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Premature military retirees may see pension cut

MoD proposes 'serve more, earn more' formula | Retirement age could be raised

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 4
In two path-breaking initiatives that would affect senior officers in the armed forces, the Department of Military Affairs has proposed to cut down the pension of those opting for premature retirement and hike the retirement age of certain categories by up to three years.

The pension cut issue has come under severe criticism



EXERCISE TO DOWNSIZE EXPENDITURE

- An officer with 20 to 25 years of service will get 50% of the entitled pension, which is half of the last pay drawn
- Those with 26 to 30 years will get 60% of the entitled pension
- It will be 75% for those with 30 to 35 years of service
- Only those whose tenure exceeds 35 years will get full pension

as the existing formula would get changed in a manner that could impact the financial prospects of those retiring in the future. A senior lawyer dealing with military law said,

"The DMA (Department of Military Affairs) has no locus standi to alter the existing formula and the decision would be challenged in court". The DMA, headed by Gen Bipin Rawat, is a newly created entity under the Ministry of Defence and is tasked for HR and coordination issues between the Army, Navy and the Air Force.

A letter sent out by the DMA office on October 29 says a draft of the government sanction letter is being readied by November 10 for review by Gen Rawat, the DMA Secretary and also the Chief of Defence Staff.

The letter proposes to increase the retirement age of Colonels, Brigadiers and Major Generals to 57, 58 and 59 years from 54, 56 and 58 years currently.

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Congress leader Navjot Sidhu greets CM Capt Amarinder Singh at a dharna in New Delhi.

Don't mess with livelihoods, resume trains: Capt to Centre

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'ECONOMIC BLOCKADE'

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 4
Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh today warned the Centre of repercussions on the national food security due to the suspension of goods trains and farmers' prolonged protest against the central Acts.

Leading a dharna of Punjab MLAs at Jantar Mantar here, Capt Amarinder urged Railway Minister Piyush Goyal to resume the train service. He assured him of security of wagons and claimed farmers had blocked railway lines to only two coal shutters.

He said he wanted to meet President Ram Nath Kovind (who declined the request) to apprise him of the ongoing

₹1,200 CR LOSS: RLYS

The agitation by farmers in Punjab continued at 32 points around Railways property, authorities claimed on Wednesday. They said the loss was expected to have crossed ₹1,200 crore.

situation in Punjab. "The state farm Bills were not on agenda. But I wonder why the Punjab Governor has not sent the Bills to the President," the CM said.

He asked how would the state survive without the supply of coal and agriculture inputs and lack of space to stock foodgrain?

"There will be protests if governments mess up with livelihoods and religion of people. If trouble erupts in Punjab where 75 per cent farmers are marginal, national security would be at stake," he said, asking the Centre to stop "stepmotherly treatment" towards the state. The CM also questioned the timing of ED and IT notices to him and his family.

No coal, Punjab faces power cuts up to 5 hrs

AMAN SOOD
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PATIALA, NOVEMBER 4

The Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL), which is facing coal shortage due to farmers' agitation, is imposing power cuts ranging from four to five hours in villages and one to two hours in cities. Criticising the PSPCL, former senior officials said, "Despite adequate power in the open market, the PSPCL is imposing outages."

Patiala, Ludhiana, Jalandhar, Sangrur and Amritsar cities faced power cuts on Wednesday morning.

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MPs to meet Union Home Minister Shah

GOODS TRAINS MAY BE BACK ON TRACK SOON

Chandigarh: With Punjab assuring the Railways unobstructed operations, goods trains in the state may be resumed shortly. While Capt Amarinder Singh spoke with Union Railway Minister Piyush Goyal in Delhi in this regard, a senior government functionary held talks with Railway Board officials. INSIDE

'Right to recall' Bill on agenda, applicable to panchayats, ZPs

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CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 4
To deal with "non-performers", the Haryana Government will table the "right to recall" Bill during the Assembly session, which resumes tomorrow after the last session was suspended in view of the rising Covid-19 cases.

Sources say the "right to recall" will be applicable to sarpanches and panchayat samiti and zila parishad members. As per the procedure, 50 per cent of the members of a ward must sign a draft to initiate the proceedings after which it has to be

HRY HOUSE SESSION

INLD PROPOSES BILLS TO GUARANTEE MSP

- INLD legislator Abhay Chautala has submitted three private member Bills on agriculture to the Speaker for tabling these in the Assembly
- The Bills propose punishment of not less than three years' imprisonment and fine for procurement below MSP

passed by the two-thirds majority. Following this, the sarpanch or the member will be removed.

The sources say the government will also table another Bill, which will grant 50 per cent reservation to women in the panchayat poll. The government is keen on passing the Bill before the next panchayat elections, which are due in February next year. The reservation will be done in wards on odd-even basis.

The Bill also proposes to give 8 per cent reservation to Backward Classes (A) category for the post of sarpanch.

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"The delay in adjudication is not only against human

rights, but also against the basic embodiment of dignity of an individual," it said, while deciding a matrimonial case from Maharashtra in which the maintenance of a wife and son under Section 125 of the CrPC had to be determined.

As courts adopt different judicial yardstick to grant interim maintenance and permanent alimony in mat-

rimonial cases, the SC also laid down guidelines to ensure uniformity in judicial practice in such matters.

The guidelines addressed issues of overlapping jurisdiction, interim maintenance, criteria for determining the quantum of maintenance, date from which maintenance is to be awarded and execution of orders of maintenance.



Apex court says warring spouses must disclose income, assets

WHITE HOUSE RACE DOWN TO THE WIRE

Trump to move SC over 'fraud', Biden ready for it

WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 4

The race for the White House between Donald Trump and his Democratic challenger Joe Biden was poised for a photo-finish, even as the incumbent Republican President on Wednesday claimed "fraud" in the counting of votes and said he would approach the Supreme Court to stop it.

With millions of votes still being counted and several swing states yet to declare results, both Trump and Biden say they are on course for victory in the 2020 presidential election, one of the most divisive and bitter in the American history.

Tuesday's election saw tight races in many key battleground states with Biden winning 224 electoral college votes and Trump closely behind with 213. The winner should have at least 270 votes of the 538-member electoral college.

Fox News, considered to be the favourite news network of the President, gave him

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OPTIMISTIC OF WIN



FRAUD ON NATION

It's not my place or Trump's to declare who's won. That's the decision of the people. I'm optimistic about the outcome. Joe Biden

This is a major fraud on our nation. We want law to be used in a proper manner. So we'll be going to the Supreme Court. Donald Trump

US-INDIANS RE-ELECTED

All 4 Indian-American Democratic lawmakers — Dr Ami Bera, Pramila Jayapal, Ro Khanna and Raja Krishnamoorthi — were re-elected to House of Representatives. TNS

CANDIDATE ELECTORAL VOTE* POPULAR VOTE
Donald Trump 213 48.4 pc
Joe Biden 238 50 pc

*PROJECTIONS BY FOX NEWS

Third wave in Delhi: Kejriwal

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 4

Terming the sudden spike in Covid-19 cases in Delhi as the "third wave" of the pandemic, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Wednesday assured the people that there was no need to panic as the AAP government was closely monitoring the situation.

Kejriwal said while there were adequate beds for patients in the city, there was a

shortage of ICU beds with ventilators in a few private hospitals which would be addressed in the next one or two days.

The Capital has been witnessing a fresh surge in Covid cases. On Tuesday, Delhi recorded over 6,000 fresh cases for the first time.

Meanwhile, with Covid-19 recoveries improving beyond 92 per cent of the

total cases across the country, active cases remained below six lakh for the sixth day and 16 states reported lower cases per million than the national average of 6,025.

HP with 3,077 cases per million and Punjab with 4,472 are among the 16 states showing improvements in checking new infections. — TNS/PTI

COVID-19 CASES INDIA
RECOVERED 76,56,478
COUNT 83,13,876
FRESH FATALITIES 514
TOTAL DEATHS 1,23,611

WORLD
TOTAL 4,81,62,722
RECOVERED 3,45,06,422
DEATHS 12,25,155

NEED TO BE CAUTIOUS: MIN
Health Minister Harsh Vardhan said the virus posed a potential threat during the winter and people must follow Covid-appropriate behaviour.



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SC lays down norms on alimony, ensures uniformity

SATYA PRAKASH
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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 4

The right to claim maintenance under all enactments, including those under Section 125 of the CrPC, must date back to filing of the application, the Supreme Court ruled on Wednesday.

"Financial constraints of a dependent spouse hamper their capacity to be effective-

ly represented before the court. In order to prevent a defendant from being reduced to destitution, it is necessary that maintenance is awarded from the date on which the application for maintenance is led before the court concerned," a Bench headed by Justice Indu Malhotra said.

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Chakka jam today, farmers to gherao houses of BJP leaders

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 4
Thirty farmer bodies, protesting against the Central farm laws, refused to succumb to any pressure today and decided to go ahead with their agitation tomorrow.

Farmers, who have received support from 200 other farm unions associated with the All-India Kisan Sangharsh Committee, will block all national highways between noon to 4 pm tomorrow.

In Punjab, they will block all state and national highways. A meeting of the 30 farmer unions of the state (barring BKU, Ekta Ugrahan and Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee) was held today and it was decided that goods trains would be allowed to run till November 20.

Earlier, they had allowed the passage of goods trains in the state till November 4, but the Ministry of Railways decided to suspend the train services.

The unions also decided to gherao businesses owned by corporate houses and residences of BJP leaders in Punjab, said Jagmohan Singh, general secretary, BKU (Dakaunda).

Meanwhile, a delegation of the Punjab Government, including minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa and Political Adviser to CM Capt Sandeep Sandhu, met representatives of 30 unions along with the BKU (Ekta Ugrahan) on Wednesday

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They are learnt to have explained to the unions how the urea, DAP and potash shortage was being created for wheat crop to be sown and how the shortage of gunny bags for storing paddy and the custom milled rice, besides the shortage of coal for the power plants, would hit the state hard. But the unions have refused to relent.

