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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2020



Members of farmer organisations at a press conference in Chandigarh on Wednesday. MANOJ MAHAN

Farm unions to take stir beyond Punjab borders

Meeting in Delhi on Oct 27 | Goods trains won't be stopped

RUCHIKI M KHANNA

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CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 21
Representatives of Punjab's farm unions will attend a meeting of farm organisations in Delhi on October 27 in a bid to take their stir against the Centre's new farm laws beyond Punjab's borders. In the meantime, the farmers will continue to hold dharnas outside the residences of Punjab BJP leaders as well as outside toll plazas, fuel stations and retail businesses run by three corporate houses which farmers believe are the intended beneficiaries of the Centre's move to "corporatise" agriculture.

Representatives of 30 unions (other than the largest BKU

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NO LET-UP, SAY LEADERS

“We are holding dharnas at 60 places, including outside the houses of 10 BJP leaders. Jaginder Singh, BKU EKTA UGRAHAN

“The passing of the three farm Bills in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha on Tuesday is our first victory. But misgivings on MSP persist. Satnam S Ahni, BKU DOABA

“Since we do not want Punjab's economy to be hit further, we have decided to allow the movement of goods trains. Jagmohan Singh, BKU (DAKAWA)



WHAT IS BOthering THE STATE FARMERS

■ Who will bear the procurement cost if the Centre ends the MSP regime? Capt Amarinder had said in the House on Tuesday that the state did not have ₹70,000 crore to buy crops.

■ If the MSP is made mandatory, several corporates may shun Punjab mandis. Already, Punjab's high taxes are a deterrent. The purchase of wheat and non-basmati paddy by pvt players has so far been negligible.

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

Despite forecasts of a double digit decline in the Indian economy this fiscal, Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das said accommodative monetary and fiscal policies had brought the country on the "doorstep of economic revival".

"We are almost on the doorstep of the revival process. It is very important that the financial entities have adequate capital (to support growth)," the RBI Governor said, while speaking at the launch of a book "Portraits of Power: Half a Century of Being at Ringside", written by former bureaucrat and incumbent Chairman of the Finance

POLITICAL CRISIS

Maryam Sharif's husband Safdar Awan was arrested on Monday but later let off after the daughter of ex-PM Nawaz Sharif criticised the Imran Khan govt

(N) vice-president Maryam Nawaz Sharif. Sources in Islamabad said

BAJWA ORDERS PROBE

After Pak army chief Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa ordered an inquiry into Safdar Awan's arrest, the Sindh police chief deferred his leave and asked his officers to follow suit

with the ongoing tussle between Opposition and the Army, Pakistan was slipping

into a civil war-like situation.

The Sindh police alleged they were pressured to arrest Maryam's husband Safdar Awan. Sindh is headed by CM Syed Murad Ali Shah of the Pakistan People's Party.

The Sindh police on Monday had arrested Safdar Awan, who's the son-in-law of exiled former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, from a hotel in Karachi. — IANS

RBI Govt: On doorstep of economic revival

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

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FISCAL ROADMAP

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FINANCE MINISTRY HINTS AT ANOTHER STIMULUS **BUSINESS**

Commission NK Singh. The RBI chief said the Centre had taken prudent measures to provide financial support to weaker sections and small businesses to deal with Covid-related challenges.— TNS

In 14 states, fatality rate dips below 1%

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

India on Wednesday sustained the declining trend in active Covid cases, which remained below 7.5 lakh for the second straight day and below 8 lakh for the fifth day.

This marks a steep decline from mid-September when active cases had peaked to 10, 17,754. Daily cases remained below 60,000 for the third day today, settling at 54,044.

The Centre has advised states to bring the fatality rate below 1 per cent by testing and treating infections quickly.

Fourteen states have managed to attain less than 1% CFR (case fatality ratio). These are Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, Kerala, Nagaland, Odisha, Assam, Bihar, Telangana,

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WORLD
TOTAL 4,12,95,044
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DEATHS 11,32,825

AT 10.83 LAKH, INDIA TESTING 2ND HIGHEST

The ICMR conducted 10,83,608 tests in 24 hours and India's cumulative tests on Wednesday climbed to 9.72 crore, the second highest globally.

Manipur, Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Meghalaya, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan. — TNS

Cabinet okays bonus for govt employees

NEW DELHI: The Union Cabinet on Wednesday decided to give bonus to 30 lakh non-gazetted government employees, including those working in commercial organisations like the Railways, ahead of Dussehra. — TNS

Kamal Nath gets EC notice on 'item' jibe

NEW DELHI: The Election Commission on Wednesday issued a notice to Congress leader Kamal Nath on his "item" jibe at BJP candidate Marti Devi, saying his remarks were in violation of the poll code. — PTI

Solan disrupted, 3 protests in 10 days

SOLAN: Agitations appear to have become a new normal in Solan with three protests, which disrupted town's peace, taking place over the past 10 days. Two factions of beopar mandal are vying for supremacy. — INSIDE

JKCA scam: Farooq quizzed again by ED

NEW DELHI: National Conference leader Farooq Abdullah was again quizzed by the ED in connection with the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) scam. — INSIDE

NOD TO ADOPTION OF J&K PANCHAYATI RAJ ACT **INSIDE**

PLA soldier handed over to China

NEW DELHI/BEIJING, OCTOBER 21
The Chinese soldier, who was apprehended by the Indian Army in the Demchok sector of eastern Ladakh on Monday, has been handed over to China, sources said today.

Corporal Wang Ya Long was handed over to the Chi-

Had crossed LAC in Demchok on Monday

nese military on Tuesday night at Chushul-Moldo border point in eastern Ladakh. A statement by the Chinese

Ministry of Defence said, "According to the relevant agreement between China and India, the Chinese PLA soldier, who went missing while helping local herdsmen find a lost yak, has been returned to the Chinese border troops by the Indian Army." — PTI

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IAF's first woman commissioned officer dies at 96

BENGALURU, OCTOBER 21

Wing Commander Dr Vijayalakshmi Ramanan (retd), the first woman commissioned officer of the Indian Air Force, has died at the age of 96.

Ramanan, a recipient of Vishisht Seva Medal (VSM), died peacefully due to old-age ailments on Sunday at her daughter's home here, her son-in-law SLV Narayan said.

Born in February 1924, she did her MBBS and later was commissioned into the Army Medical Corps on August 22, 1955, and was seconded to the Air Force with effect from the same day. Her husband late KV Ramanan was also an Indian Air Force officer. — PTI

M'garh private schools reopen, violate norms

MAHENDRAGARH, OCTOBER 21

Private schools in Mahendragarh district have been putting the lives of children at risk by conducting elementary classes in violation of Covid norms.

The violation came to the fore on Tuesday when officials raided a school following complaints. They found 25 students of Class II being taught in a room.

Sources said this was not the only school flouting norms in the district. Several other schools in Narnaul, Nangal Choudhary, Ateli and Kanina blocks were also conducting elementary classes. — INSIDE

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ASSEMBLY IN SESSION

SAD, Cong engage in verbal duel over scholarship scam

Akali MLAs target Dharamsot, storm Well of House before staging walkout

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CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 21

The historic unity seen in the Vidhan Sabha yesterday while passing the three farm Bills did not last long as the Opposition came prepared to target the government over many issues on the last day of the special Assembly session.

Even as the Post-Matric SC Scholarship scam dominated the House proceedings today, the government managed to get seven important Bills passed amid walkouts by both Opposition parties — the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP).

The mood for the session was set before it started as SAD and Lok Insaaf Party legislators held separate protests against the government over the scholarship scam. Inside the House, after the first Bill on vesting of proprietary rights was tabled and came up for discussion, Minister Sadhu Singh Dharamsot got up to thank the Chief Minister. He was interrupted by Akali MLA



CM Capt Amarinder Singh speaks during the session in the Vidhan Sabha on Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Pawan Kumar Tinu. As the slanging match between Akali MLAs and the Congress MLAs turned ugly, the former stormed in the well of the House to protest. Later, they staged a walkout.

Dharamsot was also targeted by AAP. However, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh said the inquiry conducted by an officers committee had found nothing against the minister.

Later, as the Punjab Vigilance Commission Bill came up for discussion, AAP MLA Aman Arora got up to speak. He wanted that his suggestions on amending the Bill should be included, which was not allowed by the Speaker.

This led to acrimonious scenes in the House as Leader of Opposition Harpal Cheema intervened and demanded that leader of

Opposition and a representative of Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court be included in the Commission. On being disallowed to speak, he accused the Speaker Rana KP Singh of favouring the treasury benches and muzzling the voice of Opposition. This led to many Congress MLAs storming the well of the House and demanding his apology. Irate, AAP MLAs walked out of the

7 BILLS CLEARED

Punjab Bhondedar, Butemar, Dohlidar, Insar, Miami, Mukkaridar, Mundhimar, Panahi, Qadeem, Saunjdar or Taraddadkar (Vesting of Proprietary Rights) Bill; Punjab Vigilance Commission Bill; Registration (Punjab Amendment) Bill; Punjab Tissue Culture Based Seed Potato Bill; Punjab Land Revenue (Amendment) Bill; Punjab (Welfare and Settlement of Landless, Marginal and Small Occupant Farmers) Allotment of State Government Land Bill; and Factories (Punjab Amendment) Bill

House after raising slogans against the government.

When the Punjab (Welfare and Settlement of Landless, Marginal and Small Occupant Farmers) Allotment of State Government Land Bill was tabled, Akali MLA NK Sharma and rebel AAP MLA Sukhpal Khaira accused two ministers and some MLAs of illegally occupying land by arm twisting land laws.



LIP members protest outside the Vidhan Sabha. MANOJ MAHAJAN

CM backs minister, says no irregularity found in probe

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 21

Terming as unfortunate the Opposition's hounding of his ministers, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Wednesday said in the Assembly no irregularity had been found in inquiries conducted into the allegations of scams in SC scholarship and Noorpur land issues.

Flaying the Opposition's attempts to unnecessarily tarnish the image of his ministers and his government, the Chief Minister said these parties were indulging in petty politics with their unfounded allegations. He was intervening during the House proceedings on the third day of the special session.

