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## **Dussehra**

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Department of Information and Public Relations, Punjab



# 189 K'shetra villages to have water safety plans

Move aimed at improving groundwater level

**NITISH SHARMA**

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KURUKSHETRA, OCTOBER 14

As many as 189 villages of the Pehowa, Ladwa and Shahabad blocks, identified as dark zones, in Kurukshetra will have area-specific water safety plans to improve their groundwater level.

According to a survey report of June 2021, the groundwater level has dropped to 33.42 m in Ladwa, 39.54 m in Pehowa and 44.39 m in Shahabad.

As per the information, 51 villages of Pehowa, 65 of Shahabad and 75 of the Ladwa block have been identified under the Centre's Atal Bhujal Yojana to improve the groundwater level.

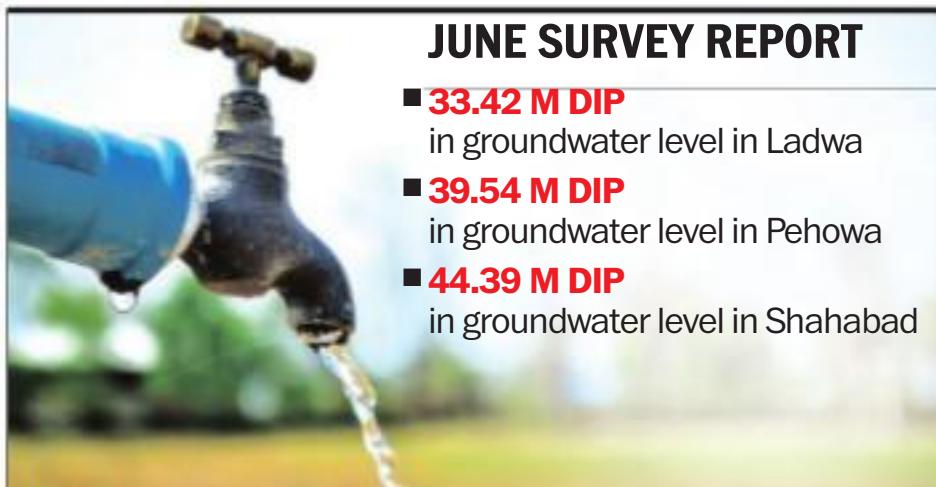
The survey of 20 Pehowa villages has been completed so far.

Groundwater expert Dr Navin Nain, who is working on this project, said:

"Village-level surveys are being conducted. The extraction rate of groundwater in the Pehowa block is quite high and due to overexploitation, the level is decreasing year by year."

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## JUNE SURVEY REPORT

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## WATER BUDGET TO BE PREPARED

Groundwater is depleting at an alarming rate and it has gone down by nearly 100-ft over 40 years. Under the area-specific plans, the water budget and requirement of the villages will be prepared and programmes will be implemented. Arvind Kaushik, IRRIGATION EXPERT

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"Under the area-specific plans, the water budget and requirement of the villages will be prepared to put up a collective effort to improve the level."

Haryana Water Resources Authority chairperson Keshni Anand Arora, however, said: "Special focus will be on these blocks and people will be educated to save the groundwater for future."

Farmers are being motivated to use micro-irrigation schemes and crop diversification. They are also being encouraged to take the benefits of government schemes to save groundwater."

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Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner Mukul Kumar said: "A survey of 20 villages of the Pehowa block has been completed and the remaining ones

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# Army man held for leaking info to Pak

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AMBALA, OCTOBER 14

The Ambala police have arrested an Army person for allegedly passing on secret information to Pakistan secret agents after allegedly getting honey-trapped.

The accused, hawaldar Rohit Kumar, is resident of Korwa Khurd of Ambala. He belongs to the 68 Engineering Regiment Bhopal. He had reached Ambala on leave a couple of days ago.

Sources said Rohit had joined the Army in 2012 and was in touch with the Pakistan agents since 2018. The police had inputs that Rohit had been in touch with the Pakistani secret agents and had been sharing information of the Army with them. Acting on the information, Rohit was arrested late last night and during prelimi-



Rohit Kumar in police custody in Ambala on Thursday.

nary interrogation, he confessed to sharing information with Pakistan agents.

A case was registered against him on the complaint of SHO Shahzadpur Rajesh Kumar, at the Shahzadpur police station. As per

the complaint, he had shared secret locations of the Army with the Pakistan agents.

His interrogation is underway and the matter has been handed over to the

CIA-Naraingarh.

According to the information, the girl he was in touch with was using a UK-based number.

SSP Ambala Hamid Akhtar said, "Following the information received, a raid was conducted and Rohit Kumar was held. We have recovered two phones from him and will try to get the data recovered. He was in touch with two Pakistani individuals, including a girl. He had been sharing information regarding the Army movement and photographs. We will retrieve all information about the documents and pictures he has shared."

He was produced before a court, which sent him to seven-day police remand. A case has been registered under Sections of 3,4, and 5 of the Official Secrets Act at the Shahzadpur police station.

## ₹10-cr dues released for Mewat schools' staff

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 14

The Haryana Government has finally released the pending salaries of over 350 teaching and non-teaching staff of model schools in the Mewat area. The dues for five months (April-August) amounting to over Rs 10.31

crore have been released.

Welcome the decision, Subhash Lamba, president of the Sarv Karamchari Sangh, demanded that the pending salaries for the months of September and October should also be disbursed before Diwali. — TNS

## Youths cheated of jobs: Cong

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CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 14

Congress general secretary Randeep Surjewala today lambasted the Khattar-Chautala government for being biased against youths of Haryana.

The Directorate of Medical Education and Research had floated 275 posts of staff nurse.

Meanwhile, a delegation led by Lamba and accompanied by Satish Khatana, president of the Mewat Model Schools Employees' Welfare Association, submitted a memo to Amit Aggarwal, Addl Principal Secy to the CM, in support of their demands. — TNS

## COVID METER

Cases	16
Recovered	12
Active	94
Deaths	0

DISTRICT-WISE COUNT	+VE	DEATHS
Gurugram	6	0
Faridabad	3	0
Karnal	2	0
State total	7.7L	10,049

## How will you look after nine kids from previous wedlock, couple asked

SAURABH MALIK

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CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 14

When a couple tied the knot for the second time after parting way with their spouses, little did they know that the issue of maintaining nine children from their previous marriages would soon confront them.

Acting on their protection petition, the Punjab and Haryana High Court, in an exceptional order today, asked them to file separate affidavits on how they planned to maintain the children from their previous marriages.

Justice Arvind Singh Sangwan of the HC also asked the couple to come out with the details of their moveable and immoveable properties. This, the Bench asserted, would "enable the court to grant some maintenance to the minor kids of both the petitioners".

The matter was placed before Justice Sangwan's Bench after the couple from the Nuh area sought directions to the authorities concerned for the protection of their life and liberty. Acting on their petition filed against the State of Haryana, Justice Sangwan, during the preliminary

## HIGH COURT SEEKS PROPERTY DETAILS

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After hearing of the matter, observed that the woman was stated to be 29 years old, while the groom was 35.

Justice Sangwan added that the petition stated this was the second marriage of both petitioners, who were in love with each other for the past two years. Five children were born out of the woman's first marriage before they went in for a divorce as her husband used to allegedly maltreat her.

Referring to the plea, he said it was stated that four children were born out of the man's first wedding as well. Both the petitioners were now residing together, but were apprehending threat to their life and liberty at the hands of their family and previous spouses.

## Entire staff replaced at Gheer centre

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KARNAL, OCTOBER 14

Taking serious note of the alleged malpractices in the paddy procurement at the Gheer purchase centre, the district administration has replaced all staff members,

including those of both the agencies — DFSC and Hafed — and the Haryana State Agricultural Marketing Board (HSAMB).

Besides, the authorities

have stopped the delivery of paddy under the custom milled rice (CMR) to nine millers whose paddy stock was found to be short in comparison to the record.

Zonal Administrator (ZA) Gagandeep Singh found several discrepancies in paddy purchase at the Gheer centre as "fake" gate passes were allegedly issued to adjust the "illegal" procurement of around 24,564 quintal of grain.