It has been 35 days since the statewide protests were launched by the farmers. They have now



Farmers block a railway track during a protest against the agricultural laws in Amritsar. PTI

200 GROUPS LEND SUPPORT

Farmers, who have received support from 200 other farmer unions associated with the All-India Kisan Sangharsh Committee, will block all national highways between 12 noon to 4 pm on Thursday

GOVT DELEGATION MEETS UNIONS

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said that they will sit along tracks and railway stations so that the movement of trains is not affected.

But the unions refused to let passenger trains operate till their demands were met. The Railways claims it has suffered a loss of Rs 1,200 crore. Dharnas are continuing at 32 places on the Railways property in the state. As many as 1,350 passenger trains have also been cancelled to date.

Protesting farmerdies in Mogavillage

Tribune News Service

MOGA, NOVEMBER 4
A 47-year-old farmer sitting on a protest against the agricultural laws at the toll plaza in Chand Purana village of the district reportedly died due to a cardiac arrest today.

Jagroop Singh, a resident of Demru Kalan village in Baghupurana subdivision, was sitting on the protest along with his wife for the past many days.

Yesterday, after addressing a gathering of farmers on the protest site, he started feeling uneasy. Realising that his health condition was worsening, he rushed to the Medicity Hospital in Moga city. He died while under treatment on the intervening night of November 3 and 4, police officials said. — TNS

CM indulging in theatrics: AAP



AAP leaders protest in Chandigarh on Wednesday. RAVI KUMAR

mentation of the Central farm laws in the state.

State youth wing president and MLA Meet Hayer said the Capt Amarinder Singh government had totally failed in handling the issues faced by the people of Punjab, especially the farmers, and that he should also take up the issue of resumption of the freight trains to Punjab, which were suspended by the Centre.

Amarinder was serious about the issues and concerns of farmers, he should immediately hold talks with the farm organisations and assure them of procuring their crops on MSP, adding that he should also take up the issue of resumption of the freight trains to Punjab, which were suspended by the Centre.

Goods trains may be back on track

RAJMEET SINGH

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 4
The agenda for tomorrow's meeting of Congress MPs with Railway Minister Piyush Goyal has been set. This development comes after a talk between the Railways Minister and Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh, said sources. There is strong possibility of deadlock over goods train movement in the state ending soon.

The state government has assured the Railways unobstructed operations in the state to ease out the state's

Govt promises smooth movement to Centre

power crisis and critical essential supplies situation. The Railways had sought assurance from the state government in this regard due to ongoing farmer's agitation before it starts the movement of goods trains.

The state government has stated that most of the tracks had been cleared barring one place in Beas, Amritsar. Though the railway property is under the Railway Protec-

tion Force (RPF), the help of the state police could be sought if required. After returning from the relay fast at Jantar Mantar, Delhi, Amarinder talked with Goyal. He sought the restart of goods trains at the earliest. A senior government functionary also talked to railway board officials. "You can call it an impact of today's dharna or the BJP leadership understanding the gravity of the situation," said a senior party leader. Meanwhile, sources said a meeting between the Home Minister and the MPs had been scheduled in the coming days.

Court rejects SIT's plea against giving documents to accused

FARIDKOT, NOVEMBER 4

Days after an accused in the Behbal Kalan police firing case used in his defence information procured from supplementary challan against a co-accused, the Special Investigation Team (SIT) of the Punjab Police approached a local court opposing providing the document's copy to him. The SIT opposed the supplying of the document's copy on the ground that challan was yet to be filed against the accused. The court clarified that no copy of challan was supplied to the accused who had not been challaned as yet. — TNS

BEHBAL KALAN CASE

on the behalf of the SIT demanded the court that prior notice be issued to the prosecution agency while deciding any application moved by the accused or any person in the case to get the copy of any document from the court, the latter rejected this demand of the prosecution, saying there is not such legal provision. The court clarified that no copy of challan was supplied to the accused who had not been challanned as yet.

Awaiting justice



The kin of victims of the 1984 riots raise slogans in Amritsar on Wednesday. Protesting under the banner of the 1984 Sikh Khalsa Welfare Society, they said the state government should pass a resolution in the Vidhan Sabha seeking punishment for the perpetrators. VISHAL KUMAR

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It is notified for the information of all concerned that Railways have decided to Cancel / Partially Cancel / Short Terminate/Short Originate/Reschedule/ Divert following Passengers Special Trains / Festival Special Trains/Parcel Express Trains in view of the Kisan Agitation at Punjab:-

CANCELLATION OF MAIL / EXPRESS TRAINS

Train No. & Name	Date of cancellation (from the Originating Station)
02425/02426 New Delhi-Jammu Tawi-New Delhi Rajdhani Special	Upto 05.11.2020
02054/02053 Amritsar-Hardwar-Amritsar Janshatabdi Express	05.11.2020 & 06.11.2020
22439/22440 New Delhi-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-New Delhi Vande Bharat Exp.	Upto 05.11.2020
02462 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-New Delhi Express	Upto 05.11.2020
02461 New Delhi-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express	05.11.2020 & 06.11.2020
02011/02012 New Delhi-Kalka-New Delhi Shatabdi Express	Upto 05.11.2020

CANCELLATION OF FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS

Train No. & Name	Date of cancellation (from the Originating Station)
02422 Jammu Tawi-Ajmer Express	Upto 05.11.2020
02421 Ajmer-Jammu Tawi Express	Upto 06.11.2020
02231 Lucknow - Chandigarh Express	Upto 05.11.2020
02232 Chandigarh-Lucknow Express	Upto 06.11.2020
04888 Barmer - Rishikesh Express	Upto 05.11.2020
04887 Rishikesh - Barmer Express	Upto 06.11.2020
04519 Delhi Jn.-Bathinda Express	Upto 07.11.2020
04520 Bathinda-Delhi Jn. Express	Upto 08.11.2020
02471/02472 Shri Ganganagar - Delhi Jn. - Shri Ganganagar Express	05.11.2020 & 06.11.2020
04401 New Delhi-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express	Upto 05.11.2020
04402 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-New Delhi Express	Upto 06.11.2020
04924 Chandigarh-Gorakhpur Express	Upto 05.11.2020
04923 Gorakhpur-Chandigarh Express	Upto 06.11.2020
03256 Chandigarh-Patliputra Express	Upto 05.11.2020
09612/09611 Amritsar-Ajmer-Amritsar Express	Upto 05.11.2020
09614 Amritsar-Ajmer Express	Upto 06.11.2020
02332 Jammu Tawi-Howrah Festival Special	Upto 05.11.2020

PARTIAL CANCELLATION OF SPECIAL TRAINS

Train No. & Name	Short Terminate at/ Short originate from	Partially Cancelled between Stations	Date of cancellation (from the Originating Station)
02903 Golden Temple Mail	at Ambala Cantt.	Ambala Cantt.-Amritsar	04.11.2020
02904 Golden Temple Mail	from Ambala Cantt.	Amritsar-Ambala Cantt.	05.11.2020
02925 Bandra Terminus-Amritsar Special Express	at Ambala Cantt.	Ambala Cantt.-Amritsar	04.11.2020
02926 Amritsar-Bandra Terminus Special Exp.	from Ambala Cantt.	Amritsar-Ambala Cantt.	06.11.2020
02715 Sachkhand Express	at New Delhi	New Delhi-Amritsar	04.11.2020
02716 Sachkhand Express	from New Delhi	Amritsar-New Delhi	06.11.2020
03307 Dhanbad-Firozpur Exp.	at Ambala Cantt.	Ambala Cantt.-Firozpur	04.11.2020
03308 Firozpur-Dhanbad Exp.	from Ambala Cantt.	Firozpur-Ambala Cantt.	06.11.2020

PARTIAL CANCELLATION OF PARCEL SPECIAL TRAIN

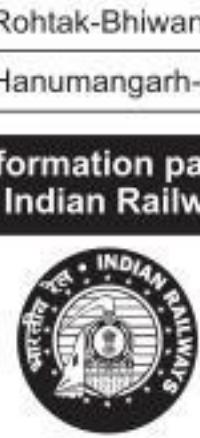
Train No. & Name	Short Terminate at/ Short originate from	Partially Cancelled between Stations	Date of cancellation (from the Originating Station)
00464 Amritsar-Howrah	From Dehli	Amritsar-Dehli	06.11.2020

DIVERSION OF SPECIAL TRAINS

Train No. & Name	Diverted Via	Date (from the Originating Station)
05909 Dibrugarh-Lalgarh Spl.	Rohitk-Bhawan-Hisar-Hanumangarh	03.11.2020
05910 Lalgarh-Dibrugarh Spl.	Hanumangarh-Hisar-Bhawan-Rohitk	05.11.2020

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Cops not raiding probable hideouts of accused: HC

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 4

The police visit only the residence or the workplace of the accused and not the places where he can be found, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has asserted. An affidavit claiming that the Phagwara police could not arrest accused in a case as it was infected with Covid-19 has also failed to find favour with the Bench.

The rap for apparently carrying out a far-from-satisfactory probe came after the Bench was told the police had gone to the house and the workplace of the accused. But arrest could not be carried out as he was not found at those places. Taking up the matter, Justice Harsimran Singh Sethi asserted the allegations were very serious. The court was surprised at the reasons mentioned in the affidavit filed by the Phagwara Deputy Superintendent of Police for not taking action.

"From the pleadings and arguments of the state counsel, it comes out that the police, in order to arrest an accused, only visit the residence or the workplace of the accused and

Over 30,000 farm fires, air quality worsens

AMAN SOOD
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PATIALA, NOVEMBER 4
The state's air quality touched a new low in many districts of the state following many farm fire cases in the paddy heartlands of Malwa belt.