"The issue of SC scholarship has been examined by three Additional Chief Secretaries who have found no irregularity in the distribution of funds," the Chief Minister said, adding that the Opposition was unnecessarily targeting the ministers on the basis of media reports. — TNS

COTTON GROWERS IGNORED: AAP MLA

Bathinda Rural MLA Rupinder Kaur Ruby on Wednesday said the Bills only talked about wheat and paddy and ignored 21 other crops. "Cotton belt farmers have been completely ignored in the Bills," the MLA said, adding she raised the issue of non-expeditious procurement by the CCI in Bathinda.

SAD LEGISLATORS SLAM LUNCH INVITE

As the ruling Congress government invited all legislators for lunch, SAD MLAs boycotted it, saying there was nothing to celebrate. The AAP MLAs could not attend the lunch as they had staged a walk-out during the session when the Speaker made an announcement regarding lunch.

CONG PLANS 'THANK YOU CAPTAIN' DRIVE

With focus on Captain Amarinder Singh's intent and ability to take pro-farmer decisions, the party is launching an awareness campaign at the village-level "Thank you Captain". It will make people aware of relevance of the farm Bills passed by the Assembly.



SAD MLAs protest against the government outside the Vidhan Sabha on Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Why did you back us, if had doubts: Capt

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 21

Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh today slammed the SAD and AAP for playing to the galleries by pretending to back the farm Bills in the Vidhan Sabha yesterday and denouncing them soon after.

The CM said both parties spoke in favour of the Bills in the Assembly and even went with him to meet the Governor, but adopted a different stance publicly.

Talking to mediapersons after the House was adjourned sine die, he pointed out these parties were not interested in securing the future of the farmers, who had not said anything against the Bills.

"If they thought we were fooling the people of Punjab, why did they not say so in the House? Why did they support and vote for our Bills?" asked Captain Amarinder, reacting to SAD leader Bikram Singh Majithia and AAP leadership's statements. They had both accused the Chief Minister of misleading the people, citing his remarks on the pos-

OTHER STATES SEEK COPIES OF BILLS

The state government has got a major boost as the governments of Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand sought copies of the farm Bills, with the intention of emulating these in their states.

SLAMS KEJRIWAL

"Are you with the farmers or against them," CM Capt Amarinder Singh on Wednesday asked his Delhi counterpart Arvind Kejriwal after he questioned the Bills' legality.

sibility of the Governor/President not signing the Bills.

"If I had to fool the people, why would I openly talk about the possible scenarios instead of feeding them with lies, as the Akalis and AAP are used to doing?" Capt asked.

The Chief Minister reiterated he didn't care if the Centre dismissed his government, but he would fight to protect the rights of the farmers till his last breath. — TNS



AAP state chief Bhagwant Mann, along with party MLAs, addresses mediapersons in Chandigarh.

More needs to be done: AAP

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CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 21

A day after supporting the government in the Assembly, Punjab AAP president and MP Bhagwant Mann said the farm Bills, passed in the Vidhan Sabha, were not sufficient to safeguard the interests of farmers of the state.

Mann said the only way forward was that the state government should enact its own law guaranteeing the purchase of all crops, including wheat and paddy, at the MSP.

Interacting with the media for the sake of farmers inside the House by rising above politics and accompanied a delegation to Raj Bhawan,

'WISHFUL THINKING WITH EYES ON POLL'

Those in power are distributing laddoos citing the passage of the Bills in the House as a big achievement. This is merely wishful thinking with the eyes on the 2022 elections.

Bhagwant Mann, AAP LEADER

He said this was necessary to send out a clear and categorical message to the Modi government at the Centre that the people of Punjab were united against the deadly laws and stood rock solid with the struggling peasants.

Mann said, "Those in power are distributing 'laddoos' by projecting themselves to be the benefactors of farmers, citing the passage of the Bills as a big achievement of the government. This is merely wishful thinking with the eyes on 2022 elections."

Mann said, "The battle has begun but we have a long way to go to win it."

Dalit legislators to meet CM for berths

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CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 21

At least 22 Dalit and Backward Class Congress MLAs, including four ministers, today held a meeting on the premises of the Vidhan Sabha to press upon the Congress leadership to address concerns of Dalit leaders in the state.

Soon after the Vidhan Sabha session, the legislators held a meeting to discuss issues of due Dalit representation in the Council of Ministers, payment of pending scholarship amount from 2017 to 2020 and implementation of reservation granted to Scheduled Castes and consequential seniority for SC/STs as per the 85th Amendment.

It was pointed out that the Congress government, by strongly countering the Central laws, had addressed the issues of farmers, catering largely to Jats, whereas issues concerning the Dalits were yet to be addressed. The legislators will be meeting Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh and Punjab Affairs in charge Harish Rawat with their concerns in

the coming days.

With 33 per cent vote share, the Dalit leaders in the Punjab Congress have demanded at least six Cabinet berths

against the present four. They argue that among the Dalits, Mazhabi Sikhs and Valmikis needed representation on the basis of their vote

share. At present, there are three Dalit ministers — Charanjit Singh Channi, Sadhu Singh Dharamsot and Aruna Chaudhary.

BJP out to destroy spirit of federalism: Rawat

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CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 21

AICC general secretary Subhash Sharma and Punjab affairs in charge Harish Rawat today said the BJP government, under the garb of projecting a strong Prime Minister, had a hidden agenda of shifting to presidential form of government.

After the demonetisation and GST fiasco, the Central farm laws were yet another attempt to bulldoze the spirit of federalism. But with passing amendments to the Centre's agricultural laws, Punjab had given a voice to the concerns at the national level, he said. "I hope the Centre respects the voice of the common man and finds an amicable way forward," Rawat said while talking to *The Tribune*.

Hitting out at the BJP, Rawat said the saffron party was damaging the atmosphere in the state for the sake of vote bank consolidation. He said the agenda of the BJP was polarisation of votes by vitiating the peaceful atmosphere and blaming the protesting farmers for the same.

Meanwhile, Rawat said Sid-

'HOPE CENTRE LISTENS TO STATE'

With the passage of farm Bills in the House, Punjab has given a voice to the concerns at the national level. I hope the Centre respects the voice of the common man. Harish Rawat, CONG LEADER

hu's speech in the Assembly has energised the party cadre. As Capt Amarinder and Sidhu address each other as brothers, the way forward was that both should go together, he said, adding, "Though I am a younger brother of the Chief Minister, I feel that it should be his concern to make all leaders walk with him. Sidhu has shown the patience for the last one-and-a-half years." He termed the appointment of Sidhu as the state president or his induction into the Cabinet as media speculation.

The minister further said all 89 agriculture banks in Punjab have around 69,000 defaulter farmers towards whom an amount of about Rs 1,950 crore and penal interest of Rs 61.49 crore is due. — TNS



Congress MLAs during a meeting on the premises of the Vidhan Sabha. TRIBUNE PHOTO

DALIT INSAF YATRA TO REACH CAPT AMARINDER'S RESIDENCE TODAY

- BJP general secretary Subhash Sharma on Tuesday said the party's Scheduled Caste (SC) wing will take out a 'Dalit Insaif Yatra' on Wednesday.
- A caravan of about 1,000 vehicles will be flagged off by state BJP chief Ashwani Sharma in Jalandhar at 11 am and the yatra would end at the CM's residence
- The protest will see participation of Union Minister Som Parkash, former Union Cabinet Minister Vijay Sampla, Jeevan Gupta, among others.
- Dr Sharma said there was no check on atrocities against the SC and OBC communities, alleging that government had failed to protect the SC community

**Agri bank waives penal interest**

Keeping in view the Covid-19 pandemic and precarious financial position of farmers in the state, the Punjab State Cooperative Agricultural Development Bank (PSCADB) has decided to waive penal interest during the recovery campaign-2020.

Cooperation Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa said the entire outstanding penal interest would be waived in the loan accounts of those defaulters who pay their entire amount or close their loan account by December 31, 2020.

The minister further said all

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Versus Sharad Kumar Jindal & Anr.

Defendant/s:

To: Defendant No.: 2.

Mr Parveen Mittal, Proprietor, M/s Hare Krishna Foils, Plot No. 624, M.I.E., Part-A, Near City Hospital, District Jhajjar, Haryana-124507, Haryana. Email: info@krishnafoils.com

Whereas the plaintiff above mentioned has instituted a Suit for Permanent Injunction Restraining Infringement of Trade Mark, Copyright, Passing off, Unfair Competition, Damages, Delivery UP etc, against you, the above named defendant and whereas the Hon'ble Court issued summons in suit and injunction in I.A. No. 13739/2019 on 30.09.2020 and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of this court that it is not possible to serve you in the ordinary way therefore, this notice is given by publication directing you, the above named defendant to make appearance before the Joint Registrar (Judicial) of this court on 23.11.2020 at 10:00 a.m.

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COURT NOTICES

Sealed tenders are invited from interested bidders for hiring security services at Amul Satellite Dairy Punjab. Interested bidders can purchase & submit tenders documents from above mentioned address after paying tender fees of Rs. 1000/- (Non-refundable) from 21.10.2020 to 28.10.2020 (within 05:00 P.M.). Amul dairy reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Date:

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Managing Director

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Tender Notice for hiring security services

The Tribune

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Discord over MSP

Punjab Bills offer no alternative system on assured price

THE fact that MSP (minimum support price) doesn't even find a mention in the laws enacted recently by the Centre has fuelled mistrust among farmers, who fear that the time-tested regime is on its way out. Though the Union government has been insisting that this system would continue, the farming community in Punjab and other states remains unconvinced. The Bills passed by the Punjab Assembly on Tuesday seek to amend the Central legislation to ensure that wheat and paddy — the staple crops grown in the grain-surplus state — are not bought for less than the respective MSP; there is also a provision for punishment for sale or purchase below this price.

'Guaranteed' MSP is certainly music to the toiling farmers' ears, but it's far easier said than done. It's the Centre that fixes the support price of various crops, as per the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP). The Commission takes into account several factors: the cost of production, demand and supply, price trends in the domestic and international market, and inter-crop price parity. It's a one-size-fits-all policy applicable across the country. The Punjab Bills, aimed at addressing the fears of the farming community over the possible dismantling of the MSP regime, don't seem to have created an alternative architecture to ensure governmental purchase at an assured price.

With Central agencies procuring crops at best at the fixed MSP, some states have been offering a bonus — over and above the support price — to compensate farmers. The CACP has cautioned that such moves create distortions in the market and affect the 'balance of crops'. Moreover, considering issues such as overproduction and inadequate storage, states can't do much on their own to ensure a good bargain for the majority of the growers. A legally enforceable MSP won't preclude distress sale unless the Centre and the states work in tandem for the sake of those who make the granaries overflow — even during a pandemic.