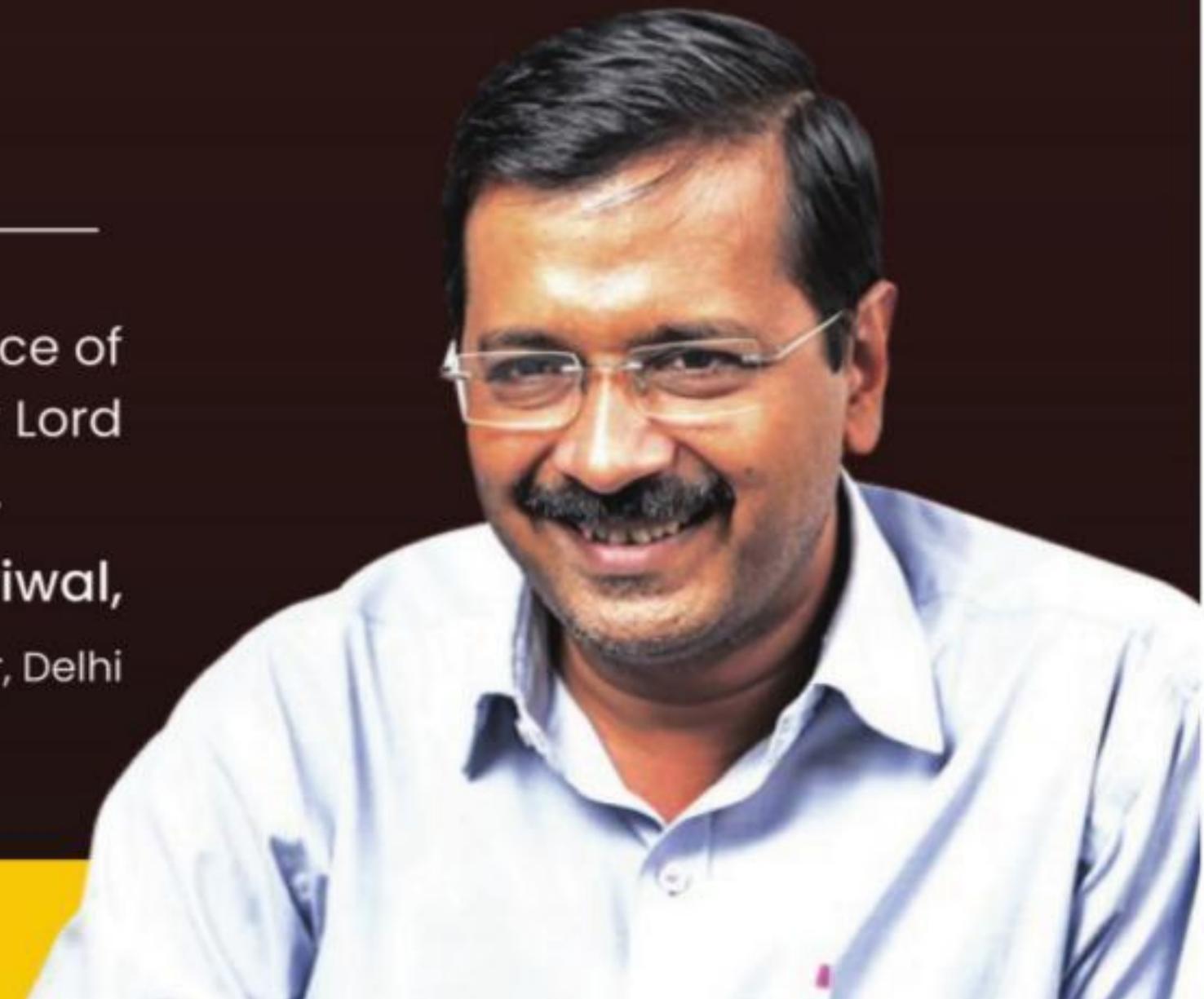
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GOOD OVER EVIL,  
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&  
JUSTICE OVER INJUSTICE  
WISHING YOU ALL A  
HAPPY DUSSEHRA**

Equality, justice, brotherhood, and happiness are the true essence of Ram Rajya. This Dussehra, let us try to follow the path shown by Lord Ram. Here's wishing everyone a Happy and Prosperous Dussehra.

Arvind Kejriwal,  
Chief Minister, Delhi



# The Tribune

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## Listen to Farooq Abdullah

Strengthen hands of real representatives of people of J&amp;K

THE Centre should listen carefully to Farooq Abdullah, the statesman, who was kept under detention for seven months after the abrogation of Article 370 on August 5, 2019. At the Shaheed Bunga Sahib gurdwara on Wednesday while attending the 'antim ardas' ceremony of Supinder Kaur, the slain principal of the government school in Srinagar's Eidgah area, Farooq made a statement that should wake up our rulers in Delhi. Unequivocally, he told the gathering that Kashmir will never become Pakistan because 'we are a part of India and will remain a part of India, come what may. They cannot change it even if they shoot me'. This three-time Chief Minister, who will soon turn 84, termed the cowardly, Pakistan-handled killers, who have been targeting Hindus and Sikhs, 'beasts' who serve the devil.

Whatever might have been Farooq's failings as an administrator, this one gesture exemplifies his stature as the tallest politician of Jammu and Kashmir and his role in building bridges and calming frayed nerves. And J&K needs its trusted, old politicians to play their mandated parts to restart the political process and re-engage the masses at the earliest. Farooq has always held the Indian flag aloft — be it in Geneva as part of the 1994 Indian delegation led by AB Vajpayee, or in 1996 when he revived and legitimised the electoral process in the troubled state.

Now, when a repeat of the exodus of Hindus and Sikhs is being feared and old memories of killings of Pandits in 1990 and Sikhs in 2000 are haunting the vulnerable minorities, the Centre should strengthen the hands of the real representatives of the people of J&K, for whom a threat to their lives is an occupational hazard. Pakistan is merely using the Afghan context to create greater terror and polarisation in J&K, which can be effectively countered by the Indian forces under the political leadership of the sons of the soil. The J&K leaders who insist that they are Indians are our national treasure, but to appreciate their commitment to the Indian cause, our rulers need to remove their Hindutva goggles.

## Regulate private hospitals

Must check fleecing of patients at all times

INDIA'S private healthcare industry provides vital services to those who can afford to pay for them as the country's public healthcare system is overburdened, understaffed and wholly inadequate. But, unfortunately, the private healthcare industry is just that — an industry with focus on profits. This fact has been underscored countless times over the last 20 months, since the Covid-19 pandemic struck us. To protect their citizens from those private hospitals that have no scruples in trying to prise the very last rupee out of a patient's grasp, governments across the country, from time to time, notified the maximum permissible cost of treatment for Covid-19. However, complaints have continued to pour in from customers who allege, among other things, that they were forced to pay more than the notified rates, made to make payments in cash, and told to deposit money before patients could be admitted.

Now the Supreme Court has issued a notice to the Central Government on a private petition that seeks the formation of an audit mechanism for complaints from Covid-19 patients or their caregivers, who allege that private hospitals fleeced them. In the past too, the Supreme Court was forced to intervene on such matters, going to the extent of commenting: 'Hospitals survive on human distress... It has become a big industry at the cost of human suffering.' However, judging from reports of overcharging from across the country, it is clear that for many hospital managements, the lure of money trumps the fear of law. Even in these times of terrible human suffering, a large number of hospitals place profits over medical ethics.

Why, even in non-pandemic times, the misery of patients and their caregivers cannot be discounted — private hospitals are known for their exorbitant rate cards, starting right from high parking charges. Freeing patients and attendants from the clutches of unscrupulous hospitals, and keeping them under close scrutiny, should be a priority of governments at the Centre and states at all times — and not only during a pandemic. That can be possible if the public health infrastructure is strengthened and modernised — this, in turn, can only be done by drastically increasing public health spending, which presently is just over 1% of our annual GDP.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Fairness is what justice really

is. — Potter Stewart

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

# The Tribune.

LAHORE, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1921

### THE CURSE OF UNTOUCHABILITY.

NOTHING shows the detachment of Mahatma Gandhi's mind more clearly than the fact that when the country is absorbed in thoughts of himself, his movement and the attitude of official authority towards either, he should find time to dwell upon what is Hinduism. Lord Morley has in his "Life of Gladstone" told a story of the amazing composure of Parnell, the Irish leader, in the face of a situation of the greatest difficulty. "On the day appointed for the second reading of the Bill appointing the Commission (of enquiry into the allegations and charges made against Mr. Parnell and other Irish members of Parliament by the (Times)", we read, "some other subject kept the business back until seven o'clock. Towards six Mr. Parnell, who was to open the debate on his own side, came to an English friend to ask whether there would be time for him to go away for an hour; he wished to examine some new furnace for assaying purposes, the existence of gold in Wicklow being one of his fixed ideas. The friend remarked that it would be safer not to lose sight of the furnace in which at any moment his own assaying might begin." As a man Gandhi is superior to Parnell, and the difference between the examination of a new furnace and the examination of some of the deepest problems affecting one of the greatest of the world's religion is obvious. But there is enough in common between the two cases to make the recalling of the earlier story not inappropriate. We do not agree with Gandhi in his article on Hinduism in "Young India" that "the central fact of Hinduism is cow protection." Cow protection is only an outward manifestation of the eternal insistence of Hinduism upon the essential unity of man with the created universe. But his belief that "Hindus will not deserve freedom if they allow their noble religion to be disgraced by the retention of untouchability" strikes a chord.

