction/AMB/2022/5394
Dated: 10.12.2024

This is for the information for general public that e-Auction for grant of 01 mining contract/mineral rights for excavation of minor mineral 'Sand' from District Ambala will be held on 02.01.2025 as per the schedule given below:-

Sr. No.	Titles	From	To
1	Registration and Creation of user ID and uploading of documents	11.12.2024 10:00 A.M.	31.12.2024 up to 05:00 P.M.
2	Deposition of EMD	11.12.2024 10:00 A.M.	31.12.2024 up to 05:00 P.M.
3	E-service Fee	11.12.2024	31.12.2024 up to 05:00 P.M.
4	Bidding	02.01.2025 10:00 A.M.	Till the conclusion of Auction

Note: The manual for prospective bidders shall be available on e-Auction portal.

2. Details of 01 minor mineral mines are as under:-

Sr. No.	Name of Mining Unit	Total mineral concession area (in Acre)	Reserved Price (Rs. in Crore)	Period
1	Badhauri-Mullana (Sand)	531.35	20.75	10

3. The period of contract shall commence w.e.f. the date of grant of Environmental Clearance by the competent authority and the Consent to Operate (CTO) by the State Pollution Control Board, whichever is later, or on expiry of the period of 12 months from the date of issuance of Lol, whichever is earlier.

4. The mining contractor shall got prepare a Mining Plan along with the Mine Closure Plan (Progressive & Final) from the Recognized Qualified Person as per Chapter 10 of the "The State Rules, 2012" for mining area granted on contract and shall get the same approved by an officer authorized by the Director, Mines & Geology, in this behalf. He shall also be liable to prepare "Replenishment Study Report" from Qualified Person.

Further, he/they will also be liable to submit drone survey reports along with images before start of mining operation and every year, will also submit quarterly report i.e. January 15th, April 15th, June 15th, August 15th & November 15th that includes pre-monsoon drone survey report of the month of June and a post monsoon drone survey report conducted in the last week of September along with images so taken from drone from DRIISHYA.

5. The contractor/Lol Holder shall obtain prior Environmental Clearance for the Mining block(s)/area from Competent Authority as required under notification dated 14/09/2006 issued by the MO&F, Gol or as amended from time to time and also other required approvals for mining including Consent to Establish and Consent to Operate before commencement of actual mining operation.

6. After the acceptance of highest bid by the State Government and on issuance of Letter of Intent, the Lol holder shall execute an agreement in Form MC-I (including security as per approved Government/Collector rate) appended to the 'Haryana Minor Mineral Concession, Stocking, Transportation of Minerals and Prevention of Illegal Mining Rules, 2012' within a period of 90 days of the order of grant of Lol.

7. For all other detailed terms and conditions of e-Auction, the intending bidders can download the Auction Notice documents from the website of the department minesharyana.gov.in or from the Haryana Government website www.haryana.gov.in. The Auction notice can also be obtained from the office of the Mining Officer, Mines and Geology Department, Ambala or from the office of the Director General, Mines and Geology, Haryana, 2nd Floor, DHL Square, Plot No. 9, Sector 22, IT Park, Panchkula on any working day.

Director General, Mines and Geology, Haryana.

PRDH/1150/11/52/2025/30968/31/4

**HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LTD.**
(A State Government Undertaking)

"Press Tender Notice" (e-tendering mode only)

Online tenders are invited for the work as under from the eligible contractors/firms:

Name of Works: Tender for Prov. SOP to 2x25 HP 2x15 HP (one set Each standby) LWSS Arunwal Guret in (E) section Bharwan (U) ESD HPSEBL Bharwan, (Deposits Work) (Sub Head: 11 kV HT line, New 3-Ph LT line, 11/4 kV, 100 kVA S/Stn.) (T.S. No. 77/2024-25). Bid No-AED 56/2024-25.

The detailed tender notification can be viewed / download free of cost from the website <http://www.hptenders.gov.in> and tender document can be had after making prescribed payment.

Sr. Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, HPSEBL Amb.
Save Energy for the Benefit of Self and Nation

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Telephone No. 01970233116 E-mail ID: ee-deh-hp@nic.in
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer HPPWD Division Dehra (H.P.) on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the percentage rate bids, in the electronic tendering system from the eligible class of contractors registered with HPPWD for the works as detailed in the table.

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Starting date for down-loading Bid.	Earnest Money
1	Revised Estimate for Repair to Civil Hospital Building at Dehra in District Kangra (H.P.) (SH: Distempering, Painting, Flooring Tiles, Wood Work in 3rd Floor etc.).	Rs. 14,19,771.00	09.12.24	Rs. 29,000.00

Deadline for submission of Bid. : 16.12.24
Time Limit: Three Months

The bidders are advised to note other details of tender from the department website www.hptenders.gov.in. Date of opening of tender is 17.12.2024.

ON BEHALF OF GOVERNOR OF HIMACHAL PRADESH
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Dehra Division
HP.PWD., Dehra Pin No. 177 101.
Tel. No. 01970-233116. e-mail:- ee-deh-hp@nic.in
HIM LOK SAMPARK

DPR/HP/3785

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
CORRIGENDUM

The online e-tenders called vide this office letter No. PWU/CB/T-1/2024-4801-10 dated 26.10.2024 (RO No. 3520/2024-25 (Classified)) and due for publication **09.12.2024 at 10.00 AM** and due for opening on **16.12.2024 at 12.30 PM** is hereby extended as under due to administrative/technical reasons:-

Key Dates:

Sr. No.	Description	Old Dates	Amended/New Dates
1	Date of online publication	09.12.2024 (10.00 AM)	13.12.2024 (10.00 AM)
2	Documents download start and end date/time	09.12.2024 (10.30 AM) up to 16.12.2024 (11.00 AM)	13.12.2024 (10.30 AM) up to 19.12.2024 (11.00 AM)
3	Bid submission start and end date/time	09.12.2024 (10.30 AM) up to 16.12.2024 (11.00 AM)	13.12.2024 (10.30 AM) up to 19.12.2024 (11.00 AM)
4	Physical submission of EMD and cost of tender documents	16.12.2024 up to 11.30 AM	19.12.2024 up to 11.30 AM
5	Date of Technical Bid opening	16.12.2024 (12.30 PM)	19.12.2024 (12.30 PM)

Other terms and conditions of the tenders shall remain unchanged.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
HPPWD Division, Haroli,
Distt. Una (HP).

