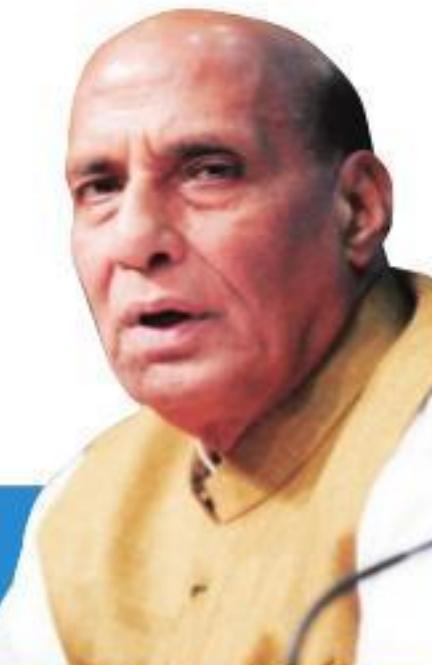


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Hathras sealed amid outrage, police claim victim not raped

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Congress leader Rahul Gandhi being stopped by the police while on way to Hathras, at Yamuna Expressway in Noida. PTI

ANOTHER DALIT RAPE VICTIM DIES IN UP

Balrampur: A Dalit woman (22) died after allegedly being raped by two men in UP's Balrampur district, succumbing to injuries on the same day as the Hathras victim. The victim's mother alleged the rapists broke her daughter's legs and back, a charge denied by police.

REPLACE CM OR IMPOSE PREZ RULE: MAYAWATI

Lucknow: BSP chief Mayawati has demanded that CM Yogi Adityanath be replaced or the President's rule imposed in the state. She said Hathras and Balrampur gangrape and deaths were reminiscent of the 2012 Nirbhaya case.

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Caste tensions rising, BJP Dalit leaders a worried lot

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NEW DELHI

OCTOBER 1

Though the Yogi Adityanath government has set up a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe the Hathras gangrape, the incident has dented the image of the saffron party in Uttar Pradesh, claim several BJP Dalit leaders. Some of them have even warned the leadership regarding the like- political repercussions in

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Saffron party flays Rahul 'theatrics'

UP, say sources. Not just the Dalit MPs, but Brahmins too have been alleging "selective targeting" ever since the death of gangster Vikas Dubey in a police "encounter" in July. The Brahmins were taken by surprise after the BJP picked Yogi

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Panic as HP rape victim's skeleton found in forest

HAMIRPUR, OCTOBER 1

Panic gripped Talasi village in Hamirpur district as the skeleton of a 21-year-old girl, who went missing in May this year, was found last evening from the forest near her house.

The father of the girl had filed a complaint at the Sadar police station on May 9 and named the suspect and urged the police to interrogate him, but the accused misled the police and family members of

Police handled case ineptly, allege kin

the deceased girl. The skeleton was recovered following interrogation of the accused. The family members alleged the police did not take the complaint seriously and delayed the arrest. The locals blamed the police for inept handling of the case.

3 soldiers killed in Pak shelling

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 1

Three soldiers were killed and five injured in a ceasefire violation by Pakistan in Naugam, Mankote and Krishna Ghati sectors of J&K over the past 24 hours. While two soldiers were killed and four injured in Naugam sector, a jawan was killed and another injured in Poonch. Pakistan resorted to unprovoked firing using small arms and mortars along the LoC in various sectors in last 24 hours.

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Sept surge: 41% cases, 34% deaths

Experts attribute it to aggressive testing, unlocking

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 1

September has been the worst month in the country's fight against the Covid pandemic, accounting for over 40 per cent of all cases and nearly 34 per cent of the deaths. The first case in India was reported on January 30.

As the country braces for Unlock 5.0, experts attribute the rise in confirmed cases and deaths through September to the opening up of the economy coupled with aggressive testing.

COVID-19 CASES INDIA

COUNT	63,12,584
RECOVERED	52,73,201
FRESH FATALITIES	1,181
TOTAL DEATHS	98,678

TOTAL	3,42,53,820
RECOVERED	2,54,95,028
DEATHS	10,20,263

TRANSMISSION MAINLY BY 'SUPERSPREADERS'

A study published in the journal "Science" found that transmission of Covid in India has been driven mainly by superspreaders or a small percentage of infected people. The researchers found 8% of those infected accounted for 60% of new infections.

41.57 per cent of the entire burden — and 33,255 (33.7 per cent) fatalities out of 98,678 till last month. — TNS

PUNJAB UNLOCK 5.0

Sunday lockdown, night curfew goes

Punjab on Thursday ordered a slew of relaxations amid Covid outbreak, including end to night curfew and Sunday lockdown. Among the relaxations are:

- Guest limit in weddings, funerals raised to 100 persons
- Home Secretary and Education Department to decide on reopening of schools and educational institutions
- Limit of 3 occupants in a car, 50% capacity in buses also goes — subject to keeping windows open



RAHUL TRACTOR RALLIES ON OCTOBER 3-5

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi will hold 3 tractor rallies in Pb & Haryana from October 3 to 5 — Badrikalan village in Moga to Jattpura in Ludhiana on Oct 3; Sangrur to Samana in Patiala on Oct 4; and Patiala to Pehowa in Haryana the following day. TNS

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200 more trains for festive season

NEW DELHI: The Railways will introduce 200 special trains between October 15 and November 30 to cater to passengers travelling during the festive season, Railway Board Chairman and CEO VK Yadav said on Thursday. "We will run around 200 trains, but it is an estimate, the number could be more," he said. — PTI

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Farmers lay siege to Bathinda-Delhi railway track as part of the 'rail roko' agitation; and protesters hold a sit-in at a toll plaza near Lehra Bega village on the Bathinda-Chandigarh highway. TTRB PHOTOS



Rahul to lead tractor rallies from tomorrow

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 1

The Congress is working to step up its political offensive against the recently passed farm laws with former party president Rahul Gandhi preparing for tractor rallies across Punjab and Haryana from October 3 to 5.

Rahul is proposed to reach Moga on October 3 from where he will lead a tractor rally starting from Badrikalan village till Jattpura in Ludhiana. On October 4, Rahul will hold another rally from Sangrur to Samana in Patiala.

The final rally is likely to be held from Patiala to Pehowa from where Rahul will enter



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi

Spread over 3 days, will cover 50 km

Haryana for rallies in Kaithal and Pipri. CM Capt Amarinder Singh will welcome Rahul with the state Congress hoping to get estranged former minister Navjot Singh Sidhu to join the programme. —TNS

Ahead of three-day Cong stir, Rawat meets Sidhu

AMRITSAR, OCTOBER 1

Amidst reports of bringing Congress firebrand leader Navjot Singh Sidhu to the mainstream ahead of former Congress president Rahul Gandhi's proposed Punjab tour, AICC general secretary Harish Rawat held a closed-door meeting with Sidhu at his residence here this evening.

Earlier, after paying obeisance at the Golden Temple, Rawat said Sidhu was part and parcel of the party and would remain so in the future.

In Amritsar, representatives of seven farmer and labourer unions started their indefinite dharna by pitching a tent on a railway track. Protesters also gheraoed Reliance petrol pump on Fazilka-Ferozepur road near Jalalabad.



State incharge Harish Rawat

part with "full zeal" in party's future programmes.

"There were no serious differences. I, as a big brother, would love to resolve the differences, if any. We are friends and part of the same family," he said. On Sidhu holding a rally in Amritsar without Congress flags, he said: "When you see him in party's programme, he will be carrying Congress flags in both hands." —TNS

Farmers resume stir, bring state to halt

Block railway tracks, highways against farm laws | Hold sit-ins at Reliance petrol stations

TTRB NEWS SERVICE

BATHINDA/MOGA/FAZILKA, OCT 1 Intensifying their agitation against the new agriculture laws, farmers today blocked highways and rail tracks across the state as part of their 'rail roko' agitation.

Sukhdev Singh Kokri Kalan, general secretary, Bhartiya Kisan Union (Ekta) claimed farmers blocked roads at 27 locations and rail tracks at Dhablam (Patiala), Sunam (Sangrur), Budhlada (Mansa) Gidderbaha (Muktsar), Dagru (Moga) and several other places. Farmers also

staged sit-ins outside toll plazas in Sangrur, Barnala, Moga and Gurdaspur, besides holding dharnas outside fuel pumps and shopping malls belonging to big corporate houses. With farmers proceeding on an indefinite stir, the Ferozepur Railway Division has suspended at least 25 trains in Punjab, J&K and Himachal Pradesh.

In Bathinda, responding to the call given by 31 farmer unions, farmers protested at toll plazas on the Bathinda-Chandigarh National Highway near Lehra Bega village and on the Bathinda-Amrit-

sar National Highway near Jeeda village.

Farmers protested at a utility store and petrol pumps of Reliance and Essar companies near Bhuchro Mandi and Rampura areas. Members of various factions of the BKU and various other farmer unions also blocked tracks on

the Bathinda-Delhi railway line and sat on a dharna.

"Our agitation will continue till the Union Government removes our apprehensions regarding the agriculture Acts. It is shocking that the Centre did not even take us into confidence and pushed the legis-

lations through in a haste," said Shingara Singh Mann, president, BKU (Ugrahan).

In Moga too, farmers and farm labourers blocked a railway track and protested outside a silo owned by Adani Farm Logistics at Dagru village. Another group of farmers staged a protest at the toll plaza on the Moga-Bathinda highway near Singhawala village.

Protesters also staged a dharna outside a petrol pump owned by Reliance Group of Companies at Rajeana village. They urged people to boycott petrol pumps owned by Reliance in support of their cause.

In Fazilka, representatives of seven farmer and labourer unions started their indefinite dharna by pitching a tent on a railway track. Protesters also gheraoed Reliance petrol pump on Fazilka-Ferozepur road near Jalalabad.

HC SEEKS REPORT ON BLOCKADE REMOVAL

The Punjab and Haryana High Court has called for a report on the removal of blockades impeding the flow of traffic on the highways and railway lines following farmers' protests. The court has also called for steps taken by the state of Punjab and the instructions issued in the matter.

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Dark day for democracy, says Badal



SAD patron Parkash Singh Badal

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 1 Akali Dal patriarch Parkash Singh Badal today condemned the use of force on peaceful Akali workers, farmers and SAD leaders by the Chandigarh Police, saying it marked "a painful and dark day for democracy in the country's history".

The former Chief Minister warned the governments, saying: "If those in power think this would break the spirit of the peaceful Akali workers, they are sadly mistaken. They have learnt nothing from history. Punjab has fought the worst form of repression during the Emergency and in 1984." —TNS

SAD 'kisan march' stopped at UT border, Badals detained



SAD leader and former Union Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal being detained at the Zirakpur-Chandigarh barrier on Thursday. TTRB PHOTO

Kept in dark by Centre, says Sukhbir

TTRB NEWS SERVICE

AMRITSAR, OCTOBER 1

SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal led the 'kisan march' from Amritsar on Thursday contesting the farm Acts enacted by the NDA-led Union Government.

The march commenced after Badal paid obeisance at the Golden Temple and the Akal Takht. Sukhbir said as per "panthic tradition", the march had been started after taking Guru's blessings.

Accompanied by senior SAD leadership, including Bikram Singh Majithia, Virsa Singh Valtoha, Gulzar Singh Ranike and other local SAD leaders, the cavalcade proceeded towards Governor's House in Chandigarh from Bhandari Bridge.

"A memorandum would be submitted to the Punjab Governor urging the Centre and the President of India to repeal the farm Acts. For the purpose, a special session of both Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha be convened to roll back 'kaale kanoon' (black



Farmer organisation calls rally 'political drama'

laws) that have been designed to ruin the farming community," he said.

Snubbing Rajya Sabha MP Shwai Malik over his claims that the SAD leadership was taken into confidence when the three Bills were tabled in Parliament and that Sukhbir

and Union minister Harsimrat Badal had endorsed these with signatures before they snapped ties for "self-interest", he said: "If it were true, then show our signatures. We were kept in the dark. We were never consulted and no Cabinet meeting was held

before passing the black laws. Rather, we had submitted in writing certain clauses for inclusion in the Bills. We were falsely assured these would be incorporated. That's why we decided to part ways," he said.

The SAD started the march from three Takhts — Akal Takht (Amritsar); Takht Damdama Sahib (Bathinda), led by Harsimrat Badal; and Takht Kesgarh Sahib in Anandpur Sahib, led by former MP Prem Singh Chandumajra.

Terming it a 'political drama', Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee state general secretary Sarwan Singh Pandher said the SAD had attempted to play the 'panthic card' in a bid to streamline its dwindling political graph.