# More than meets the eye

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TRYSTS AND TURNS

JULIO RIBEIRO



EMPATHY: Drug consumers should be treated like patients, requiring medical care rather than retributive justice. PTI

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of the stars provides the starry-eyed public a lot to think and talk about. Aryan, the 23-year-old son of Shahrukh Khan, just returned from the US, where he was studying to be a film producer, was just the target that any agency, greedy for publicity and recognition, could dream of.

That piece of luck landed in the Mumbai office of the NCB in the shape of two informers, a BJP 'karyakarta', named Manish Bhanushali, and his friend, GP Gosavi, charged four times, thrice in Thane and once in Pune, of the offences of cheating, extortion and the like. They doubled up both as informants and NCB 'constables' used for escorting the frightened drug user, Aryan, into the NCB's office from the court or some other place not indicated on television. Only the triumphant mugs of these worthies announcing their importance to the world was pictured on the TV screen.

The involvement of the 'karyakarta' leads me to suspect that there is a concerted attempt by the party in power, starting from the Sushant Singh Rajput investigation, to target Bollywood so that it falls in line with its grand design of bringing all elements of the media to heel. The

National Socialist Party in Germany, before World War II, had perfected this subjugation of the film world to a fine art under the direction of its propaganda czar, Heinrich Goebels. Any autocratic party has to tame the media to fork out its own version of facts. Cinema is a medium that counts much as it is the most powerful influencer of minds. Kim Jong II, the North Korean despot, had actually arranged for a well-known South Korean actress and her director-husband to be kidnapped from across his country's borders and incarcerated till they fell in with his grand design!

A democracy like ours, no leader can emerge that is ruthless like Hitler, Mussolini, Saddam Hussein, Gaddafi and Idi Amin. But some nascent idea of regulating the dissemination of narratives that suit the dominant ideology is certainly discernible. A fairly well-oiled propaganda machine is firmly in place.

I have heard an argument being made that the demand side is as important as the supply side in NCB's mandate to curb this menace of drugs. When marginal and potential users learn of the arrests of famous individuals or their children, the temptation to indulge automatically reduces. This

hypothesis has no feet to stand. The usage of drugs in some social circles is so rampant that the only thing that will help is cutting off the supply. Columnist Shobha De has commented on this phenomenon recently and I would accept her assessment.

My own view is that drug consumers should be treated like patients in a doctor's clinic, requiring medical care rather than retributive justice. The police need to concentrate on the pushers and the distributors who are the real menace. The NCB, when reminded of its responsibility in this regard, arrested a Nigerian national involved in the distribution network. It is a matter of concern that a disproportionately large number of the city's Nigerian residents are mixed up in the drug trade.

There has been considerable sympathy aroused in the public mind for Aryan. For one, his father is popular. Two, he has always avoided the public gaze. Most importantly, his picture in newspapers after his arrest reflected innocence, fright, some penitence perhaps, much remorse probably for embarrassing his parents. There is no arrogance or defiance or a sense of entitlement that kids of the high and mighty often demonstrate. The son of the Minister of State for Home in the Union Cabinet, arraigned for the murder of protesting farmers at Lakhimpur Kheri, was a picture in sharp contrast. Unfortunately for Ashish Mishra Teni, their pictures appeared in the newspapers around the same time.

Much of the sympathy for Aryan in Mumbai was, of course, due to what Shobha De calls the city's 'drug culture'. The widespread use of party drugs described by the respected columnist make Aryan and his friends brothers and sisters in arms with a sizeable slice of Mumbai's partying society. There are many in the city who do not think or feel that these young people have been guilty of a really serious crime.

On the other hand, the presence of the two 'informers' in the thick of events, instead of in the background or on the periphery, has left a very bitter taste in the ordinary Mumbaikar's mouth.

## Beyond the call of duty

SURINDERJIT SINGH SANDHU

POLITICIANS and government officials are usually generous in giving members of the public their phone numbers and also telling them to contact them directly in case of need, whatever be the hour of the day. But generally, the dignitaries remain elusive. They seldom personally pick up the phone and their personal attendants come up with the age-old excuses of them being busy in meetings or some other work.

There was a Principal Secretary whose phone would always respond with a recorded message. He would never respond unless and until it was conveyed that his minister

needed him for some work.

There is another category of people who do not pick up the phone at all. About four decades back, a Prime Minister was to visit Himachal Pradesh. Adampur was the nearest airport then. So, as per the protocol, all necessary arrangements were made at Jalandhar. A hotline was to be provided from the Circuit House to the place where he would be staying.

The telephone authorities fixed up the apparatus and rang up to check if the line was operational. But no one responded. A senior officer from Delhi was sent to the place. Only then everyone heaved a sigh of relief.

A chief minister wanted to speak to his Chief Secretary urgently. His

staff tried their best, but only a recorded message was heard. A special car had to be sent to his residence to tell him to speak to the CM.

However, I have witnessed an exceptional example of easy and effective accessibility of a DC when I had to travel with him late at night. Every few minutes, he would get a call on his mobile phone. Most of the calls pertained to the unlawful use of loudspeakers, received from worried students. He would immediately get in contact with police officials directly.

We were near Birowal when he received a call from a woman crying bitterly. She lived at a village near Banga. Her in-laws had turned her out along with her two small children. It was 10.30 pm. He immediately spoke to the police and civil administration officials, and rang her back twice to reassure her. He seemed to be a man possessed. At Banga, he told her he would be coming to the place of her in-laws. I got down from his car as I had to go to Amritsar.

On the way, I rang him up, just out of curiosity, to know how he was handling such a ticklish and emotional issue. He seemed fresh even at 3.30 am and told me that he had gathered the panchayat and entrusted the responsibility of her safety and that of her children to them, and for her comfortable and honourable stay at her in-laws' house. Such promptness and alacrity go a long way in redeeming people's faith in the responsiveness of the governance system.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### More powers to BSF

Refer to 'Giving BSF more powers attack on federalism, claim leaders', it can't be refuted that the youth of Punjab has been ruined by drugs being smuggled from Afghanistan and Pakistan. The police and politicians are running this racket. Why is there such a hue and cry if the BSF has extended its jurisdiction 50 km from the international border? Drugs and weapons are dropped by drones in border areas and the police lack the will to check it due to high-level corruption. Whenever there is a crisis, don't the states call the Army to help? The state police is not doing its duty well. Illegal mining is going on, tippers loaded with sand are seen everywhere, private buses are being operated without permit. Giving more powers to the BSF should be seen as a temporary arrangement to deal with an explosive situation.

CAPT AMAR JEET (RETD), MOHALI

#### Heart to heart

When the heart speaks, the truth lying buried in a person's heart comes out ('Kashmir will remain part of India: Farooq Abdullah'). He echoes a true Kashmiri spirit, devoid of political colours and compulsions. The Abdullahs have been nationalists. This trait sets them apart from the other political players in the troubled state. Abdullah

is a leader of the Kashmiri people whose good offices can be made better use of, if the present dispensation earnestly desires a practically viable solution to Kashmir's ailments. Problems can be better diagnosed by physicians rooted in the ground.

DV SHARMA, MUKERIAN

#### Appointment of Pro-VCs

It appears that the Haryana government is contemplating to appoint Pro-VCs to 'help' VCs in administrative work. In all probability, these posts will be filled by middle-ranking bureaucrats who may undermine the position of VCs by becoming an alternative centre of power. Such an arrangement does not exist anywhere. It may be disastrous for the university system as there may not be cohesiveness between the two top functionaries of the university and thus will create confusion. An alternative suggestion may be to have a Pro-VC appointed by the VC whose position may be co-terminus.

SP SINGH, KURUKSHETRA

#### Covaxin credibility

Refer to 'Covaxin for kids'; a major problem that has not been addressed is the credibility of Covaxin. Those who intend to travel abroad prefer Covishield because of global acceptance. It is a surprising that Bharat

Biotech has not yet been able to get emergency use authorisation from the WHO. If Covaxin for adults has not been authorised by the WHO, when will the vaccine receive authorisation for use among children? How many trials were conducted on children before Covaxin was cleared as a first step for administering the vaccine to children. It is incumbent on the Indian State to convince agencies like the WHO on the efficacy and safety of the vaccine. It is expected from the government that qualitative approach will be adopted and not quantitative while giving the final clearance.

YASH PAL RALHAN, JALANDHAR

#### Cut fuel tax

Apropos of 'Cut taxes on fuel, traders urge govt'; petrol and diesel are on the verge of becoming a luxury than a necessity. According to data, the Centre collects a levy of Rs 33 per litre compared to the state's levy of Rs 20. In a situation of distress and panic, where people are losing jobs and businesses overnight, and where farmers are protesting for basic rights, isn't it the duty of the state governments to take some load off? Filling up road pits, delivering promising speeches, and holding rallies won't prevent burning a hole in people's pockets. Relief is much needed.