DPR/HP/3788

"INVITING ONLINE BIDS"

The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division Larji invites online tenders on short time basis on behalf of Government of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following works through e-tendering process:-

Job. No.	Name of Works	Estimated Cost	EMD Cost of Tender	Cost of form
1.	Providing FPW Sharabai to Bajaura along river Beas on both sides at various reaches in Tehsil Bhunther, Distt. Kullu H.P. (SH:- LIS , Hat, LWSS Dodni age RD 0/0 to 150 and LWSS Reni Mashgan RD 0/0 to 150) Job No.1	4,01,41,832/-	4,33,918/-	2500/-
2.	Providing FPW Sharabai to Bajaura along river Beas on both sides at various reaches in Tehsil Bhunther, Distt. Kullu H.P. (SH:- C/o Retaining wall with skin reinforcement LWSS Sharabai at Bajaura RD 0/0 to 150 and LWSS Lower Piyashni RD 0/0 to 102 including designing & vetting) Job-II	3,37,19,139/-	3,69,691/-	2500/-
3.	Providing Flood Mitigation and Embankment protection work for experiment/Research farm of KVK, Bajaura Tehsil Bhunther, Distt. Kullu (H.P.) (SH:- C/o Retaining wall with skin-reinforcement and C/o wire crates and apron along the river Beas)	3,09,18,632/-	3,41,686/-	2500/-
4.	Providing Flood protection work on Tirthan Khad near Banjar in Tehsil Banjar, Distt. Kullu (H.P.) (SH:- C/o Retaining wall with skin reinforcement along Tirthan river at Homgad and Damothi reaches)	1,62,56,646/-	1,95,066/-	1500/-

Time of Completion (Months): Six Months for each

Last date submission of tender:- **16.12.2024 up to 05:00 PM** and opened on **17.12.2024 up to 11:30 AM** and Physical submission of Earnest Money Deposit, Cost of tender form if not paid online on **17.12.2024 up to 11:00 AM**.

The tender forms/NIT and other detailed conditions can be downloaded from the website www.hpiph.org or from office of the Executive Engineer upto date specified above.

Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti Division, Larji.

DPR/HP/3784 **HIM SUCHNA AVAM JAN SAMPARK**

HIMACHAL PRADESH RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE

Sealed item rate tenders on behalf of the Governor of Himachal Pradesh on form PWD 6 & 8 are hereby invited by the Executive Engineer, Rural Development Department Mandi Distt. Mandi (H.P.) for the following works from the approved/eligible contractors/firms enlisted in Public works Department of Himachal Pradesh, so as to reach in this office on or before 17.12.2024 up to 11.00 AM and will be opened on the same day at 11:30 PM in the presence of intending contractors/firms or their authorized representative. The tender form can be had from office of undersigned on or before 16.12.2024 up to 3.00 PM by paying fee of tender form in shape of Demand Draft of Rs. 350.00 payable in favour of EERDD Mandi. The earnest money in the shape of National Saving Certificate/Time Deposit Accounts & Post Office Saving Accounts on any of post office in Himachal Pradesh duly pledged in the name of Executive Engineer Rural Dev. Deptt. Mandi must accompany with each tender. The tender of the contractor who do not deposit the earnest money in the prescribed manner shall summarily be rejected. The Income Tax, Sale Tax, labour cess & other taxes as levied by the Government will be borne by the contractor. Conditional tenders/tenders without earnest money will summarily be rejected. The Executive Engineer reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estt. Cost. (in Rs)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Cost of tender Form (in Rs)	Time Limit
1	C/o Govt. Centre Public School Building (GCPS) Deori, Education Block Sadar-II, Distt. Mandi, (Himachal Pradesh) Sub Head: Form Work and Steel Work etc.	4,99,940.00	10000.00	350.00	2 Months
2	C/o Govt. Centre Public School Building (GCPS) Deori, Education Block Sadar-II, Distt. Mandi, (Himachal Pradesh) RCC Work etc.)	4,38,392.00	8800.00	350.00	2 Months

TERMS & CONDITIONS:-

- Certificate of registration in appropriate wing of HPPWD/class and latest renewal thereof.
- Contractor/firm should be registered for Income Tax and GST, copy of PAN, EPF and GSTIN should be enclosed.
- Draft Notice Inviting Tender/Drawing/specifications can be seen in the office of the Executive Engineer RDD Mandi on any working day between 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM.
- The intending contractors/firms are requested to inspect the site of work before submitting the tender.
- The offer shall remain valid up to 35 days after the opening of the tenders.
- If date of opening happens to be a local/gazetted holiday, the same shall be opened on next working day.
- No subletting of work shall be allowed.
- Contractor/firm enlisted in a particular class shall be eligible to tender for his own class and one Step below.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Rural Development Department
Mandi, Distt. Mandi (H.P.)

DPR/HP/3773

E-TENDER NOTICE

The Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division Shahpur invites following e-tender on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following work through e-tendering process:-

Sr. No.	Name of work.	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)
1	Improvement of LWSS Jogpur Natehar Phase-2nd in Tehsil & Distt. Kangra, (HP) (SH:- C/O of RCC main storage tank (OHSR) of 200000 ltrs capacity with 3 mtrs staging height).	1771640/-	34075/-

Cost of Tender form (Rs.): 400/-
Time Limit: Six Months

Last date of filling/uploading the tender through e-tendering 21/12/2024 upto 11.00 AM. The tender form and other detailed condition can be obtained from the website www.hptenders.gov.in

Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti Division,
Shahpur.