People complained of uneasiness in breathing in several parts. Smoggy conditions prevailed in many parts of the state on Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning.

At one point of time on Wednesday morning, Patiala recorded "very poor" air quality at 326 while, at the same time, Delhi air quality was 325.

With over 30,000 farm fires in Punjab, the air quality has taken a hit across the state. "I was travelling home in my car with my family after a function and could not see anything on the road at around 10.30 am," said Ludhiana resident Naresh Handa.

Similar views were expressed by residents in Patiala, Malerkotla, Khanna and Mandi Gobindgarh. "There was unease in breathing inside the house too. Despite air purifier in my room, it was tough," said Malerkotla resident Waseem Anwar Khan.

Even as Punjab claims not to be solely responsible for Delhi's poor air quality, the situation in Patiala, Ludhiana and Mandi Gobindgarh districts is almost similar to that in Delhi. The air quality in these districts is ranging from "moderate" to "poor" with more deterioration likely



The period between Oct 15 and Nov 15 is considered critical.

PATIALA AQI WORSE THAN DELHI

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AQI OF PUNJAB MODERATE: PPCB CHAIRMAN

On Monday, PPCB Chairman AS Marwaha had said that rather than pointing to Punjab for pollution in the national capital, the Delhi authorities should check for internal sources of pollution.

He said in case, stubble fires would have been the major reason for poor air, the air in Punjab would have shown similar trends. However, the AQI of Punjab is generally in the moderate range.

in the coming days.

The comparative data of the air quality recorded till Tuesday evening shows that Punjab's average AQI was 255 with Patiala worst with 283, Amritsar 239, Ludhiana and Mandi Gobindgarh at 239 each, Jalandhar at 274 and Khanna at 248.

While a reading of 0-50 is considered good, 51-100 satisfactory, 101-200 moderate, 201-300 poor, 301-400 very poor and 401-500 is severe.

With much of the Malwa belt yet to go full throttle on stubble burning, the sit-

Officials yet to step up drive against food adulteration

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

BATHINDA, NOVEMBER 4

The festive season has set in, but the Health Department is yet to intensify its drive against food adulteration here.

It is learnt that after the suspension of District Health Officer (DHO) Dr Ramesh Maheshwari a few months ago, the post has been lying vacant.

Navdeep Singh, food inspector, said: "We can't take samples of sweets and other edible items on our own as we don't have the DHO here. We can only carry out checks and collected nine samples last week."

Selling adulterated sweets and other items is a common practice during the festive season. A member of a city-based NGO said: "During festivals, adulteration is rampant. Despite the Food Safety and Standards

Punjab tops in processed food adulteration

Act-2006 in place, nothing seems to have changed on the next week. The period between October 15 and November 15 is considered critical as most farmers harvest their paddy crop during this period.

Interestingly, the Malwa belt, comprising Patiala, Sangrur and Mansa districts, is yet burn leftover crop stubble as crop harvesting is still under way there. Clearly, the state is in for some really tough days ahead, said Agriculture Department officials.

Health workers to be posted back in rural areas

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COVID CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS	DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Ludhiana	20,510	843	Moga	2,483	81
Jalandhar	15,386	473	Fatehgarh Sahib	2,177	102
Amritsar	11,959	460	Tarn Taran	2,013	90
Patiala	12,924	382	Kapurthala	4,107	168
Sangrur	3,969	168	Fazilka	3,134	51
SAS Nagar	12,580	238	SBS Nagar	1,935	65
Gurdaspur	6,300	200	Faridkot	3,273	58
Bathinda	7,288	152	Barnala	2,082	52
Hoshiarpur	6,300	215	Ropar	2,505	119
Ferozepur	4,236	126	Muktsar	3,071	65
Pathankot	4,494	115	Mansa	1,952	36
Total	135,313	4,259			

In March, the state had deputed more than 1,600 community

health officers (CHOs) for Covid-related works, especial-

ly for the collection of samples. Following engagement of CHO in Covid work, the services in the rural areas had crippled. So the government has decided to make them join back at the centres. As per a communication sent to all civil surgeons on Tuesday, though the Covid duties assigned to the health officers remain important, it had been observed that the performance of HWCs was going down in terms of footfall and daily reporting.

Tele-consultations had also shown a downward trend during the past month.

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AMRITSAR, NOVEMBER 4 A local court has sentenced two persons to 10-year imprisonment under the Arms Act and the Explosives Act.

It, however, acquitted the duo — Maan Singh Nihang and Sher Singh — under the UAPA and Foreigners Act. The court has also sentenced two others — Gurpreet Singh and Simranjot Singh — to five-year imprisonment.

As per the FIR lodged at the Ramdas police station on May 21, 2017, Maan Singh Nihang, a resident of Samrai village, near Shri Hargobindpur (Gurdaspur), and Sher Singh, a resident

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Invitation of Quotations for Annual Maintenance Contract of CCTV System

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In the Court of Marriage Officer-cum-Addl. Deputy Commissioner(G), Bathinda.
(Head Registration Branch)

Sh. Lakhvir Singh S/o Mahinder Singh R/o H. No.170, Patti Bhullar Mandi Kalan, District Bathinda in his application dated 12.03.2020 has said that his Daughter Jeewapreet Kaur born on 27.03.1998 is un-married till date. The applicant has sought issuance of an 'Un-married' certificate to her. Through this notice the general public is informed that if any one has any objection to the issuance of this certificate, then within 30 days of the publication of this notice he can file his objection in this office either personally or through a lawyer. After the expiry of this period no objection shall be entertained and as per the request of the applicant, 'Un-married' certificate shall be issued to his Daughter Jeewapreet Kaur D/o Lakhvir Singh R/o H. No. 170, Patti Bhullar Mandi Kalan, District Bathinda.

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For inviting objections in respect of Petition No. 37 of 2020 filed by Punjab State Transmission Corporation Limited under Regulation-9 of PSERC (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Generation, Transmission, Wheeling and Retail Supply Tariff) Regulations and Section 40 of the Electricity Act, 2003- For improvement initiative to be taken up for 400KV Transmission Network.

1. Notice is hereby given to all that the Punjab State Transmission Corporation Limited (PSTCL) has filed the subject cited Petition No. 37 of 2020 for improvement initiative to be taken up for 400KV Transmission Network.

2. The Petition filed by PSTCL before the Hon'ble Commission is available on the website of PSTCL i.e. www.pstcl.org and can be downloaded there from.

3. Objections against the said petition filed by PSTCL together with supporting material may be filed with the Secretary, Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission, Site No. 3, Madhya Marg, Sector 18-A, Chandigarh, in person or through Registered Post, so as to reach within 21 days of the publication of this notice. Copy of the same must also be sent to the CAO (Finance & Audit), PSTCL, 3rd Floor, Shakti Sadan, Opp. Kali Mata Mandir, The Mall, Patiala and proof of service of the same must be enclosed with the filing made to the Secretary, Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission.

4. The objections should carry full name, signature, postal address and telephone/mobile number/email ID of the person sending the objections. All the objectors may also send a soft copy of their objections to the Secretary/PSERC at email id secretarypsercchd@gmail.com. If the objection is filed on behalf of any organization or any class of consumers, it should be so mentioned.

5. The petition shall be taken up for hearing by the Hon'ble Commission on 01.12.2020 at 3:00 p.m. All the objectors who have filed their objections by the last date for filing of the objections and other persons/organizations interested in presenting their views/ suggestions on the above mentioned matter are invited to participate in the hearing before the Hon'ble Commission.

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No. S.O. 48/C.A.59/1988/Ss. 99, 100 and 102/Amd./2020.-In exercise of the powers conferred by section 99 and 102 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Central Act No. 59 of 1988), and all other powers enabling him in this behalf, the Governor of Punjab is pleased to formulate a proposal further to amend the Punjab Transport Scheme, 2018.

Notice is hereby given that any person may within a period of 30 days from the date of publication of the above said proposal in the Official Gazette, file objections as required under sub-section (1) of section 100 at the aforesaid Act, to the Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Transport, Punjab Civil Secretariat-2, Sector 9, Chandigarh against the proposed Scheme given below and such objections shall be considered by the State Government in accordance with provisions of sub-section (2) of section 100 ibid.

DRAFT SCHEME

1. (i) The Scheme may be called the Punjab Transport (Amendment) Scheme, 2020.

(ii) It shall come into force on and with effect from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

2. In the Punjab Transport Scheme, 2018 (hereafter referred to as the said Scheme), for clause 4, the following shall be substituted, namely:

"4. So as to curtail unhealthy competition among stage carriages that results in over-speeding, unauthorized stoppages and sudden braking causing discomfort to passengers on board and compromising road safety, a computerized time table shall be introduced which shall ensure equity, public interest organized and regulated movement of stage carriages. All the STUs and private operators holding stage carriage permits shall follow the same."

3. In the said Scheme, in clause No. 9, for item No. (iii), the following shall be substituted namely:-

"(iii) the operator furnishing an undertaking to comply with all the terms and provisions of the present Scheme except that prescribed in Clause 3E."

K. SIVA PRASAD, IAS,
Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab,
Department of Transport.

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Single Judge decision can't be questioned in writ plea: HC

ANTICIPATORY BAIL PETITION

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 4 The Punjab and Haryana High Court has made it clear that a decision by a Single Judge in a petition for anticipatory bail cannot be brought into question by way of a writ petition.

The assertion by the Bench of Justice Ajay Tewari and Justice Rajesh Bhardwaj came on a petition filed by Sandeep Goel

against the State of Punjab and other respondents praying that an order be ignored as it was a nullity.

The Bench was told that the issue regarding elections to the Ludhiana District Cricket Association came up before the High Court. The Bench, vide order dated September 25, directed that the elections were to be held and appointed an observer. It also fixed

a last date by which the elections were to be held.