DHIRITI ANAND, LUDHIANA

#### Gati Shakti

Apropos of 'Gati Shakti plan', India has witnessed many reforms after Independence. Gati Shakti is a great initiative to reach the height of development. By making it available to corroborate inter-departmental projects on a single platform, this plan is going to be a milestone to resuscitate many department workforce and make liaison with one another, to execute the plan in a time-bound manner and reduce the logistic costs. The most important thing is that it would constitute panchayat-level plans. It will save time as well as taxpayers' money, and will result in more development projects.

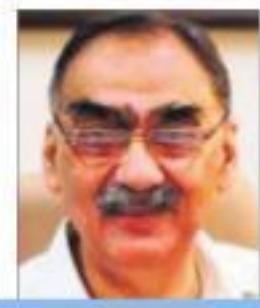
PRABHASH KUMAR, DHARAMSALA

#### Shooting champions

In the recently concluded ISSF Junior World Shooting Championship at Lima, the Indian team has done wonders. Not only has our country topped the medals tally, but also it has routed the mighty US. This is possibly a first in any international competition. Kudos to the youngsters who have performed this miracle. We need to build on this feat and prepare them to take on bigger challenges in future. They need to be suitably honoured and rewarded.

HARJAS BAINS, BASSI PATHANA

# Lakhimpur is also about India's democracy



VIVEK KATJU

EX-SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

**T**HE gruesome killings in Lakhimpur Kheri transfixed the country for a week. The incident is now receding from occupying top media space because of the arrest of Union Minister of State for Home Ajay Mishra's son, Ashish. It will continue to draw attention but its salience will decline. The response of the political class to the murders is linked to next year's Uttar Pradesh assembly election. It is still early to assess though how much of an impact either the farmers' agitation or this specific event will have on the election result.

The Lakhimpur Kheri killings have a dimension apart from their electoral impact. Many foreign observers who have a serious interest in the current state of Indian democracy will seek to place them in the context of social and political developments in the country. These observers would have no doubt carefully gone through Modi's assertions on Indian democracy in his September 25 address to the United Nations General Assembly. How do the social fractures that the Lakhimpur Kheri incident reveals square up with Modi's claims about India's democracy? How will foreign observers refract Lakhimpur Kheri through the prism of Modi's speech?

Naturally, it is inappropriate to judge a country's democratic system on the

basis of a single incident or even a series of events during a relatively short period. But there is a tendency to do so if a country is passing through a time when its very ideological fundamentals are being fiercely contested. In such a situation, a single incident assumes salience for it is considered to be part of a pattern. Hence, Modi's eloquent exposition on Indian democracy may receive a critical examination in many quarters abroad.

Modi emphasised that India was the mother of democracies and its democratic tradition went back thousands of years. He stressed that India's diversity was the identity of its strong democracy. Referring to his own personal journey, Modi asserted that it was the strength of India's democratic political system which had enabled a child who used to help his father at a railway station tea stall to have the opportunity to address the UNGA four times as the country's prime minister. And, based on his experience of 20 years in office, 13 as Gujarat's chief minister and the last seven as India's prime minister, Modi articulated the propositions: "Yes, democracy can deliver; yes, democracy has delivered". To establish that India had taken positive strides in the past seven years, Modi referred to many economic measures taken by the government such as the extension of banking and life and medical insurance facilities to the people and the construction of houses for the poor. He also referred to the digital mapping of villages so that secure and bankable property records would be given to all land owners. The guiding principles of all his actions were based on Deen Dayal Upadhyaya's philosophy of *antodyaya* or 'where



no one is left behind'.

The steps taken by the government and mentioned by Modi constitute significant achievements and even if there are some lapses in these programmes, the prime minister can rightly take satisfaction at their progress. There is no doubt that no other prime minister has paid a detailed attention to schemes for the people's welfare as he has. However, while foreign observers will no doubt factor all this in positively, they may probe his contentions about India's historical democratic traditions more closely. While they may applaud Modi's categorisation of India's diversity as "an identity" of Indian democracy, they may find it somewhat confusing. For, Modi is an integral part of a movement which is not known for its

commitment to Indian diversity.

There are of course social empowerment aspects of some economic measures of the Modi government, but there is undoubtedly great social turbulence both on the surface and below it because of the ruling dispensation's orientations. These may be because of misperceptions but they are there. They also show the inability of the political class to evolve a comprehensive consensus to deal with economic, social and political issues by reconciling their ideological differences.

Thus, while Modi focussed on democracy's ability to deliver economic success, the question is if in the present times, it has delivered on social peace? This issue will not escape the attention of either domestic or foreign analysts

and it is here that the Lakhimpur Kheri incident assumes significance. Hence, it is the farmers' agitation and the violence should not be seen only as a law and order matter but as a manifestation of social and political currents flowing through the country.

There is another aspect of democracy's ability to deliver. At a global level, China is subtly projecting the superiority of its system on account of its economic success and relative social command control of the pandemic. It is thus projecting the superiority of its system over that of democracies. It is overlooking its own role in being responsible for the origin of the virus but the world too is not really holding it to account in this matter. Thus, in this competitive world, it is not only a

question of democracy's ability to deliver, but its capacity to deliver better than the other systems; and while doing so, to succeed in maintaining social peace and political equilibrium.

At the UNGA, Modi said that when India reforms, the world transforms. This is true but it also means that India comes in for far greater scrutiny in all aspects of its functioning—economic, social and political as well as judicial. Thus, the political class and especially the government have to be aware that terrible incidents such as Lakhimpur Kheri are therefore not seen merely as law and order issues or local development but are placed in a much wider context and through them perceptions on the country's system and its ability to deliver are judged.

The Lakhimpur Kheri killings have a dimension apart from their electoral impact. Many foreign observers who have a serious interest in the current state of Indian democracy will seek to place them in the context of social and political developments in the country. These observers would have no doubt carefully gone through Modi's assertions on Indian democracy in his UNGA address. How do the social fractures that Lakhimpur Kheri reveals square up with Modi's claims about India's democracy?

**UNDER SCRUTINY:** Lakhimpur Kheri raises questions about India's political system and its ability to maintain social peace. PTI

## For integration, J-K needs a healing touch again



LT GEN NPS HIRA

FORMER DEPUTY CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF

It appears that the visible calm in the valley has unnerved the ISI and it is worried about the implications of revocation of Article 370 and 35A. The killing of civilians is surely not an odd incident. It is an attempt to defeat what the govt has tried to achieve through the revocation of two articles, particularly Article 35A which defined 'permanent residents' of the state with special rights and privileges to them.

**R**EVOCATION of Article 370 on August 5, 2019, was a major landmark in the history of insurgency in Jammu and Kashmir. The opinion on the revocation was divided. A majority of the countrymen seemed to be in its favour though the residents of Kashmir valley were totally against it. It indeed opened some of the old wounds, leading to a very strong reaction which could only be controlled through a prolonged lockdown. The silver lining was that the security forces did well and avoided civilian casualties. In the meantime, another important development has been the revival of the agreement between the armies of India and Pakistan on cessation of firing on the line of control (LoC).

Since the revocation of Article 370 was anathema to most Kashmiris, the alienation levels in the valley continue to be as high as ever but some of the other parameters seemed to be moving in a positive direction. The spurt in incidents of killing innocent civilians by the militants in the past few days in the valley and the two major encounters on the line of control may have come as a surprise, but it is not something which cannot be explained.

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BLEMISH: The killing of civilians in Kashmir is a defeat of the government's aims. PTI

an odd incident by some maverick militants. It is an attempt to defeat what the government has tried to achieve through the revocation of two articles, particularly Article 35A which defined the 'permanent residents' of the state and provided special rights and privileges to them. It is part of a larger design executed under the guidance of the ISI, which seems to have succeeded to the extent that these killings have already revived fear among the minority communities. Some of the Hindu families have already moved out and it will not be easy to send them back. As compared to anything else, human beings fear for their life the most. This rekindled fear is unlikely to go away for a long

time. This is a strategy of the ISI to neutralise the revocation of the two articles. It will perhaps remain a matter of discussion forever, if the revocation of these articles was really something, which the government could not do without. Regarding the unfortunate killing of the men belonging to the Muslim community, it is not new. The killing of informers and government supporters in Jammu and Kashmir has been going on since the insurgency started. It is a part of militants' operations to demoralise them and keep the insurgency alive.