DPR/HP/3774

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Tel.01972-288041, Email -ee-bar-hp@nic.in
INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)

The Executive Engineer HPPWD Division Barsar on behalf of Governor of H.P. invited/reinvited the percentage rate bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of Contractors registered with HPPWD for the works as detailed in the table.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimate Cost	Earnest Money
1.	Seismic Vulnerability Assessment. Retrofitting of Health/life lines buildings in Himachal Pradesh (Govt. Sr. Sec. School Maharaj Hamirpur (H.P.) (SH:- Dismantling , Demolishing Work, Retrofitting work, finishing work and sanitary work (Unit -I, 2, 3 and 4) Time Limit, Six Months Cost of Tender form 2000/-	74,80,536/-	1,19,500/-

Starting Date for Downloading Bid: 13.12.2024 From 10:30 a.m.
Deadline for Submission of Bid: 18.12.2024 Up to 10:30 a.m.

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website www.hptenders.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Barsar Division, HP.PWD, Barsar.

DPR/HP/3770

GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Bhoranj invites online bids on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from registered/eligible Contractors/ Firms for the following work(s) through online process.

Sr. No.	Name of Works	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender
1	Augmentation and Imp. of various LWSS under Bhoranj Consty. under ADB Distt. Hamirpur (HP). (Source level Aug. and prov. layout FHTC under JJM in G.P. Bhakera) (SH:- Construction of OHSR 2.00,000 Ltr. Cap. with 10 mt. staging height at Village Jadoh).	41,90,000/-	70,350/-	800/-
2	Improvement of various LWSS by construction of OHSR/Imp. Distribution System under Bhoranj Consty. Distt. Hamirpur (HP). (SH:- C/o OHSR at Jamli of 50,000 Ltr. Cap. with 10.00 mt. staging height).	12,53,900/-	25,070/-	400/-

Time: Three Months for each

Last date of filling/uploading the tender through e-tendering **16.12.2024 up to 11.00 AM**. The tender forms and other detailed conditions can be obtained from the website www.hptenders.gov.in.

Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Bhoranj.
HIM SUCHNA AVAM JAN SAMPARK

DPR/HP/3779

HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed item rate tender on Form No. 6 & 8 are hereby invited for and on behalf of the Governor of HP by the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Jhandutta for the following works from the approved and eligible contractors enlisted in Jal Shakti Vibhag so as to reach in this office on or before 18.12.2024 upto 3.00 PM and will be opened on the same day at 3.30 PM in the presence of intending contractors or their authorized representatives. The tender forms can be had from this office against cash payment (non refundable) upto 4.00 PM on 17.12.2024. The rates in the tender form will be filled in words and figures failing which the tender will be rejected.

The Earnest Money in the shape of National Saving Certificate/ Time Deposit Accounts/ in any of the Post Office in Himachal Pradesh/Nationalized Bank duly pledged in favour of the Executive Engineer JSV Jhandutta must be accompanied with each tender. Conditional tenders and the tenders received without earnest money will summarily be rejected. The tenderer may bring the latest income tax certificate and renewal of enlistment and GST Nos. and EPF Nos. The Executive Engineer reserves the right to reject any tender without assigning any reason. The offer of the tender will be kept open for 60 days.

Note: Other terms and conditions are as per schedule of quantity.

S. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost.	Earnest Money	Time allowed
1	A/R & M/O LWSS Dari Bhari & Samleta Bhatar in Tehsil Jhandutta Distt. Bilaspur H.P (SH:- Repair of 150 HP pump KSB make WL 65/13 Sr. No. 9973968373/65/013 set No. 2)	167600/-	3400/-	One month
2.	A/R & M/O Jhandutta Bohran in Tehsil Jhandutta Distt. Bilaspur H.P (SH:- Construction of RCC storage tank 30000 ltrs capacity at village Baddi Bilour (Tagoh)	344998/-	6900/-	Three months

Cost of form: 250/- for each

Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti Division Jhandutta
HIM SUCHNA AVAM JAN SAMPARK

DPR/HP/3792

Himachal Pradesh Jal Shakti Vibhag
"Notice Inviting Tender and e-Tenders"

Online e-tender and Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division Amb, Distt. Una (HP) on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, from the eligible contractors/firms enlisted with Jal Shakti Vibhag in appropriate class for the below noted work:-

Sr. No.	Name of works	Estimated Cost (in ₹)	Earnest Money (in ₹)	Cost of Tender document (in ₹)	Time Limit (in Days)
1	Operation and maintenance of Sewerage Scheme to Mata Shri Chintpurni Jini TehsilBharwan Distt. Una (HP) (Sub Head:- Operation/ Maintenance of S.T.P. and sewer distribution system, Lab) Labour Component, Zone-I (2.01 MLD)	4519694.00	75295.00	800.00	365
2	Operation and maintenance of Sewerage Scheme to Mata Shri Chintpurni Jini TehsilBharwan Distt. Una (HP) (Sub Head:- Operation/ Maintenance of S.T.P. and sewer distribution system, Lab) Labour Component, Zone-I (0.57 MLD)	3488619.00	59829.00	400.00	365
3	Operation of LWSS Amb Shri Chintpurni Ji and its adjoining area at Karuhi, under Jal Shakti Sub-division Bharwan, Tehsil Amb, Distt. Una (HP) (Sub Head:- Deployment of Labour skilled/unskilled staff for operation/maintenance beside the R/O of Rising main for one year)	1070358.00	21407.00	400.00	365
4	IEC Support activity under Jal Shakti Sub Division Amb (SH:- Lab material required for Sub-divisional water testing lab Amb, Tehsil Amb, Distt. Una (HP)	822520.00	16451.00	250.00	30
5	Construction of LWSS Amb Town in Tehsil Amb Distt. Una (HP) (SH:- C/o 2 Nos. Room over water testing Lab Building Electrical wiring, Sanitary Fitting, etc.)	813086.00	16262.00	250.00	90
6	Providing CAD to T/Well at Seri-31 in Tehsil Amb distt Una (HP) (SH:- Supply and erection of submersible pump set along with allied accessories including commissioning and testing complete)	536438.00	10729.00	250.00	30
7	Providing Sewerage Scheme to Mata Shree Chintpurni Jini Tehsil Bharwan Distt. Una (HP) (SH:- Providing Sewerage house connection to various consumers in Mata Shri Chintpurni Ji	492497.00	9850.00	250.00	60
8	C/o Sewerage Scheme to Mata Shri Chintpurni Ji in Tehsil Amb, Distt. Una (HP) (SH:- Supply and erection of centrifugal pumping machinery along-with allied accessories	360000.00	7200.00	250.00	30

Key Date:-

- Last date of the uploading/sale of tender documents: - **16.12.2024 at 11.00 AM.**
- Tenders opening date **16.12.2024 at 12.30 PM.**

The NIT a/w SOQ & other conditions are on the department website www.hpiph.org or Notice Board of this office which can be downloaded/seen.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti Division Amb,
Distt. Una (H.P.)