Independent of that, the current office-bearers of the Ludhiana District Cricket Association filed an anticipatory bail application as an FIR had been lodged against them regarding defalcation of funds etc.

The Bench observed some relief was granted to them regarding their impending arrest.

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ment raised by counsel for the petitioners that the Senior Superintendent of Police, Barnala, had been association senior vice-president for long. As such, there could be possibility of covert tinkering of the election process due to the influence of district administration officials, if any public official participated in the election process as a candidate.

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The Bench asserted while dis-

missing the petition as being not maintainable.



For posting 'objectionable' photos, teacher suspended

ABOHAL, NOVEMBER 4

A senior government schoolteacher in Sriganganagar has been suspended for allegedly uploading objectionable pictures on a teachers' WhatsApp group.

Chief District Education Officer Harchand Goswami said Jaskaran Singh had been placed under suspension by the Education Department

and was directed to report at the Bikander Education Directorate.

Jaskaran was reportedly serving as the cluster incharge of four government schools while doing teaching work in Chak 27A village.

It was brought to the notice of the higher authorities that in the WhatsApp group of school-teachers, some objectionable pictures were allegedly uploaded from Jaskaran Singh's phone on October 31.

The group was used to pass official information among the teachers. A probe has been ordered in the case. —OC

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AMRITSAR, NOVEMBER 4

Once again the opening of the Jallianwala Bagh has got delayed after the authorities concerned failed to obtain sanction for the

Abhay submits three private agriculture Bills to Speaker

Gupta sends these to departments concerned through law secretary

SUSHIL MANAV
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CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 4
Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) MLA Abhay Chautala has submitted three private member Bills on agriculture to the Vidhan Sabha Speaker for moving these in the Assembly session beginning tomorrow.

The Bills — Essential Commodities (Special Provisions and Haryana Amendment) Bill 2020, Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services (Special Provision and Haryana Amendment) Bill 2020 and Farmers Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) (Special Provisions and Haryana Amendment) Bill 2020 — have been sent to the respective departments through the law secretary.

All three Bills seek to maintain status quo qua the existing Acts in this regard as on June 4, a day before the President accorded assent. The second and third Bills also provide punishment of not less than three years of

PLAYS FARMER CARD

Abhay Chautala, INLD LEGISLATOR

“I know that I do not have the required strength to get the Bills passed in the Assembly, but if things come to the stage of voting, people will know who stands with farmers and who is against them.”

BKU TO BLOCK HIGHWAYS TODAY

Kurukshetra: BKU (Charuni) activists have geared up to block national highways from noon to 4 pm on Thursday to mark their protest against the three farm laws. BKU (Charuni) spokesman Rakesh Bains said, “Farmers from Ambala, Karnal, Kurukshetra, Yamunanagar, and Panchkula will reach near Raipur Rorar village of Nilokheri in Karnal, while farmers of Kaithal will block the road at Titram Mod in Kaithal.” TNS

imprisonment and fine for procurement below MSP.

“I know that I do not have the required strength to get the Bills passed in the Assembly, but if things come to the stage of voting, people will know who stands with farmers and who is against them,” said Abhay.

Speaker Gian Chand Gupta said ideally, a private member Bill should be presented to him 15 days in advance, yet he had sent the Bills to the

Legal Remembrancer (LR) for further action.

As per procedure followed by the Assembly, all private member Bills are first sent to the LR, who is also the law secretary to the government. The LR sends the Bills to the departments concerned for examination, after which the final decision is taken by the government.

Since the Assembly session, which is likely to last two days, will start on Thursday, it is to be seen whether

the government clears the Bills by then. “In case the government fails to clear the Bills before the session ends, these lapse,” said sources in the Assembly.

There is another catch which may prevent the Bills to be taken up even if the government clears the Bills in time. Rule 30 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Haryana Legislative Assembly provides that “private members’ business shall be taken up on Thursdays. On all other days, no business other than government business shall be transacted, except with the consent of Leader of the House”.

The rule further provides that on a motion made after a day’s notice by a minister, this rule may be suspended and the Assembly may transact government business on Thursdays. “It has been a practice that if the Assembly session begins on Thursday, no private business is taken up as the Assembly has to transact important government business,” said sources.

It's clear case of 'terror jihad': BJP MLA



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BJP legislator Sangeet Som with Nikita Tomar's family members in Faridabad on Wednesday. TNS

FARIDABAD, NOVEMBER 4

Sangeet Som, BJP legislator from the Sardhana Assembly segment in Uttar Pradesh, has described the murder of 21-year-old Nikita Tomar as a result of “terror jihad”.

Som, who visited Nikita’s family here on Wednesday, said the incident should not

be construed as “love jihad” as there was no love, but hatred between the girl and her assailant.

“Jihadists should either

leave the country or face consequences. The Centre will soon introduce a law to curb the occurrence of such incidents,” he told the media.

The BJP leader described Nikita as a brave girl, who, he said, did not bow to “terror jihad” and gave her life.

Nikita’s family is satisfied with the police investigation. Justice will be done. The case will be tried in a fast-track court and culprits will be sentenced to death within two months,” the legislator said.

He condemned the last week’s violence at a mahapanchayat. “The authorities should check the track record of all accused named in the incident before taking action against them.”

Two MLAs test positive

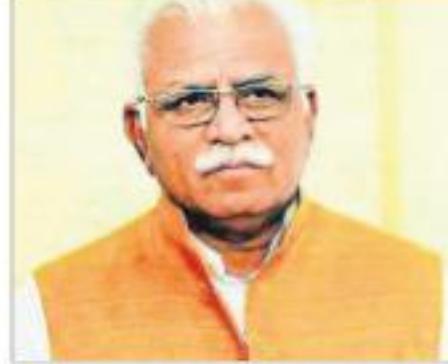
CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 4
A day before the start of House session, two MLAs — Gurugram’s Sudhir Singh and Kallianwali’s Shishpal Keharwal — tested Covid-positive on Wednesday. The state reported 1,952 cases and 19 deaths.—TNS

Covid-19 Cases District-Wise Count

District	+VE	DEATHS
Gurugram	32,010	219
Faridabad	26,471	255
Hisar	10,819	141
Sonepat	10,348	52
Ambala	9,068	111
Karnal	8,401	117
Rohitak	8,163	79
Panipat	8,074	101
Rewari	8,060	38
Panchkula	7,264	116
Kurukshetra	6,828	104
Sirsia	5,629	80
Mahendragarh	5,153	7
Yamunanagar	5,151	108
Bhiwani	4,059	59
Jhajjar	3,802	37
Palwal	3,428	21
Fatehabad	3,169	60
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Jind	2,877	54
Nuh	1,297	26
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Total	174,082	1,836

Pay farmers for procured crop within seven days: CM

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UPLOAD DATA ON AGRI DEPT WEBSITE

“A chart of the entire procurement process under different heads such as mandis, farmers, and arthiyas should be prepared and uploaded on the Agriculture Department’s website so that anyone can access it.

be ensured that farmers get the payment within one week of the release of H forms or within 72 hours of the receipt of I forms.”

The Chief Minister further said a chart of the entire procurement process under different heads such as mandis, farmers, and arthiyas should be prepared and uploaded on the Agriculture Department’s website so that anyone can access it.

“Farmers must be informed when their H forms are released so that they can visit the mandis accordingly,” he added.

The Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department told officers that the procurement process had been made online.

and I forms, and gate passes were generated online, and so does the approval of I forms. “It should also

2 booked for rape in Rohtak

ROHTAK, NOVEMBER 4

The police have booked two youths for “raping” a woman from Delhi. The accused were identified as Deepak and Parveen of Jhajjar. In her complaint, the victim said she befriended one of the accused on Facebook. On October 31, he called her to Rohtak. He and his friend took her to a hotel and raped her. —OC

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Journalist's arrest

Deep political divide over this individual's conduct is telling

THREE are times aplenty when journalists forcefully defend fellow truth-seekers against disproportionate and illegitimate use of force by law enforcement agencies; and the collective net of journalistic safeguards is cast cautiously even for those independent journalists who work without the protection and privilege of large media brands. Still, outside the walls of well-guarded establishments, individual YouTubers and digital media reporters await the fate of Ram Chander Chhatrapati, the editor of *Poora Sach* of Sirsa, who paid the price of honest, investigative journalism with his life.

But as Arnab Goswami, the owner-editor of Republic TV, gets arrested, the question that arises first is about the due process of law and political partisanship than the instinctive defence of freedom of expression, democracy or freedom of the press. What pulls us back from going the whole hog defending the journalist is the kind of journalism he practises: a studio turned into a kangaroo court conducting media trials, pronouncing extra-judicial punishments that reek of political bias. To add to this peculiar genre of macabre theatrics is the accusation against Goswami of rigging the Television Rating Point system by bribing households that keep Bar-O-Meters to benefit his own channels.

The deep political divide over his arrest is a sad commentary on contemporary Indian journalism. Union Cabinet ministers and spokespersons of the ruling BJP have all in unison recalled the dark days of Emergency while condemning Goswami's arrest for abetment of suicide of Anvay Naik in 2018. Whereas the Opposition-ruled Maharashtra government seems to have pounced on Naik's suicide note to hit at their political rivals personified by Goswami. Naik's wife Akshata had lodged a complaint against Goswami of ARG Outlier, Firoz Shaikh of Skimmedia and Nitesh Sarda of Smart Work. Though the police had earlier closed the case against the three for lack of evidence, Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh reopened it in May on Naik's daughter Adnya's insistence. After Goswami's arrest on Wednesday, Naik's wife and daughter have asked, 'Why so much privilege for a journalist?' A journalist's privilege is only to remain the eyes and ears, and the voice of the people.