The second issue which needs an analysis is the two major encounters on the line of control, widely spaced out, one in Uri sector, north of Pir Pan-

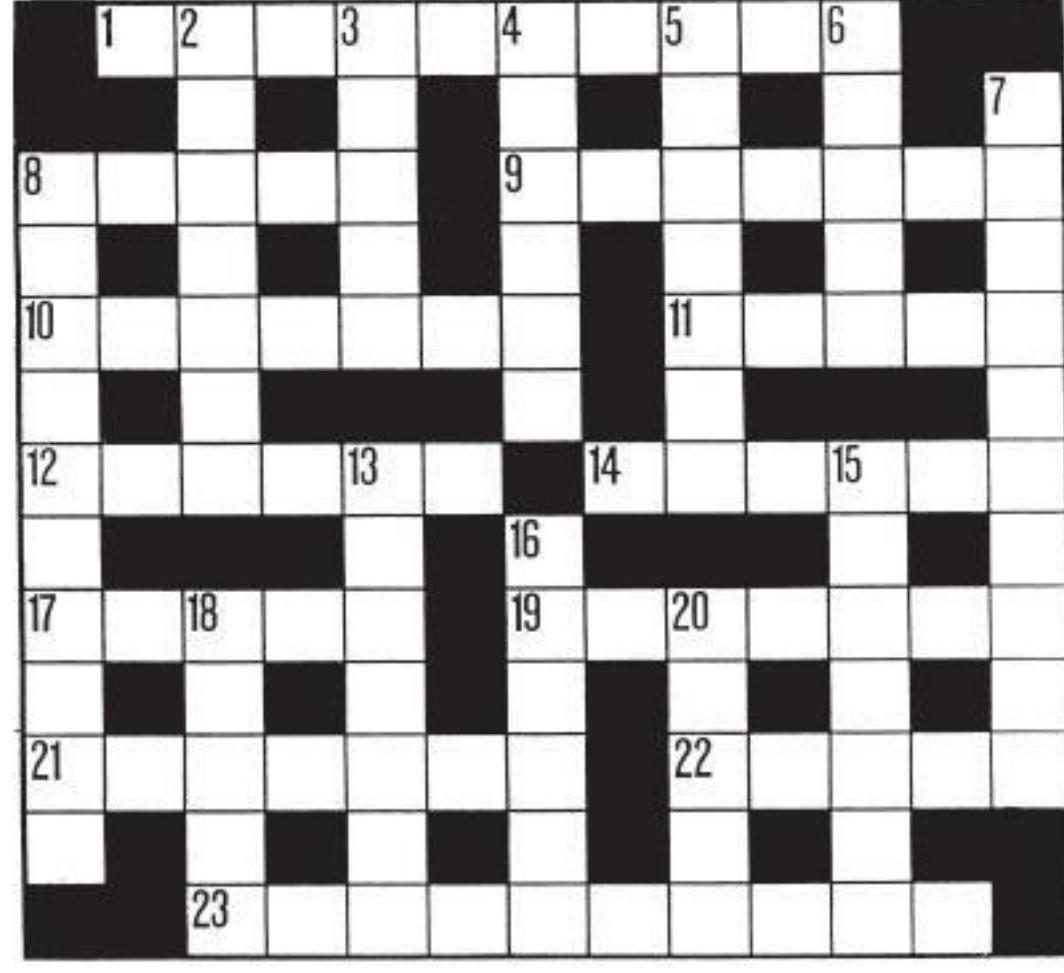
jal, and the other one near Surankot, south of Pir Panjal. The encounter in Uri is not unusual since Pakistan always ensures some infiltration in the valley before the winter snow sets in. The line of control may be calm, but the firing on the line of control and the infiltration of militants across the line of control are two different issues. Most of the infiltration takes place by stealth, helped by the local guides. The ISI's efforts in sending the militants across the line of control has not stopped since it began in 1989, except that the ISI always keeps the number of militants crossing the line of control under its check. It keeps the pot boiling, yet not letting it boil over, drawing a strong reaction from India.

One of the major reasons behind infiltration, other than the fact that it has tied down a good part of the Indian Army on the line of control, has been that Kashmir is high on Pakistan's domestic agenda. Being a small country, unless Pakistan keeps the infiltration pressure on, India may ignore Pakistan on the issue of Kashmir. This is a demonic leverage created by Pakistan on Kashmir and it seems to have worked for them, and with plausible deniability. Pakistan has also been able to whip up adequate sentiments to boost up local recruitment in Kashmir, which now stands at an average of about 200 militants every year. However, the local militants have been seen to be rather soft for the job. Therefore, the infiltration of some Pakistan-trained mili-

tants is old wine in old bottles. These two infiltrations attempts were designed to boost the number of Pakistani militants in Jammu and Kashmir before the onset of snow in winters. Since the infiltration south of Pir Panjal had almost dried up in the past, a major encounter south of Pir Panjal may be looked at differently. The ISI seems to have concluded that it is important for them to keep this area also active, as this area is equally affected by the revocation of the two articles. Pakistan also knows that due to Chinese trouble in Ladakh, India's options to use force against Pakistan has been further limited.

Kashmir is an important domestic agenda for Pakistan. It is unlikely to give up on it soon. It is difficult for India to control Pakistan's actions; therefore, India needs to deny Pakistan its options. Fighting an insurgency is a combination of winning the hearts and minds and neutralising the hardcore militants. The former is as important if not more, than the latter. It has been seen the world over that if people are alienated, then the government's development agenda does not deliver. As per the reports coming from the valley, the security forces have reacted by arresting a large number of over-ground workers and supporters. It may be a tall order but we need to work to remove alienation from the Kashmiri minds to integrate them into the Indian mainstream. The security forces can keep it under the threshold, the situation calls for a political solution.

### QUICK CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

**Across:** 1 Become, 4 Tripod, 9 Dead Sea, 10 Green, 11 Glean, 12 Entwine, 13 Play for time, 18 Assuage, 20 Rebel, 22 Scoop, 23 Riotous, 24 Nettle, 25 Flimsy.

**Down:** 1 Bad egg, 2 Crave, 3 Masonry, 5 Right, 6 Premium, 7 Danger, 8 Take to heart, 14 Lash out, 15 Turmoil, 16 Damson, 17 Flashy, 19 Appal, 21 Bloom.

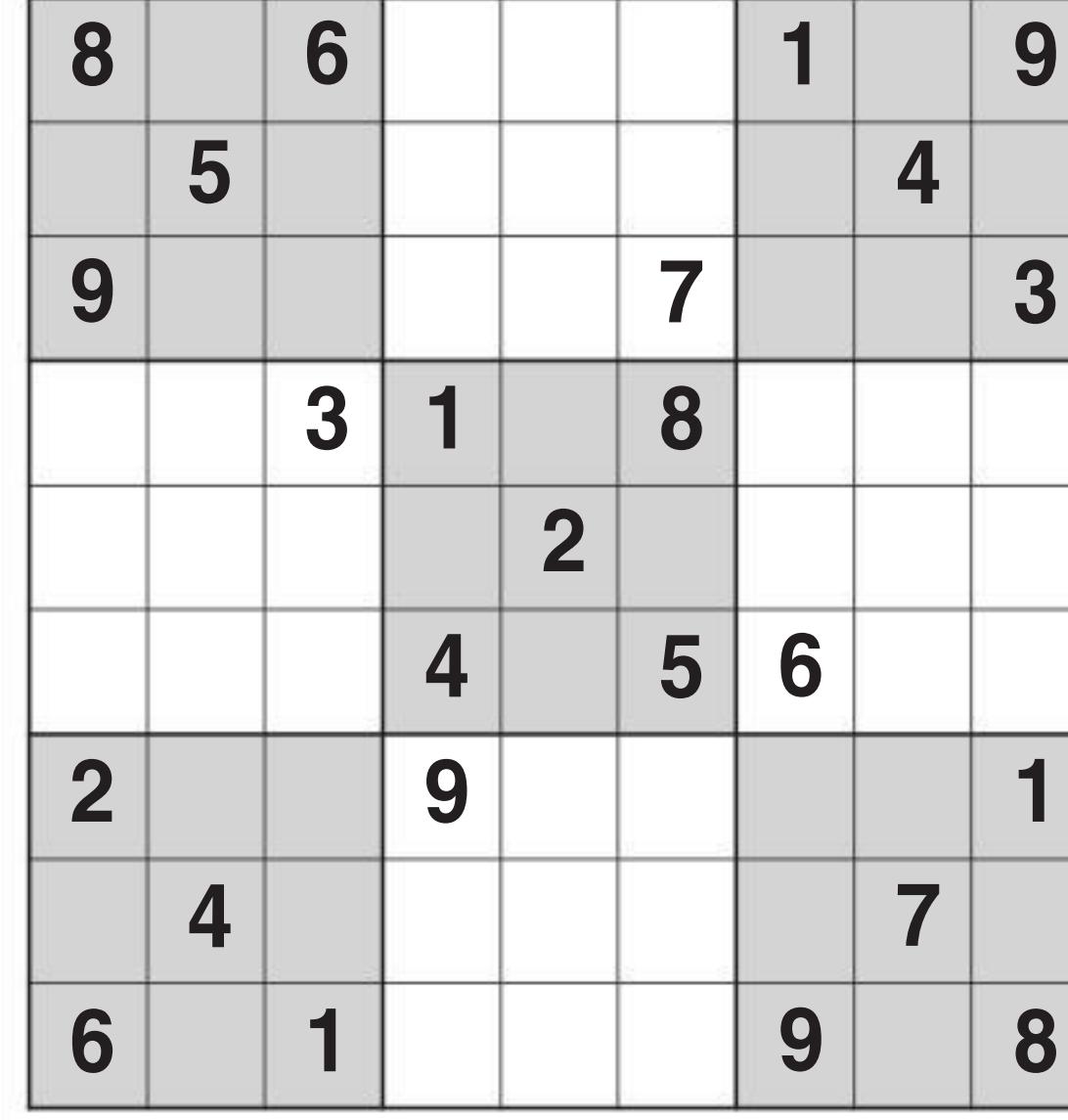
### ACROSS

- 1 Renewed energy (6,4)
- 8 Relinquish voluntarily (5)
- 9 Venetian canal boat (7)
- 10 Champion of a cause (7)
- 11 Commonplace (5)
- 12 Twist violently (6)
- 14 Highly exciting (3-3)
- 17 Passage of time (5)
- 19 Depart to avoid arrest (7)
- 21 Difficult to catch (7)
- 22 Mixture of metals (5)
- 23 Late (6,4)