Gasping for clean air

Unabated farm fires, industry, dust take toll on health

TWO incriminating reports in the past couple of days once again point to an annual feature of this time: the northern region is covered in a blanket of an alarmingly polluting haze. One, the emergence of Haryana's Ballabgarh in the NCR, as per a study, as the country's most polluted place as it records a very poor air quality index of 340 due to a high concentration of particulate matter (PM) 2.5. Two, the State of Global Air 2020 report, which has concluded that air pollution — outdoor PM2.5 — is now the largest risk factor for death among all health risks. In India, it is seen that exposure to impure air was behind a majority of the 16.7 lakh deaths from heart and lung diseases, diabetes and neonatal ailments in 2019. And, the worrisome fact that India has been witnessing increasing PM2.5 levels since 2010 highlights the mounting challenge of combating the factors that lead to air becoming loaded with noxious particles. Traffic, industries, waste, dust and stubble burning are the main culprits.

The Ballabgarh case, mirroring the smogginess that has become an annual feature of the northern region, points the finger at the unabated burning of paddy stubble in the fields of Punjab and Haryana. Compared to last year during this time, farm fire instances have risen three-fold in Punjab and just six farmers booked for lighting their stubble. Haryana has seen a rise of 70 per cent in the cases. It underscores the need for the states to tighten the screws on the offenders and also facilitate more farmers with machines geared to curbing the toxic fumes. The reluctance to take action due to fear of further agitating the peasants who are already on the boil over the Centre's contentious farm laws cuts no ice. Any laxity towards ensuring a cleaner air means many more gasping for breath.

In this context, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's call to Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar to hold regular meetings with the CMs of Delhi, Punjab, Haryana and UP makes sense. While it may be too late for this season, constant monitoring at the highest level is bound to help in the long run.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Security is not a product, but a process.

— Bruce Schneier

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

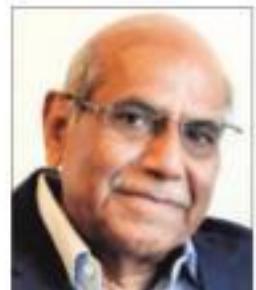
LAHORE, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1920

BOYCOTT OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

NO single item in the non-co-operation programme of Mr. Gandhi has evoked such strong and energetic opposition among a very large number of thinking and patriotic Indians as that relating to the withdrawal of students from Government or Government-controlled schools and colleges. The President of the Special Session himself set the ball rolling. "He was," he said, "whole-heartedly opposed to the withdrawal of boys from schools and colleges. He did not accept that proposition at all. It would be suicidal at the present moment to withdraw their boys and girls from the schools and colleges in which they were." These strong remarks, be it remembered, were made by Lala Lajpat Rai, not before the Congress resolution was discussed, nor in the course of the discussion, but after the resolution had been passed, so that there is no question of the passage of the solution making a difference in this case. And during the month and a half that has elapsed since these words were uttered, most thoughtful and patriotic journals have endorsed the opinion of the Punjab leader. One of the best of these, a journal whose name is a synonym for independence of thought and vigour, the *Modern Review* of Calcutta, has in two successive issues considered the subject and has expressed itself emphatically against this part of the resolution. And so have other journals, the overwhelming majority of which are in substantial agreement with Mr. Gandhi, not only as regards the goal of his endeavour but as regards the methods by which the goal is to be attained. What one would have expected in the circumstances is that in the actual carrying out of the item all this opposition would have been carefully borne in mind. In fact, Mr. Gandhi and his associates are going beyond the resolution of the Congress. At Aligarh, they have laboured, and with success so far, for the immediate withdrawal of all boys from the college.

Get serious about security

National strategy must for India to emerge stronger and more dynamic



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THE ongoing border standoff with China, the deteriorating relationship with Pakistan, the sharper contestation India faces in the rest of its sub-continental neighbourhood, the less than benign external economic outlook and the disruptive impact of the prolonged Covid-19 pandemic on India's economic prospects, all these and many more factors are simultaneously in play, making sound and efficient governance both complex and difficult. These factors are also inter-linked; interventions in one domain have collateral consequences in other domains, but this may not always be obvious. Governance systems traditionally are tubular and hierarchical while the contemporary ground reality is one of networks through which activities flow horizontally.

Our knowledge systems are highly specialised, the more micro the scale, the finer the analytical value, but this is achieved by abstracting from the extremely complex patterns which bind the micro to the macro. It is awareness of this complexity and the inter-relatedness of perceived phenomena which has generated the growing salience of inter-disciplinary studies and cross-sectoral and cross-domain approaches to tackling the challenges confronting humanity today. This is apparent in the ongoing pandemic which is at once a public health crisis, an economic crisis and an ecological crisis. The area of national security is no exception. A state run on modern principles cannot view national security as a blueprint for the efficient use of its coercive power alone. National security today has multiple dimensions



INTERLINKED: There is an integral link between domestic and external security which must be acknowledged explicitly and subjected to cross-domain approaches.

National security today has multiple dimensions – domestic, external, military, economic and ecological.

involving domestic, external, military, economic and ecological drivers. Policy choices made in one may affect those made in another either positively or negatively. Failure to understand these complex inter-relations leads to ad hoc and reactive decision-making and outcomes that are at best sub-optimal; often they cancel each other out. Since there are no overarching systems of review and evaluation, there are no learnings available for the future. Mistakes get repeated. Inevitably, the focus by default is on dealing with the here and now rather than having a longer-term perspective.

Several attempts have been made in the recent past to formulate a national security strategy for India, based on the concept of comprehensive national power and incorporating all different dimensions referred to above. The National Security Advisory Board (NSAB), which I chaired from 2013-15, made the latest of these efforts. The board was keen to make the document open to public debate so that it could be further refined. However, like its predecessor documents, it, too, remained within the confines of government and soon faded into irrelevance. Governments prefer to keep all options open

till the very end, avoiding making choices until one is forced upon it by circumstances. This creates an illusion of having discretionary power and independent agency when the opposite is the case. Any given situation has so many moving parts, often rapidly mutating that even the most accomplished decision maker will be unable to cope. We have seen this happening time and again, in Kargil, Pathankot, Uri and Pulwama, just as it is evident in our inability to resolve the long-standing challenge of left-wing extremism which a PM described as the biggest security threat facing India. The situation in J&K has progressively worsened. In each of these cases, it has been more comforting to look for singular causes, mostly of external provenance, rather than turn the spotlight on one's own inadequacies and vulnerabilities.

Let me illustrate how and why the failure to look at the larger picture and connect the many dots together have cost us dearly in terms of national security. In Pathankot, terrorists based in Pakistan were able to cross the fortified India-Pakistan border and make their way to the perimeter of the air-base undetected. While the attack has been blamed on Pakistani perfidy, as it

National security in the contemporary world requires the formulation of a whole of government approach, an inter-disciplinary and cross-sectoral approach. The sooner we get down to formulating and implementing a national security strategy the better the chances of India emerging stronger and more dynamic in the post-pandemic era. This exercise can no longer be delayed.

Words don't make it 'smart', 'adarsh'

SURINDERJIT SINGH SANDHU

THE Punjab government started the second phase of the 'Smart village project' recently. Does anyone remember anything about its first phase and perceived any positive change in villages? It was in 1978 that the concept of Adarsh schools was introduced in certain pockets of the state. After 40 years, the scheme has flopped. A few years ago, a new slogan was given by the government to make gullible people believe that it was serious about studies in government schools, and now, even that pompous slogan of 'Parho Punjab' along with 'Khelo Punjab' has been buried deep in the dusty files of the secretariat and directorates.

Meritorious schools lost their lustre in only a few years of their establishment. So, the education department launched the catchy concept of 'Smart schools'.

In 2014, the Centre had introduced the concept of 'Smart cities'. One hundred cities were selected in the first phase. A lot of politics went into the initial selection. Thereafter, a lot of time and resources were spent on formulating imaginary projects, answering queries of the state and Central governments, and making presentations here, there and everywhere. What has come out of it so far?

Nothing worthwhile, except for some financial grants that have not brought

about any perceptible change with regard to citizenry services.

Chandigarh, known as City Beautiful, was never given any magical name

when its construction began. Punjab had built Nangal and Talwara townships a long time back. They were virtual heavens without any 'smart' tag. About 25 years ago, an administrative secretary told the CM that he had a plan to turn Punjab into Singapore and convert areas adjoining canal embankments into smart residential colonies. The CM dismissed it, saying, 'Chhado ji, saara kurha-karkat tokan ne nehran vich sut ke nehran band kar denian ne ji (leave it, people will throw garbage into canals and choke them)'.

There have been slogans to transform Punjab into California, Paris, etc., but the need is to make it more liveable.

A relative's village was selected under the Central Adarsh Gram Yojana for each MP. The MP fixed a meeting in the village to chalk out its development

plans. A *pandal* and other paraphernalia were arranged. Catering was given to a hotel. The sarpanch carefully drafted the *maan pattar*, asking for a college, a hospital, a panchayat ghar, a girls' school, turning the village into a sub-tehsil, a stadium, drainage, houses for the poor, toilets, etc. The chief guest had to agree to most of them. Six months passed, nothing happened, except that the panchayat was poorer by about Rs 2 lakh!

Whenever the MP was approached, he would say that no funds had been received. After two years, he gave some money out of MPLAD funds. Some other such villages are also awaiting funds. Five years are going to elapse, but nothing yet. The nation is moving in the direction of bringing in only smart PMs, smart CMs, and smart ministers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Will Acts prevail?

The farm reform Acts passed by Parliament have been rejected by the Punjab Legislative Assembly, and now, a new legal battle shall start in courts on whether Acts passed by Parliament can be nullified by a State or if the Acts shall prevail. During this period, Punjab shall not allow the provisions of the Acts to be implemented in the state. A strange situation has been created here. Had there been proper discussions, and the Opposition, media and people had been allowed to say something, the results would have been better. The people of India are not in a mood to adopt revolutionary changes and the state, too, must go ahead slowly. Most of the farmers still do not know what Parliament passed and why Punjab has nullified the Acts.