In Anandpur Sahib, thousands of SAD workers and farmers led by former MP Prem Singh Chandumajra and former Cabinet minister Daljit Singh Cheema took out a kisan march from Takht Sri Kesgarh Sahib here today.

Sangrur village vows not to burn stubble



Some farmers said in 2019, few had adopted the DSR technique, but after the Agriculture Department teams made them aware about the benefits of it, many decided to use it this year.

"As per a rough estimate, we have saved around Rs 2,000 to Rs 3,000 per acre because the DSR method is more cost-effective than the traditional method. We will also participate in protests, but do not want to burn the stubble as it will create problems for Covid patients," said Balwinder Singh, another village farmer.

350 officers to keep tabs on strawburning

TTRB NEWS SERVICE

MOGA, OCTOBER 1

To prevent stubble burning during the ongoing kharif season amid the Covid-19 pandemic, the Moga administration has appointed 330 nodal officers and 20 cluster officers in the villages where paddy stubble was being traditionally put to fire in the recent years.

Deputy Commissioner Sandeep Hans has appealed to farmers to refrain from burning paddy straw, especially keeping in view of the outbreak of Covid-19, which could aggravate the health issues.

Hans said the officers had been assigned the task to ensure that only harvester combines equipped with Super SMS system operated in the villages. They will also call each land owner on phone to impress upon them to ensure that no paddy straw was burnt on their land.

Amid farmers' agitation, FCI moves foodgrain out of state

TTRB NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 1

Amid the rail roko agitation by farmers, the Food Corporation of India (FCI) has started shifting huge amounts of foodgrain from the state. Almost 30 lakh metric tonnes of foodgrain procured earlier for the FCI has been moved from Punjab to other states.

Since the movement of grains is linked to the release of cash credit limit (CCL) needed to buy paddy that is now arriving in mandis, farmers inspite of their rail roko stir at 30 places in the state, are allowing the transport of existing stocks of foodgrain from the state.

On an average 1.16 lakh metric tonnes of foodgrain are being moved out of Punjab in special trains daily. According to official sources in the FCI, the movement of grains has



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been the highest in the past one week ever since the rail roko campaign began.

"Our field staff is creating awareness among farmers about the importance of shifting grains, which will help the state get the CCL for the ongoing paddy season. Thus farmers are allowing these special trains," a senior official of the FCI, Punjab region, told The Tribune.

According to information, 60 lakh metric tonnes of rice and 143 lakh metric tonnes of wheat stocks are currently lying in Punjab. These have to be liquidated immediately for the FCI to release the dues. "We have received almost Rs 700 crore till today, while the remaining dues will be cleared soon," Food and Civil Supplies Minister Bharat Bhushan Ashu said.



Activists at the locked gate of the SGPC headquarters, Teja Singh Samundri Hall, in the Golden Temple complex. TTRB PHOTO

Sikh activists lock SGPC HQs

Missing Saroops

AMRITSAR, OCTOBER 1

Sikh activists who have been staging a sit-in opposite the SGPC headquarters, Teja Singh Samundri Hall, to protest the misappropriation of Guru Granth Sahib 'saroops' today locked its main gate. The activists blamed the SGPC management for trying to disrupt their protest by playing speakers at a high volume. —TNS

ees and locked the entrance gate this afternoon.

SGPC secretary Mohinder Singh Ahlu said the SGPC was in no mood to take the activists head on despite their provocative behaviour. "We have not yet approached them, but we will resolve it amicably," he said. The activists blamed the SGPC management for trying to disrupt their protest by playing speakers at a high volume. —TNS

Tuition fee only if online classes offered daily: HC

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 1
The Punjab and Haryana High Court today ruled tuition fee would be charged only if students in Punjab were offered online classes on a day-to-day basis during the lockdown period.

The Bench of Justice Rajiv Sharma and Justice Harinder Singh Sidhu made it clear the school managements would not charge transportation charges till further orders, since the students were not being transported to and fro due to lockdown.

The school managements were also directed to file balance sheets duly verified by a chartered accountant for preceding seven months from today. For the purpose, the Bench set two-week deadline.

The Bench directed that all teachers and staff members, whether permanent or appointed on contractual, ad hoc or temporary basis, would be entitled to regular salaries they were getting before the imposition of lockdown on March 23. The order virtually modifies

NO TRANSPORTATION FEE, SCHOOLS TOLD

- The Bench has asked schools not to charge transportation charges till further orders
- They have been given 2 weeks to file balance sheets verified by a CA for preceding 7 months

another Division Bench's directions passed some three months ago. The Bench of Chief Justice Ravi Shanker Jha and Justice Arun Palli had on July 20 made it clear all parties would adhere to the arrangements set out in the impugned judgment by the Single Bench.

The Chief's Bench had also emphasised all students would remit their school fee in sync with the directions issued by the Single Judge.

The names of students who had either sought or applied for school fee concession or waiver would not be struck off from the roles till their pleas were decided by the school management or by the regulatory body.

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 1
Amid declining Covid cases and deaths, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Thursday ordered a slew of relaxations, including lifting of night curfew and end to Sunday lockdown, while directing the DGP to strictly enforce wearing of masks and other safety norms.

Among the relaxations announced by the CM are increasing the limit for marriage functions and funerals to 100 in the state, in line with the Central Government's guidelines as well as easing the limit of three persons in a car and 50 per cent capacity in buses, subject to the condition of windows being open.

On the issue of reopening of schools and educational institutions, which the Centre had left to the states to decide post October 15 under Unlock 5.0, the final decision will be announced after due deliberations between the Home Secretary and the Education Department.

During a virtual meeting to



ENSURE COVID NORMS ARE FOLLOWED, DGP TOLD

- The CM has directed DGP Dinkar Gupta to ensure strict adherence to Covid protocols
- There should be no laxity, especially in view of the ongoing paddy procurement operations and the forthcoming festival season, Capt said

TASK FORCE SET UP TO ENSURE OXYGEN SUPPLY

To augment the supply and distribution of oxygen amid the pandemic, the state government has set up state and district-level task force to ensure there is no shortfall. It was announced by a spokesperson after a virtual Covid review meet chaired by the CM.

STATE RECORDS 1,317 CASES AND 45 DEATHS ON THURSDAY

review the Covid situation in the state, the Chief Minister took note of the decline in the rising cases/deaths trend and said the restrictions imposed earlier by the state

government had helped. However, he expressed concern over the increase in cases in rural areas, though numbers in cities and towns were going down.

MONITORING OF PATIENTS IN HOME ISOLATION

Strict monitoring of asymptomatic and mildly symptomatic Covid patients in home isolation will begin in Punjab from Friday, with the state government engaging a consortium of professional home healthcare companies for the regular monitoring.

Relief for CM, son; court stays file inspection order

LUDHIANA, OCTOBER 1

The court of Additional Sessions Judge Atul Kasana today stayed the order granting permission to the Enforcement Directorate (ED) to inspect the income tax case files related to the alleged tax evasion cases pending against Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh and his son Raninder Singh.

The ED intended to inspect the files in relation to an investigation pending with them under the Foreign Exchange Management Act. ED officials had claimed before the trial court they wanted to inspect the record for taking the pending investigation to a logical conclusion.

Challenging the order, the CM asserted the ED had no jurisdiction to investigate the matter, which is the subject matter of the complaint pending before the trial court.

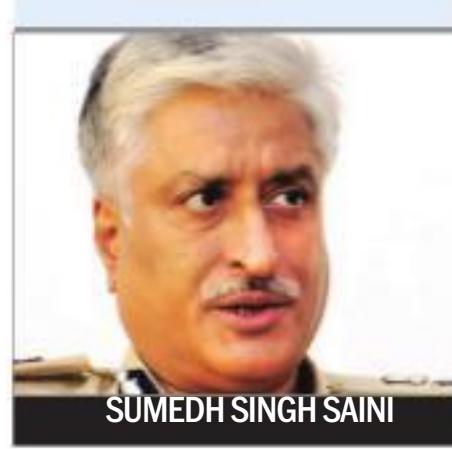
The ED had got the order in their favour from the court of Duty Magistrate Jasbeer Singh. The order was passed without notice to the Income Tax Department or to him. Passing such an order without affording an opportunity of being heard was against the principles of natural justice, he had pleaded. The matter will now come up for hearing on October 16.—OC

Approver blames Saini in police firing cases

Tribune News Service

RECORDS STATEMENT

In his statement before Judicial Magistrate, Faridkot, Inspector Pardeep Singh also names IG Paramraj Singh Umranangal and then Moga SSP Charanjit Singh Sharma



Pardeep alleged that Sharma and then Ludhiana SP Paramjit Singh Pannu also opened fire on protesters.

In his statement, he alleged that on the directions from then DGP Saini, the IG told the force to cane-charge protesters and use water cannons at Kotkapura. When they resisted, the IG issued directions to open fire at Kotkapura.

On the basis of statement of Pardeep, the Bajakhana police have named both Saini and Umranangal as accused in the Behbal Kalan firing case.

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I, Ram Singh Khangura s/o Sher Singh r/o Batirania, District Sangrur, have changed my name to Ram Singh. (CL20045721)

I, Jaswinder Kaur Mashal w/o Santokh Singh r/o PVO Athlou, Tehsil Phagwara, Distt. Kapurthala Punjab India, have changed my name to Jaswinder Kaur. Concerned note. (CL20045962)

I, Ram Prakash Sharma alias R.P. Sharma s/o Yamuna Sharma resident 5(A). Moti Bagh, Vashishtha Nagar, Ambala Cantt., have changed my name to Ram Prakash Sharma. Concerned note. (CL20046028)

I, Sudesh Kumar w/o Sat Pal r/o Vill. Nalunga P.O. Mirthal, Distt. Pathankot declared that the name of my daughter wrongly written in her school certificate Jeevan Jyoti instead of Jeewan Jyoti. Her correct name is Jeewan Jyoti. (CL20046032)

I, Atmero Devi w/o Puran Chand resident of Uncha Chaddia, Tehsil Saraswati Nagar, Distt. Yamunanagar, have changed my name from Atmero Devi to Ajmer Devi now my name is Ajmero Devi. (CL20045731)

I, Army No. 1264899F RFN Sandeep s/o Dharmai residing Village Bhanji Bharon, Tehsil Meham, District Rohtak want to correct the name of my wife from Rajballa to Rajball and want to correct the name of my daughter Anu to Anna in my Army records. (CL20045664)

It is for the information that I, Davinder Kumar Chopra s/o Kailash Nath Chopra r/o 20A, Oasis Greens, Highland marg, Bhaba road, Vill. Nabha, Patiala road, Zirakpur (Mohali, Punjab) declare that the name of my father has wrongly mentioned as K. Chopra in my Pan Card No. ACBPC5408M. It may please be corrected as Kailash Nath Chopra. (CL20045541)

I, Shiv Kumar Shaikh Sh. Shiv Narayan Shaikh House No. 165, Adarsh Nagar, Pipliwal Town, Manimajra, Chandigarh (UT) declare that 1) My son Shiv Shankar & his wife Reshma and their two sons Yash & Yaman and 2) My son Sameek Mohan & his wife Sunita their son Dashi are out of my control. So I disown them from all my moveable/ immovable property. I shall not be responsible for any of their acts and shall not be responsible for anything they do so at

paper. (CL20045539) a.com

Petrol pump owner found dead

ROPAR, OCTOBER 1 The body of a petrol pump owner was found in the

Bakra canal under mysterious circumstances here today. The deceased, Surinder Bhal-

la (39), a resident of Attari village, was reported missing last night. — TNS

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Sr. No.	Name of Work	Bid Submission Schedule (Online)	Opening Technical Bid (Online)
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER - MCPH Division No. 4			
1.	Curbing of sewer flow into storm water drain by special repair of sewer pipe line and manholes at various location in NGT Compliance, Chandigarh.	01.10.2020 To 08.10.2020 at 02:00 P.M.	08.10.2020 at 03:00 P.M.
Note : Tender Notice alongwith detailed terms and conditions is available on website at www.chandigarh.gov.in			