Another stimulus

Sustaining gains is the key to reviving economy

INDIAN economy is making strides towards regaining lost ground, with the GST collections in excess of Rs 1.05 lakh crore and a key manufacturing index increasing to 58.9% in October. The power consumption last month was 12.1% higher than in October 2019, a sign of renewal of brisk economic activity. All these are good tidings, but livelihoods have been hit so hard by the Covid-19 pandemic and the stringent lockdown that there is no room for complacency. The Centre is finalising another stimulus package in order to expedite recovery. The Rs 1.7 lakh crore Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana — meant for vulnerable sections — was unveiled in March, while the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan package of Rs 20.97 lakh crore was announced in May, focusing on supply-side measures and long-term reforms. Ahead of the festive season, the Finance Minister came up with measures last month to spur demand and boost capital expenditure, including putting cash into the hands of Central government employees. The gaps in the implementation of earlier schemes should be addressed while preparing the next action plan.

Even though the Centre has admitted that states such as Delhi, Kerala and West Bengal are witnessing a spike in Covid cases, it has rightly ruled out punitive steps to enforce pandemic-appropriate behaviour. With the nationwide lockdown having caused the loss of salaried jobs to the tune of over 2 crore, another large-scale disruption would wreak havoc too, especially on the daily wagers. States should desist from following in the footsteps of Odisha and Tamil Nadu, which have extended the lockdown in containment areas till November 30.

The onus should be on the people to take precautions so that economic revival is not hampered. In June, PM Modi had told CMs that 'unlock, unlock, unlock' was the way forward. With an overall decline in the infection and mortality rates, states should do away with all or most of the restrictions. It's an opportunity for the respective governments to demonstrate that they are better prepared now in case there is a second wave.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

It is only the farmer who faithfully plants seeds in the spring who reaps a harvest in the autumn. — BC Forbes

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

LAHORE, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1920

STUDENTS AND POLITICS.

SIR Michael O'Dwyer used to divide the people of India, mentally of course, into the two broad classes of knaves and fools. There are some European educationists among us who seem similarly disposed to divide the narrow world in which they live, move and have their being into the two broad classes of deluded students and nefarious agitators. One of these has just contributed a letter to the columns of the local Anglo-Indian journal, which for its superciliousness is difficult to beat. Some idea of the tone and temper in which the letter is written may be gathered from the very opening passage: "The popular idea about students," says the writer, "is that they are a naturally and incorrigibly rowdy element of society; but I think that most of those who are practically engaged in educating him will agree that the Indian student would behave himself, perhaps better than some of his elders (not better than students elsewhere, mind you!) if only he were let alone by the political agitator." Whatever the popular idea of students may be in other countries, the writer has lived long enough in India to know that here, at any rate, they are not popularly regarded as "naturally and incorrigibly rowdy element of society." As regards the concluding part of the passage, has the writer never heard of any other country where, in circumstances similar to those of India, students have felt and acted as they have done from time to time in India itself? Has he never heard of students' movements in Russia, for instance, and during the last few years in China? And have students never participated in the general excitement in the writer's own country? What did they do during the Boer War? What have they done since in connection with the great world-war?

The lazy economist way

It is a fallacy to believe that markets alone can ameliorate the lot of farmers



DEVINDER SHARMA

FOOD & AGRICULTURE SPECIALIST

If making MSP a legal right for farmers will spell disaster in the markets, and private players will hesitate to enter into the market, the fundamental question that protesting farmers are asking — how will the Central agricultural laws then bring farmers a higher income — remains unanswered. No one is telling where in the world have markets alone succeeded in providing farmers with higher income. Nor are mainline economists daring to point out the flaws in the market reform strategy that has pushed small farmers out of agriculture.

Although most mainline economists, barring some honourable exceptions, and corporate activists had always treated MSP as a barrier in price realisation for farmers and have been advocating for doing away with the monopolistic control of Agricultural Produce Market Committees (APMCs) so as to provide farmers with greater choices to market their produce, the economic rationale being suggested for dismantling a time-tested regulated marketing system falls short of any sound reasoning. To say that catering to only cereal production is 'lazy farming' and an outcome of 'parochial thinking' (an SBI research paper states) speaks volumes of the inability of dominant economics to think out of the box. If Punjab farmers were indeed 'lazy', there is no way the state could achieve record yields of cereal crops — 51.73 quintals per hectare for wheat and 61.49 quintals per hectare for paddy — among the highest in the world.

Economist Kate Raworth, author of *Doughnut Economics: Seven Ways To Think Like a 21st Century Economist*,



A CHANCE LOST: If Bihar had learnt from Punjab and laid out an extensive procurement network, the socio-economic transformation would have been phenomenal.

If agriculture is supported through massive subsidies even in rich nations, how can mainline economists refuse to see that markets need subsidies to remain afloat?

often says that an outdated economic model of the 20th century cannot be expected to address the social and ecological problems of this century. It is high time neoliberal economists start looking beyond what is prescribed in textbooks to think and act differently. In other words, it is not farmers who are lazy but instead there exists a dominant class of 'lazy economists' — some economists who find it convenient to simply go by ideological prescriptions without even realising that an extraordinary crisis inflicting agriculture requires extraordinary solutions that may be beyond the reach of the invisible hand of the markets.

Even in the US, free markets in agriculture are actually thriving on massive federal agricultural subsidy support. According to the non-profit Environment Working Group (EWG), the US gave \$425 billion in farm subsidies support under various heads, including crop insurance, disaster management and conservation programmes, since 1995. And yet, despite these monumental subsidies, US farm-

ers are indebted to the tune of another \$425 billion. This clearly shows that even the visible hand of government subsidies has failed to make markets work efficiently for farmers.

Globally, Producer Support Estimate (PSE) broadly provides a comparable estimate of budgetary as well as various forms of subsidy support to farmers. Developed by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the PSE provides an assessment of the share of gross farm receipts at the farm gate. Accordingly, while Indian farmers receive negative support (or in other words are actually being taxed) by roughly minus 5.7%, farmers in Norway, Switzerland, Korea, Japan, China, the US, the EU, Canada, Brazil, Mexico, Indonesia, the Philippines, Turkey, Russia, Israel, Costa Rica and Colombia are in receipt of huge subsidy support. Norway tops the chart with a phenomenally high subsidy support of over 60%. If this index provides an idea of the extent to which agriculture is supported in the rich countries, how can mainline econ-

omists refuse to see that markets need massive subsidies to remain afloat?

Returning to India, amidst the ragging farm legislation row, and despite loud claims being made that markets are more important for farmers than the MSP, reports say most crops are selling at prices that are on an average 20 to 30% below the MSP.

Modal price is the average of the transactions that take place during the day for a specific crop. This is not the first time that the modal price has remained below the MSP. Year after year, the story remains the same. More often than not, the modal price (despite its high sounding name) turns out to be no better than a distress price that markets dictate. With procurement largely remaining confined to wheat and paddy, where farmers get the benefit of an assured MSP, for most other crops farmers are left at the mercy of markets. If the markets were so efficient there is no reason why truck-loads of paddy were to be transported all the way from Bihar, where the APMC Act was set aside in 2006, to be sold in Punjab for several years now. This year, too, as per media reports, more than a million tonne of common grade of paddy have been brought from Bihar (and also Uttar Pradesh) at a price between Rs 1,000-1,100 and sold in Punjab at an MSP of Rs 1,868 per quintal. If the MSP is the highest price paddy farmers can get, shouldn't mainline economists acknowledge the importance and need for providing farmers with an assured price?

This shows that Bihar's 2006 experiment in ushering free markets — without first framing appropriate policies, incorporating different approaches and strategies, to address the real needs — failed to prop up agriculture. It's a classic case of a lost decade and a half during which time millions of economically viable livelihoods were lost. If only Bihar had learnt from Punjab and laid out an extensive network for public procurement, the resulting socio-economic transformation would have been phenomenal.

To caddies & golfing buddies

LT GEN KJ SINGH (RETD)

WITH life limping back to normalcy, golf is one sport that was easy to start, albeit with Covid-appropriate protocols. Missing in action has been the proverbial 'Jeeves' of the course, the caddy, forcing an 'atmanirbhar' variety of golf. Suddenly, you realise the value of his utility — carrying the bag, helping in the selection of the club, retrieving seemingly lost balls and practical tips for putting. The sale of golf carts, trolleys and balls has picked up, consequently.

In my golfing journey, I owe a lot to soldier caddies, called 'golfing buddies'. Most Army courses didn't have civilian caddies due to security requirements, and also sparse civilian population. In Hissar,

we had wonderful arrangements, half a litre of milk and a packet of glucose biscuits for buddies after every round. They were given T-shirts with the 'golfing buddy' logo inscribed on them. Different courses had different arrangements.

When I got through staff college, my CO forced me to buy a half-set from canteen, but I remained focused on riding and hunts at Wellington. The real kick-start came from Col Pippa Dhillon, Deputy Commander in Patiala, who still continues to blaze the greens in the tricity, winning tournaments. He made me in charge of the course and left no real choice. The next shove came from office-runner Ram Singh, doubling up as golfing buddy. He would leave office early and meet me on course with a dozen-odd balls,

retrieved from ponds and roughs, making up my inventory. His advice used to be, 'khulke maro, BM sahib, ball main khao launga' (tee off without fear, I will retrieve the ball). Thanks, Pippa Sir and Ram Singh for adding this wonderful addiction to my life.

The power of the golfing buddy got underlined again in Hissar. Our Army Commander, in the learning mode, was playing a round during his visit. With the thick, early winter morning fog, it was more like night golf. The Army Commander had a great round till the last hole, when the fog lifted, but overall, he was thrilled with his bag and the intelligent caddy. Later, when I met the English-speaking Thambi from Madras Sappers, his explanation was simple, 'The Army Commander is our guest... I only want-

ed to contribute and maintain his standard.' I could only smile and appreciate his loyalty and simplicity.