DPR/HP/3793

Airstrikes aimed at stopping IS from re-establishing haven in Syria: US

Defence Secy speaks to Turkish counterpart | Israel denies Damascus advance

AJAY BANERJEE
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 10
The US has said the mission to defeat terror organisation ISIS in Syria is ongoing and aimed at preventing the armed group from re-establishing a base in the country.

US Department of Defence Deputy Press Secretary Sabrina Singh detailed the US' mission at a press briefing on Monday. "We have continued the mission to prevent ISIS from re-establishing a safe haven in Syria," Singh said.

The US Central Command forces had conducted dozens of precision airstrikes within Syria, targeting ISIS camps and operatives in the Badiya desert to prevent the armed group from conducting external operations, and to ensure that they couldn't take advantage of the current situation to re-establish a base in central Syria, Singh added.

She said the operation struck over 75 targets using multiple US Air Force assets — including B-52 bombers and F-15



Qatari Emir Air Force personnel load aid on to a military cargo plane headed to Syria, in Doha. REUTERS

fighter jets. Yesterday, US Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin spoke with his Turkish counterpart, Minister of National Defense Yasar Guler, to discuss the developments in Syria.

A summary of the discussion, provided by Pentagon Press Secretary Air Force Maj Gen Pat Ryder, said, "Both leaders agreed that opposition groups must take steps to protect civilians, including ethnic

and religious minorities, and follow international humanitarian norms."

Mohammed al-Bashir named caretaker PM
Mohammed al-Bashir, Syria's new interim leader, announced on Tuesday he was taking charge of the country as caretaker Prime Minister until March 1 with the backing of the former rebels.

Meanwhile, Israel carried out

intense airstrikes targeting bases of the Syrian army, whose forces had melted away in the face of the lightning rebel advance that ousted Assad. Israel, which has sent forces across the border into a demilitarised zone inside Syria, acknowledged on Tuesday that troops had also taken up positions beyond the buffer zone, though it denied they were advancing towards Damascus. (With inputs from agencies)

Bibi testifies in corruption trial

TEL AVIV, DECEMBER 10
Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu took the witness stand for the first time on Tuesday in his long-running corruption trial, saying he was being hounded for his hawkish security policies.

Netanyahu, 75, is Israel's first sitting prime minister to be charged with a crime. Last week judges ruled that Netanyahu, indicted in 2019, must testify three times a week — Reuters

Ex-ISI chief charged with meddling in Pak politics

ISLAMABAD, DECEMBER 10
Pakistan's former spymaster Lt Gen Faiz Hameed (ret'd) has been indicted on multiple charges, including engaging in political activities, violating the Official Secrets Act, and misusing authority and government resources, the army said on Tuesday. According to a statement issued by the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), the process of Field General Court Martial was initiated

against the former ISI chief on August 12 this year. He was charged under provisions of the Pakistan Army Act and "in first place Lt Gen Faiz Hameed (ret'd) has been formally arraigned on charges of engaging in political activities, violations of Official Secret Act detrimental to safety and interest of the state, misuse of authority and government resources and causing wrongful loss to a person(s)". — PTI

BUSINESS

USD \$	EURO €	POUND £	JPY ¥	YUAN ¥	CAD C\$	AUD A\$	SGD S\$	HKD HK\$	BSE	NSE	GOLD	SILVER
₹84.85	₹89.31	₹108.78	₹0.55	₹11.69	₹59.75	₹54.30	₹63.32	₹10.92	1.59 81,510.05	8.95 24,610.05	₹78,600 Mumbai (MCX)	₹96,500 Mumbai (MCX)

Same-day trade settlement for top 500 stocks from Jan 31: Sebi

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 10
The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) on Tuesday announced that the top 500 stocks would be eligible for the same-day settlement cycle (T+0) in a phased manner.

At present, only 25 stocks are available for the T+0 settlement. The move will speed up the settlement cycle, which currently stands at T+1, which means if shares are purchased on Monday, they will be added to the client's demat account by Tuesday evening.

The wider eligibility will become effective on January 31, 2025. Besides, the same-day settlement cycle will con-

Will enable transfer of shares to buyer's account and funds in seller's account the same day

MULLS DIGILOCKER INTEGRATION WITH DEMAT

- Sebi has proposed leveraging DigiLocker, government-backed digital document storage platform, to streamline processes and minimise unclaimed assets in the securities market
- In its consultation paper, the regulator has proposed that depositories and mutual funds should provide demat and mutual fund holding statements on DigiLocker
- It has also been suggested that KYC registration agencies should share information on an investor's death with the DigiLocker authority

tinue to be optional, according to the Sebi circular.

In March 21, 2024, Sebi introduced the beta version of T+0 rolling settlement cycle on optional basis in addition to the existing T+1 settlement cycle in equity

cash markets, for a limited set of 25 scrips and with a limited number of brokers.

"Based on the feedback received from various stakeholders and approval of the Board, it has been decided to enhance the scope of option-

al T+0 settlement cycle with the following measures," said Sebi.

"The scrips shall be made available for trading and settlement, starting with scrips at bottom 100 companies and gradually include the next bottom 100 companies every month till top 500 companies are available for trading in optional T+0 settlement cycle," added Sebi.