### DOWN

- 2 Embodiment (7)
- 3 Done openly (5)
- 4 Stage in a process (6)
- 5 Dishonourable (7)
- 6 Suffocate by submersion (5)
- 7 Leave off doing something (4,2,1,3)
- 8 Irresolute (4-6)
- 13 Hold dear (7)
- 15 Gangster (7)
- 16 Inn (6)
- 18 Vertical (5)
- 20 Quick-witted (5)

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### CALENDAR

OCTOBER 15, 2021, FRIDAY

■ Vikrami Samvat	2078
■ Shaka Samvat	1943
■ Ashwin Shaka	23
■ Ashwin Parvishite	30
■ Hijri	1443
■ Shukla Paksha Tithi 10, up to 6:03 pm	
■ Shoola Yoga up to 12:02 am	
■ Shravan Nakshatra up to 9:16 am	
■ Moon enters Aquarius sign 9:19 pm	
■ Panchak starts 9:16 pm	
■ Dasehra	

### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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### FORECAST

SUNSET: FRIDAY 17:52 HRS  
SUNRISE: SATURDAY 06:25 HRS

CITY	MAX	MIN
Chandigarh	34	19
New Delhi	34	19
Amritsar	34	17
Bathinda	34	16
Jalandhar	34	17
Ludhiana	34	18
Bhiwani	34	20
Hisar	34	15
Sirsia	34	19
Dharamsala	25	17
Manali	22	09
Shimla	23	14
Srinagar	24	08
Jammu	34	18
Kargil	20	05
Leh	15	02
Dehradun	33	18
Mussoorie	25	15

TEMPERATURE IN °C



## President in Leh



President Ram Nath Kovind receives the Guard of Honour on his arrival at Leh Air Field in Ladakh on Thursday. PTI

## Whatever...

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issues raised by him may be addressed. "I have conveyed my concerns to the party. I have full faith in Congress president Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi. Whatever decision they take will be in the best interest of the Congress and of Punjab," Sidhu said after the meeting. Responding to queries on his resignation, he replied: "I have always considered the Gandhis supreme and have followed their directions."

Rawat said: "He will give you some good news soon." Rawat will brief Sonia on the discussions before the party clarifies matters within a day. Asked about whether the party would address Sidhu's concerns on which he appeared steadfast, Rawat replied: "He has said he trusts the leadership to do what's best for Punjab." —TNS

## Anti-drone technology developed, transferred to industries: DRDO

JAMMU, OCTOBER 14  
The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed an anti-drone technology and transferred it to industries, which have taken orders from the armed forces and security forces of the country, an official said on Thursday.

DRDO chief G Satheesh Reddy was speaking to reporters on the sidelines of the foundation stone-laying ceremony of the DRDO-sponsored Kalam Centre for Science and Technology at the Central University of Jammu in Samba.

Reddy said the technology had been transferred to multiple industries, which have taken orders from the armed forces. —PTI



DRDO Chairman Satheesh Reddy addresses mediapersons at Central University of Jammu on Thursday. PTI

## CAN DETECT, TRACK DRONES

■ The DRDO has developed an anti-drone technology. It has all necessary elements required to counter drones, whether it is detection, tracking or surveillance. G Satheesh Reddy, DRDO CHIEF

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## 65% Shimla buildings 'vulnerable'; experts...

seismic zone IV (high damage risk zone), and as far as landslide hazard is concerned, 51 per cent area is in moderate and 33 per cent is in high hazard zone. Given the risk, the report said 5,000 to over 20,000 people might die in the city in the event of a significant earthquake.

Tikender Panwar, former Deputy Mayor and an urban planning expert, said, "It

## RETROFITTING IS KEY

■ Demolition is not the solution. Retrofitting is key to reducing risk. The government needs to set aside a budget for it. Tikender Panwar, EX-DY MAYOR

was essential to measure the vulnerability quotient. As per the findings, Shimla is on the brink of a disaster. If the survey is not integrated in the development plan, it will end up as an exercise

in futility."

Given the high vulnerability of 65 per cent buildings, experts said the way forward was to retrofit these buildings in phases to strengthen them. "Retro-

fitting is key to reducing the vulnerabilities of these buildings. Demolition is not the solution. The government needs to make a budget for this massive exercise," he said.

Meanwhile, the assessment also threw ample light on how difficult it would be for emergency services like ambulances and fire tenders to access certain areas in case of emergencies.

## In Rohtak, 46k power users not paying bills

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"Around 80 per cent (37,081) of these non-payers are domestic users residing in rural areas. Of the total amount, Rs 26,584 lakh is owed by domestic users, Rs 18,317 lakh by industrial consumers, Rs 1,847 lakh by government and semi-government units, Rs 463 lakh by non-domestic consumers," said the sources.

An official said the Covid situation was one of the major reasons behind the non-payment. The pandemic had affected private job holders, shopkeepers, industrialists and many others as business establishments remained closed for a long time due to Covid-induced lockdown.

## Rajnath Singh hails Indira

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protect their country and rights of the people.

Underlining that the concept of security, he said changing character of war was bringing threats from borders to within society. "Terrorism is just the most obvious and diabolical manifestation of this reality. It has been employed as a weapon of choice by non-state actors and irresponsible states alike for the furtherance of their political objectives. SCO as an organisation has unequivocally rejected terrorism in all its manifestations and forms," he said, adding, "this fight cannot be won by half the population... Women too will remain equal contributors in this fight, both within the armed forces and beyond them." —TNS

## Contraband seized, 4 held

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 14

Four drug peddlers were arrested and a huge quantity of contraband was seized in Pulwama and Shopian districts of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday, the police said.

The police received information that Abdul Hameed Sheikh and Bilal Ahmad Sheikh, both residents of Shopian, were involved in drug peddling. During the searches, the

police was able to recover 190 kg charas and 30 kg poppy straw from the two houses. Four persons have been arrested so far.

In Pulwama, the police received information that Gulzar Ahmad and Mohammad Rafiq of Mohanjivi Kakpora were hoarding narcotic substances. A police team raided the specific locations and recovered 27 kg cannabis leaves and 28 kg poppy straw. —PTI

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB  
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS (B&R Works)

NIT No. 173/SE(TIC), dated 14.10.2021

The department of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (B&R) invites online Double Bids for 10 Nos. works as per schedule given below:

Closing date &amp; time: 28.10.2021

For details logon to: eproc.punjab.gov.in

Note: Detail of works, other terms & conditions & tender documents any corrigendum/addendum to the tender notice shall be published on above website only.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (TIC),  
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

DPR/Pb/8951

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Sd/- Principal

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA  
Chandigarh

## Directions under Section 35A of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (AACS) – Hindu Co-operative Bank Limited, Pathankot, Punjab- Lifting of Directions

The Reserve Bank of India had issued Directions to Hindu Cooperative Bank Ltd., Pathankot, Punjab, under Sub Section (1) of Section 35A read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (AACS) from the close of business of March 25, 2019. The Directions had been extended from time to time and were last extended up to October 24, 2021. The Reserve Bank of India, in exercise of the powers vested in it under sub-section (2) of section 35A read with section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (AACS), hereby withdraws, with effect from close of business on October 14, 2021, the said Directions so issued to Hindu Cooperative Bank Ltd., Pathankot, Punjab.

A copy of the Directive is displayed at Head Office/ branches/ all other business premises of the bank.

General Manager

Department of Supervision

October 15, 2021

## Bhutan, China sign MoU on boundary issue, India wary

## PACT MAY INCLUDE TALKS ON DOKLAM

- In 2017, China raised infrastructure at Doklam – the trijunction of India, China and Bhutan – to which India objected
- China had claimed it was a boundary dispute with Bhutan
- India stood guard, matching deployment of Chinese troops for 73 days
- The crisis was resolved with diplomatic maturity without losing any ground

Galwan Valley incident last year, China had opened a new

front by raising objections about Sakteng Sanctuary in Bhutan about which there was no discord earlier.