Our gratitude for this simple folk, specially for civilian caddies, many in teens, needs to be translated into an action plan customised to local needs. At Sukna and Chandimandir, we experimented with some vocational skill building, but more needs to be done. The team at Chandimandir devised an excellent subsidised, wholesome lunch for caddies, at mere Rs 5 per head. Their tin-shed tea shop was replaced by a two-storeyed cafe inaugurated by Hemendra Gupta, a local caddy-turned-pro. Above all, it was named 'Sampooran' (complete), for there can be no finality till we give it back to our golfing buddies and caddies.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EC leanings

Refer to 'Court rap for Election Commission'; the questionable acts and pliability towards the ruling party by the EC is having an adverse bearing on the integrity of the institution. All premier institutions such as the ED, CBI and EC doing the government's bidding does not augur well for democracy. The court reprimanding the EC for revoking star campaigner status to veteran political leader Kamal Nath may have no bearing on the outcome of the elections, but it speaks volumes about the selective and biased approach of the institution.

DEEPAK SINGHAL, NOIDA

Partisan EC

Reference to 'Court rap for EC': the apex court has observed the partisan attitude of the EC while giving its decision on BJP's complaint against the Congress leader, the former CM of MP. The Election Commissioner and several other heads of various commissions are appointed by the President on the advice of the PM. As such, the PM is the boss and the EC will do his bidding. Strobe Talbott, Deputy Secretary of State in the Clinton regime, had observed that the PM of India has vast powers (though not constitutionally) and he can get any decision in his favour through any commission of

enquiry or the tax department. Such a trend is going on in almost all countries. In these circumstances, how can we expect the Election Commission of India to be impartial?

FAQIR SINGH, DASUVA

Hope in youth

'Youth on political landscape' is a good sign for our democracy, but the vast knowledge of our country's culture, religions, castes, languages and political manoeuvrings is a must to succeed in politics. Nothing is permanent in politics. Friends turn foes and vice versa. Just grabbing power won't do much as in this we are liable to lose our ethics. Political discourse is tough. Education is the best tool to fight fanaticism. Make your conscience uplift you to such a height from where the dream of Ram Rajya will become a reality. India needs the youth which will lead it to true 'tryst with destiny'.

JASVINDER S HUMSAFAR, MALOUDH

Kabul University attack

In reference to 'Kabul varsity attack: 20 feared dead', at a time when the US is negotiating a withdrawal from Afghanistan with the Taliban, the Kabul University attack aggravates the matter. At the time of the attack, a book exhibition was going on in the presence

of the Iranian ambassador, who was saved. The Taliban seemed to be behind this act, with an aim to assert its position. But the terror outfit has denied responsibility. What will happen when the US withdraws from Afghanistan?

BHUMIKA DODIYA, UJJAIN

Punjab belongs to all

The middle 'Pagri, Jatt & Punjab' seems to take the Jatt community as synonymous with Punjab. *Pagri*, in itself, isn't worn only by Sikhs, let alone Jatts. It is an essential part of the culture of Punjabis. Also, Jatts alone do not form the farming community. Agricultural farming is a profession of the people of Punjab. It is our responsibility to acknowledge the contribution of all communities, religions and castes in its growth and development.

SUMEET GILL, CHANDIGARH

Checking pollution

The Centre has shown its seriousness to combat pollution in Delhi-NCR. Earlier the Centre had committed to the SC about establishing a statutory body to oversee efforts to check pollution. Though state governments have tried to counter this dip in air quality, success has not been achieved. The main contribu-

tors are the burning of stubble, dust and the density of vehicular traffic. Investing in better public transport infrastructure and giving farmers an economic incentive to stop burning stubble will provide more durable solutions. The 18-member commission to monitor air quality needs to devise ways to address the underlying economic causes. NCR's poor air quality needs more economic solutions rather than regulatory diktats. The commission will have to keep in mind that since five states are ruled by different political parties, politics will have a say in the outcome. A coordinated approach has to be adopted.

LAL SINGH, AMRITSAR

Maintain recovery rate

Apropos of 'India tops global recoveries'; active cases fall from 21% to 7% in 2 mths', it is a triumph of India over other countries to tackle the outbreak with such efficiency. Although we've come to grips with this difficulty, still people shouldn't take it leniently, especially during the festive season. The festivities should be commemorated with utmost precautions with the intent of preventing a second wave of the virus.

AGAM GARG, JALANDHAR

Pandemic proves to be a boon for Indian IT



SUBIR ROY

SENIOR ECONOMIC ANALYST

THE pandemic has turned out to be a boon for India's information technology (IT) industry, even as the rest of the economy is in dire straits with the GDP set to shrink, according to the IMF's forecast, by as much as 10.3 per cent in the current financial year. Indian IT leader Infosys, on the other hand, has projected a conservative but positive picture with a guidance of 0-2 per cent growth in revenue in the current financial year.

But aside of numbers, on which stock exchange-listed companies have to be cautious, a range of experts is looking at a game-changing scenario over the next few years which will transform the industry.

In fact, the parallel that is being drawn is that of Y2K. The feeling is that after a gap of two decades, the pandemic will do for the IT industry what Y2K did for it at the turn of the century when it was a fledgling sector.

When Y2K or 'the year 2000', marking the turn of the century, loomed ahead, the global software industry realised that its early vintage programmes could not accommodate dates in the new century. So, an enormous amount of re-programming had to be done across the world to over-

come the hurdle. Indian software engineers did the job successfully and, thereby, opened the eyes of the industry in the developed economies, notably the US, to India's software capabilities. It was a watershed and a game-changer which indicated that the industry had arrived. It has not looked back ever since.

The pandemic is turning out to be a similar game-changer. When it first hit the world, the software industry, like the rest of the economy, saw gloom ahead, expecting a cut in global IT spend as clients across the world were hit by the pandemic.

But companies the world over also realised they had to speed up their movement to the cloud — moving their enterprise software, data and its processing to remote servers — so as to cut down on costs. By doing so, companies do not have to pay for the entire IT systems that they have had to set up and maintain at their sites, but will use the remote servers through the internet for all their IT back office work following a pay-per-use or a yearly subscription model.

As luck or foresight would have it, Indian IT services firms are able to use this huge cloud movement opportunity by using the new skills that they have been acquiring over the last few years in trying to up their digital capabilities and acquiring more and more digital work.

The digital space covers cloud, artificial intelligence, analytics, cyber security and client transformation businesses (helping clients go digital). This business is likely to account for as much as a third to half of the total Indian IT business going forward. The dig-



GAME-CHANGING: Indian firms offering IT services are utilising the opportunity for huge cloud movement.

ital work has become so integrated with the rest of the operations that IT major TCS has stopped giving out separate digital business data.

How digital and movement to cloud have played into each other is something like this. The pandemic has led to a workplace transformation as companies have been forced to change their software systems to enable a large part of their staff to work from home. As now a company's IT core and its workers will be at different locations, movement to the cloud is essential.

Additionally, the pandemic has put enormous pressure on companies to

improve their margins by cutting costs (raising prices is not an option) as their revenue has been badly hit by the pandemic. And moving to the cloud helps companies save on their IT costs.

The move to digital has made it imperative to adopt the SaaS or 'software as a service' (it is something you buy according to use and is not proprietary, as the inhouse systems were earlier) model. Now, SaaS is a software tool that Indian IT firms have positioned themselves to offering at very competitive prices.

What is more, large deals are being struck by software companies at a fraction of the earlier cost. Then, to

negotiate and strike a large deal, a software company had to make several visits to the client to conduct negotiations. Now, the entire negotiations are being conducted remotely by the software companies while sitting at their own offices.

Working remotely is an imperative not only for clients but also vendors (software firms). Earlier, armies of Indian software engineers had to be posted at client sites to do the installation and maintenance of the IT infrastructure. Then came the offshoring revolution, whereby a lot of the work could be done from development centres in India. Now, clients adopting

digital capabilities and moving to the cloud are being enabled by Indian engineers remotely. It is like the wheel being invented a second time.

Now, sales, support, implementation and maintenance, the whole product lifecycle so to speak, can be and is beginning to be done from India itself. This is constantly reducing the need to post engineers on site or at near shore development centres. This is going some way in solving the visa problem created by President Trump by reducing the need for visas in the first place.

So, gains from going digital and moving to the cloud have been a great boon for Indian IT amid the pandemic.