DALIP SINGH WASAN, PATIALA

Lahaul's sanctity

Atal Tunnel has been dedicated to the nation. It's a great feat of human advancement in the field of technology. It has brought much relief to the people of Lahaul and Spiti, but at the same time, the atmosphere of this district is likely to be polluted. There are reports of large-scale littering because of the tourist influx. There is a need to give due attention to this fact so

that the sanctity and virginity of Lahaul remains intact.

SANTOSH JAMWAL, HAMIRPUR

Go easy this festival

PM Modi's speech regarding the pandemic should be taken as a wake-up call. At no cost should we let our guard down during the coming festival and winter days. We will have to celebrate with caution. Norms on mask use, social distancing, hygiene etc. should be followed very seriously. Let us not congregate this year, and also avoid ostentatious celebrations. Why not pray and appease our gods this year from our abodes only?

SUNIL CHOPRA, LUDHIANA

Need maximum caution

Reference to 'Positivity rate below 8%...' ; however heartwarming the news, we should consider it cautiously. Laxity by the people can be seen everywhere. They are behaving as if the coronavirus can't infect them. Moreover, developed countries like the UK and US have also been battling more acute waves of the virus. Apathy can become a suicidal scenario for all of us, since we won't have a vaccine for the next nine-12 months.

MEHUL MONGA, AMRITSAR

Paper leak

Apropos of 'Paper for HRTC posts leaked from Shahpur HIEC: cops'; the Himachal Pradesh Police has booked a candidate under Section 420 of the IPC for leaking a question paper. Unfortunately, myriad recruitment question papers are leaked every year. These incidents raise questions about the security arrangements being made by organisers at examination centres.

It is also an injustice with students who study hard with a dream to crack examinations and get jobs. Apart from this, it leads to the creation of distrust among jobless youth. No doubt legal actions are taken against delinquents, but these are not enough to make the system transparent. The government should ensure complete transparency and strict measures must be taken during written examinations so that such incidents do not recur.

PULKIT JAIN, BANUR

Follow Delhi's lead

The 'Red light on, gaadi off campaign' is a welcome move amid these challenging times and is expected to help Delhi withstand the spectre of increasing pollution. The unlocking process, on the one hand, has bestowed life on various stagnant

sectors of the economy, while on the other hand, it has undone all the good done to nature during the nationwide lockdown. Moreover, the recent surge in the cases of stubble burning is worsening the situation. Thus, other states should also take a leaf from the Delhi CM's book and initiate some steps in order to curb pollution.

HARSHITA SHARMA, SONEPAT

Accept stammering

International Stammering Awareness Day is celebrated on October 22. In India, millions of people are confronting the challenge of stammering. It creates problems with regard to education, interpersonal relationships, social activities, and finding employment. Our society recognises that every individual must speak fluently. Those who stammer are isolated and many times judged incapable of jobs and marriage. People should accept stammering as human diversity. If you meet someone who stammers, listen to him patiently, give time to speak, and do not make any assumptions. Equal opportunities and full participation may empower people who stammer. At the same time, those who stammer should accept stammering and talk to more people and remove any fear.

AMIT SINGH KUSHWAHA, SATNA

China beats the virus, eclipses India in growth



SUBIR ROY

SENIOR ECONOMIC ANALYST

CHINA and India present a sharp contrast in three key areas: the immediate direction in which the two economies are headed, the ability to handle the pandemic, and policy initiatives to revive growth.

Before the pandemic, China and India were showing around the same traction. China was reporting a growth of six per cent in 2019. In the last quarter (ending March) of 2019-20 towards the end of which the lockdown began, India achieved a growth of 5.8 per cent.

In the July-September quarter, China has clocked a growth of 4.9 per cent and India 4.5 per cent. The two figures are not all that far apart, but the Indian figure is poor in terms of its own earlier achievements. It marks the slowest expansion in over six years.

But the two economies are likely to sharply diverge going forward. In 2020, the IMF sees the Chinese economy growing at 1.9 per cent. On the other hand, the multilateral organisation sees the Indian economy contracting by a massive 10.3 per cent in the current fiscal, about the severest in the world.

But the two economies will catch up again in 2021. The IMF, in fact, sees India beating China by a small margin,

foreseen to clock a growth of 8.8 per cent, compared to China's 8.2 per cent.

What we see is that the two economies were running neck and neck just when the pandemic came. But the impact of the pandemic has been sharply different between the two. India is set to fall back significantly, but within a year the two will be back to where they were earlier — neck and neck.

Economies across the world contracted sharply when the pandemic arrived but thereafter climbed out of the downturn. In this return to growth, China has shown the greatest robustness. Right now, it is significantly better off than where it was at this time last year.

The reason for this is that despite being hit by the coronavirus first, it has been globally among the foremost in successfully tackling it. Right now, China has almost no local transmission (as distinct from what infectious baggage those coming in from outside bring).

On the other hand, the US and Europe are buckling up to face a second surge. India, after becoming the country with the world's second highest caseload, has only for a month now been able to bend the curve downwards. But there is no knowing what the immediate future holds.

India's recent performance has been marred by a huge surge in, of all places, Kerala, which was earlier the exemplar in handling the pandemic. The state did itself in by losing all self-control during the Onam festival. West Bengal, in all probability, is likely to follow the same pattern. There have been crowds of pre-Durga Puja shoppers following no rules whatsoever.

Ironically, India has also gone in for extensive lockdowns of different dura-

ever. As caution is likely to be thrown to the winds during the actual pujas, it is feared there will be a massive surge right after, taking down the national performance.

How has China tackled the pandemic? In order to keep local transmission at negligible levels, it has been extensively tracking its population through their mobile phones. It has also gone in for extensive testing as soon as even the smallest outbreak of infection has been reported.

Perhaps the most draconian step has been the imposition of lockdowns for weeks on end in cities and urban infection zones.

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To keep local transmission at negligible levels, China has been extensively tracking its population through their phones and going in for testing. Perhaps the most draconian step has been the imposition of lockdowns for weeks on end. Ironically, India has also gone in for extensive lockdowns, but the results have not come remotely close to those in China.

FESTIVAL RUSH: As caution is likely to be thrown to the winds during festivals like Durga Puja, another Covid surge is feared.

recovery is explained by extensive public investment in infrastructure areas like highways and high-speed trains. This put money into people's pockets, which is now pushing consumption expenditure.

India, on the other hand, has been hugely parsimonious in financing a policy of stimulus, which, despite two rounds, has been unable to put in anything more than two per cent of GDP. Despite significant poverty and the plight of migrant labourers, India has not gone in for extensively putting money into the hands of the needy to spend. And public spending has got nothing to do with being totalitarian or democratic.

Give sanitation staff their due as health workers



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The pandemic has given us an opportunity to move forward to not only emerge as a clean and dignified nation, but also break the casteist transmission of sanitation work from father to son. We have been presented with a chance to try and eliminate untouchability inflicted upon a marginalised community. The way forward is to mechanise the work and fix a minimum wage of ₹20,000 per month for the workers.

THE pandemic has brought to the fore many societal problems. One among them, given scant attention, is of manual scavengers, an extremely marginalised community even among the Dalits — the lowest in the caste hierarchy. During the lockdown, their engagement in the demeaning work of cleaning up humanity's trash through generations has got highlighted.

The tasks of sanitation workers and health workers, like doctors, are complementary and their purposes identical. Consequently, those working in the sanitation industry should also be recognised as 'health workers'. It is in these terms, therefore, that they ought to be classified and acknowledged. It's high time the government acknowledged their contribution to society and gave them the due.

However, the role and work of sanitation workers in our everyday lives remains unrewarded and tragically under-appreciated. The popular perception of sanitation work and the sentiments that inform much of the people's mental imagery relate it to their demeaning casteist links.

Among other things, there is little general awareness of the fact that sanitation workers are preventive or so-called 'frontline' health workers who play a profoundly important part in keeping us all well. It is high time that the state as well as ordinary citizens recognise this and acknowledge that it is in the interests of both public justice and private reasonableness to support the cause of sanitation and that of its providers.

After years of neglect, it was only in



SHOCKING NEGLECT: Since 2017, on an average, one sanitation worker has died every fifth day while cleaning a sewer or a septic tank.

2013 that the Prohibition of Employment of Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act was passed which laid down several protective and beneficiary measures for the manual scavengers. The Act made it compulsory for them to wear the protective equipment while manually cleaning sewers and septic tanks. It also laid down the mechanised cleaning of septic tanks as the prescribed norm. For these rights, the *safai karamcharis* had been fighting for a long time.

As early as 2003, the *safai karamcharis*, in a civil writ petition, said that *Safai Karamchari Andolan & Others vs. Union of India* had demanded that the practice of manual scavenging be closed. The 2014 Supreme Court observations on this writ petition was in their favour. The court declared that

entering sewer lines without safety gear was a crime even in an emergency situation. Moreover, the persons included in the final list of manual scavengers were directed to be rehabilitated according to the provisions of the 2013 Act. The court also directed that a compensation of Rs 10 lakh be paid to the dependent family members of all persons who had died during sewerage work (manholes, septic tanks) since 1993.

Its non-implementation, however, has belied all these instructions. In fact, in the absence of political will and social pressure, more lives are likely to be lost because more tanks are being built in rural and urban areas as part of the drive to construct toilets under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

The only way forward is for all sanitation work to be fully mechanised; no

sanitation worker to be hired as a contract labourer and a minimum wage of Rs 20,000 per month should be guaranteed as that alone is viable for securing the bare necessities of life.