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Sr.No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Qty.	Rate to be quoted on per Kg basis for A & B, separately.
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S. Name of Work No.	Approx. Cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Period of Completion	Date of closing & opening
1 Provision of RPF Barracks (Jawans=10 bed, Sub Officers=4 bed, Lady Const.=4 bed, 01 mess, Dining hall etc. EACH STN) at RJP	10130137	200700	06 Months	28.10.2020
2 Supply of 40000 cum 65mm gauge nominal size machine crushed stone ballast duly stacked & loaded in to Rail borne Trucks/BOB's for B G Track in the Ballast depot at Yamunanager Jagadhari on Ambala-Saharanpur Section in the section of DEN/Track/Ambala	31158400	305800	08 Months	28.10.2020
3 Provision of seven short term facilities for Divyangan at CJL, MOT, SAG, SFM, HMI, JPS, LHA & PJK stations over UMB Division in the section of SR/DEN/IV/UMB	4448830	89000	06 Months	28.10.2020
4 Miscellaneous track maintenance works in UMB yard, Through fitting renewal 17.616km from km. 254.23 to 256.18 (UP), 256.182 to 260.70 (UP) & 250.0 to 261.18 (DN) on c/w Ambala Division - TFR 130.857 km & TFR (Rubber Pad & Liner Only) -123.942 km and TFR - 35.816 km, Rag picking of tracks 100m away from platform ends to advance starter (21.6kms) on all approaches of UMB yard for one year and cold weather patrolling in the section of SSE/P/Way/UMB under ADEN/HQ/UMB.	8268963	165400	10 Months	28.10.2020

NOTE : 1. Tenderers are required to upload scanned copies of all related eligibility documents including PAN/TIN/GST as per conditions. The required Earnest Money & Tender document cost will be acceptable On-line payment through Net Banking/or Payment Gateway payment only well before & upto 15:00 hrs. of closing date & time of tender. 2. Tenderers should have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate to participate in E-Tendering of works tenders. 3. For detail, please log on IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in. GST will be levied as per GST Act. 2017. 2129/2020

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Train No. & Name	Date of cancellation (from the Originating Station)
02053/204 Hardiwar - Amritsar - Haridwar Jan Shatabdi Express	02.10.2020
02425/2426 New Delhi-Jammu Tawi-New Delhi Rajdhani Special	02.10.2020
04652 Amritsar - Jaynagar Humsafar Express	02.10.2020

PARTIAL CANCELLATION OF SPECIAL TRAINS

Train No. & Name	Short Terminate at/ Short originate from	Partially Cancelled between Station	Date of cancellation (from the Originating Station)
02903 Mumbai Central-Amritsar Golden Temple Mail	at Ambala Cantt.	Ambala Cantt.- Amritsar	of 30.09.2020
02904 Amritsar-Mumbai Central Golden Temple Mail	From Ambala Cantt.	Amritsar- Ambala Cantt.	02.10.2020
02925 Bandra Terminus-Amritsar Express	at Ambala Cantt.	Ambala Cantt.- Amritsar	of 01.10.2020
02926 Amritsar-Bandra Terminus Express	from Ambala Cantt.	Amritsar-Ambala Cantt.	03.10.2020
02715 Nanded-Amritsar Sachkhand Express	at New Delhi	New Delhi- Amritsar	of 01.10.2020
02716 Amritsar-Nanded Sachkhand Express	From New Delhi	Amritsar- New Delhi	03.10.2020
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Baroda a test of govt's performance: Hooda

TRENT NEWS SERVICE

SONEPAT, OCTOBER 1
Leader of Opposition Bhupinder Singh Hooda has dubbed the Baroda byelection as a referendum on the performance of the BJP-JJP government in the state.

"The byelection will decide the future of the state politics," he told the media in Gohana on Thursday, sounding confident of the Congress adding another seat to its kitty of 31 segments.

The former Chief Minister said an election to a single constituency could oust a party from power, citing the example of the Meham election of 1991.

In the 1990 bypoll to the Meham segment in Rohtak district, a shootout took place when villagers tried to resist booth capturing, leading to the death of eight persons. The poll-related violence created such a political storm that Om Prakash Chautala had to quit as Chief Minister. A repoll next year saw the Congress winning the seat. Hooda hit out at the develop-



Former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda addresses a press conference at Gohana in Sonepat district on Thursday.

opment claims of the state government. "In the past five years, the Baroda constituency was never in the scheme of things of the ruling dispensation. Now, it is announcing projects only to gain votes," he said.

In reference to the three controversial farm laws, the Congress leader termed the coalition as "anti-farmer".

"The Congress will not allow anti-farmer laws to be implemented in Haryana till the time the BJP ensures that the MSP

regime will remain in place.

Sharing a draft of the Contract Farming Act, 2007, introduced during his tenure, Hooda said it was clearly mentioned in the Act that a private company and a farmer would enter into a contract on the assurance that the produce would be bought at the MSP.

"If the contract farming system implemented in 2007 is applicable in the state, the new laws of the Centre can't be implemented in Haryana," he added.

Won't allow Rahul's rally to enter: Vij

Make purchase below MSP punishable: Abhay

TRENT NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 1

Even as the Congress plans that Rahul Gandhi's tractor rally will enter Haryana from Punjab during his three-day campaign in the region against farm laws, Home Minister Anil Vij today announced that the government won't allow the rally to enter the state.

"Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi want to set the country on fire. Every morning, they set out from their homes with a canister of petrol. Wherever they see some smoke, they set petrol on it to fuel the fire," he said. — TNS

try and chart out a strategy.

Addressing a press conference at his residence, Abhay termed the new farm Acts as dangerous and said these would weaken farmers.

Demanding a law to make MSP a legal right of farmers, Abhay said purchasing foodgrain on a price lower than MSP must be made a punishable offence. He said the INLD had submitted memorandums to Deputy Commissioners in eight districts in this regard.

Toll crosses 1,400 mark

COVID-19 CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Gurugram	20,921	174
Faridabad	19,982	221
Sonepat	8,355	44
Ambala	7,969	92
Karnal	7,375	107
Panipat	7,357	81
Hisar	6,351	64
Panchkula	6,074	86
Rohtak	5,937	63
Rewari	5,797	29
Kurukshetra	5,684	91
Yamunanagar	4,240	73
Sirsa	3,807	63
Mahendragarh	3,467	7
Bhiwani	2,794	36
Palwal	2,633	16
Jhajjar	2,524	25
Kaithal	2,470	40
Fatehabad	2,368	38
Jind	2,059	27
Nuh	1,123	23
Charkhi Dadri	625	2
Total	1,29,912	1,402

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- Narendra Modi

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The Tribune

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Ghastly funeral

Another gangrape exposes Yogi's government and UP cops

EVEN as the heart-wrenching gangrape and torture of the Hathras teenager who succumbed to the grievous injuries inflicted on her are reminiscent of the beastly Nirbhaya case of 2012, the callous treatment the authorities meted out to this violated daughter of India renders her more unfortunate. It is a matter of shame that she was even denied the dignity the dead deserve. The Yogi Adityanath government of Uttar Pradesh has a lot to answer for her hurried funeral in the dead of night, forcibly by some policemen, denying the grieving relatives this right. The ghastly turn of events is a brazen attempt to erase evidence and cover up the crime, covered as it is in the grime of an upper caste (the accused) and low caste (the victim) power play. Agitating further the incensed public is the death of a 22-year-old Dalit woman following her gangrape in UP's Balrampur a day later.

These daughters must not only get quick justice but also be seen to have got justice with the strict laws enacted after 2012. It would be a bigger offence if they end up as just another digit in the expanding list of crime against women in this region. A National Crime Records Bureau report reveals the shameful fact that Rajasthan and Haryana accounted for the highest number of gangrape cases in 2019. With the conviction rate at a dismal 16 per cent in Haryana, it is no surprise that the epidemic of atrocities continues.

Justice demands an immediate rolling of heads of law enforcers and protectors as well as the fast-tracking of the case to penalise the guilty. Only an end to the impunity that perpetrators seem to be bestowed with will instil a semblance of feeling of safety among girls to live their lives peacefully, to study, to enjoy, or go about their routine errands and chores. Plus, the significance of a cultural shift from a misogynistic outlook to an egalitarian one — emanating from homes and society — cannot be emphasised enough. Sadly, such cases are emblematic of the hard truth that the shift to an upbringing of boys encompassing a respectful attitude towards girls is agonisingly slow.

Bridging digital divide

Lack of computers hinders studies in Himachal schools

DAYS before the Prime Minister's scheduled visit to Himachal Pradesh to inaugurate the Atal Tunnel, touted as a major developmental feat, has come the report about most government schools in the state being unable to impart online teaching for lack of computers and poor Internet connectivity. The problem is especially severe in tribal areas, where accessibility and connectivity are difficult because of the terrain and weather. It also highlights the role of government schools that cater to all sections and have helped in spreading literacy because of their relatively modest fee structure, making education inclusive despite the resource constraints. In fact, there have been reports from various parts of the country of teachers improvising to impart lessons to students in far-flung areas, even as the Covid-19 pandemic saw many switch over to government schools as the academic session got affected, offline classes were discontinued and there was compulsion of the fee being paid.

It is only in the fitness of things that the Centre has now asked the states to reopen schools in a graded manner after October 15. Having remained closed for over six months, schools will find the return to normalcy a lingering process as the Covid-19 situation remains fluid, which will mean a delay in resuming full-scale operations. The schools had been making the transition even earlier with smart classrooms, online payment of fee and other improvisations. But schools do more than just teach, they also help mould personalities through extra-curricular and sporting activities. By stipulating that the states cannot dilute, but make stricter, the relaxations, the unlocking exercise puts the onus of implementing the decision on them.

The problem in Himachal also highlights the fact that policy decisions need to be tweaked when it comes to enforcing them in various parts of the country. Flexibility is needed so as to be responsive to the situation on the ground. With tourism, industrialisation and defence on its list of priorities, the state also needs to be attentive to digital empowerment.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

If sitting in church can make you a Christian, sitting in a garage can make you a car. — Garrison Keillor

ON THIS DAY...50 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

CHANDIGARH, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1970

Nine Days' Wonder

PRESIDENT Nixon's claim that his current European tour is entirely in the pursuit of peace need not be accepted at its face value. The 9-day itinerary has actually been dictated by the compulsions of domestic as well as world politics, especially the urgency of refurbishing his image all round and making the U.S. presence felt in the crucial Mediterranean theatre. A major conformation with the Soviet Union there has long been considered probable. With the recent reverses in the Big Power détenté following a direct clash of interests, Mr. Nixon has thought it politic to sound a stern warning to the U.S.S.R. His visit to the Sixth Fleet in East Mediterranean and his call at NATO's southern headquarters in Naples are designed to serve precisely that purpose. This also explains the deliberate changes in his tour programme to cover the entire Allied perimeter of the Mediterranean which is now teeming with Soviet ships and submarines. Soon after landing in Rome, despite the rioting, he warned would-be aggressors that the U.S. was staying put in that region. Another explanation is the recent hardening of Soviet attitudes at the Helsinki talks and the virtual scuttling of the peace initiative in the Middle East which have led to sober reflections in Washington. No longer are confidences eagerly exchanged or common endeavours stressed. Instead, there are open accusations about Moscow's intentions. The latest evidence of this wind of change has come through Mr. Nixon's exclusive interview to the *Time* magazine. The U.S., he said, "seeks peace while the Soviet Union seeks dominance." Hence, the candid admission that his job is to convince the U.S.S.R. that it can still have its goals but must compete for them in the peaceful ways of commerce, ideas, even diplomacy. The implicit caution is unlikely to be lost on Moscow.