The unsung heroes of Atal Tunnel and more



LT GEN SR GHOSH (RETD)

FORMER GOC-IN-C, WESTERN COMMAND

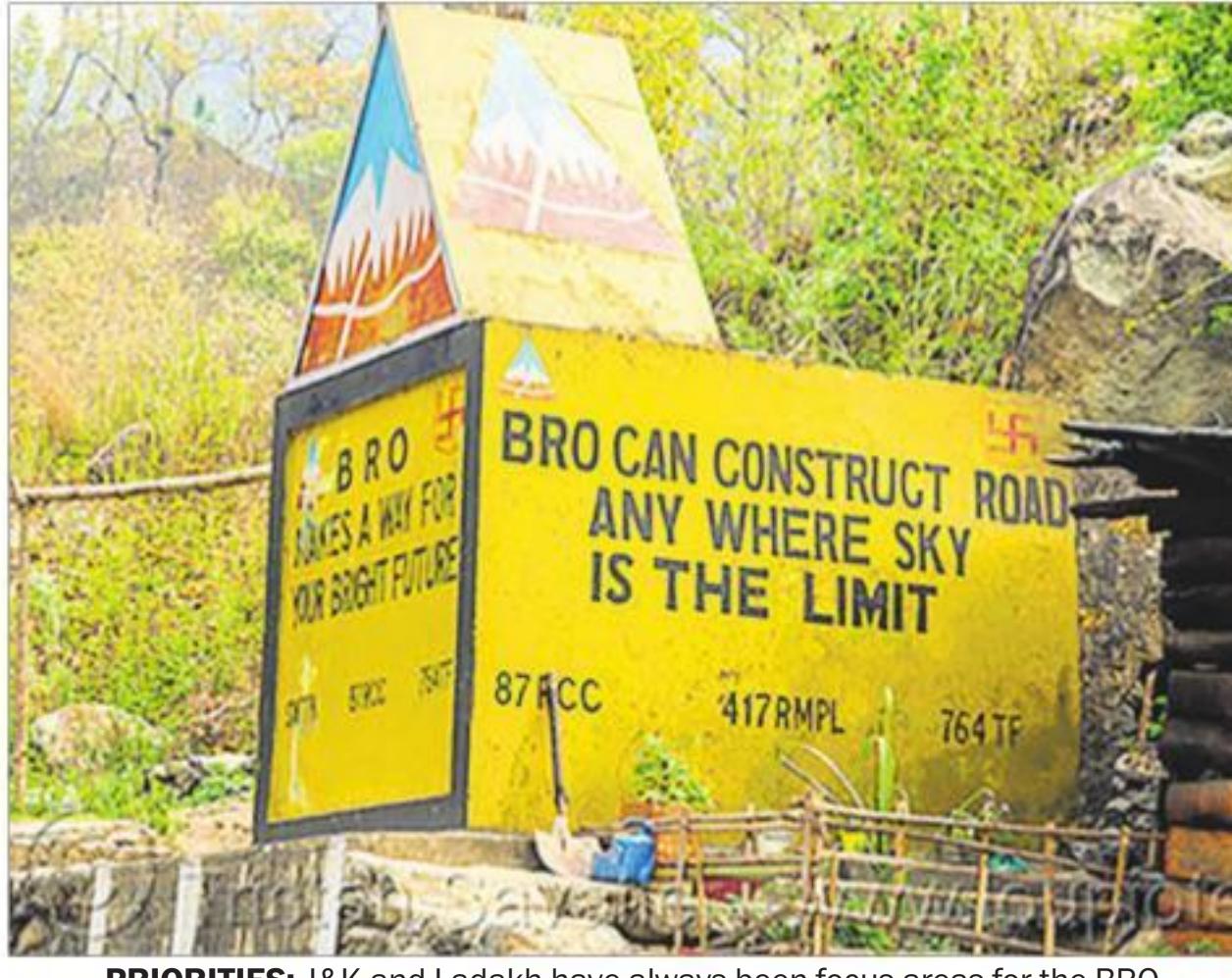
The Border Roads Organisation is, without doubt, the lifeline of the Army, as also for the millions living in remote areas of our country. Soldiers and civilians alike, who have traversed the hostile terrain of our multifarious borders, will always salute the nation's silent soldiers in khaki who have created and maintained such marvellous infrastructure over thousands of kilometres.

THE construction of the strategic Atal Tunnel, which was thrown open last month, is a story of grit, commitment and dedication of 3,000 workers, 770 engineers, supervisors, consultants and contractors who worked 24 hours a day in three shifts without breaks, often in sub-zero temperatures.

These are the heroes of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO). But sadly, the extraordinary work being carried out by this organisation since 1960 remains largely unrecognised.

Headed by a Lieutenant General from the Army's Corps of Engineers (currently Lt Gen Harpal Singh), the BRO comprises around 1,250 officers, 32,000 men and upward of 70,000 labour force. As the nation's flag-bearer in the creation of critical border infrastructure, with its 18 projects bearing exotic names like Arunank, Brahmank, Chetak, Hirank, Pushpak, Sampark, Udayak, Vartak and Vijayak, the BRO is responsible for the construction and maintenance of 60,000 km of roads, 734 bridges, 19 airfields and several tunnels through some of the most inhospitable areas, stretching from Ladakh to Mizoram.

As much as 70 per cent of its manpower is deployed in 'high altitude, hard areas and counter-insurgency areas'. In the past 10 years, the extremely hostile operational, terrain and climatic conditions have claimed the lives of 2,245 BRO men. It's indeed a huge sacrifice for the nation. At many places, they have to carry out urgent clearance of landslides, avalanches and snow to ensure uninterrupted movement of critical military forces. This year, in spite of the Covid pandemic and the



PRIORITIES: J&K and Ladakh have always been focus areas for the BRO.

unprecedented snowfall, all strategic passes and roads were cleared for traffic about a month before their average yearly opening dates, providing relief to people of these far-flung areas and ensuring faster movement of troops and equipment.

In recent years, there has been an upsurge in the BRO's output, with 30% more projects being executed during FY 2019-20 as compared to 2018-19. The annual budget of Rs 3,300-4,600 crore during 2008-16, accordingly saw a substantial rise and is now over Rs 11,000 crore. The BRO has also been entrusted with 400-km roads in Uttarakhand and 250-km roads in Sikkim under the Bharatmala Project at a cost of over Rs 9,000 crore.

J&K and Ladakh have always been focus areas for the BRO. The projects in these sectors include an alternative all-weather road between Pathankot and Jammu, upgradation of Akhnoor-Poonch highway and four-laning of the Srinagar-Baramulla-Uti highway. The BRO is also deeply involved in the long term plan for all-weather connectivity to Leh from Srinagar and Manali.

Tremendous work has been done by the BRO in Ladakh to provide strategic and operational connectivity, including the 255-km-long Darbuk-Shyok-DBO road constructed under most adverse weather and terrain conditions. Many strategists believe that it is the rapid development carried out in these areas that threatened China, leading to the

current standoff along the LAC.

In Uttarakhand, the BRO is upgrading roads in the Rishikesh and Joshimath sectors under the national Char Dham Project. Major development is also taking place towards the strategic sectors of Harshil and Joshimath. In the Pithoragarh sector, the BRO has already connected Kailash-Mansarovar Yatra route up to Navidang, as also the route to Adi Kailash Parbat.

In the Eastern Theatre, Sikkim and Arunachal have benefited from a large number of BRO projects, including the 578-metre-long, two-way Theng tunnel between Gangtok and Chungthang. In Arunachal Pradesh, in a major development plan, a trans-Arunachal highway, being constructed mostly by BRO, will now connect the five river valleys with multiple dual-lane roads. Last year, the PM also laid the foundation stone of the 2.2-km-long Sela-Nechipu Tunnel at a height of 10,000 ft which will ensure all-weather connectivity between Guwahati and Tawang. Many other strategic roads to sensitive areas in both states have also been constructed or upgraded to dual-lane, all-weather roads.

The BRO is heavily involved in the Indo-China Border Road (ICBR) Project for construction of over 3,300 km of road spread over five states. With extreme commitment and dedication, it has already completed 78 per cent of its task while ensuring trafficability on 99 per cent of the road length. Last month, as part of this project, 44 bridges built by the BRO in border areas of J&K, Ladakh, Arunachal, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Punjab were simultaneously

inaugurated and dedicated to the nation by the Defence Minister.

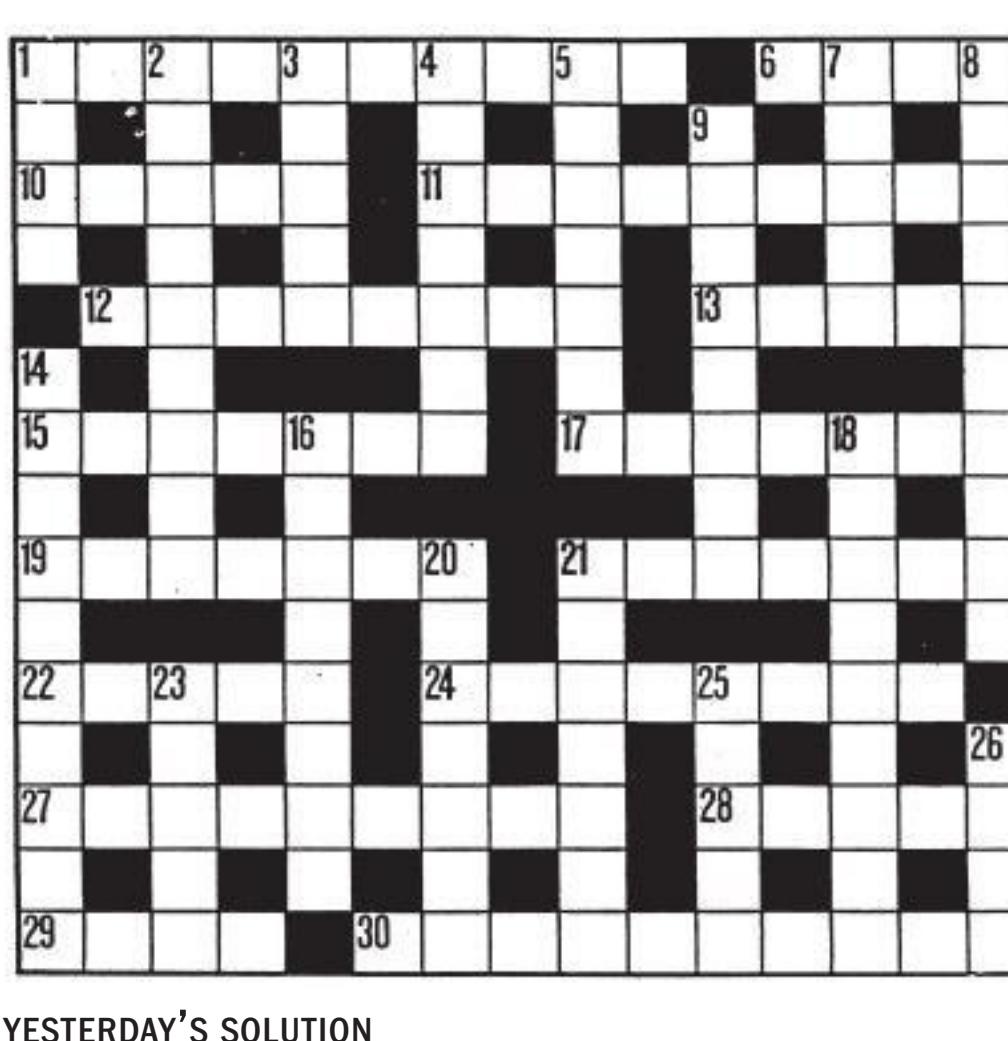
Unknown to most, the BRO has also carried out projects in several foreign countries to include the construction of the Delaram-Zaranj highway in Afghanistan. Unfortunately, two BRO men laid down their lives here during a suicide attack on the workforce. Another milestone was the construction and maintenance of the prestigious 160-km-long Tamu-Kalemyo-Kalewo road in Myanmar.