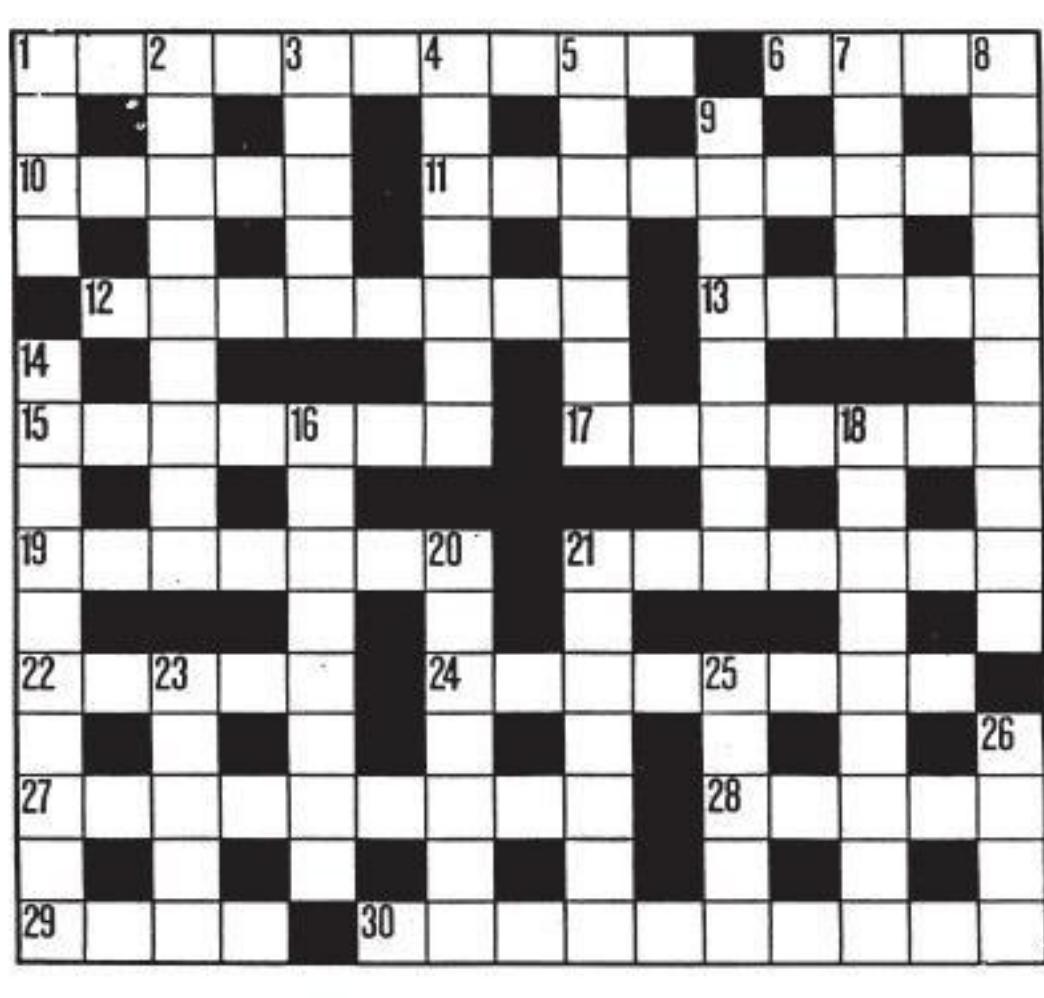
Comprehensive health insurance for sanitation workers and their families must also be guaranteed and they should be eligible for all allowances that are covered under the description of 'hazardous work'. All sanitation workers must be eligible for pension benefits. Importantly, all these workers must be provided accommodation, just as the police personnel, as they both work to keep the citizens safe. Children of these workers must also get preferential admission to Kendriya Vidyalayas, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas and Sainik Schools especially to equip them for other professions rather than their father's calling.

The steps proposed above might seem like a social and cultural revolution, but they are no more than a product of the realisation that the incalculable benefits of sanitation can be secured from a sensible perception of justice and self-interest being mutually reinforcing virtues.

Schemes such as Smart City and Swachh Bharat can easily finance these proposals. It only needs resolve to see them through.

Finally, as hygiene and wellbeing are complementary, even identical, so is the tasks of sanitation workers and doctors is complementary, and their purposes identical. Consequently, the sanitation workers must be classified as 'health workers', along with doctors and nurses. This would go a long way in protecting their dignity.

QUICK CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Across: 1 Dilemma, 5 Climb, 8 Out-and-out, 9 Put, 10 Pain, 12 Creosote, 14 Seesaw, 15 Comply, 17 Insolent, 18 Bung, 21 Don, 22 Loom large, 24 Elect, 25 Descent.

Down: 1 Droop, 2 Lot, 3 Mink, 4 Aboard, 5 Cotton on, 6 Impromptu, 7 Battery, 11 In

essence, 13 Fall flat, 14 Swindle, 16 Untold, 19 Greet, 20 Plus, 23 Rue.

ACROSS

- 1 Prevent seeming disaster (4,3,3)
- 6 Gather in great numbers (4)
- 10 Spurious (5)
- 11 Influential support (9)
- 12 Oily (8)
- 13 Mountaineering spike (5)
- 15 Imprecise (7)
- 17 Passage from a book (7)
- 19 Violent confusion (7)
- 21 Mosquito-borne fever (7)
- 22 Follow as result (5)
- 24 Motionless for lack of wind (8)
- 27 Compliance with orders (9)
- 28 Thick rope (5)
- 29 Victim of deception (4)
- 30 Following a useful clue (2,3,5)
- DOWN**
- 1 Long upholstered seat (4)
- 2 Offer freely (9)
- 3 Behave toward (5)
- 4 Daring feat (7)
- 5 Professional performer (7)
- 7 Look forward to (5)
- 8 Because (6,4)
- 9 Infirmary (8)
- 14 Set out on journey (3,3,4)
- 16 Baldness (8)
- 18 Pleasing (9)
- 20 A country bordering Syria (7)
- 21 King of Scotland, d.1057 (7)
- 23 Precipitous (5)
- 25 Hair of the head (5)
- 26 Natural aptitude (4)

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V. EASY

CALENDAR

OCTOBER 22, 2020, THURSDAY

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■ Shaka Samvat	1942
■ Ashwin Shaka	30
■ Kartik Parvishite	6
■ Hijri	1442
■ Shukla Paksha Tithi 6, up to 7:40 am	
■ Sukarma Yoga up to 2:35 am	
■ Purvashadha Yoga up to 12:59 am	
■ Moon in Sagittarius sign	

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

2	7	3	9	4	8	5	1	6
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FORECAST

SUNSET: THURSDAY 17:43 HRS
SUNRISE: FRIDAY 06:31 HRS

CITY	MAX	MIN
Chandigarh	33	16
New Delhi	34	15
Amritsar	33	17
Bathinda	33	13
Jalandhar	33	13
Ludhiana	33	13
Bhiwani	33	19
Hisar	34	17
Sirsia	33	18
Dharamsala	24	13
Manali	21	6
Shimla	22	11
Srinagar	24	04
Jammu	33	16
Kargil	13	02
Leh	20	-04
Dehradun	31	16
Mussoorie	21	11

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No. 117-S-Sales-Auction Programme-2020-21

Dated 19.10.2020

e-AUCTION NOTICE NO. DECEMBER/20

E-Auction will be conducted for disposal of Ferrous Scrap, Non Ferrous Scrap, Other Misc Scrap, Condemned Loco, Coaches and Wagons, Including Scrap Rail and other scrap P/Way material. Auction programme is as under.

e-AUCTION Schedule for December, 2020.

SN	Depot/Division conducting auction	1 st round	2 nd round	3 rd round	4 th round	5 th round
1	DY.CMM/AMV/LKO 0522-2451257	01.12.2020	08.12.2020	15.12.2020	22.12.2020	29.12.2020
2	DY.CMM/SSB 011-27015387	02.12.2020	09.12.2020	16.12.2020	23.12.2020	30.12.2020
3	DY.CMM/JUDW 01732-252388	07.12.2020	14.12.2020	21.12.2020	28.12.2020	--
4	Sr.DMM/LKO 0522-2234756	07.12.2020	14.12.2020	21.12.2020	28.12.2020	--
5	Sr.DMM/PZR 01632-244154	02.12.2020	09.12.2020	16.12.2020	23.12.2020	30.12.2020
6	Sr.DMM/UJB 0171-2611203	03.12.2020	10.12.2020	17.12.2020	24.12.2020	31.12.2020
7	Sr.DMM/MB 0591-2413141	03.12.2020	10.12.2020	17.12.2020	24.12.2020	31.12.2020
8	Sr.DMM/DLI 011-23365311	01.12.2020	08.12.2020	15.12.2020	22.12.2020	29.12.2020

1. E-Auction will be held from 12.00 AM onwards as per above programme.

2. The details of item to be sold in auction will be available in catalogue at www.irps.gov.in

3. The intending purchasers may inspect the scrap material before the auction during working hours at nominated locations. In this regard details are available at irps.

4. To register for e-auction, purchasers need to visit website www.irps.gov.in. In case any difficulty in registering purchasers may contact Dy. CMM/S&P(Perlad Singh)
Dy. CMM/S&P

For Principal Chief Material Manager

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Survey on slope stability along Solan NH**AMBHIKA SHARMA**

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SOLAN, OCTOBER 21

In a bid to ensure the stability of the excavated slopes along the Parwanoo-Solan section of National Highway (NH)-05, a technical survey has been undertaken by the geologists.

The move was initiated by officials of the NHAI as there were reoccurring landslides at several places on the 39-km highway due to vertical cutting of slopes. The survey will assess the need to devise additional measures to ensure that the four-laned highway did not suffer from repeated land-



slides after its completion.

These slides especially occur during the rains. They have put a question mark on the stability of the road at certain places like Chakkika Mor, near Sanwara, Jabli, near Kumarhatti, Sapron Chownk, Dharmpur, etc. Owing to fragile strata, shotcrete is the process of placing concrete to achieve

high strength and low permeability while rock bolting is a type of drilled soil nail or anchor used when the ground to be stabilized consists mostly of rock materials. The use of these techniques is supposed to help contain large-scale erosion on rocky or semi-rocky surface.

"The study will ascertain whether additional measures were required to be implemented on certain sites prone to landslides" informed Balwinder Singh, project manager, GR Infra Projects, which was executing the four-laning work.

"We are awaiting the outcome of this survey as it

will help us determine what more is required to be done to strengthen the excavated slopes."

The officials of the GR Infra Projects have also demanded an additional Rs 33 crore for raising higher breast walls on about 12 kms area which are landslide prone. The NHAI officials were yet to take a decision on granting this cost. As per the project design, breast walls of 1.5 m to 3 m have been raised but since vertical cutting has been undertaken on almost 30 to 40 feet slopes, they were vulnerable to slides at places where the strata was loose.

Solan disrupted, three protests in 10 days

SOLAN, OCTOBER 21

Agitations appear to have become the new normal in Solan with three protests, which disrupted the town's peace, taking place in the last 10 days. While two factions of the Beopar Mandal are vying for supremacy, the common man is suffering the most.

A demand to permit opening of shops on Sundays and resentment against local civic authority's move to remove wares displayed outside the shops triggered protests. Intense sloganising was witnessed as a result. An unsavoury protest by the Safai Karamcharis, who dumped mounds of garbage in the heart of the town last week, caused problems for the residents.