Bhutan Foreign Minister Tandi Dorji and Chinese Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs Wu Jianhao signed the MoU virtually.

"The MoU will provide a fresh impetus to the boundary talks. It is expected that the implementation of this roadmap will bring the boundary negotiations to a successful conclusion that is acceptable to both sides," said the Bhutanese government in a statement.

## Slain principal was a quiet do-gooder

## MAJORITY NEEDS TO SPEAK UP

## OF WHAT USE IS OFFICIAL RHETORIC?

- When such selective killings happen, it's bound to shake our confidence and the majority community needs to speak up vociferously against the militants.
- A Sikh resident

harmless civilian expected to defend himself from someone who is out to kill?" said RP Singh.

Sikhs living in various localities of Srinagar, including Alochibaug, Wazir Baug and Raj Baug, are now raising questions over the security of minori-

**कोरोना को अगर है हराना,  
तो टीके की दूसरी  
खुराक भी जरूर  
है लगाना**



18 वर्ष के आयु से उपर सभी को कोविड टीकाकरण की पहली खुराक के 84 दिन के उपरान्त दूसरी खुराक लगाना आवश्यक है। आपके नजदीकी कोविड वैक्सिनेशन केन्द्र के बारे में जानकारी वैवसाइट (<https://hphamirpur.nic.in>), जिला प्रशासन के फेसबुक पेज  (District Administration, Hamirpur, HP) तथा समाचार पत्र के माध्यम से ली जा सकती है। इसके अतिरिक्त मोबाइल वैक्सिनेशन कैम्प का आयोजन भी किया जा रहा है। इस त्यौहारों की खुशियों के बीच कोविड के नियमों का पालन करना न भूलें।



मास्क पहने



समय—समय पर हाथ धोएं

उचित दूरी अपनाएं

**जिला प्रशासन व जिला आपदा प्रबन्धन प्राधिकरण, हमीरपुर हिमाचल प्रदेश**  
**कोरोना सम्बन्धी सहायता के लिए सम्पर्क करें :-**

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## BRIEFLY

NEW DELHI

**Hockey: Senior women Nationals from October 21**

DUBAI, OCTOBER 14 Mahendra Singh Dhoni's astute captaincy will be Chennai Super Kings' biggest weapon against a clinical Kolkata Knight Riders outfit whose three top-notch spinners are expected to play a key role in the high-octane IPL final here tomorrow.

If numbers are anything to go by, then CSK, in their ninth final appearance in 12 editions (they did not participate in two seasons due to suspension), are certain to start favourites against KKR on Dussehra. However, in terms of trophies, there isn't much difference between the two teams: CSK have three titles with five final defeats while KKR won both their finals under Gautam Gambhir.

On Friday, CSK's chances of winning a fourth title will depend on how well they handle the 12 overs from KKR's spin trio of Varun Chakravarthy (economy rate 6.40), Shakib Al Hasan (6.64) and Sunil Narine (6.44), who have been outstanding in this tournament.

However, the final comes with its own pressure and how these three perform when put under the pump will be the key against a team of battle-hardened, 'been there, done that' professionals. — PTI

**TODAY ON TV**  
IPL FINAL  
CHENNAI VS KOLKATA 7:30 PM  
STAR SPORTS  
BADMINTON  
THOMAS & UBER CUP 12 PM  
STAR SPORTS

**Dimitrov continues trend of top seeds' ouster**

INDIAN WELLS: Grigor Dimitrov outlasted top-seeded Daniil Medvedev 4-6 6-4 6-3 on Wednesday in the fourth round of the BNP Paribas Open, extending the parade of upsets that has knocked out several top players. Medvedev's loss left the combined ATP and WTA tournament without its top two men's and women's seeds. No. 2 Stefanos Tsitsipas defeated Alex de Minaur 6-7 (3) 7-6 (3) 6-2 and No. 3 Alexander Zverev routed No. 14 Gael Monfils 6-1 6-3. No. 8 Hubert Hurkacz beat Aslan Karatsev 6-1 6-3. In the women's quarters, Victoria Azarenka beat Jessica Pegula 6-4 6-2. She next plays Jelena Ostapenko, who beat Shelby Rogers 6-4 4-6 6-3. AP

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**NOTICE**  
Online applications are hereby invited from the eligible candidates for the 275 posts of Staff Nurses (posts can be increased or decreased), as per qualifications and experience mentioned in the advertisement (uploaded on the website of University and DMER, Haryana i.e. [uhsr.ac.in](http://uhsr.ac.in) and [dmer.haryana.gov.in](http://dmer.haryana.gov.in)), on regular basis for Govt. Medical Colleges of the State. For detailed information/instructions please visit websites.

Opening date for submission of online applications : 14.10.2021

Closing date for submission of online applications : 08.11.2021 (by 11:59 p.m.)

Closing date for online deposit of fee : 10.11.2021 (by 11:59 p.m.)

The date/schedule of Written Screening Test and Document Verification etc. will be displayed only on websites of University and DMER, Haryana. No separate correspondence/communication will be made in this regard.

**DIRECTOR**  
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**CHAUDHARY BANSI LAL UNIVERSITY, BHIWANI**  
(A State University of Haryana, Estd. Under Act No. 25 of 2014)  
**KEY DATES: INSTITUTE LEVEL COUNSELLING FOR ADMISSIONS IN B.PHARM AND B.PHARM (LEET) FOR SESSION 2021-22**

As per the HSTES instructions, the fresh applications are invited for admissions to B.Pharm & B.Pharm (Lateral Entry) vacant seats (after two counselling conducted by HSTES). The schedule of Institute Level counselling is as follows:-

B.Pharm	
Admission Notification	12.10.2021
Last Date of Online submission of Form and Fee	17.10.2021
Institute level Counselling for all categories:-	18.10.2021
Display of Merit List	19.10.2021
Last Date of Fee deposit	
Institute level counselling without any reservations (by merging all reserved categories):-	21.10.2021
Display of Merit List	22.10.2021
Last Date of Fee deposit	
Open Counselling for filling up of vacant seats (if any)	25.10.2021
B.Pharm (Lateral Entry)	
Admission Notification	12.10.2021
Last Date of Online submission of Form and Fee	19.10.2021
Institute level Counselling for all categories:-	21.10.2021
Display of Merit List	22.10.2021
Last Date of Fee deposit	
Institute level counselling without any reservations (by merging all reserved categories):-	26.10.2021
Display of Merit List	27.10.2021
Last Date of Fee deposit	
Open Counselling for filling up of vacant seats (if any)	29.10.2021
Application Fee:- For Gen. and others Rs. 500/-; For SC-ST- Rs. 125/-	
Note:- For any query contact on Ph. 9896096727, 7696017168.	
Chairperson,	
Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences.	

**TGIF: KKR spinners vs Dhoni Magic**

Friday night sees contest of wits between 2 past winners



**6 WINS** Super Kings have a 100% chasing record this season, winning six out of six. Only Mumbai Indians (2020) have gone through an entire season without a loss in chases (barring one in Super Over).

**8 GAMES** The team chasing has won the last eight games in Dubai.

**6.4 ECO RATE** Moeen Ali has been the most economical spinner so far, going at just 6.4, better than the likes of Varun Chakravarthy and Sunil Narine.

**140 RUNS** Knight Riders have restricted their opponents to under 140 in five of the six games.



MS Dhoni would be going for his fourth IPL title while Eoin Morgan-led KKR would hope to take their third. IPL

**Asian giants make India suffer**

**AARHUS (DENMARK), OCTOBER 14**

Already through to the quarterfinals, the Indian men's badminton team tasted defeat at the hands of the formidable China in its last group match of the Thomas Cup, while the women's team crashed out of the Uber Cup after losing to Japan in the quarterfinals here today.

Zhou Hao Dong 21-14 21-14 in a 41-minute contest.

Kidambi Srikanth began the day for India with a 12-21 16-21 loss to Shi Yu Qi.

Sameer Verma gave a tough fight before losing his singles match 21-14 9-21 22-24 to Lu Guang Ju as India trailed 1-2.

**THOMAS & UBER CUP**

The second doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty could manage a win in the men's team championship tie as they beat He Ji Ting and

match, Kiran George lost to Li Shi Feng 15-21 17-21.

On the women's side, Malvika Bansod was no match to world No. 5 Akane Yamaguchi as she lost 12-21 17-21. The pair of Tanisha Carsto and Rutaparna Panda then suffered a 8-21 10-21 defeat to Yuki Fukushima and Mayu Matsudome as Japan took a 2-0 lead.

Aditi Bhatt was outplayed 16-21 7-21 in the second singles by Sayaka Takahashi as Japan sealed the best-of-five tie. — PTI

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# Goons attack temples in B'desh, 4 killed in clashes

Tribune News Service

**NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14** The Indian High Commission in Dhaka and its consulates are in close contact with the authorities following reports of multiple attacks on Hindu temples during Durga Puja celebrations, says Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Arindam Bagchi.