The market capitalisation of the companies will be computed as of December 31. Further, all stock brokers are allowed to participate in the optional T+0 settlement cycle. However, stock brokers are permitted to charge differential brokerage for T+0 and T+1 settlement cycles.

India to oppose China-led WTO proposal

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 10
India is against the push for a proposal on investment facilitation at the World Trade Organisation (WTO), a government official said on Tuesday. A China-led group of 128 countries is pushing for the 'Investment Facilitation for Development (IFD)' proposal. The proposal will be binding for only the signatory members. India will also submit papers in the WTO against this, the official said, adding that such agreements would dilute the multilateral nature of the Geneva-based organisation. — PTI

Indian economy resilient, to grow at 6.8%: S&P Global

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 10
The Indian economy is set for "resilient growth" in 2025 and projected inflation pressure to recede would lead to "modest" easing of the monetary policy by the RBI, said S&P Global Ratings on Tuesday. In its India outlook for 2025, S&P also retained India's growth forecast for current fiscal at 6.8 per cent, followed by 6.9 per cent growth in 2025-26. "The Indian economy is set for resilient growth in 2025 on the back of strong urban consumption, steady service sector growth and

'RBI may ease policy' ongoing investment in infrastructure," Vishrut Rana, Economist at S&P Global Ratings, said. Last week, the RBI retained benchmark interest rates at 6.5 per cent to control inflation, but cut the cash reserve ratio by 50 basis points to infuse liquidity into the system. "Creating enough jobs, further infrastructure and technology improvement, and stronger public and household balance sheets can support economic growth," Rana said. — PTI

ED set to auction Mehul Choksi's ₹2,500 cr assets

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 10
The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday said it had begun the process for auctioning assets, worth over Rs 2,500 crore, as part of a money laundering probe against absconding businessman Mehul Choksi in connection with the alleged Rs 13,000 crore PNB loan fraud case. The federal agency said it initiated the 'restitution of assets' to the rightful owners in this case following an order passed by a special Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) court based in Mumbai. — PTI

CHESS
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

SINGAPORE, DECEMBER 10

A handy lead has slipped through his grip but Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh will rely on his steely resolve to bounce back when he takes on the enigmatic defending champion Ding Liren in the 13th game of the World Chess Championship that has been quite a rollercoaster ride for the players.

The 18-year-old Gukesh, who is the youngest challenger to the title, and the 32-year-old defending champion from China have been locked in an intriguing battle in which both have held leads for not too long. They will resume on Wednesday after a day of rest.

The scores are currently tied at 6-6 with the first to reach 7.5 assured of the coveted crown.

After squandering away a full point lead with just three games to go, the 12th round loss was heartbreaking for the young Indian and many experts believe that he will go for an aggressive approach in his last game with white pieces under Classical time control.

It won't be off the mark to say that nerves are likely to play a crucial role in the final stretch. The scores were tied 5-5 after Game 10 but the last two decisive games thereafter have breathed new life into an otherwise well-contested match in which both players have had their chances.

After what he described as a seesaw victory in the 11th game, Gukesh was simply not himself in the 12th game

Entering final stretch

Nerves could play crucial role as Gukesh, Liren head for close finish



With just two rounds to go, neither player can afford to make a mistake. PTI

and his idea to play a new position for the first time backfired spectacularly.

If the scores are still tied in the \$2.5 million championship, tiebreak games of shorter duration will be played to determine the winner. Generally a smooth operator, Liren looked a pale shadow of himself after the 11th game and the case was no different for Gukesh when he was completely outplayed for the first time here on Monday.

To regain composure is

the name of the game here and Gukesh has shown resolve in the past.

Liren, on the other hand, was in a similar situation in the last world championships match against Ian Nepomniachtchi that he won, rallying as many as three times before eventually clinching the tiebreaker.

Liren's precision was simply immaculate in the 12th game. Gukesh did not look the same player and the Chinese took advantage of the situation right

from the word go to earn high praise from many in the elite chess circles.

Five-time world champion across formats, Viswanathan Anand, called it a "very impressive game" while Liren himself said, "it was the best game that I have played in recent times."

While the mind games will go on in the last two games and a potential tiebreaker, American Hikaru Nakamura and world No. 1 Magnus Carlsen feel that the balance had tilted slightly

in Liren's favour.

"Ding did not have to calculate a single line in this whole game, he is being able to play the game based on positional understanding where he is very good," said Carlsen on his new YouTube channel.

It might be a tightrope walk for Gukesh but the young Indian is likely to go out there and give his best in the penultimate game.

In case of another draw, there is a decent chance that the chess buffs will get to see the tiebreak games. — PTI

Indian batters shift focus to red-ball preparations

Team undergoes intensive net session in Adelaide

BORDER-GAVASKAR
TROPHY

ADELAIDE, DECEMBER 10

Reeling from their humiliating 10-wicket defeat in the pink-ball Test, the under-fire Indian batters, led by Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli, turned their attention to red-ball preparations with an intensive net session here on Tuesday, aiming to bounce back in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy.

While Australia moved to Brisbane for the third Test from Saturday, the Indian team chose to stay back, focusing on honing their red-ball skills, particularly their defensive techniques and judgment in leaving deliveries.

"It's time to look ahead. Preparations for the Brisbane Test starts right here in Adelaide," the BCCI posted on X, sharing a video of Team India's practice.

Struggling with poor form, having scored just 142 runs with only one fifty (52) in his last 12 innings, the Indian skipper, who rejoined the team after the birth of his son, aimed to quickly regain his rhythm as he faced both Indian spinners and pacers.

After dropping down to No. 6, Rohit had scores of three and six in Adelaide. He was adjudged lbw to a fuller delivery that nipped back, while in the second essay he was cleaned up by his Aussie counterpart Pat Cummins with a length ball that held its line and clipped the off stump.