The Beopar Mandal has taken the civic body's anti-encroachments drive as a tool to exhibit its supremacy. Though a team comprising officials of Police, Food and Civil Supplies Department, PWD and civic authorities has been constituted for the purpose, the traders have called it unjust in view of the festive season.

Lalit Kumar, Executive Officer of the Solan Municipal Council, said encroachments would not be tolerated at any cost. The Mall Road is a no-vending zone, but even the footpath have been encroached upon. — TNS

Holiday special train resumes run, only three avail facility

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SIMLA/SOLAN, OCTOBER 21 A holiday special train (04514) which plied today on the world heritage Kalka-Shimla rail track after seven months, saw just three passengers.

The last train had plied on this track on March 24, after which movement of trains was suspended following the Covid pandemic.

The Railway authorities have specially introduced holiday special trains in view of the festive season. The train started from Kalka at 12:10 pm today. It reached Kandaghat around 3:30 pm from where it takes two more hours for the onward journey till Shimla, informed an official.

He said since general reservation had been put on hold owing to Covid restrictions, lack of awareness about online booking led to merely three people travelling today. Only chair car and first class passengers make online bookings. The staff is hoping to receive more passengers tomorrow, when the train leaves for Kalka from Shimla at 10:40 am.

More holiday trains would ply on this track till November 30 and two trains will ply from Kalka and Shimla tomorrow, respectively, an official said.

● The above Festival Special trains have only reserved class accommodation. ● Reserved class accommodation will include berth reservation as well as sitting reservation. ● All passengers are requested to get the reservation of berths and seats done beforehand in these trains and come to station platforms with reserved accommodation tickets. ● Passengers having reserved tickets will only be allowed to enter the platforms to board the train.

Note: All norms of the State and Central Government regarding COVID-19 including Social distancing, sanitization etc., may be followed in the trains and at the Railway stations.
All other precautions associated with COVID-19 should also be ensured.

Beware of Touts Always buy your tickets from an authorised railway counter or authorised rail travel agent only.

For details related to stoppages/accommodation of trains etc. passengers are requested to contact Railway Enquiry No. 139, nearest Railway Station or visit Railway's website www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in

Security Helpline No. 182

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for the information of all the citizens of Hoshiarpur, that Municipal Corporation, Hoshiarpur has included Services level Bench marks in Sanitation Bylaws which had been passed. The citizens are suggested to submit their objections/suggestions within 15 days of publication of this notice on any working day in the office of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Hoshiarpur. None of the objections/suggestions will be entertained after the due date and further action will be taken in this regard.

Sd/- Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Hoshiarpur.

**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
TENDER NOTICE REFERENCE NO. 13**

The Department of Public Works (Building & Roads) re-invites online bids for following:-

Sr. No.	Item	Quantity
1	New Construction Phular to Bholia Farm House, Kandila to Kazampur and Qadiani Harchowal road to Basrawan in District Gurdaspur under NABARD-XXV Scheme. App. Cost:- Rs. 104.92 Lacs Earnest Money:- Rs. 2.10 Lacs Time Limit:- Six Months Tender Fee Rs. 1000/-	1

Closing dated & Time:- 04.11.2020 up to 5.00 P.M.

For Details logon to:- <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

Note:- Any corrigendum(s) to the Tender Notice shall be published on the above website only.

Sd/- (Er. Rajiv Kumar)
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**Government of Punjab
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**

Website: <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in/>

E-Tendering Notice No. 06/Abohar Canal Division/2020-21

Dated 21.10.2020

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE

Secure online submission of tenders

E-Tenders on work order basis for 59 No. works of Internal clearance of Distributaries and Minor are hereby invited on behalf of the Governor of Punjab through our website: <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from approved and eligible L&C Societies registered with PWD (B&R) Department Punjab (Principal Deptt.) as per details given below:

Bidding Process

Sale of Bid document from : 21.10.2020 16:00 Hrs.

End of sale and Close of submission of bid documents : 27.10.2020 16:00 Hrs.

Opening of Technical bid : 28.10.2020 10:00 Hrs.

Opening of Financial bid : 28.10.2020 15:30 Hrs.

Cost of tender Documents : Rs. 2000/-

1. For any clarification regarding e-tendering process please contact E-tendering helpline 0172-393466, 2791226, 01634-220417, 9779322888
2. All other details/instructions can be seen in the bidding document uploaded on <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>
3. Corrigendum, if any, will be given on above website and will not be advertised in newspapers. All prospective bidders are requested to frequently visit the above website.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Abohar Canal Division
C.C. Abohar.

PRESS NOTICE ON SHORT TERM BASIS FOR E-TENDERING

The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division No. II, Kullu at Bhunter invites offline tenders on short time basis on behalf of Government or Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following works:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	EMD Cost of Tender	Time of Completion (months)	Cost of Form
01	A/R & M/O LIS Kalelli Bajaura in Tehsil Bhunter, Distt. Kullu, H.P. (SH:- Supply and erection of electrical and mechanical accessories)	222000	4440	One	250
02	Tapping addition source to LWSS Hat Bajaura in Tehsil Bhunter, Distt. Kullu, H.P. (SH:- C/o PCC wall behind storage tank at Hat from RD 0 to 4 mtr)	148125	2963	Three	250
03	A/R & M/O of Various Irrigation/Water Supply Scheme/Sewerage Scheme under IPH Sub Division Shamshi (SH:- Providing the printing various register forms, computer accessories and printers)	291500	5830	Three	250
04	Providing LIS Neot Nould in Tehsil Bhunter, Distt. Kullu, H.P. (SH:- C/o Boundary wall around the pump house complex & C/O M.S. gate)	348324	6966	Three	250
05	A/R & M/O to various energized hand pump under JSV Sub Division Shamshi in Tehsil Bhunter, Distt. Kullu, H.P. (SH:- Rewinding of submersible motors various bore well i.e. Bhutti Colony, PWD Rest Jaradhatti, Nag Mandir, IPH Complex Shamshi behind Indian Oil at Mohal & Pangi Colony at Shamshi etc.)	195500	3910	One	250

Last date sale of tender forms: 27.10.2020 up to 5:00 p.m. and opened on 28.10.2020 up to 12:30 p.m.

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

(Er. Ravinder Kumar Sharma)
Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti Division No. II, Kullu at Bhunter.

HIM SUCHNA AVAM JAN SAMPAK

DPR/HP/3867

PRESS NOTICE ON SHORT TERM BASIS FOR E-TENDERING

The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division No. II, Kullu at Bhunter invites offline tenders on short time basis on behalf of Government or Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following works:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	EMD Cost of Tender	Time of Completion (months)	Cost of Form
01	Providing for WSS to village Shansher in CV in Tehsil Banjar, Distt. Kullu, H.P. (SH:- C/o RCC Breast wall in CC 1:1.5:3 to protect the filter bed)	288925	5779	Three	250
02	C/o Improvement of WSS Shakti Maroud of Gada in Tehsil Banjar, Distt. Kullu, H.P. (SH:- Replacement, Laying jointing & testing of G.I. pipes 20 mm dia = 2200 mt) under Head BASP	245652	4913	Two	250
03	C/o Improvement of WSS Shakti Maroud of Gada in Tehsil Banjar, Distt. Kullu, H.P. (SH:- Replacement, Laying jointing & testing of G.I. pipes 15 mm dia = 1000 mt & 20 mm dia = 1280 mt) under Head BASP	210368	4207	Two	250
04	A/R & M/O Sewerage Scheme Bhunter Town (SH:- Providing, installation and fixing of electric motor 12.50 HP and reduction gear box along with drive unit)	370500	7410	One	250
05	C/o sound Hathithan in Tehsil Bhunter, Distt. Kullu, H.P. (SH:- Providing and fixing of chain pulley 3.00 tonne capacity) Phase-Ist	179100	3582	One	250
06	A/R & M/O Sewerage Scheme Bhunter (SH:- Providing, installation and fixing of electric motor 12.50 HP and reduction gear box along with drive unit)	375000	7500	One	250
07	Providing Har Ghari Na Sejal of WSS Badah Shilharjiri Bhalug & Bahl LWSS Badah, WSS Kamand, WSS Khalogi & WSS Pachali Burgan & Biyachak in G.P. Bahl & Kharhar in Tehsil Bhunter, Distt. Kullu, H.P. (SH:- Providing house connection to each house & L/J of G.I. pipes) Job-5	134649	2692	One	250

Last date sale of tender forms: 27.10.2020 up to 5:00 P.M. and opened on 28.10.2020 up to 12:30 P.M.

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

(Er. Ravinder Kumar Sharma)
Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti Division No. II, Kullu at Bhunter.

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DPR/HP/3871

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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, NAYA GAON (S.A.S. NAGAR)
ਦਾਤਕ ਮਿਉਨਿਸਪਲ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਨਵਾਂ ਗਾਂਡੀ (ਐਸ ਏ ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ)
GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB ਮਿਤੀ: 20.10.2020
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, NAYA GAON
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
E-tender No. 1198/MC Naya Gaon/2020/ Dated 20.10.2020
Department Inviting Tender:- Municipal Council, Naya Gaon.
Name of work:- Development work Amounting Rs. 228.34 Lacs
Cost of work/Earnest Money: Separates for each work
Date of opening of bid:- 03.11.2020
For detailed terms and conditions of the tender please see <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> and Helpline No.: 0172-2791226, 2791326.
Corrigendum, if any, will be issued on website only.
Sd/- Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Naya Gaon.
DPR/Pb/93000

Punjab Health Systems Corporation
INVITATION OF BIDS
Tender reference No. Bid No. 28 e-tender/PHSC/EE (W)/2020-21
Dated: - 20.10.2020
The Department of Punjab Health Systems Corporation, Mohali Invites online bids for Providing and Installation of Medical Gas Pipe Line System at 20 bedded MCH at Goniana District Bathinda.
Closing Date:- 28.10.2020 up to 17.00 Hrs.
For Details Logon to: www.eproc.punjab.gov.in
Note:- Any Corrigendum(s) to the tender notice shall be published on the above website only.
Sd/- Executive Engineer (W),
For Managing Director
DPR/Pb/92805