About closure, not justice

End to Ayodhya chapter, but 'mandir' issue may be alive, still



NEERJA CHOWDHURY

SENIOR POLITICAL COMMENTATOR

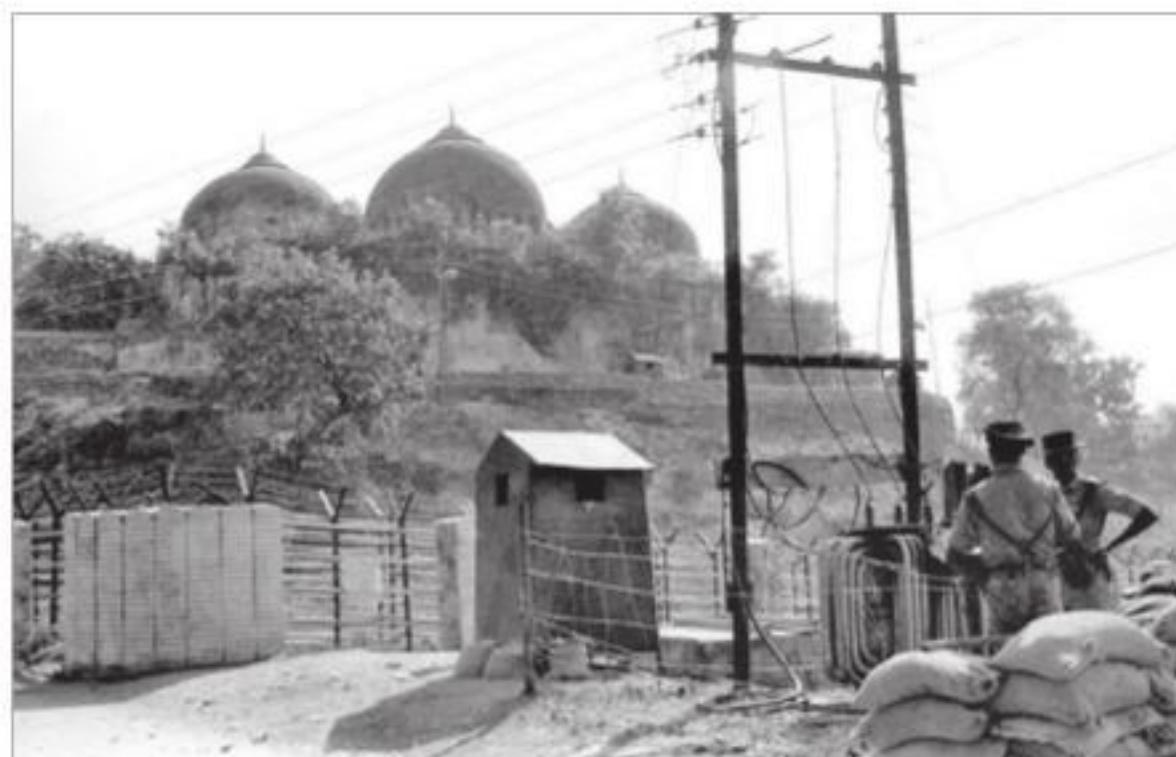
IN November 2019, the Supreme Court gave its go-ahead for building a Ram temple where the Babri masjid once stood. And now the special CBI court has given its judgment that no one is guilty of having demolished the mosque on December 6, 1992. The judgment may bring a closure to the Ayodhya chapter. But it has not brought justice.

It was no less than the country's Supreme Court which had in 2017 and in 2019 pointed out that the demolition of the masjid was 'a calculated act', 'unlawful', and 'an egregious violation of the rule of law'.

The special CBI judge has cited lack of evidence against LK Advani, MM Joshi, Kalyan Singh, Uma Bharati and 28 others and acquitted them. Forty-nine of them were originally charged — 17 died during the pendency of the case — of criminal conspiracy and lesser crimes like incitement, rioting and creating enmity between communities. They have been pronounced not guilty on all charges.

CBI judge SK Yadav has attributed what happened on that fateful day to a spontaneous outburst of anger and emotion. A few hundred angry people can climb atop the 16th century mosque but cannot desecrate it with their bare hands in the heat of the moment, all within five hours. There were photographs and eyewitnesses showing kar sevaks using shovels, pickaxes, rods, ropes and more. So they, at least a group, had come prepared and knew what to do. Who were these faceless people? Even if they were 'Pakistanis' or 'terrorists', as alluded by the judge, we are nowhere nearer the truth about their identity.

Twenty-eight years — and six



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PMs belonging to the BJP, Congress and the Third Front — down the line, we still do not know who was responsible for it. That does not say much for a nation of a billion-plus people, a system of parliamentary democracy we have taken pride in, or our institutions, be it the judiciary or the investigating agencies. If anything, the judge puts the CBI — the 'caged parrot' or 'its master's voice' in the words of the Supreme Court seven years ago — on the mat for shoddy investigation. Even minimum requirements like the authentication of documents and videos was not done.

It is really our institutions which are in the dock today. And the Ayodhya judgments have once again underlined the new reality of how much these institutions have undergone a change. That it should take 28 years to get a judgment speaks volumes about the state of affairs in the judiciary. By this time, the accused could have lost their memory, and they deposed only a few weeks ago. Advani is 92 years old, Joshi and

Kalyan Singh 86 years. India has also moved on. Today, two out of three Indians have no familiarity with Ayodhya or the demolition, with 65% of the population under 35. And half the Indians were not even born in 1992 and would accept whatever they are told about what happened years ago.

The trial started seriously only three years ago. No other issue has determined the trajectory of Indian politics in independent India as has Ayodhya. A verdict, either way, after 28 years, is anyway a mockery of justice.

Had the verdict, hypothetically speaking, held any of these senior BJP, RSS or VHP leaders guilty, it would have brought them centre stage again as charioteers of a movement which catapulted the BJP from a pathetic two Lok Sabha seats in 1984 to 80-plus in 1991 with the graph climbing upwards after that. The foundations of the edifice later erected by Vajpayee and Modi were laid in those years of Advani's Ram rath yatra in 1990, and the temple movement that followed. It created the 'mahal' which led to the demolition. Had

Messrs Advani, Joshi and others been charged, they would have gone in appeal, and the focus would have shifted back to them again. Today, they are on the margins.

As things stand, the Ram mandir is getting identified with Modi. The ruling for the temple has come in his tenure. It is he who laid the first brick for its construction on August 5 this year. It is he who is fulfilling the Sangh Parivar's core agenda. In all likelihood, he will inaugurate the temple when it is completed in the run-up to 2024 General Elections. It may give the BJP some electoral advantage in UP in 2022, and nationally in 2024. The mandir today has become more about Modi than about Advani, Joshi, Kalyan, Katiyar or Uma.

There was a time when Advani had made an offer to the Muslim leadership — that if they agreed to let the mandir be built in Ayodhya, the BJP could let go of its claim on Kashi and Mathura. But this was neither acceptable to the Muslim side nor to the VHP at the time.

In the last few weeks, the Mathura-Kashi issues have come to the fore again. Petitions were filed for the removal of the Gyan Vapi mosque and the Shahi Idgah located inside the Kashi and Mathura temples. The Place of Worship Act, 1991, was also challenged in June this year. Legislated during PV Narasimha Rao's premiership, it prohibited any change in the status of any religious place as it existed on August 15, 1947, barring Ram Janmabhoomi. Therefore, it went to protect Kashi and Mathura as they stand today, with the mosques inside their premises.

With the two judgments on Ayodhya, Hindu militant groups may now be tempted — and emboldened — to push the envelope to 'reclaim' Kashi and Mathura. It was part of the VHP agenda. From the moves made recently, it seems that they may keep it as an issue in reserve, which can be hyped up if the economic hardship increases in the months to come. So the mandir story may be far from over.

Why not have maritime museums?

LT GEN KJ SINGH (RETD)

AS *Viraat* sails on her final voyage to Alang, many Naval hearts are brimming with nostalgia and are literally heartbroken. The obvious question is — why can't we convert these valuable pieces of our maritime heritage into museums to inspire future generations? After all, Gandhi Smriti, Teen Murti Bhawan, and many more prime Lutyens' properties have been converted into museums. What is even more baffling is three states — Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Goa — showed readiness for a maritime museum, but none was ready to invest Rs 500-odd crore. Perhaps it failed on the criterion of

vote-bank potential, despite its most enviable legacy of serving two navies. Commissioned as HMS *Hermit* in November 1959 in the British navy, it joined our Navy in May 1987, and was our flag-bearer till March 2017. An envious record of 61 years of glorious service!

My abiding connect with the ship is a memorable fortnight on *Viraat*, during attachment for a Naval Staff course. We were initially accommodated in an officers' mess at Colaba, but during our visit to *Viraat*, we made a request to Captain Madhvendra Singh and he prevailed on the staff to make it possible. We got a chance to stay in cabins, linger and wander into flying deck, hangars, bridge, galleys, ward

room and engine rooms. It gave me a chance to get even, in some small measure, with my late father-in-law, Cdr PS Sethi, who was part of the commissioning crew of INS *Vikrant*. *Viraat* follows the fate of its legendary forerunner, INS *Vikrant*, landing up in hands of ship-breakers. The only remnant of *Vikrant*'s legacy is a few motorcycles made out of steel harnessed from the ship. Similar plans have been voiced by the ship-breakers at Alang. Hope the Indian Navy preserves some such bikes and vehicles. The legacy must live on.

This also brings a flood of memories of another ship with which I have a nostalgic connect, albeit a non-Naval one — MV *Chidambaram*.

Chidambaram was the much-needed incentive for Shipping Corporation employees, as LTC perk. Unfortunately, it perished in a fire accident. Acetylene torches and fire can only cut through the metal — the memories shall linger!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Quite in vain

Sanity is drowned in the noise of rabble-rousers. But it is out of 'innocence' that one could blame the CBI. Courts can pronounce judgments over the evidence presented. Cages change but the parrot remains the same. Meanwhile, we can imagine where the Delhi riots case shall reach one day. Despite the videos seen by all, we can't be sure what will finally be presented in the court.

LALIT MOHAN SHARMA, DHARAMSALA

Eliminating the middleman

Reference to the article 'Caught in farm reforms' (Sept 30); the agitation by farmers of Punjab revolves round full procurement of wheat at MSP by the FCI or private traders. Arhtiya is not a middleman as alleged by the Prime Minister. He only charges a commission of 2 per cent from the FCI for handling, cleaning, filling and loading of foodgrains. The role of the middleman comes across in the sale of vegetables in the main vegetable market. The farmer is constrained to sell his produce at a very low price due to the cartelisation of local traders. For example, a farmer sells carrot at Rs 8 per kg whereas it is available for Rs 30 at the consumer end. MS

Gill, then Agriculture Commissioner, Punjab, eliminated the middleman by introducing the concept of Apni Mandi in Chandigarh and the cities of Punjab. A temporary market was set up in an open space in a sector, where farmers used to sell vegetables directly to consumers at a remunerative price, to the mutual benefit of both. Farmers' cooperatives, and not the Bills, can set up such Apni Mandis and easily eliminate the middleman.

RS RATHEE, GURUGRAM

Failing humanity

The brutal act of rape and murder of yet another girl by upper-caste men in UP shows how social evils like casteism, patriarchy and inequality are still deep-rooted in our society. We, as a country, have been failing humanity for long, both at the individual and societal levels. It is high time that the UP government takes charge and looks into the increasing crime rate in the state. It should make sure that there is zero tolerance against such accused and that they are soon served with punishment, unlike the Nirbhaya rape case timeline. There is a long way for change to happen, but first, it has to start at an individual level,

where we sensitise the boys and 'educate' them.

SANJOT KAUR, LUDHIANA

Nothing has changed

It seems that the 2012 Nirbhaya rape-murder case has failed to kindle any fear among such gruesome criminals, or sensitise the system. It is again a tear-jerking moment for our country, where people venerate goddesses and are ready to do anything to have their blessings, but at the same time, women become the victims of such heinous crimes, despite stringent laws. The so-called 'public servants' should take the bull by its horns instead of indulging in the futile blame-game.

HARSHITA SHARMA, SONEPAT

Revolution in journalism

Media, which is the fourth pillar of a democracy, has lost its ethics and values. Instead of showing valuable, fact-based information to the public, some media channels are fooling the public with their over-sensationalised news to gain TRPs, which is disturbing and shameful. People should be aware enough to boycott such media houses. India needs a revolution in journalism.

SOUPRAKASH DHIMAN, BY MAIL

Letters to the Editor, typed in double space, should not exceed the 200-word limit. These should be cogently written and can be sent by e-mail to: Letters@tribunemail.com

UN has been at frontline of multilateralism



BHARAT H DESAI

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU CHAIR & PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, JNU

THE United Nations (UN) rolled out on September 21 celebrations for its 75th anniversary under the shadow of the Covid-19 pandemic. The third week of September each year normally brings heads of state and government to the United Nations. However, this year, the UN has been forced to go in a virtual mode. The historic milestone of the UN will hammer on multilateralism as a dire necessity in our troubled times.

The UN Declaration adopted on this occasion clearly sets the stage: "There is no other global organisation with the legitimacy, convening power and normative impact as the United Nations. No other global organisation gives hope to so many people for a better world and can deliver the future we want."

In his video address to the UN General Assembly's virtual session on Monday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave a clarion call for 'comprehensive UN reforms'. "We cannot fight today's challenges with outdated structures," the PM said. The reform that he was alluding to includes the long-pending expansion of the UN Security Council.

The advent of the UN followed the horrific aftermath of World War II and demise of the League of Nations. The unanimous adoption of the Charter on

June 25, 1945 at the Opera House of San Francisco brought to a close the monumental work. On June 26, all 49 country delegations — Poland was absent — including India, signed the Charter that came into being on October 24, 1945 after ratifications in accordance with their respective constitutional processes (Article 110). "The Charter of the United Nations which you have just signed is a solid structure upon which we can build a better world...With this Charter, the world can begin to look forward to the time when all worthy human beings may be permitted to live decently as free people," said US President Harry Truman in his prophetic address to the final session at the San Francisco Conference.