Kohli, who ended his 16-

Day 1 of Boxing Day Test sold out

MELBOURNE: Tickets for the opening day of the fourth Test between India and Australia at the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground have sold out, highlighting the public's strong interest in the prestigious Border-Gavaskar Trophy. The strong demand for tickets comes a couple of days after hosts Australia made a stunning comeback, handing India a 10-wicket defeat in Adelaide to level the five-match series 1-1. The two rivals will head to the MCG for the Boxing Day Test, starting December 26 after the third Test in Brisbane starting Saturday. "All available public tickets for Day 1 of the Boxing Day Test have been sold," Cricket Australia posted on X on Tuesday. "There will be a possible final release of a small number of public tickets on December 24 for non-members to get their seats," it added. The pink-ball Test in Adelaide drew a crowd of 135,012 across three days, setting a record turnout during a five-day game featuring the two sides.

Australia were stung by criticism: Gilchrist

ADELAIDE: Legendary wicketkeeper-batter Adam Gilchrist believes Australia were "stung" by the criticism following their loss in Perth, but have returned to their best, driven by captain Pat Cummins' controlled aggression. "You could see just through his (Cummins) celebrations that... every wicket that he took he was more aggressive in his celebration," Gilchrist said. "Not in that lose control extent but you could just see that clearly they'd been stung by a bit of criticism after their performance (in Perth) and they internally would have been so disappointed with the way they played in Perth. So it (Adelaide celebrations) showed you what it meant to them and they knew that they were back at the level they want to play their cricket," Gilchrist added. PTI

month century drought with a hundred in Perth, fell cheaply in both innings, edging to second slip in the first innings and then to the wicketkeeper in the second essay. The star Indian batter looked full of intent and had a watchful start to his net session before slowly finding his flow.

KL Rahul looked more subdued, focusing more on his defence, while Rishabh Pant played a few pick-up shots.

Young opener Yashasvi Jaiswal, who starred with a 161 in India's massive 295-run win in the opening Test, was the aggressor, dis-

playing his cheeky shots. He even stepped out to the Indian bowlers.

The bowling unit consisted of the likes of Harshit Rana, Akash Deep, Yash Dayal and the spin trio of Ravindra Jadeja, Ravichandran Ashwin and Washington Sundar, while there were a few throw-down specialists as well.

The key Indian pace duo of Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj along with seam-bowling allrounder Nitish Kumar Reddy looked to have a lean day. India are scheduled to reach Brisbane on Wednesday. — PTI



Nitish Kumar Reddy was the lone Indian batter to put up a fight in the second Test. AP/PTI

BRIEFLY

NEW DELHI

India 6th in Asian Women's Handball Championships

India lost to 10-time silver medalists China 30-41 to finish sixth, their best-ever performance at the Asian Women's Handball Championship. India gave a spirited fight to heavyweights China in the 5th-6th place playoff match before losing the encounter. Japan stunned reigning champions South Korea in a gripping final, overturning a 9-12 deficit from halftime into a 25-24 win. Japan claimed their second title, breaking South Korea's streak of seven straight championship wins.

PUNE

Deshwal leads from front as Panthers beat Gujarat in PKL

Jaipur Pink Panthers secured a crucial win in the race for the playoffs, defeating Gujarat Giants 42-29 with skipper Arjun Deshwal doing the bulk of the scoring in a Pro Kabaddi League match. Raid machine Deshwal scored 13 points, while Neeraj Narwal's eight points too played an important role in the victory.

Funds being mismanaged in DDCA: Azad

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 10

World Cup winner Kirti Azad has raised the issue of mismanagement of funds in the run-up to the Delhi & District Cricket Association (DDCA) elections. Azad, who is the TMC Member of Parliament from Bardhaman-Durgapur, is fighting against sitting DDCA president Rohan Jaitley in the elections that will be held from December 13 to 15.

Speaking to the media ahead of the polls, the former all-rounder, who was a member of the 1983 World Cup winning team, alleged that funds have been mismanaged by officials. "It may cost Rs 1 crore maximum (on the outer side) to install a lift. But



Former India cricketer Kirti Azad addresses a press conference in New Delhi on Tuesday. ANI

there is a request for Rs 29 crore," Azad said before questioning the DDCA officials for some lopsided selections of the Delhi teams.

He also highlighted that the DDCA needs a proper audit after suggesting grants and funds from the BCCI have been wasted.

"The members of the DDCA have long been denied their rightful status. The grants that the association has been receiving have been mismanaged. There is no proper auditing of the books of accounts. Members of the association have borne the brunt of facilities being denied which is rightfully theirs. More importantly, the DDCA, under Rohan Jailed, has failed to upgrade the stadium infrastructure as was promised," he said.

There are three groups fighting the elections this time. Apart from the Kirti Azad-Sanjay Hardwar panel and the one led by Jaitley, the other panel is being led by Vinod Tiara, who has not filed nomination for the president's post.

Arteta battles injury crisis as Arsenal gear up for Monaco

LONDON, DECEMBER 10

Arsenal must adapt to the situation of having a growing injury list, manager Mikel Arteta said, as his side prepare to face AS Monaco in the Champions League at home on Wednesday with several key players set to miss out.

Arsenal have concerns over the fitness of Gabriel, Riccardo Calafiori, and Oleksandr Zinchenko, while Ben White and Takehiro Tomiyasu are already sidelined. Jurrien Timber and Thomas Partey also missed full training on Tuesday.

"It is what it is. We need to accept the reality and move forward," Arteta told reporters on Tuesday.

"We have to manage a lot of the players. Some of them probably aren't going to be fit. Some are still a doubt. We have 24 hours to make a decision and hopefully it will be the right ones."

Kieran Tierney, back in training after six months out with a hamstring injury, could make his first appearance in European competition for Arsenal since November 2022, with Arteta pleased with the left back's determination.



Arsenal's Declan Rice and Bukayo Saka during training. REUTERS

"He's ready and training really well and he's going to have an opportunity for sure the way the team is looking at the moment," the Spanish coach said.

"He's going to do that for that reason and because he's earned it. The way he's behaved, the way he's been with us and because he's willing to do it. When that happens you have to give opportunities to those

kinds of players."

Arsenal are seventh in the Champions League standings, ahead on goal difference over their French opponents who began their campaign with a win over Barcelona.