HP JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG
NOTICE FOR E-QUOTATION
The Member Secretary, DWMS-cum-Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Solan invites notice for quotation on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh for the following work through e-tendering process:
Sr. No. **Name of Work** **Last date of filing/uploading the tender through e-tendering up to**
1. Designing, Manufacturing, Testing and Providing of MULTI PARAMETER WATER QUALITY FIELD TEST KITS and BACTERIOLOGICAL/H2S VIALS under Water Quality Component of Jal Jeevan Mission for the year 2020-21.
The bid forms and other detailed can be obtained from website <http://htptenders.gov.in>
Member Secretary, DWMS-cum-Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Solan.
HIM SUCHNA AVAM JANSAMPARK

**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
PWD B&R BRANCH**
NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS
TENDER NOTICE NO. 15
On behalf of Governor of Punjab Executive Engineer, Construction Division, PWD B&R, Batala invites bids from eligible bidders enlisted under "All Road Works" category with PWD (B&R) for the works approved under Special Repair of Link Roads Program 2020-21 (Phase-III) falling under his jurisdictions detailed in the following table. The bidders may submit bids for any one of the following work(s):
Sr. No. **Name of MC** **Group Nos. whose tenders being called** **Total No. of groups** **Availability of tender online from** **Last date and time of submission of tender online**

Sr. No.	Name of MC	Group Nos. whose tenders being called	Total No. of groups	Availability of tender online from	Last date and time of submission of tender online
1	Kahnwan	1 to 6	6	21.10.2020 to 04.11.2020 11 A.M.	04.11.2020 – 5:00 PM
2	Qadian	1 to 5	5	21.10.2020 to 04.11.2020	04.11.2020 – 5:00 PM
3	Shri Har Gobindpur	1 to 6	6	21.10.2020 to 04.11.2020	04.11.2020 – 5:00 PM

*For detailed terms and conditions refer to website <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

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PUNJAB WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD
NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS
BID NO. E-TENDER/PWSS/HOSHIARPUR/EE/2020/42 of 2020 Date 20.10.2020 <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>
On behalf of the Chief Executive Officer, PWSSB, Chandigarh, The Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Division, Hoshiarpur re-invite bids due to Non-submission of bids from the eligible bidders for the work detailed below:-
Sr. No. **Name of the Work** **Earnest Money** **Cost of document/ Tender Processing Fee** **Period of Comp- lection** **Approx. Value of the Work**

Sr. No.	Name of the Work	Earnest Money	Cost of document/ Tender Processing Fee	Period of Comp- lection	Approx. Value of the Work
1.	Construction of STP 3.00 MLD at Rahan Town	Rs. 7.00 Lac	Rs. 1000/- + Tender Processing Fees	Nine Months	Lump Sum
2.	Construction of STP 3.00 MLD at Garhshankar Town	Rs. 7.00 Lac	Rs. 1000/- + Tender Processing Fees	Nine Months	Lump Sum

2. Important dates are as under:

i) Period of availability of tender online shall be : from 20.10.2020 to 28.10.2020 up to 4.30 p.m.

ii) Last date & time for online submission of bid : 28.10.2020 up to 4.30 p.m.

BRIEFLY

NEW DELHI

Action to begin at SAI centres from November 1

Sporting activities will resume at the SAI facilities across the country from November 1, keeping in mind next year's Tokyo Olympics and paralympics, Sports Authority of India said. SAI also decided to make travel arrangements for the trainees to return to their respective training centres amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

MUNICH

Bayern forward Gnabry tests positive for Covid

Bayern Munich forward Serge Gnabry has tested positive for the coronavirus. He is Bayern's first player to test positive for Covid-19. AGENCIES

TODAY ON TV

IPL
RAJASTHAN VS HYDERABAD
STAR SPORTS 7:30PM
UEFA EUROPA LEAGUE
RAPID VS ARSENAL 10:25PM
TOTTENHAM VS LASK
00:30AM (FRIDAY)
SONY TEN, SONY SIX

Punjab back from the brink

3 wins, rising form make KXIP dream of knockout stage

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

Two Kings XI Punjab batsmen are among the top-3 run-scorers in the ongoing IPL — KL Rahul (540) and Mayank Agarwal (398) are No. 1 and No. 3 in the charts. Yet, the team got full points from only one of its first seven matches and was tottering on the brink of elimination. However, three wins in a row — one via two Super Overs — have enlivened the hopes of the KXIP faithful. Rahul has continued to score, and Agarwal had a good knock in one of the three wins. However, the others have started to pull their weight as well, and that is proving important.

After being kept out of the initial part, Gayle has made important contributions in the three wins with knocks of 53, 24 and 29 — a total of 106



Glenn Maxwell has scored 1, 5, 13*, 11, 11*, 7, 10*, 0 and 32 so far this season. PTI

runs from 79 balls at an average of 35.33. Nicholas Pooran has been consistent, with 295 runs from 10 innings, but his earlier knocks went futile and only yesterday against Delhi Capitals did he play a match-winning innings, 53 off 28 balls. Significantly, yesterday's win was scored with negligible contributions from Rahul (15) and Agarwal (5). A heartening feature of the win was Glenn Maxwell returning to some sort of form — his 32 off 24 balls at No. 5 was his

Beating top teams

KXIP have beaten the three top teams — Royal Challengers Bangalore, Mumbai Indians and Delhi Capitals — in their last three matches, and this boosts their confidence. "Hopefully, we can build from here and learn from our mistakes, go forward with more confidence," KL Rahul said. "If all of that comes together every game, I will be sitting here with a big smile."

highest score in nine innings.

Max factor

Maxwell is a destructive batsman but had been below-par in recent times — his previous eight innings had earned him 1, 5, 13*, 11, 11*, 7, 10*, and 0 runs. His return to form is a good omen for KXIP.

Maxwell has been facing criticism and his performance under pressure made skipper Rahul very happy. He said backing Maxwell was important. "It's important for the team and individual as well... It's important that

the team backs its match-winners. We know what Maxwell can do. When he comes good, he gives a lot of solidity to the team. He balances it out and is a great team man," Rahul said. "To have Maxi in form is a great thing and it has eased his nerves as well. He has played a lot of cricket for a long time and he knew what he needed to do," he added.

Shami on song

Mohammed Shami has been an important factor in the three wins, and his yorkers in the first Super Over against Mumbai Indians earned him a great deal of praise. Shami has taken 16 wickets in 10 matches so far. Rahul said this year, Shami has greater clarity about his role in the team. "We all know that what Shami can do on a given day. He has been doing that for many years now. I think this year, there is a lot more clarity and he has put his hand up as a senior bowler," Rahul said. — TNS, agencies

SIRAJ SINKS KKR

AU DHABI: Pacer Mohammed Siraj's fiery opening spell set up Royal Challengers Bangalore's eight-wicket win over Kolkata Knight Riders. Siraj became the first bowler in IPL to bowl two wicket-maiden overs.

Brief scores: KKR: 84/8 (Siraj 3/8, Chahal 2/15);

RCB: 85 (Padikkal 25). PTI

IPL STANDINGS

Team	P	W	L	Pts
Delhi	10	7	3	14
Bangalore	10	7	3	14
Mumbai	9	6	3	12
Kolkata	10	5	5	10
Punjab	10	4	6	8
Rajasthan	10	4	6	8
Hyderabad	9	3	6	6
Chennai	10	3	7	6

*Read under Team, Played, Won, Lost, Points

United win again at PSG; Messi scores in Barca's win

PARIS, OCTOBER 21

Manchester United got their Champions League campaign underway in emphatic style when Marcus Rashford's late goal earned them a 2-1 victory at Paris St Germain on Tuesday, handing the French champions their first group-stage home defeat in 16 years. Rashford netted three minutes from time, 18 months after scoring the decisive goal in a 3-1 win at PSG that sent United into the quarterfinals after a 2-0 first-leg home defeat.

Lionel Messi became the first player to score in 16 consecutive Champions League seasons as he guided 10-man

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

- Barcelona bt Ferencvaros 5-1
- Man United bt Paris SG 2-1
- Juventus bt Kyiv 2-0
- Chelsea dr Sevilla 0-0
- Lazio bt Dortmund 3-1
- Leipzig bt Istanbul 2-0
- Rennes dr Krasnodar 1-1
- Brugge bt Zenit 2-1

Barcelona to a 5-1 victory over Hungarian side Ferencvaros in their Group G opener at the Camp Nou.

Messi netted from the penalty spot in the first half for his 116th career goal in the competition. — Reuters

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No. 117/S/Auction Programme/Sale/2020-21

Date: 21.10.2020

Corrigendum in Auction Program of Northern Railway

Following extra/amended dates of the auction program for the month of October, November 2020 will be as under:

SNo.	Depots	Existing	Extra/amended date for e-auction
1.	DY.CMM/JUDW 01732-252388	--	30.10.2020
2.	DY.CMM/JUDW 01732-252388	02.11.2020	28.11.2020

All other auction dates advised earlier will remain same. For further details regarding e-auction please visit Railway website 'www.reps.gov.in'.

(Amir Chand)

Dy. CMM/Sig

For Principal Chief Materials Manager

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Organising Vendor Meet to Ensure Transparency in Supply Chain

Northern Railway Organises Vendor Meet on Digital Platform

Date 29.10.2020 Time 11.00 AM to 01.30 PM

- Focus of this Vendor Meet is to appraise the Vendors with the recent policy changes in the domain of Public Procurement and new opportunities available to the vendors.
- Representatives from all the stakeholders from Railway side, like Purchaser, RDSO, RITES, CRIS and Paying Authority will be available during this Vendor meet to address the concern of the participants from Industry.

All existing and prospective Vendors are cordially invited to attend the Vendor Meet and avail this opportunity. For further details, please visit the website www.reps.gov.in



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Govt making borders 'impregnable': Shah

Security forces to be modernised for new challenges



Union Home Minister Amit Shah lays a wreath at the Police Memorial on the occasion of Police Commemoration Day in New Delhi on Wednesday. PTI

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

Union Home Minister Amit Shah today said the government was working on a comprehensive modernisation programme to prepare the country's police and paramilitary forces for newer challenges in terrorism, cyber crime and border security.

Shah laid a wreath at the National Police Memorial in Chanakyapuri to pay homage to the slain policemen and addressed a joint column of police and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) on the occasion of Police Commemoration Day.

The day is observed to pay homage to 10 policemen (of the CRPF) killed in an ambush by Chinese troops in 1959 in Ladakh's Hot Spring area. Armies of both countries are currently locked in a military standoff in the Ladakh area.