In a way, the crafting of the UN Charter was a culmination of a series of confabulations, even as the World War II was raging, especially between the Big Three — US President Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Churchill and USSR leader Stalin — from 1941 to 1945 — in places such as London, the Atlantic, Moscow, Tehran, the Dumbarton Oaks, Yalta and San Francisco. The UN did not become exactly a successor to its predecessor, the League of Nations (1920-1945).

Still, it seems in hindsight, that the institutionalisation of 'multilateralism' became the basis for the application of international law and the conduct of international relations would have been inconceivable without the previous League experiment. Hence, the 1945 Charter firmly laid down the pathway for the UN-led international order.

Notwithstanding the pastime of UN-bashing among some quarters, its proverbial bureaucracy and failings, we still have only one UN that is indispensable for the maintenance of international peace and security.



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It is only truism to state that the Charter of the United Nations is the cornerstone of international law. It has emphatically declared the principle of sovereign equality of all states, respect of their territorial integrity, political independence and the right to self-determination of peoples. Without the proverbial battles fought in the UN forums, the liberation of the colonies would simply not have been possible. As a consequence, the UN membership today stands at 193, up from the original 50.

If we wish to pay tributes to the successes of the UN, the demise of colonialism and apartheid would be at the top. Even though there have been numerous conflicts raging around the

world, the UN has been the most important whistleblower that has sought to hammer on the principles of non-intervention in the internal affairs of states and the resolution of international disputes by peaceful means. For this, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) serves as the principal judicial organ of the UN. The UN Charter does provide a concrete blueprint (Article 2.4) for the prohibition of threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state. If this Charter blueprint has been eroded, it is due to the self-serving interests of the member-states. A layman needs to understand that the UN cannot do anything unless the member-states want it to be done.

As India prepares to take up a non-permanent seat at the horse-shoe table

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ON HIGH TABLE: As India readies for a seat in the Security Council, it will need cutting edge ideas to become a global solution provider.

of the UN Security Council in January 2021, there are heightened expectations. Most of the member-states have been looking to the UN system as a whole that comprises several commissions, programmes, funds and the 16 'specialised agencies', such as the World Health Organisation (WHO). It is this entity that is at the frontline of the current battle and search for vaccines for Covid-19. Though it has been lampooned by vested interests and some sovereign states, the WHO has an impeccable track record in addressing global health issues. Several other functional organisations do commendable jobs, such as for civil aviation (ICAO), education and culture (UNESCO), food and agriculture (FAO), meteorology (WMO) etc. Looking at the unique global challenges, the UN and

its entities address them with their very limited resources amidst heavy odds.

Does the UN matter?

Skeptics and UN-bashers are well aware of the gigantic task that the world organisation has been entrusted with. There have been threats for the stoppage of funding to the UN and withdrawal from the UN agencies such as the WHO and UNICE. The UN attaining the diamond jubilee itself vindicates that it is vital for global health, stability, peace and security and adherence to the fundamental human rights. As a creature of international law, the UN itself is a multilateral treaty and has institutionalised multilateralism as a way of international life at a time of perplexity in this second decade of the 21st century.

It has been aptly summed up by the UN Secretary-General António Guterres, "In this 75th anniversary year, we face our own 1945 moment. We must show unity like never before to overcome today's emergency, get the world moving and working and prospering again, and uphold the vision of the Charter." For all this, the member-states would need to rally around the UN and strengthen this unique project for the peace, security and welfare of the teeming millions of the world on this earth.

At this hour of reckoning, as India gets ready to sit on the global high table, we will need cutting edge ideas and proposals to become a global solution provider. In order to meet the challenge and facilitate the task, the onus lies on the Prime Minister to augment our knowledge base, as a sequel to NEP-2020, by ushering in the futuristic architecture for our universities and centres of learning.

New tax philosophy for an emergent economy



SUSHMA RAMACHANDRAN

SENIOR FINANCIAL JOURNALIST

In referring to other countries that have resorted to retrospective taxes, it needs to be examined whether the situation is at all comparable. India, unlike many others, is in dire need of investments. But does the country benefit more from gaining a huge sum of money in a single year or from opting for investments that could provide revenue for decades, and also much-needed employment. A long-term perspective is needed not just on the Vodafone tax issue but on taxation itself.

ALBERT Einstein famously said about taxes: "This is too difficult for a mathematician, it needs a philosopher." One is reminded of these words while considering the actions of the Indian revenue authorities in the case of Vodafone and others related to retrospective taxes. It seems they are determined to extract revenue whatever be the cost in the long run. The cost will be loss of faith by foreign investors in a reliable regulatory and legal system that should make it easier to do business in this country. Giving over-riding importance to short-term gains over long-term opportunities has been the mindset of governments in the past. It was expected the NDA would have a different approach, given Arun Jaitley's comments in 2016 regarding the retrospective tax laws of the UPA government having hurt the country by scaring investors away. Instead, it has continued to pursue companies with the threat of retrospective tax demands.

The Vodafone saga needs to be recapped to put the issue in perspective. It began in 2007 when the Vodafone's Dutch affiliate bought over Hutchison's shareholding in Hutchinson-Essar Limited. The 11 billion dollar transaction was carried out in the Cayman Islands. Indian tax authorities subsequently sought 2.2 billion dollars as capital gains tax, a levy disputed by Vodafone. The case went up to the Supreme Court which in 2012 ruled in favour of the telecom company. The matter did not rest as the UPA government amended the law and made it effective retrospectively since it was enacted in 1961.



RAGING ROW: India has been chasing Vodafone to pay dues on transactions in tax havens.

Vodafone invoked arbitration proceedings under the bilateral investment treaty with the Netherlands in 2014. By 2016, the income tax department's original demand of Rs 7,990 crore had risen to Rs 22,100 crore, including interest and penalty.

To be fair to the tax mandarins, India is not the only country to have used retrospective tax amendments to curb legal loopholes. The US, UK, the Netherlands and Canada are among the countries which have also carried out such retrospective taxation. India has also not been alone in chasing Vodafone to pay dues on transactions in tax havens. The telecom major ended up paying 1.95 billion dollars in 2010 to the UK government for diverting funds to subsidiaries in low tax countries like Luxembourg. This is the same dis-

turbing trend noticed in the Hutchinson deal where the transaction was carried out in the Cayman Islands. One of the key arguments in favour of an appeal is that it will deter international companies from opting for tax havens to avoid domestic levies. The difference, however, is that in the UK, for instance, the company lost the court case and paid the taxes. In this case, the apex court ruled in favour of the company and the government went ahead with retrospective amendments to sidestep the ruling.

The net result is that the government is currently embroiled in several similar arbitration cases including a high profile one with Cairn Energy.

Even in the Vodafone case, media reports indicate revenue officials are veering towards taking the fight to Indian courts on the basis that the

bilateral investment treaty does not cover tax issues. The stance will be particularly appealing right now when the exchequer's resources are stretched beyond its limits owing to the pandemic. But accepting this viewpoint would be a short-sighted approach. And past history on tax issues in this country has shown that a narrow focus on revenue has ended up being counter-productive.

The case of the Nokia plant in Tamil Nadu is a sad illustration of this attitude. The handset manufacturing plant along with ancillary units employed about 35,000 workers in its heyday. The crackdown by the tax authorities on Nokia for a demand of about Rs 7,000 crore in 2013 left most of these people jobless as the plant was shut down. The tax disputes resulted in it being left out of Microsoft's takeover of Nokia's global assets. The operations of the plant are reported to have been shifted to Vietnam. There is finally a chance of reviving the fortunes of those living nearby since a Finnish equipment supplier to Apple has recently acquired the plant. But in another development, the equipment firm has now been acquired by a Chinese company.

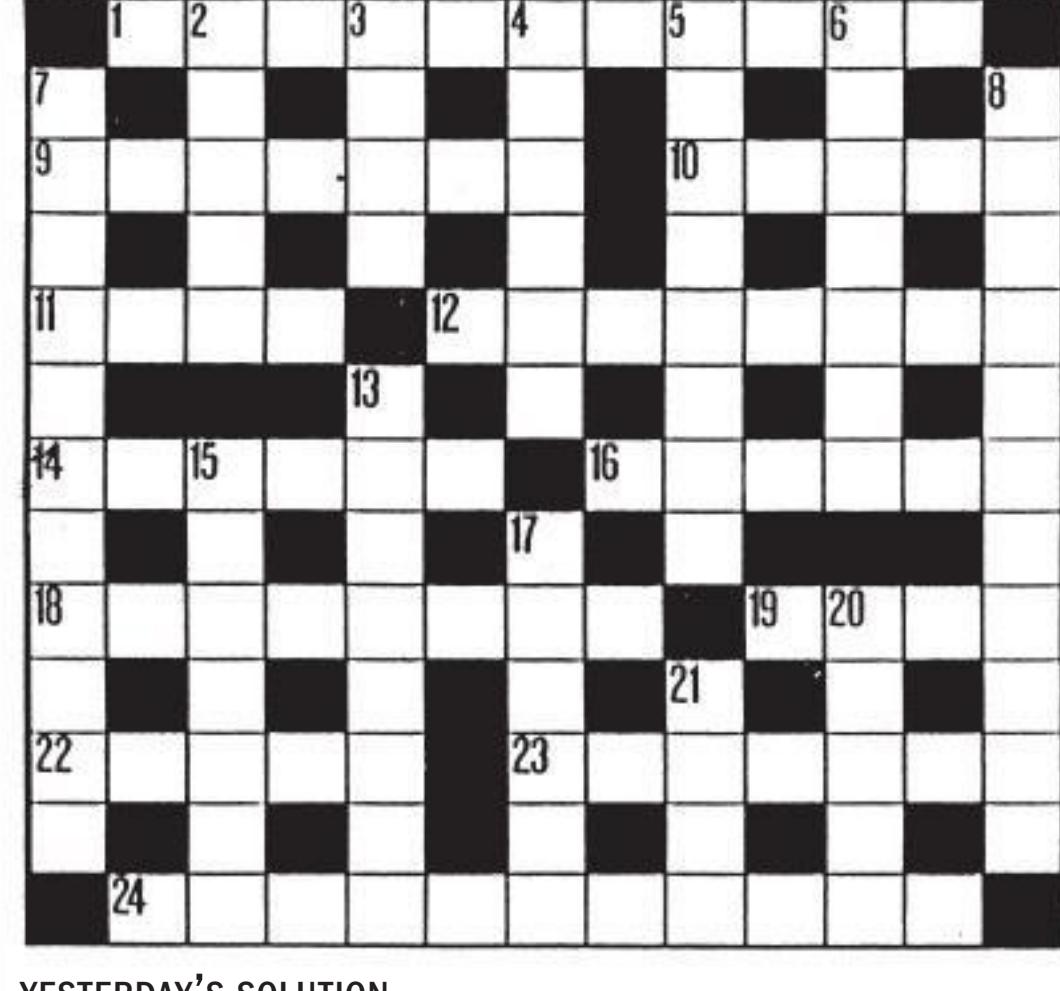
The disastrous long-term economic impact of a wholly revenue-oriented approach in the case of Nokia should have been a lesson for policymakers. Apparently, it has not. The relentless pursuit of taxes without considering a wider economic perspective seems to continue in this regime as it did in the previous one. This approach may find even more favour nowadays owing to the need to shore up resources following collapse in growth and resulting

decline in revenue collection.

Even in this pandemic-ridden scenario, however, the government must take a more holistic approach to taxation issues. The question of whether to continue appealing court and arbitration decisions ad infinitum needs to be examined taking into account the overall economic outlook. For instance, the Nokia case shows that a wider viewpoint is imperative as protecting jobs became irrelevant in the process of revenue collection. Besides, pursuing cases of retrospective taxation even after rulings by the highest court is bound to deter potential investors. It had been expected that the Modi government would bring in a radically different approach given the initial drive to improve the ease of doing business. But the situation has not changed till now and arbitration proceedings are continuing in other cases related to retrospective taxation.

In referring to other countries that have resorted to retrospective taxes, it needs to be examined whether the situation is at all comparable. India, unlike many others, is in dire need of both domestic and foreign investments to kickstart its economy. Besides, the question is, does the country benefit more from gaining a huge sum of money in a single year or from opting for investments that could provide revenue for decades, and also much-needed employment? All these issues need to be considered in a more thoughtful manner than has been done till now. A long-term perspective needs to be taken not just on the Vodafone tax issue but on the philosophy of taxation in an emerging economy.

