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{ SUPREME COURT }

# 'Why no law for data protection until now?'

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**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court on Thursday questioned the Centre over its delay in framing a law to protect the data privacy of its citizens despite right to privacy being declared a fundamental right by the top court in 2017.

The issue came up before a Constitution bench which was discussing WhatsApp's 2016 privacy policy that allowed the sharing of user data with Facebook and its other group companies for the purposes of advertising and marketing.

This policy was challenged by two law students for violating

**THE COURT WAS DISCUSSING THE 2016 WHATSAPP PRIVACY POLICY ALLOWING IT TO SHARE USER DATA WITH FACEBOOK AND ITS FIRMS**

their fundamental right to privacy. "If law can provide a solution, a reasonable time can be fixed to bring the law. Otherwise, we will have it listed and proceed with arguments in the case," the bench said, while posting the matter for January 17. →P12



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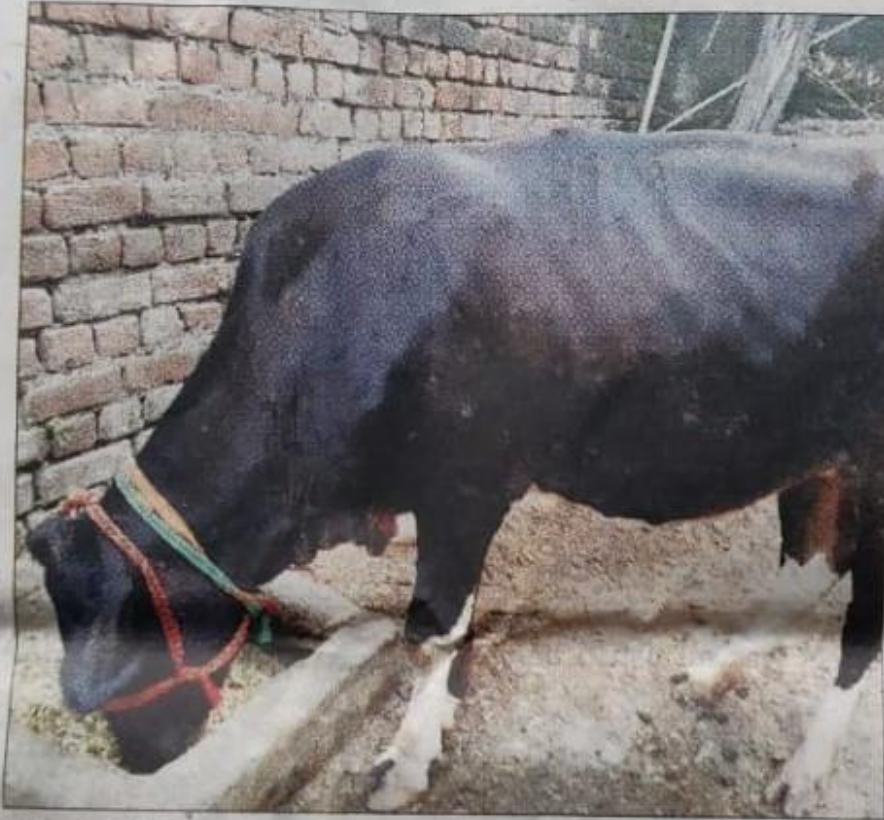
# Farmers heave sigh of relief as no new case of lumpy skin disease in Y'nagar since Sept 19

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**YAMUNANAGAR, SEPTEMBER 29**  
Cattle owners have heaved a sigh of relief as no new case of lumpy skin disease (LSD) has been reported in the district since September 19. Currently, 941 head of cattle have active infection in the district.

A total of 16,546 cases of the LSD have been reported in the district after it broke out in July this year. Of these, 15,605 cattle have so far recovered and 217 cattle have succumbed to the disease, causing huge financial losses to cattle owners.

The first case of the LSD was reported from Ghilaur village of Radaur sub-division on July 12. Ravinder Kumar, a farmer of Panjupur village, whose two cows were affected by the disease, said he lost one of the cattle after



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battling the disease for more than a month.

He said he had to suffer a

financial loss of about Rs 50,000 due to the death of the cow.