Terming reports of untoward incidents involving attacks on religious gatherings in Bangladesh as "disturbing", Bagchi indicated that the response by the Hasina Government was to the satisfaction of the Indian Government.

"The Bangladesh Government has reacted promptly to control the situation, including deployment of law and order machinery. The High Commission and consulates are in close contact with the authorities in Dhaka and at local levels," said Bagchi on Thursday.

The Bangladesh media has reported that Hindu

brations continue with the support of Bangladesh agencies and a large majority of the public. The High Commission and consulates are in close contact with the authorities in Dhaka and at local levels," said Bagchi on Thursday.

Incidents of vandalism

temples in Bangladesh were vandalised by unidentified miscreants during the Durga Puja celebrations, prompting the deployment of paramilitary force in 22 districts after four persons were killed and many others injured in the riots.

Advocates Sandeep Kumar, Purnendu Singh, Satyavrat Verma and Rajesh Kumar Verma were appointed to the Patna High Court; judicial officer Om Prakash Tripathi to the Allahabad High Court; and judicial officers Anil Laxman Pansare and Sandip Kumar Chandrabhan to the Bombay High Court, the

were reported from Cumilla, Chandpur, Chattogram and Cox's Bazar. The situation in Cumilla had turned dire at one stage after a large crowd stormed the temple following allegations of blasphemy. The mobs at some places even attacked the police as it tried to bring the situation under control.

At least four persons were killed and many injured on Wednesday after a mob and the police clashed following the incident in Cumilla.

Later, the government deployed the Bangladesh Police Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) and Border Guard.

The Bangladesh Religious Affairs Ministry issued a notice, urging members of the public not to take the law into their hands and reiterated calls to maintain communal harmony and peace, it said.

## Aboard Carl Vinson, Navy Chief, US commander witness Malabar drill

Tribune News Service

**NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14** Indian Navy Chief Admiral Karambir Singh and Chief of US Naval Operations Admiral Mike Gilday witnessed the Malabar exercise in the Bay of Bengal today.

The US Navy hosted 12 Indian officers aboard its aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson. The navies of India, US, Australia and Japan — the Quad countries — are conducting a six-day (October 12 to 17) sea exercise termed as Malabar phase 2. This comes within six weeks of the first phase of the exercise conducted between August 26 and 29 off Guam, an island territory of the US located 2,500 km east of the Philippines.

Between the two phases of Malabar, the top leaders of Quad had their first physical

meeting in Washington in the last week of September.

A statement of the US Navy quoted Admiral Gilday as saying, "This visit to Carl Vinson during Malabar was an important opportunity to see the integration between our navies."

"Our navies continue to exercise together just as we



Indian Navy Chief Admiral Karambir Singh and Chief of US Naval Operations Admiral Mike Gilday witness the Malabar exercise.

do right now alongside Japanese and Australian naval forces. There is no doubt our partnership will only continue to grow. Cooperation, when applied with naval power, promotes freedom and peace and prevents coercion, intimidation and aggression," the statement said.

## BJP Kisan Morcha national executive meet on Oct 30

**NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14** The national executive meeting of the BJP Kisan Morcha will be held on October 30. Presided over by Kisan Morcha president and MP Rajkumar Chahar, the session will be inaugurated by party president JP Nadda. — TNS

## Breakthrough blast at Sela tunnel



■ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh virtually conducted the final breakthrough blast of the Sela tunnel in Arunachal and flagged off a motorcycle expedition of the BRO on Thursday.

■ Singh said the Sela Tunnel would be the world's largest bi-lane tunnel at an altitude of more than 13,800 feet. The tunnel is expected to be made operational by August 2022.

■ He said the Sela Tunnel, located in West Kameng district of Arunachal, would play a crucial role in bolstering national security and ensuring socio-economic development of the region. TNS

## IN BRIEF

### Over 2 crore ITRs filed on new portal

**NEW DELHI:** The Income Tax Department on Thursday said more than two crore ITRs for the financial year 2020-21 have been filed so far and the performance of the new IT portal has "substantially stabilised". The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) also asked taxpayers to file their income tax returns (ITRs) for fiscal 2020-21 at the earliest. PTI

## Pre-arrest bail for NCP leader's wife

**MUMBAI:** The Bombay High Court on Thursday granted interim pre-arrest bail to Mandakini Khadse, wife of NCP leader Eknath Khadse, in a money laundering case pertaining to the 2016 Pune land deal. Justice NW Samre directed Mandakini Khadse to appear before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) every Tuesday and Friday from October 17 to November 29. PTI

## All unions ask Centre to resolve their issues

**NEW DELHI:** A group of employee unions of Air India has written a joint letter to the government demanding urgent resolution of six issues relating to residential colonies, medical benefits, pre-Covid allowances, leave encashment option, post-retirement benefits and payment of all arrears before handing over the airlines to Tata. In the letter to the Secretary of Ministry of Civil Aviation, they said all unions had been promised their leave encashment. TNS

## Patna, Allahabad, Bombay HCs get seven new judges

Tribune News Service

**NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14** The Centre on Thursday notified the appointment of seven judges to the High Courts of Patna, Allahabad and Bombay.

Advocates Sandeep Kumar, Purnendu Singh, Satyavrat Verma and Rajesh Kumar Verma were appointed to the Patna High Court; judicial officer Om Prakash Tripathi to the Allahabad High Court; and judicial officers Anil Laxman Pansare and Sandip Kumar Chandrabhan to the Bombay High Court, the

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Department of Justice said. This is the fifth set of appointments notified by the government following the recent recommendations made by the Supreme Court collegium to fill judicial vacancies in various HCs, most of which have been functioning with fewer numbers of judges compared with their sanctioned strength. The Centre had on Wednes-

day notified the appointment of 14 judges to the High Courts of Telangana, Kerala and Orissa which will get seven, four and three judges, respectively.

On Tuesday, it had notified the appointment of 17 judges to the Allahabad, Madras and Gauhati HCs. On October 11, three advocates and two judicial officers were elevated as judges of the Rajasthan High Court. A couple of days before that, eight judges were elevated as Chief Justices of HCs, while five HC Chief Justices were transferred based on the recommendations made by the Supreme Court collegium.

## India slips in Global Hunger Index

**NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14** India has slipped to 101st position in the Global Hunger Index (GHI) of 116 countries, from its 2020 position of 94th and is behind its neighbours Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal.

Eighteen countries, including China, Brazil and Kuwait, shared the top rank with GHI score of less than five, the website of the

level of hunger in India "alarming".

In 2020, India was ranked 94th out of 107 countries. Now with 116 countries in the fray, it has dropped to 101st rank.

India's GHI score has also decelerated from 38.8 in 2000 to the range of 28.8-27.5 between 2012 and 2021.

The GHI score is calculated on four indicators. — PTI

## MHA: BSF's jurisdictional power extended to secure border areas

Tribune News Service

**NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14** The Centre's decision to give additional jurisdictional powers to the Border Security Force (BSF) within the 50-km belt along the international borders with Pakistan and Bangladesh has created a political storm, with several political parties in Punjab and West Bengal terming it an "attack on federalism".

A notification by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) issued on October 11 conferred on BSF officers the power to arrest, search, and seize 50 km inside Punjab, West Bengal, Assam, and Tripura.

A senior MHA official said, "The order is aimed at establishing uniformity in defining the area within which the BSF can operate as per its charter of duties and execute its task of guarding borders. This will also enable improved operational effectiveness in securing the International Border (IB)."

Noting that the MHA has

issued the notification amending the BSF Act, 1968, the official said that earlier, these limits were different in different states. In Gujarat, it was 80 km, while it was 50 km in case of Rajasthan, and 15 km in Punjab, Bengal, Assam and Tripura. Under Section 139 of the Act, the Centre has the authority to notify the area and extent of operation of the BSF he added.



ATTACK ON FEDERALISM

■ The Centre's decision transgresses upon the constitutional public order and policing remit of states. Half of Punjab will now fall under the BSF's jurisdiction. Manish Tewari, CONGRESS MP FROM PUNJAB

■ It is an infringement on the rights of the state. What was the sudden need to enhance the BSF's jurisdiction without informing the West Bengal Government? Kunal Ghosh, TMC SPOKESPERSON

## India resumes vaccine export to neighbours

Tribune News Service

Announcement on flights, trains on Centre's plan to mark 100 crore Covid-19 doses

UN General Assembly last month, Bagchi said it has been decided to begin vaccine supplies in the neighbourhood.

The government is monitoring the domestic programme and for vaccination and further

supplies will be decided in due course," said Bagchi on being asked if India will ship vaccines to Afghanistan. India had started exporting vaccines to over 90 countries in January this year, but the shipments were

stopped after infections soared in India leading to Nepal, Bangladesh, Myanmar and other countries to approach China to fill the breach.

Asked about the new WHO study on the virus origin, he said while he would not comment on the latest report, India is keen on further studies on data of the pandemic's origin.