"The work of police is wit-

nessing new challenges and dimensions in the areas of terrorism, fake currency, narcotics control, cyber crime, arms smuggling and human trafficking. It is a challenge to prepare the police forces for the new dimensions that have emerged in the last two-three decades," the minister said.

"I am hopeful that in the

Farm unions to take stir beyond Punjab borders

FROM PAGE 1
Ekta Ugrahan), at a marathon meeting here today, decided to allow the goods trains to run. The farmers will shift their protest from the rail tracks to railway stations. While the passenger trains will be stopped, the good trains will be allowed to go.

Punjab needs to free up space in godowns for paddy this season

"We will ensure that no passenger train leaves station. Since we do not want Punjab's economy to be hit any further, we have decided to allow the movement of goods trains," explained Jagmohan Singh, general

Khadse quits BJP for NCP

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21
Maharashtra BJP today suffered a setback with ex-minister Eknath Khadse

secretary, Bharatiya Kisan Union (Dakaunda).

GM Singh, Divisional Manager, Railways, Ambala, said the goods trains would start moving only after they received clearance from the Government Railway Police.

While the industry in Punjab is estimated to have suffered a loss of Rs 40,000 crore since September 24 when "rail roko" was launched, foodgrain stocks procured in the past two years need to be transported from Punjab to the recipient states immediately to free up space in godowns for the 170 lakh tonnes of paddy that is to be procured this season.

Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh, who had appealed to the farmers to allow the trains to run, today thanked the unions for accepting his request. —TNS

SC to see if education centres fall under consumer Act

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

Do educational institutions and universities come under the preview of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986? The Supreme Court has decided to examine the issue in view of divergent verdicts delivered by it. Admitting an appeal arising out of a judgment of the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, a three-judge Bench headed by Justice DY Chandrachud issued notice in the case.

The petitioners had accused Vinayaka Mission University of enrolling them in a non-recognised course, but the commission was of the view that imparting education wasn't a service, forcing them to move the SC. —TNS

Chirag angle adds to complexity in Bihar

VIBHA SHARMA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

Bihar's battle of ballot is getting curioser with each passing day. While the joint rallies by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar are expected to give a clear picture of the relationship the two parties (the BJP and the JD-U) share, the LJP president, Chirag Paswan, has once again thrown a spanner in the game plan, with attempts being made by the BJP to present a picture-perfect NDA alliance.

Chirag, who today launched his party's 'Bihar first, Bihari



PM's address to be live-streamed in WB poll booths today

first' vision document, said he would continue to support the Prime Minister dismissing categorically any possibility of the LJP allying with the RJD-Congress, 'Mahagathbandhan', putting to rest one of the post-poll combinations doing rounds in Bihar.

The LJP chief has also predicted that the days of Nitish Kumar, the NDA's CM face, are over. "I am the son of a 'mausam visheshgaya' (weather expert). I can tell you this is his (Nitish Kumar's) last tenure as the CM," Chirag said.

Political observers, who continue to predict a tough fight, also talk of massive crowds at rallies of RJD's Tejashwi Yadav, who is the 'Mahagat-

ASSEMBLY SEATS	1ST PHASE	2ND PHASE	3RD PHASE	RESULTS
243	Oct 28	Nov 3	Nov 7	Nov 10



Supporters look on as RJD leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav arrives for a rally in a helicopter at Masauni in Patna district on Wednesday. PTI

bandhan's CM face. This should be a cause of worry for NDA leaders, they say. Meanwhile, apart from the possibility of Chirag joining hands with Tejashwi, Rajesh Ranjan or Pappu Yadav, the president of the Jan Adhikar Party-Loktantrik, the CM face of the Progressive Democratic Alliance, is also being dubbed as a potential "kingmaker" in the difficult post-poll scenario".

The BJP, sources say, is leaving no stone unturned to win the elections with party president JP Nadda and state in charge Bhupendra Yadav making these elections almost a prestige issue. Party leaders, who dismiss any 'Chirag angle' in the BJP story, also question if the leadership will put in efforts, including on seats the saffron party is not even fighting, if at all it wants to finish Nitish Kumar.

FOLLOW COVID NORMS, EC TELLS PARTIES

- The Election Commission on Wednesday advised political parties to follow Covid-19 norms during poll campaigning.
- Penal action will be taken against candidates violating the norms.
- Taking note of the "violation" of social distancing norms during campaigning in Bihar, the Election Commission has advised the political parties to demonstrate utmost vigil and care during electioneering.
- Non-compliance of instructions during public interface will attract actions as per provisions of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the EC warned.

CHIRAG UNVEILS LJP'S VISION DOCUMENT



LJP president Chirag Paswan with state president and MP Prince Kumar releases party manifesto in Patna. PTI

■ Continuing with his tirade against Nitish Kumar, the LJP president charged the Chief Minister with having "anti-youth" thinking and promoting casteism and communalism on the basis of which "development can't be imagined."

Cong promises jobs, free education to girls

ADITI TANDON
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

The Congress today unveiled its Bihar poll manifesto promising loan waivers and subsidised power for farmers, 10 lakh jobs for youth, direct jobs for medal winning sports persons, religious tourism circuits, and repeal of Central farm laws among a host of things.

The party's "Badlaav Patra" (transformation paper) pledges to waive farm loans and offer 50 per cent subsidy on power bills up to 100 units to farmers.

AICC Bihar in charge Shakunti Gohil today said the party would repeal the Central farm laws on the lines of Punjab if voted to power and also put money in the accounts of farmers with less than 2-acre land.

The Congress "document for change" packs regional punches promising to make Maithili mandatory in schools, setting



AICC general secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala (second from left) releases manifesto in Patna on Wednesday. PTI

up facilitation centres for Bihar migrants across the states where they work and developing circuits to celebrate the life of Mata Sita.

The manifesto features 12 main schemes which Congress poll management head for Bihar Randeep Surjewala detailed today.

Among them are schemes promising Rs 1,000 pension for widows, single women and 80 plus older persons;

free education to girls from KG to PG; direct jobs to those winning medals in international sporting event; financial incentives to 50 top scorers in proposed sports aptitude tests at schools.

Cash gifts of Rs 21,000 each at weddings of girls and free 100-litre capacity water tanks to poor households feature among the promises made.

The Congress further pledged to develop religious

tourism circuits through schemes like Siyaram Tirthan Yojana, Bihar Devayala Yojana, Sufi Vikas Yojana and others to celebrate the life of Lord Buddha and Lord Mahavira.

Each scheme has been named after a national or a regional leader, among them Shri Babu (the first chief minister of Bihar); Babu Jagivan Ram, Sardar Patel, Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi, Karpuri Thakur and Savitri Bai Phule.

The manifesto was released in Patna today in the absence of state unit chief Madan Jha who, the party said, was busy with his upcoming MLC election.

The Congress is fighting on 70 seats this time, among them are 45 seats it has never won before. In 2015, the Congress had fought 41 seats in alliance with Nitish Kumar. It had won 27.

RAHUL TO ADDRESS RALLY TOMORROW

■ Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav will address a joint rally in Bihar on October 23.

■ The first such rally by Grand Alliance leaders is slated to be held at Hisa in Nawada district of Bihar to show the Mahagathbandhan unity and send out a message to the party cadres ahead of first phase of polling on October 28.

■ The rally also aims to send out a message to the Bihar voters that the Grand Alliance is well placed and also to unite cadre of all constituent parties of the alliance, a Congress leader said. IANS



India most consequential ally in Indo-Pacific: US

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

US Defense Secretary Mark Esper and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo are planning to visit New Delhi next week for the India-US two-plus-two meeting of Foreign and Defence Ministers. They will meet their counterparts Rajnath Singh and S Jaishankar during the visit.

The announcement was made by Esper at a US think tank on Tuesday.

"India will be the most consequential partner for us in the Indo-Pacific for sure. It's the world's largest democracy, a very capable country with very talented people... they face off Chinese aggression in the Himalayas every day," Esper said, speaking about the purpose of his visit.

With India's acquiescence

ADG-rank officer to head ITBP Eastern Command

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

After making operational the Western Command centre in Chandigarh, the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), which guards the LAC with China, has posted an officer of the rank of Additional Director-General to head its newly created Guwahati-based Eastern Command.

ADG Amrit Mohan Prasad, posted at the ITBP headquarters here, has been transferred and posted as ADG of the Eastern Command. The command office will manage ITBP battalions posted along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China in states like Arunachal, Sikkim and Assam with frontiers at Itanagar (northeast) and Lucknow (east) and sector offices at Likabali, Tezpur, Dibrugarh, Gauhati, among others.

The command in Assam's capital Guwahati will also supervise ITBP battalions deployed for anti-Naxal operations in Chhattisgarh. The mountain-warfare trained force had similarly posted an officer in the rank of Inspector-General in June to head its Western Command located in Chandigarh. —TNS

Bad air killed 1.16 lakh infants in India last yr

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

More than 1.16 lakh infants died in India in 2019 due to outdoor and household particulate matter (PM) pollution, according to the State of Global Air 2020 report.

The Pradhan Mantri Ujjawala Yojana Household LPG programme and other schemes have helped to dramatically expand access to clean energy, especially for rural households. More recently, the National Clean Air Programme has spurred action on major air pollution sources, says the global survey.

More than half of the deaths were associated with outdoor PM 2.5 and others were linked to the use of solid fuels, such as charcoal, wood, and animal dung, for cooking. Long-term exposure to outdoor and household air pollution contributed to over 1.67 million annual deaths from stroke, heart attack, diabetes, lung cancer, chronic lung diseases, and neonatal diseases in India in 2019. Overall, air pol-



MAY AGGRAVE COVID, SAYS REPORT

Although the link between air pollution and Covid-19 is not yet known, there is clear evidence to suggest that air pollution leads to heart and lung diseases, raising concern that exposure to high levels of air pollution during the winter in South Asian countries and East Asia could exacerbate the effects of Covid-19, according to the report.

lution is now the leading cause of death among health risks, says the study. The report highlights the ongoing challenge of high outdoor air pollution.

Delhi airport 2nd safest globally

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport in Delhi is the second safest aerodrome globally for effective implementation of Covid-related health and safety protocols, as per a survey conducted by Safe Travel Barometer, a industry-first rating initiative.

Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL), a GMR-led

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