QUICK CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Across: 1 Turkey, 4 Claptrap, 9 Mystic, 10 Off guard, 12 Hone, 13 Relax, 14 Plan, 17 Win hands down, 20 Quintessence, 23 Open, 24 Flute, 25 Shot, 28 Thorough, 29 Bigwig, 30 Dominate, 31 Canyon.
Down: 1 Tomahawk, 2 Resonant, 3 Emit, 5 Life-and-death, 6 Page, 7 Really, 8 Pendant, 11 Leading light, 15 Vague, 16 Twist, 18 In the way, 19 Pentagon, 21 Wonted, 22 Reform, 26 Join, 27 Diva.

ACROSS

- 1 Willy-nilly (4,2,2,3)
- 9 Former (3-4)
- 10 Worker in stone (5)
- 11 A responsibility (4)
- 12 Intellectual (8)
- 14 Opposite (6)
- 16 Glowing remains of fire (6)
- 18 Not yet decided (2,3,3)
- 19 Festive occasion (4)
- 22 Insist on (5)
- 23 Trip and almost fall (7)
- 24 To stall (4,3,4)

DOWN

- 2 That is to say (2,3)
- 3 One of the Great Lakes (4)
- 4 Essay on a theme (6)
- 5 Finish an easy winner (4,4)
- 6 To note (7)
- 7 Help and support (4,7)
- 8 Very quickly (2,3,6)
- 13 Family descent (8)
- 15 Shriek cry of disapproval (7)
- 17 A humiliating failure (6)
- 20 Multi-track disc (5)
- 21 Go away (4)

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MEDIUM

CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2, 2020, FRIDAY

■ Vikrami Samvat	2077
■ Shaka Samvat	1942
■ Ashwin Shaka	10
■ Ashwin Parvishtha	17
■ Hijari	1442
■ Krishna Paksha Tithi 1, up to 4.57 am	
■ Dhruva Yoga up to 9.12 pm	
■ Revati Nakshatra	
■ Moon in Pisces sign	
■ Gandhi Jayanti	

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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FORECAST

SUNSET: 18:06 HRS
FRIDAY SUNRISE: 06:17 HRS



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New Delhi	36	22
Amritsar	35	21
Bathinda	36	21
Jalandhar	34	21
Ludhiana	35	21
Bhiwani	38	22
Hisar	38	20
Sirsia	37	22
Dharamsala	27	17
Manali	24	06
Shimla	26	16

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No. P&L/3.37(Out Source)/2020 Dated _____

*** CORRIGENDUM ***

With reference to this office Notice inviting E-tender No. P&L/3.37(Out Source)/2020 dated 29.09.2020 published on 30.09.2020 vide which E-tenders were invited for outsourcing of Manpower of 15 Nos. Posts (i.e. Cook=09, Barber=01, Washerman=03 & Water Carrier=02) for Office of the Commandant 1st IRBn. Bangarh, District Una (H.P.) for a period of one year from the date of agreement/contract. It may be noted that the Earnest Money is reduced from Rs. 10,000/- (One Lac) to Rs. 60,000/- (Sixty thousand only). All other terms and condition of the advertisement shall remain unchanged. The bidders are advised to visit the aforesaid website regularly. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all the tender offers without assigning any reason.

Commandant,
1st IRBn. Bangarh
District Una (H.P.)

DPR/HP/435

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नगर केंसल, आदमपुर, जिला सरकार दृढ़र केंसल, लैंड रोड, बैंगर, जल्दपर, पंजाब, भारत 140306, पैसा रुपये 62.80 लंबे दे विकास दे कोंग लैंडी दृढ़र केंसल, लैंड रोड, बैंगर, जल्दपर, पंजाब। अपराह्न 02.00 बजे तक उपर्युक्त विवरण सहित भारत के दृढ़र केंसल, लैंडी दृढ़र केंसल, लैंड रोड, बैंगर, जल्दपर, पंजाब।

Sr. No. Description Date Time
1. Sale of Bid Documents from 01.10.2020 10.00 A.M.
2. Last date of online submission of Bidding Document 14.10.2020 05.00 P.M.
3. Date & Time Opening of Technical Bid 15.10.2020 10.30 A.M.
4. Date & Time Opening of Financial Bid 15.10.2020 02.00 P.M.

ने केंद्र कार्यालय दृढ़र केंसल, लैंड रोड, बैंगर, जल्दपर, पंजाब में उपर्युक्त विवरण सहित भारत के दृढ़र केंसल, लैंड रोड, बैंगर, जल्दपर, पंजाब। अपराह्न 02.00 बजे तक उपर्युक्त विवरण सहित भारत के दृढ़र केंसल, लैंड रोड, बैंगर, जल्दपर, पंजाब।

सरी/- व्यापार विभाग, पंजाब
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सरी/- व्यापार विभाग, पंजाब
नगर केंसल, आदमपुर।

DPR/Pb/84283

**HIMACHAL PRADESH
JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS**

Short term notice

Sealed item rates short terms tender is hereby invited on Form No. IH 6 & 8 by the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Dharamshala on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors/Firms enlisted in the appropriate class with HP/PH Department for the following work through offline tendering process, so as to reach in the office of the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Dharamshala on or before 14.10.2020 up to 11.00 a.m. The tenders will be opened on the same day at 11.30 a.m. in the presence of intending contractors/firms or their authorized representatives, who may wish to be present at the time of opening the tenders. The application(s) for issue of tender(s) form(s) shall be received on or before 13.10.2020 up to 3:00 p.m. and form/forms shall be issued on 13.10.2020 from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. against cash payment (Non refundable). The rates in tender form(s) will be filled in words and figures, otherwise, the tender will be rejected. The earnest money in the shape of FDR/National Saving Certificate duly pledged in favour of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Dharamshala. Conditional tender or tender(s) received without earnest money will be similarly rejected. The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Dharamshala reserves right to reject the tender(s) without assigning any reason. The option of the tender will be kept opened for 120 days.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Time Limit	Cost of Tender Form	Re- marks
1	Providing water facility to Addi Himani Chamunda Temple in Tehsil Dharamshala, Distt. Kangra (HP) (SH:- Providing wire crate work to protect the spring, source near at Banderunallah)	181369/-	3630/-	Three months	250/-	

**GENERAL MANAGER, DISTRICT INDUSTRIES CENTRES,
HOSHIARPUR, PUNJAB
(GOVT. OF PUNJAB)**
PHONE NO. 0188-2250318

Application for the Post of Cluster Development Executive (CDE) for Wooden Inlay and Lacquer Cluster at Village Boothgarh, District Hoshiarpur, Punjab (Purely on contract basis for one year).

FOR OUR IMPLEMENTING AGENCY UNDER SFURTI

(Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of the Traditional Industries Programme)
Bringing opportunity for the young and energetic candidates who are self-driven, independent in taking decisions and willing to serve in rural areas of District Hoshiarpur, where the cluster development programmes undertaken:

THE SERVICES OF CDE IS CO-TERMINUS WITH THE PROJECT

Educational Qualification Graduate preferably in Science/Humanities/Social Science/Commerce/Wooden Technology

Desirable Post Graduate in Management; Rural Development/Social Work Training in any of village industry Trade under KVIC/Computer language

Age Not exceeding 45 years

Experience Experience of working in rural background preferably with NGO's/Self Help Groups/Industry Associations/Govt. Organizations engaged in Rural Development; Rural Industrialization Organization & Micro Enterprises Development

Remunerations Rs. 20,000/- P.M. plus perks

Job Descriptions Conceptualize the overall development of cluster and initiate implementation, understand the needs, motivate resolve conflicts, build image of stakeholders, formulate a common vision, assist action plan formation and implementation, assist creation and reorientation of local institutions/association, sourcing funds, providing policy support and overall management of activities effectively associated with implementing agency for the success of SFURTI program

Interested candidates may apply within 10 days of publication of the advertisement.

Sd/- Director, Incharge (WZ)
Functional Manager,
Distt. Industries Centre,
Hoshiarpur.

**THE ADMINISTRATION OF UNION TERRITORY
OF LADAKH OFFICE OF THE JOINT DIRECTOR,
HOSPITALITY AND PROTOCOL, LADAKH**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR HIRING
OF SPACE FOR GUEST HOUSE**

Hospitality and Protocol Department, Ladakh invites bids from the individual or joint owners/power of attorney holders/property dealers/entrepreneur or firms registered with Government authorities for hiring suitable independent house or part of a larger residential/commercial building for accommodating the **Ladakh House at Chandigarh** having a carpet area around 5000 sq.ft. along with space for parking, circulation and lawn etc. The premises should preferably be constructed in Chandigarh with good connectivity to Railway station, Roadways, and Airport. However, in case of non-availability of suitable accommodation at Chandigarh the properties at Panchkula and Mohali will also be considered.

Request for Proposal (RFP) document may be obtained either from the office of Joint Director, Hospitality and protocol office, behind Moonland guest house near KRB Airport (Phone No. 01982-259309) on any working day between 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. or can be downloaded from the website <http://leh.nic.in>. The last date for receipt of duly filled bids is by 03.00 p.m. on 10.10.2020. The Hospitality and Protocol Department, Ladakh reserves the right to cancel, postpone and reject the Tender Process/any bid without assigning any reason.

Sd/- Dr. Zahida Bano (KAS),
Joint Director,
Hospitality and Protocol,
UT-Ladakh.

No.: H&P/UTL/2020-21/119-23

Dated: 28.09.2020

DI-10845

BUREAU OF INDIAN STANDARDS

Department of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Govt. of India

Manak Bhawan, 9 Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi-110002

EXTENSION OF LAST DATE OF APPLYING FOR ONLINE ADVERTISEMENT NO. 2/2020/ESTT



With reference to BIS Recruitment ADVERTISEMENT NO. 2/2020/ESTT dated 05 September 2020, it is to inform that the last date for receipt of online applications of the following posts, is extended up to 09 October 2020 [Friday] [6 P.M.]

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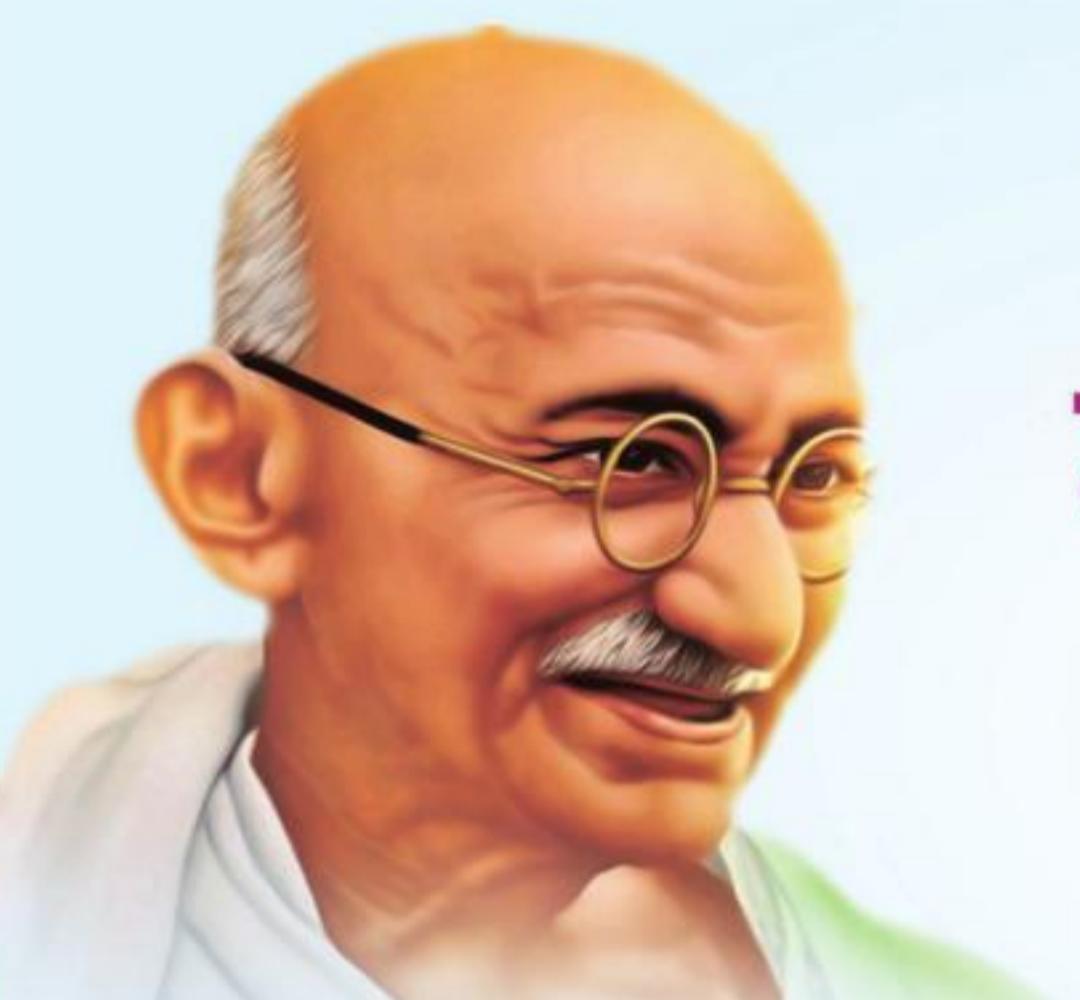
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शहरी स्थानीय निकाय विभाग, हरियाणा

3 soldiers killed, five injured in Pak firing

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 1

Three soldiers were killed and five injured in ceasefire violation by Pakistan in the Naugam, Mankote and Krishna Ghati sectors of Jammu and Kashmir in the past 24 hours.