"The price of milch breeds is quite high therefore it is difficult to purchase a head of cattle. The government should provide aid to the affected farmers and dairy owners," said Ravinder Kumar.

Now, with no new case of the disease in last 10 days, the farmers are optimistic. "It is good news. All five head of cattle that I own suffered due to the LSD for about a month, but now they have recovered," said Subhash Chand, a farmer of Marwa village.

Dr Satbir Singh, Sub-Divisional Officer of the Animal Husbandry Department said although no new case had been reported, they were continuously monitoring the cattle population to contain the disease.

"As many as 65,748 head of cattle have been vaccinated in the district," said Singh.



A drone being launched by the MHU in Karnal on Thursday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: SAYEED AHMED

## Drone training centre for farmers to come up at MHU

University to issue licences to entrepreneurs, students too

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KARNAL, SEPTEMBER 29

Maharana Pratap Horticulture University (MHU), Karnal, will provide drone training to farmers, entrepreneurs and its students. A training centre will be set up at its Anjanthali farm in the district.

The centre is expected to start by the end of November and one-week training will be given to students, farmers and entrepreneurs, said Dr Samar Singh, Vice-Chancellor, MHU.

After the completion of the training, drone-flying licences will be given to them to operate drones. He claimed that the MHU would be the first university of the

government sector in the state to impart such training and issue licences. As per the guidelines, licence is required to operate the drones, he added. "Our institute will provide training for less fee compared to other private institutes across the region," he added.

Besides, the MHU will conduct 250 demonstrations of drone spray in the fields of farmers in six months. For this purpose, it has purchased two drones, which were launched on Thursday in the presence of experts and farmers. The farmers were given demonstration of the drone spray. "The use of drones in spraying is a new technology and will not only

save time, but also minimise the use of manpower. The spray with the help of drones is more effective compared to the manual mode," said Dr Samar Singh.

Spraying with the help of drones is more effective in crops having height such as sugarcane, fruit crops and others, while the manual spray is difficult, he said.

One drone takes eight minute to cover an acre with 10 litre water and recommended fungicides, insecticides and others, he added.

Manual spraying can be dangerous, while spraying with the help of drones is safe, Dr Samar Singh added.

## Harvest time, but cotton crop lies damaged on 39K hectares in Hisar

DEEPENDER DESWAL  
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HISAR, SEPTEMBER 29

A preliminary survey conducted by the Agriculture Department indicated that cotton crop grown over nearly 39,000 hectare land had suffered over 50 per cent damage due to the recent heavy rain in Hisar district.

Sources in the department claimed that cotton was the worst-affected crop this monsoon. It has suffered damages at a time when the harvest was underway. The survey report had been compiled on the basis of the reports received from the field staff in different blocks and the complaints of the affected farmers after a three-day rain spell in the district recently.

The report read that 1,29,814 hectares were under cotton cultivation this kharif season in the district. Over 75 per cent crop had been damaged on 21,119 hectares and 50 to 75 per cent on 17,800 hectares.

The officials of the department said Uklana, Barwana and Narnaund blocks were the worst-hit as fields in



Fields in Kheri village of Uklana, Hisar district, are still waterlogged after heavy rainfall a few days ago. Tribune photo

### GUAR, PADDY, BAJRA AFFECTED

- 76 per cent of guar crop has been damaged on 5,784 hectares. It is being cultivated on 18,970 hectares.
- The district has paddy crops in 12,965 hectares of which nearly 400 hectares has suffered above 76 pc damage.
- Bajra, which is being cultivated on 1,900 hectare, has suffered 76 per cent damage on 800 hectares

these areas were waterlogged. "Cotton fields that are still waterlogged will fetch nothing to the farmers. It is a complete devastation," said an official. The report suggests that 23,160 hectare cotton crop had suffered loss between 26-50 per cent and another 61,735 hectare had reported damages of below 25 per cent.

The department and the insurance agency, which insured the cotton crops

under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojna, had been flooded with the complaints of crop damage. Deputy Director Agriculture Vinod Kumar Phogat said, "The department, along with the insurance agency concerned, will take necessary action on the complaints."

He said that compensation was provided on the basis of the girdawari survey for the crop loss and crop-cutting experiments.