"I'm really impressed. You see the run that they've been on in the Champions League. They're a real threat with a lot of qualities," Arteta said. — Reuters

India aim to avoid clean sweep

INDIA-AUSTRALIA
WOMEN'S ODI SERIES

PERTH, DECEMBER 10

A battered and bruised India will look to avoid a clean sweep and address some glaring issues ahead of next year's 50-over World Cup at home when they face Australia in the third and final women's ODI here on Wednesday.

The three-match series against the defending world champions has served as a harsh reality check for India, who have faltered in batting, bowling and fielding, with each area contributing to their struggles.

A record 122-run defeat in the second ODI highlighted India's vulnerability. Even though the batters shone in patches, they never truly looked to chase down Australia's 371/8.

In batting, the biggest disappointment has come from India's two big stars - skipper Harmanpreet Kaur and her deputy Smriti Mandhana.

Mandhana has capped scores of 8 and 9 in Australia following her century during India's 2-1 home series win over New Zealand in October. The flamboyant opener had been in fine form earlier this year, scor-



Richa Ghosh's 54 in the second ODI is the highest score by an Indian batter in the series. CRICKET AUSTRALIA

ing 450-plus runs at a 70-plus average and she would look to regain her touch.

Harmanpreet, on the other hand, failed to convert her starts with 57 runs from two matches as her captaincy and batting both have come under scrutiny following India's early exit from the T20 World Cup earlier this year.

In the absence of out-of-form opener Shafali Verma, India tried out some different

combinations and the bright spot has been the promising return of Richa Ghosh, who slammed a spirited fifty at the top in the last ODI.

Richa's 54 has been the highest score by an Indian batter in the series, in stark contrast to the two centuries and two fifties scored by Australian batters, highlighting the Anol Muzumdar-coached side's batting struggles. In the opening ODI, only four Indian batters could reach double digits.

The bowlers have also been off the mark, conceding eight runs in wides in the second ODI. The Indians were also guilty of dropping several crucial catches, allowing Australia to amass their third-highest ODI total of all time.

Rookie leg-spinner Priya Mishra has been a bright spot in an otherwise challenging series. The 20-year-old has shown promise.

"We need to bat a bit longer and bat a full 50 overs moving forward. In bowling, we need to go back and think about plans," Harmanpreet said after the last game.

Australia's next generation has stepped up in style in the series, with the Tahlia McGrath-led side delivering a dominant performance despite missing regular skipper Alyssa Healy. The 21-year-old Georgia Voll, handed the opener's role in Healy's absence, has been a revelation. On her debut in the first ODI, she displayed remarkable composure, anchoring a modest 101-run chase with an unbeaten 46.

Voll followed it up with a stunning maiden century, forming a formidable partnership with veteran Ellyse Perry as the duo dismantled India's struggling bowling attack. — PTI

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at an interaction event in Russia on Monday. ANI

Rajnath presses Russia for early delivery of two S-400s

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 10 Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, on a visit to Moscow, today pressed Russia to expedite the delivery of the remaining two S-400 air defence missile systems. At a meeting with President Vladimir Putin, Rajnath described the long-standing India-Russia ties as a "friendship higher than the highest mountain and deeper than the deepest ocean".

"India has always stood by its friend Russia and will con-

Asks industrialists to join 'Make in India' initiative

tinue to do so in the future," the minister said, in an obvious reference to Delhi backing Moscow in the face of US-imposed economic sanctions. The MoD, in a statement, said Rajnath and Putin discussed various issues of bilateral defence cooperation. Rajnath's meeting with Putin came on the sidelines of the 21st session of the 'India-Russia Inter-Gov-

ernmental Commission on Military and Military Cooperation'. Earlier, Rajnath co-chaired the session along with his Russian counterpart Andrey Belousov. In October 2018, India had signed a \$5.4 billion deal for five S-400s, which were to be delivered by 2024. However, Russia's conflict with Ukraine has delayed the delivery by a year. The minister said India was determined to expand capabilities of the domestic industry and he invited Russian industries to join the 'Make in India' initiative.

Parl proceedings washed out as BJP, Congress clash over Adani, Soros

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 10 Parliamentary proceedings on Tuesday were again washed out after Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju raised the issue of Congress leader Sonia Gandhi being allegedly linked to entities backed by American billionaire George Soros, resulting in chaos in the Lok Sabha and leading to its adjournment for the day.

Speaking during Zero Hour, Rijiju also hit out at Congress leaders for attacking the dignity of Parliament by coming to the House wearing masks and jackets with caricatures.

Opposition members trooped into the well as Rijiju made the remarks.

Rijiju's comments came after Lok Sabha Speaker in the morning had urged both the Opposition and treasury benches to maintain the dignity of the House and not disrupt proceedings. However soon after his remarks, vociferous protests erupted with the ruling BJP raising the Soros issue while the Congress-led Oppo-



Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra at Parliament in New Delhi on Tuesday. ANI

BJP AFRAID OF ADANI ISSUE, NOT ALLOWING HOUSE TO RUN: PRIYANKA

"The House is not running and the government is deliberately not running the House, or they are unable, incapable to do so. It is their strategy as they are afraid of discussion over Adani. I am new to Parliament and it is strange that the Prime Minister has not come here. It's been 10 days of this session," Wayanad MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra told mediapersons outside Parliament on Tuesday

sition protested over Adani bribery indictment issue, thus leading to an hour-long adjournment. On resumption, noisy protests were prompted by Rijiju's comments, who

said that the Congress leaders' stalling of Parliament was also depriving other members of the House from raising issues related to their constituencies. Rajya Sabha proceedings

too were adjourned for the day amid uproarious scenes as members of treasury and Opposition benches traded charges on the Soros and Adani issues.

IN PARLIAMENT



38 districts hit by LWE

Nityanand Rai, MoS for Home, told Parliament on Tuesday that 38 districts in the country were affected by Left-wing extremism (LWE). Of these, 15 are in Chhattisgarh, seven Odisha, five Jharkhand, three MP, two each in Kerala, Maharashtra and Telangana, and one each in Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal.