Two soldiers were killed and four injured in an unprovoked ceasefire violation by Pakistani troops along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Naugam sector on Thursday, officials said.

"Pakistan initiated an unprovoked ceasefire violation along the LoC in the Naugam sector, Kupwara, on Thursday morning by firing mortars and other weapons," Srinagar-based Defence spokesperson Colonel Rajesh Kalia said.

He said two soldiers were killed and four sustained injuries in the firing from across the border.

CEASEFIRE VIOLATION

- Two soldiers were killed and four injured in a ceasefire violation by Pakistani troops along the LoC in the Naugam sector on Thursday.
- A jawan was killed and another injured when Pakistani troops violated the ceasefire in the Mankote and Krishna Ghati sectors on Wednesday night.

"The injured personnel are being evacuated, while a befitting response is being given to the Pakistani firing," he added.

Jammu: An Army jawan was killed and another injured when Pakistani troops violated the ceasefire and resorted to heavy firing and mortar shelling in forward areas along the LoC in Poonch district, officials said on Thursday.

According to reports, another jawan was injured in the firing in the Krishna Ghati sector and has been hospitalised. — PTI



NHAI pulled up for dumping muck in Chenab

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 1

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has pulled up the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and its contractors for dumping muck in the Chenab river in the course of the four-laning of Udhampur to Banihal national highway in Jammu and Kashmir and told the state pollution control board to take coercive measures in this regard.

A bench comprising NGT chairperson Adarsh Kumar Goel noted, "The state PCB may proceed with the recovery of compensation for the damage and initiate prosecution against the violators of environmental norms following the due process of law."

The matter will now be taken up on March 31, 2021. The order came on two inspection reports filed by the state pollution control board on the status of muck dumping on July 31 and September 17. The report stated that the dumping in almost all sites

was found done in an unscientific manner and without proper compaction and terracing. On the consideration of the inspection reports, the monitoring committee, headed by a former Judge of the High Court, observed that there was a failure in preparing

and maintaining designated dumping sites.

The dumping sites were overflowing and not properly maintained. The NHAI failed to exercise supervisory control," the committee noticed. The report filed by the state PCB recommended that the project director of the NHAI, Ramban, project managers of Gammon Engineers and Contractors Private Limited, Hindustan Construction Company Limited and Choudhary Power Projects Private Limited be prosecuted under the Environment (Protection) Act for the non-compliance of conditions of environmental clearance and directly dumping muck in

the Chenab. During the proceedings, the counsel for the NHAI did not dispute the report of the monitoring committee, but submitted that on its part, the NHAI had instructed the contractors for taking remedial action.

Counsels for the NHAI's contractors reasoned that the area was prone to landslides and there was default on part of the government in not giving additional space. To this, the NGT pulled up the NHAI and said, "It cannot rest content by simply saying that it has asked the contractors to take remedial action. The responsibility of the NHAI to maintain environmental norms remains." — IANS

1,093 Covid cases, 17 deaths in UT

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 1

Jammu and Kashmir recorded 17 more Covid-19 fatalities and 1,093 new cases on Thursday, taking the death toll to 1,198 and the infection tally to 76,163 in the union territory, officials said.

Jammu district reported the highest number of 490 new cases, followed by 164 in Srinagar district, they said.

"The UT recorded 1,093 fresh cases of Covid-19 — 692 in the Jammu region and 401 in Kashmir — in the past 24 hours," the officials said.

There were 16,413 active cases of Covid-19 in J&K, while 58,552 patients had recovered so far, the officials said.

They said 13 deaths were reported in Jammu and four in the Valley. — PTI

Pvt firm, 3 J&K Bank ex-officials booked

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 1

The Jammu and Kashmir Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has registered a case against a private firm and three former bank officials, including then chairman Parvaiz Ahmad, on the allegations of causing Rs 6.29 crore loss to the bank by not following tendering rules.

"The ACB has registered an FIR against Sahil Vora and Rishabh Vora, directors, SILA Solutions Pvt Ltd, on the allegation that officials of J&K Bank awarded tenders of housekeeping to a Mumbai-based company by not following proper tendering norms as provided in the contract to the said firm, despite not falling in the criteria of any such allotment.

"Earlier, verification was conducted by the Anti-Corruption Bureau into the matter wherein it was revealed that J&K Bank with headquarters in Srinagar came out with a pan-India tender for housekeeping services in 2015. — PTI

Swachh Bharat Mission



BJP activists take part in a cleanliness drive on the banks of the Jhelum in Srinagar. PTI

NORMS' VIOLATION

Seghal, the then executive president of J&K Bank (now retired), Parvaiz Ahmad, the then chairman of J&K Bank (now retired), and Feroz Ahmad, the then assistant vice-president, he said.

The spokesperson said the case pertained to allotment of tenders for housekeeping of off-site ATMs to

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अटल टनल रोहतांग की विशेषताएं

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60 held on China's National Day



■ Pro-democracy protesters on Thursday took to the streets in Hong Kong on the occasion of China's National Day

■ The police arrested over 60 of them, including two district councillors, for unauthorised assembly. AP

After six months, Germany eases world travel restrictions

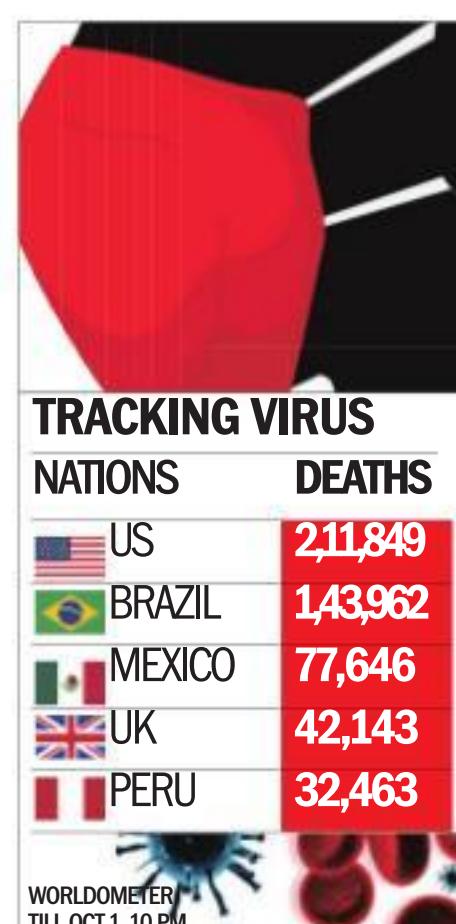
BERLIN, OCTOBER 1

Germany lifted its blanket warning against travelling to all countries outside the European Union (EU) early on Thursday, although little is likely to change for most travellers under the new regulation.

The cautious reopening, agreed by the German cabinet three weeks ago, comes as Europe faces an uptick in Covid-19 cases, with many warning the continent is on the cusp of a second wave of the Covid pandemic.

Germany imposed a global travel warning in March, when the virus was raging in northern Italy, but lifted it for most European countries in June. In September, Berlin began reissuing warnings for regions within Europe when infections rose above the level of 50 cases per 1,00,000 people over a week.

In future, the same standard will be applied to the rest of the world. This means that provided the prevalence



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MEXICO	77,646
UK	42,143
PERU	32,463

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of the virus is below that threshold, travellers will be able to return to Germany without going into quarantine pending a negative test.

At present, entry and exit without restrictions will only be possible in parts of Europe and Georgia.

ITALY TO EXTEND STATE OF EMERGENCY TILL JAN

Rome: Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte said on Thursday he would ask Parliament to extend the country's Covid-19 state of emergency to the end of January, as the government tries to avoid the surge in cases seen in other European countries. The state of emergency, due to expire in mid-October, gives greater powers to the Central government, making it easier for officials to bypass the bureaucracy that smothers much decision-making in Italy. "We will propose to Parliament to extend the state of emergency, probably to the end of January 2021," said Conte. REUTERS

But with more warnings being lifted in the near future, the change could prove significant for non-European tourist destinations that have traditionally received large numbers of visitors from the EU's most populous country. — PTI

EU launches legal action against UK over Brexit deal

BRUSSELS/LONDON, OCTOBER 1

The European Union (EU) launched a legal case against the United Kingdom (UK) on Thursday for undercutting their earlier divorce deal and a senior UK minister said differences remained in talks on a post-Brexit trade agreement.

Controversy over UK's new Internal Market Bill has thrown the tortuous Brexit process into a fresh crisis, while disagreements over corporate subsidies, fisheries and ways to solve disputes overshadow parallel trade negotiations.

"We had invited our British friends to remove the problematic parts of their draft Internal Market Bill by the end of September," head of the EU's executive commission Ursula von der Leyen said. "The deadline lapsed yesterday."

With London not budging, she said the commission started a so-called infringement, an EU legal procedure against coun-



A Brexit supporter waves the Union Jack in London. FILE

INVITED BRITAIN FOR TALKS
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tries that violate the bloc's laws, while continuing to work towards implementing the divorce deal, or Withdrawal Agreement.

"We stand by our commitments," von der Leyen said.

case could lead to hefty fines, but that takes years.

Sterling slipped 0.6 per cent against the euro and the dollar after the EU's action was announced. "A no-deal is looking more likely," said Neil Jones, head of FX sales at Mizuho, who predicted further falls.

The United Kingdom says ensuring that its nations can trade freely with each other after Brexit would require breaking the divorce deal provisions on the sensitive Irish border. The lower house of parliament approved the Internal Market Bill on Tuesday and it is now with the House of Lords.

A UK government spokesman said in reacting to the news from Brussels that Britain has "clearly set out reasons" to change its Brexit treaty provisions.

The EU is adamant, however, that it would not implement any new UK deal as long as London undermines the divorce treaty. — Reuters

Navalny blames Putin, vows to return to Russia

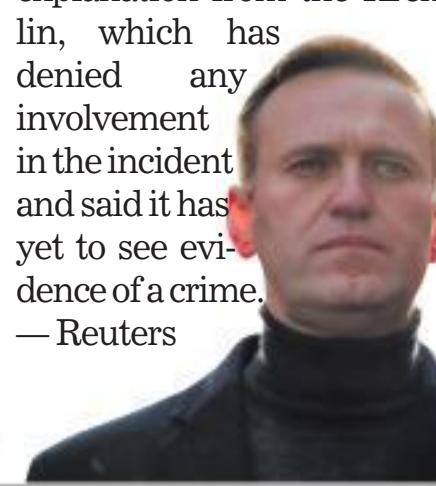
BERLIN, OCTOBER 1

Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny told a German magazine that he believed Russian President Vladimir Putin was behind his suspected poisoning, but said he was not afraid and would return to Russia to resume campaigning.

Navalny was flown from Russia to Berlin in August after falling ill on a domestic flight. He received treatment in the Charite hospital for what Germany said was poisoning by a potentially deadly nerve agent, Novichok, before being discharged in September.

"I believe that Putin is behind the crime and I don't have any other versions of what happened," Navalny said.

The West has demanded an explanation from the Kremlin, which has denied any involvement in the incident and said it has yet to see evidence of a crime. — Reuters



US plans cutting refugee admissions to new low

WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 1

The Trump administration said on Wednesday it intended to allow only 15,000 refugees to resettle in the United States in the 2021 fiscal year, setting another record low in the history of the modern refugee programme. The State Department said the proposal reflected the Trump administration's prioritising of the "safety and well-being of Americans, especially in light of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic".

The refugee cap was cut to 18,000 last year, but only roughly half that many refugees

TRUMP CLAIMS DEBATE VICTORY
"Last night, I did what the corrupt media has refused to do. I held Joe Biden accountable for his 47 years of lies, 47 years of betrayal and 47 years of failure." Donald Trump, US PRESIDENT

were let in as increased vetting and the pandemic have slowed arrivals.

The President typically sets yearly refugee levels around the beginning of each fiscal year. Under US law, the President must consult Congress before finalising the annual number of refugees it plans to accept but the determination is ultimately

set by the White House. The proposal includes specific allocations for refugees who suffered or fear persecution on the basis of religion, for refugees from Iraq who helped the United States; and for refugees from El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Hong Kong, Cuba, and Venezuela.

Trump's Democratic challenger in the November 3 presidential election, Joe Biden, has pledged to raise refugee admissions to 125,000 a year if he defeats Trump in November. However, Biden has not said how quickly he would raise the cap and advocates say the programme could take years to recover after Trump-era reductions.

Krish Vignarajah, president and CEO of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, which helps resettle recently arrived refugees, called the cuts "a complete abdication of our moral duty and all that we stand for as a nation" in a post on Twitter late on Wednesday. — Reuters

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Sept factory activity sees fastest growth in 8 years

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 1

India's manufacturing sector activity improved for the second straight month in September and touched an over eight-and-a-half-year high supported by accelerated increases in new orders and production, even as firms reduced staff numbers, a monthly survey said on Thursday.

The headline seasonally adjusted IHS Markit India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) increased from 52 in August to 56.8 in September — highest since January 2012.

In April, the index had slipped into contraction mode, after remaining in the growth territory for 32 consecutive months. In PMI parlance, a print above 50 means expansion, while a score below that denotes contraction.

Covid restrictions, factories went full steam ahead for production, supported by a surge in new work," said



Pollyanna De Lima, Economics Associate Director at IHS Markit.

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slipped into contraction mode, after remaining in the growth territory for 32 consecutive months. In PMI parlance, a print above 50 means expansion, while a score below that denotes contraction. The upturn in total sales was supported by a renewed expansion in new export orders, the first since prior to the escalation of the Covid outbreak.

"Exports also bounced back, following six successive months of contraction, while inputs were purchased at a sharper rate and business confidence strengthened," Lima said.

Despite strong growth of order book volumes, Indian goods producers signalled another reduction in payroll numbers. — PTI

GST collection up 4% in Sept at ₹95,480 cr

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 1

Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection at Rs 95,480 crore in September touched the highest level so far this fiscal, the Finance Ministry said on Thursday.

The revenue for the month is 4% higher than the total GST collection in the same month last year.

"The gross GST revenue collected in the month of September, 2020 is Rs 95,480 crore of which Central GST is Rs 17,741 crore, State GST is Rs 23,131 crore, Integrated GST is Rs 47,484 crore (including Rs 22,442 crore collected on import of goods) and Cess is Rs 7,124 crore (including Rs 788 crore collected on import of goods)," the ministry said.

Goods and Services Tax mop-up in September was the highest so far this fiscal. — PTI

Silver Lake to infuse addl ₹1,875 cr in Reliance Retail

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 1

US private equity firm Silver Lake Partners will invest an additional Rs 1,875 crore in the retail arm of Reliance Industries, the Indian firm announced late on Wednesday.

"Reliance Industries and Reliance Retail Ventures Limited ('RRVL') have announced that co-investors of Silver Lake will invest an additional Rs 1,875 crore into RRVL," the statement said.

This brings the aggregate investment by Silver Lake and its co-investors in RRVL to Rs 9,375 crore, which will translate into a 2.13% equity stake in RRVL. "This latest investment values Reliance Retail at a pre-money equity value of Rs 4,285 lakh crore," the statement added.

Earlier on Wednesday, another US-based private



MUBADALA TO PUMP IN ₹6,247.5 CRORE

■ Abu Dhabi-based sovereign wealth fund Mubadala Investment Co will invest ₹6,247.5 crore for a 1.4% stake in Reliance Retail, RIL said on Thursday

■ This is the second investment by Mubadala in a subsidiary of Reliance Industries. It had previously invested ₹9,093.60 crore for a 1.85% stake in Jio Platforms

equity firm General Atlantic had announced investing Rs 3,675 crore for a 0.84% stake in Reliance Retail.

"Silver Lake's additional investment is a strong

endorsement of the tremendous potential of Indian Retail and the capabilities of Reliance Retail," said Mukesh Ambani, CMD, Reliance Industries. — PTI

"We are still at a nascent stage of solar industry boom and limiting the net metering load will increase our payback period," said Gurpreet Singh, a businessman from Ludhiana.

The industry organisations said the draft policy proposed 'gross metering' instead of 'net metering' and it would prove to be an expensive affair for solar power production.

"The limit for net metering should be increased to at least 100 kW to motivate the micro and small industry to adopt solar energy," he said.

Sensex surges 629 pts on macro data, global cues

MUMBAI, OCTOBER 1

The Sensex vaulted 629 points while the Nifty advanced 169.40 points to finish at 11,416.95. IndusInd Bank was the top gainer in the Sensex pack, zooming 12.41%, followed by Bajaj Finance, Axis Bank, ICICI Bank, Tech Mahindra, Bajaj Auto, Bajaj Finserv and Kotak Bank. Only five index constituents closed in the red — ITC, NTPC, Reliance Industries, Titan and ONGC, shedding up to 0.52%. — PTI

Draft policy on rooftop solar power deterrent, says industry

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cap for net metering is 1 MW.

The sub-clause of the policy states that the regulations on grid-interactive rooftop solar PV system and its related matters shall provide for net metering for loads up to 5 kW and for gross metering for loads above 5 kW.

Net metering is an arrangement in which electricity exports are adjusted against imports, lowering the electricity bill, as electricity produced is deducted from the total electricity

consumed over a fixed period of time.

On the other hand, gross metering is an arrangement in which a consumer is compensated at a fixed feed-in tariff for the total number of units of solar energy generated and exported to the grid and has to pay the electricity distribution company.

"The proposed policy is dis-

couraging as the industry will not get the desired benefit by installing higher generation capacity for its captive use. On average, a small-scale industry needs anywhere between 50 kW and 300 kW capacity to meet its own demand. So limiting it to 5 kW will defeat the purpose

— Charanjiv Singh, GENERAL SECRETARY, KNTWEAR & TEXTILE CLUB, LUDHIANA

"We are still at a nascent stage of solar industry boom and limiting the net metering load will increase our payback period," said Gurpreet Singh, a businessman from Ludhiana.

The industry organisations said the draft policy proposed 'gross metering' instead of 'net metering' and it would prove to be an expensive affair for solar power production.

"The limit for net metering should be increased to at least 100 kW to motivate the micro and small industry to adopt solar energy," he said.

₹7,796-cr project to strengthen telecom network along LAC

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 1 Just days after reports emerged about China setting up a high-speed communication network on its side of the Line of Actual Control (LAC), the Cabinet Committee on Security led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has okayed a technological upgrade for Indian military communication systems.

The move will make the network technology more robust, extending its reach to the furthest areas along the LAC, Line of Control (LoC) and international borders.

The Rs 7,796-crore project, given to Indian Telephone Industries (ITI), a public sector undertaking, will be completed in 36 months from the date of signing of the contract.

It will focus on strategic and theatre area communication network to upgrade the existing system.

The project will be based on Internet protocol and will use optical fibre cable, and microwave radio and satellite data to communicate.

The Ministry of Defence said the project would provide better survivability, responsiveness and high

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■ The project will boost the operational preparedness of the Indian Army, especially in view of the current operational situation at LAC

JAISHANKAR GREETS CHINA ON NATIONAL DAY

New Delhi: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Thursday greeted his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi on the 71st anniversary of the founding of the country. "Extend my felicitations to state councillor and FM Wang Yi and the government and people of

ED chargesheet against Saeed, others in terror financing case

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 1

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) said it has filed a prosecution complaint against Pakistan-based terrorist Hafiz Muhammad Saeed, his deputy Shahid Mehmood, Mohd Kamran and a Delhi-based hawala operator Mohd Salim under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) as part of its probe in terror financing case.

Agency officials said the ED initiated the probe under the PMLA based on a chargesheet filed by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) against Mohd Salman, Mohd Salim and Mohd Kamran under various sections of IPC and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

Accused Mohd Salman has been found to be involved in receiving funds from Saeed's Pakistan-based PMLA revealed that funds were re-routed from Pakistan to Dubai and further to India through hawala channels and Mohd Salman was the recipient of funds sent by Mohd Kamran and his associates



Hafiz Muhammad Saeed

Insaniyat Foundation (FIF)

operators and his associates,

through illegally-operated

hawala channel in India.

The government had designated FIF as a terrorist organisation under schedule-I of UAPA on August 12, 2016.

Investigation under the PMLA

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receiving funds from Saeed's

Pakistan-based

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Delhi establishes air bubble with Oman

NEW DELHI: The government on Thursday said India established a separate bilateral air bubble arrangement with Oman for operation of special international passenger flights between the two countries, which makes it the 16th country to have such a tie-up. Under the pact, special international passenger flights can be operated by their airlines into each other's territories under restrictive conditions due to the Covid-19 pandemic. **TNS**

B777 airplane for VIP travel arrives

NEW DELHI: The custom-made B777 aircraft, Air India-One (call sign), which will be exclusively used to fly the President, the Vice-President and the PM, arrived in Delhi from the US on Thursday. Two B777 planes, which were earlier part of the Air India fleet, were sent back to manufacturer Boeing for retrofitting. **TNS**

bandwidth in any operational scenario and enhance the communication coverage.

The network would provide high bandwidth communication to remote operational areas in central and eastern sectors. In the western sector, where high

bandwidth already exists, the new system will further strengthen the network.

The project will provide a boost to the operational preparedness of the Indian Army, especially keeping in view of the current operational situation at the Line of Actual Control," the Minis

try of Defence said. The project, which will have approximately 80 per cent indigenous content, will utilise local resources and manpower.

It will generate employment opportunities, especially for people in remote border areas.

SC rejects Guj order exempting factories from overtime wages

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'CAN'T BURDEN WORKERS'

■ The burden of economic slowdown cannot be put only on the workers, who are the backbone of economic activity SC Bench

the Factories Act.

"A worker's right to life cannot be deemed contingent on the mercy of their employer or the state. The notifications, in denying humane working conditions and overtime wages provided by law, are an affront to the workers' right to life and right against forced labour that are secured by Articles 21 and 23 of the Constitution," it said.

The order came on a petition filed by the Gujarat Mazdoor Sabha challenging the state government's decision to exempt factories from the provisions of the Factories Act relating to work hours and other benefits.

State to use new tech to manage stubble: Javadekar

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 1

Delhi and the neighbouring states of Haryana, Punjab, UP and Rajasthan, which get covered by thick pollution due to stubble burning every year, will this year use a new technology developed by Pusa Agriculture Institute to decompose straw in the fields, Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar said today.

He was addressing the media after holding a virtual meeting with environment ministers of Delhi and the four neighbouring states to check their preparedness and take preventive measures ahead of the crop residue burning in the winter season.

Javadekar said though stubble burning has reduced in the last three years, more needs to be done to tackle the issue. — PTI

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Hathras sealed...

The victim's family has demanded a CBI probe into the matter, alleging they were being pressured by the district administration against "repeatedly changing" their statement.

The victim's father claimed he was "pressured" into going to a police station where the district magistrate and police officials made three members of his family sign some document.

"My daughter's case should be probed by the CBI and monitored by a Supreme Court judge. We are under pressure from officials and confined to our home while the media has also been disallowed from meeting us," he said in a purported video shared by Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Twitter.

The development came as a video surfaced purportedly showing Hathras District Magistrate Praveen Kumar Laxkar meeting the family at their home, where he allegedly asked the woman's father to "reconsider" if he wants to stick with the statement or change it.

"You should not destroy your credibility. About the media, I must tell you, half of them have left today... the other half would leave by tomorrow morning... two or four more days, maybe. Only we are standing by your side. Now, it is up to you whether you want to change your statement repeatedly or not," DM Laxkar is purportedly heard telling the victim's father in the video. — PTI

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Caste tensions rising, BJP Dalit leaders worried

as CM. Though a 'mahant' of the Gorakhnath sect, they do not see Yogi as one of their own. Dubey's killing has only strengthened the perception that the Yogi government is 'anti-Brahmin'.

Amid the rising caste tensions, the BJP today accused Congress leader Rahul Gandhi of resorting to "theatrics" over the death of a Dalit woman to "resurrect" his political career.

"Crime against women, Dalits in particular, is rampant in Rajasthan, but politics takes them to UP," remarked BJP IT cell in charge Amit Malviya.

"When your sympathy for the victim depends on the social and religious identity of the violator or the state in which the crime happens, then you are part of the problem. Those obsessing about the identity of the accused in Hathras are silent on Balrampur and Bulandshahr...." he added.

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