Key post vacant since '19

Social Justice Minister Virendra Kumar said the post of Chief Commissioner in the Office of Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities has been vacant since 2019 and Secretary in the Department of Empowerment of PwDs has been holding additional charge. In the appointments process following issuance of advertisement to fill the post on four occasions, no suitable candidate was found.

Lankan Prez to visit India from Dec 15

COLOMBO, DECEMBER 10

Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake will undertake a two-day visit to India from December 15 in his first overseas visit after assuming office, it was announced on Tuesday.

During his visit, Dissanayake will meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Droupadi Murmu. Cabinet spokesman Nalinda Jayathissa told reporters here.

He will be accompanied by Foreign Minister Vijitha Herath and Deputy Minister of Finance Anil Jayantha Fernando, said Jayathissa, also the Minister of Health. The December 15-17 visit is Dissanayake's first overseas visit since being elected the island nation's President in September. — PTI

185-yr-old Noori Masjid partially razed over 'encroachment'

FATEHPUR (UP), DECEMBER 10

Amid tight security, a portion of the 185-year-old Noori Masjid in Uttar Pradesh's Fatehpur district was demolished by local authorities on Tuesday claiming it was illegally constructed 2-3 years ago and was obstructing the widening of the Banda-Bahraich highway.

The mosque's management committee chief, however, claimed the Noori Masjid in Lalauli town was built in 1839 while the road around it came up only in 1956. He said they have already moved the Allahabad High Court which will take up the plea on December 12.

The district administration claimed that the portion demolished was illegal and had come up in the last 2-3 years, citing satellite and historical images of the mosque's site. The Public Works Department (PWD) had, in connection with the widening of Banda-Bahraich Highway No. 13,



Bulldozers demolish the encroached part of Noori Masjid in Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh, on Tuesday. PTI

given a notice to remove some parts of the mosque due to their "illegal construction", but the mosque management did

not implement it, according to officials.

"About 20m of Noori Masjid, which was obstructing the

widening of Banda-Bahraich Highway No. 13, was demolished by a bulldozer on Tuesday in the presence of officials

and now its debris is being removed," Lalauli police station in-charge Inspector Vrindavan Rai said. — PTI

Trial in WB rape-murder case to end in month: SC

SATYA PRAKASH

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 10

The trial in the rape and murder of a doctor at RG Kar Medical College Hospital, Kolkata, was likely to conclude in a month, the Supreme Court said on Tuesday.

After perusing the CBI's latest status report, a Bench of Chief Justice of India Sanjay Khanna and Justice Sanjay Kumar noted the trial was progressing on a daily basis — Monday to Thursday — at the Special CBI Court, Sealdah, and of the total 81 witnesses, the prosecution had already recorded the testimonies of 43 witnesses.

The top court — which had on August 18 taken suo motu cognisance of the horrific incident — directed the parties to share their sugges-

tions on preventing gender-based violence and developing safety protocols for doctors and medical staff at hospitals with the court-appointed National Task Force (NTF).

Asking the NTF to file its report in 12 weeks, the Bench posted the matter for further hearing on March 17, 2025. However, it clarified that the parties to the case could seek an early hearing, if the trial was delayed.

Set up to suggest measures to ensure safety of medical professionals, the NTF had last month told the Supreme Court that no separate central law was required to deal with violence against them as existing state laws and the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) 2023 have adequate safeguards.

OBITUARY

SM Krishna FORMER EAM (MAY 1, 1932 – DEC 10, 2024)

Man behind 'Brand Bengaluru', the IT hub

FORMER External Affairs Minister and Karnataka Chief Minister SM Krishna passed away at his residence on Tuesday morning. He left behind wife Prema and daughters Malavika and Shambhavi. The 92-year-old veteran was ailing for quite some time.

Krishna held prominent positions throughout his career as External Affairs Minister, Maharashtra Governor, Chief Minister of Karnataka, Speaker of Karnataka Legislative Assembly and minister in the Karnataka Government.

As Chief Minister of Karnataka (1999-2004), he was credited with laying a strong foundation for the growth of IT and biotechnology industries in Karnataka and building the "Brand Bengaluru".

SM Krishna and Y2K (the millennium bug) happened to Karnataka concurrently in 1999 and were instrumental in unleashing big-bang tech growth in the state.

From being a sleepy place known for its temperate weather, Bengaluru quickly emerged as the IT hub of the country touted as the "Silicon Valley of India".

The kidnapping of Kannada matinee idol Rajkumar by notorious forest brigand Veerappan also took place during Krishna's tenure as Chief Minister. Rajkumar was finally released after 109 days in captivity, easing the pressure on the state government.

Krishna's tenure as Minister of External Affairs (2009-2011) is remembered for an embarrassing gaffe in 2011 when he accidentally began to read out the Portuguese Foreign Minister's speech at the United Nations. As External Affairs Minister Krishna also organised a couple of high-profile External Affairs Ministry events in Bengaluru, including a Russia-India-China Foreign Minister-level conference.

— Shubhadeep Choudhury

Nepal Army chief arrives on 4-day visit

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 10

The Nepal Army Chief General Ashok Raj Sigdel commenced an official visit to India today. The General arrived today, but events and his engagements are planned from December 11 to 14.

The Ministry of Defence said, "The visit aims to enhance bilateral military cooperation and explore new avenues for defence collaboration." The Nepali Army Chief will have an interaction with Indian Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi tomorrow. Gen Sigdel will also be briefed on India's security perspective. — TNS

AgustaWestland: ED opposes bail plea of middleman

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 10

The Enforcement Directorate on Tuesday opposed before the Delhi High Court the bail plea by alleged middleman and British national Christian Michel James in the money laundering case connected to the Rs 3,600-crore AgustaWestland chopper case.

Appearing before Justice Dinesh Kumar Sharma, the ED counsel said James was a flight risk and the gravity of the offence did not merit relief to him. The alleged scam relates to the purchase of 12 VVIP helicopters from AgustaWestland. — PTI

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