No story on the BRO can ever be complete without mention of its subtle sense of humour. Driving along its dangerous border roads, travellers cannot help but smile reading the trademark yellow signages with curious advisories like 'Don't be a Gama in the Land of the Lama', 'After Whisky Driving Risky', 'Be Gentle on my Curves', 'It is not a Race or Rally, Enjoy the Valley', 'Peep Peep Don't Sleep' and 'Hurry Burry Spoils the Curry'!

The achievements of the BRO have been unparalleled. It is, without doubt, the lifeline of the Army, as also for the millions living in remote areas of our country. Soldiers and civilians alike, who have traversed the hostile terrain of our multifarious borders, will always salute the nation's silent soldiers in khaki who have created and maintained such marvellous infrastructure over thousands of kilometres.

In recognition of their dedicated service, commitment, gallantry and sacrifice, the men of BRO have been given as many as 456 awards, including 241 Kirti and Shaurya Chakras — an amazing record to be justifiably proud of.

QUICK CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Across: 1 Lockjaw, 5 Crass, 8 Old school, 9 Ore, 10 Edgy, 12 Ill-fated, 14 Primal, 15 Senior, 17 Learning, 18 Deal, 21 Too, 22 Be one up on, 24 Crete, 25 Masonry.

Down: 1 Loose, 2 Cod, 3 Jack, 4 Wholly, 5 Cold feet, 6 About time, 7 Slender, 11 Go it alone, 13 Damnable, 14 Politic, 16 Inform, 19 Lanky, 20 Less, 23 Pan.

ACROSS

- 1 Avoid being involved with (5,3,2)
 - 6 Sudden sharp pain (4)
 - 10 Roman goddess of hunting (5)
 - 11 Traveller in space (9)
 - 12 Game of chance (8)
 - 13 Nominate for election (3,2)
 - 15 A part of speech (7)
 - 17 Inspection (4-3)
 - 19 As a substitute (7)
 - 21 Oozing (7)
 - 22 Homo sapiens (5)
 - 24 Accept responsibility for (8)
 - 27 Of a piece (2,7)
 - 28 Deep humming sound (5)
 - 29 Certain (4)
 - 30 Ingrained (4-6)
- DOWN**
- 1 Lose colour (4)
 - 2 Alluring (9)
 - 3 Walk wearily (5)
 - 4 Encourage (7)
 - 5 Ingredient of porridge (7)
 - 7 Separately (5)
 - 8 Break down (2,2,6)
 - 9 Means of evasion (8)
 - 14 Make overfine distinctions (5,5)
 - 16 Evergreen flowering shrub (8)
 - 18 Fall guy (9)
 - 20 Notwithstanding (7)
 - 21 Temporary expedient (7)
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 - 25 Shelf (5)
 - 26 Take care of (4)

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MEDIUM

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 5, 2020, THURSDAY

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■ Shaka Samvat	1942
■ Kartik Shaka	14
■ Kartik Parvishtha	20
■ Hijri	1442
■ Krishna Paksha Tithi 5, up to 6.37 am	
■ Shiva Yoga up to 6.55 am	
■ Aardra Nakshatra up to 6.45 am	
■ Moon in Gemini sign	

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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FORECAST

SUNSET: THURSDAY 17:31 HRS

SUNRISE: FRIDAY 06:42 HRS

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HIMACHAL PRADESH POWER CORPORATION LTD.
(A State Government Undertaking)
SAINJ HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECT (100 MW)
HPPCL SAMBHA (Sainj) – 175134 Distt. KULLU (HP).
CIN : U40101HP2006SGC030591

CORRIGENDUM

The tender submission and opening date of E-Tenders floated/extended vide this office letter No. HPPCL/SHEP/SM (B/HM)/NIT/NIQ/2019-20-403 dated 01.10.2020 as job No. 1 & HPPCL/SHEP/SM (B/HM)/NIT/NIQ/2019-20-371-75 dated 01.10.2020 as Job No. 3 respectively are hereby EXTENDED as per detail given below:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Tender submission date and time	Tender opening date and time
1.	Providing retaining wall (Plum conc. + RR Masonry) at slided portion on Neuli to Nihari road from RD:- 2550.00 m to 2564.00 m for Sainj HEP (100 MW).	10.11.2020 up to 11:00 AM	10.11.2020 at 11:30 AM
2.	Landscaping in front of MAT portal of Sainj HEP (100 MW)	18.11.2020 up to 11:00 AM	18.11.2020 at 11:30 AM

Other terms and conditions shall remain same.

Sr. Manager (Barrage/HM),
Sainj Hydro Electric Project, HPPCL, Sambha.

**Local Govt. Department
Municipal Corporation, Amritsar**
E-tender Notice

No.- XEN (O&M)/84 Dated:- 04.11.2020

Municipal Corporation Amritsar, invites online bids from eligible bidders for various works as per schedule given below:-

Sr. No.	Ward No.	Name of Work	Estt. Amnt (in Lacs)	Time Limit
1	49	Replacement of Damaged Sewer in Different streets of Ward No. 49.	1.00	1 Month
2	49	Const of MH Chambers and MH Slabs.	1.00	1 Month

Last date for submission for Co-operative Societies is 13.11.2020. Opening date next working day, if the tenders not received from Societies then it will be issued to the general contractors. EMD for Co-operative Societies is Nil and EMD for General Contractors @ 2% of Estimated Amount. For Further Specifications, Terms & Conditions, kindly visit eproc.punjab.gov.in. Further any Corrigendum/Amendment shall be published in the above said website only. Helpdesk No. 83608-84878, 9988648605.

SD/- Executive Engineer (O&M) Cell
Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders in two bid system are hereby invited for Vehicle parking Services contract at designated Parking Spaces at Dr. R. P. Govt. Medical College Kangra at Tanda as per the details given in the tender documents. The tender document can be obtained from the office of the undersigned after publication on any working day from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. as shown in the table below by downloading the same from College website (www.rpgmc.ac.in) after the publication of tender notice. Those bidders who wish to download the tender document should enclose a tender fee as prescribed in the table below through a bank draft along with the Bidding Document and EMD drawn in favour of Medical Superintendent-cum-Member Secretary Rogi Kalyan Samiti, Dr. R.P. Govt. Medical College Kangra at Tanda, payable at SBP Dr. RPGMC, Kangra at Tanda (Branch Code SBIN0050917).

Sr. No.	Name of service	Pre bid meeting	Date of start of sale of tender document	Tender cost	EMD	Last date of purchase of tender document	Last date of submission of tender document
1	Vehicle parking services contract at designated parking space at Dr. RPGMC, Kangra at Tanda.	02.12.2020	09.11.2020	Rs. 2500/-	1,00,000/-	03.12.2020 up to 4.00 p.m.	04.12.2020 up to 1.00 p.m.

Date & time of opening of tender document: 04.12.2020 at 3:00 p.m.

SD/- Medical Superintendent-cum-Member Secretary, RKS Dr. RPGMC Kangra at Tanda (HP).

DI-13193

NORTHERN RAILWAY**E-TENDERING****OPEN TENDER NOTICE No. NIT- 21/UMB/2020-21 DATED 04.11.2020**

Open tenders through E-tendering are invited by Sr. Divisional Engineer/Coordination, Northern Railway, Ambala from the willing contractors for following work upto 15.00 hrs. on the date of closing shown against the work and will be opened thereafter.

S. No.	Name of work	Approx. Cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Period of Completion	Date of closing & opening
1.	In-Situ Re-conditioning of 140 Nos. CMS crossing by using technology of Translamic Robotic Welder over Ambala Division under DEN/Track/UMB.	6660525	133200	10 Months	01.12.2020
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 Yamunanagar Jagadhari on Ambala-Saharanpur Section in the section of DEN/Track/Ambala	31158400	305800	08 Months	01.12.2020
3.	Provision to merge ladies toilet, lift lobby and duty room to extend the size of switch room for new LT panel in the section of SSE/W/RVJ/UMB under ADEN/JMB	203457	4100	03 Months	01.12.2020
4.	Laying of 800mm DI, K-9 Water pipe through 1200mm & 1500mm double M.S. casing pipe passing under railway track/land near Km. 42/17-18 between Kup & Malerkotla stations on LDH-DUJ section for Executive Engineer, Punjab W/S & Sewerage Division, Ranbir Club road, Sangrur, Punjab	3368864	67400	06 Months	01.12.2020
5.	Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) of existing GPS tracker GT 300 FOR two years in Ambala Division in the section of SSE/TP/UMB under DEN/Track/UMB	2074862	41500	24 Months	01.12.2020

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 to IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in
4. GST will be levied as per GST Act, 2017.

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Public Notice of Tender

Sr. No.	Name Of Work	Est. Cost in Lacs	Wesite of the Deptt.	Tender Download Start date	Tender Download End date	Tender opening date	Tender No.	Nodei Officer/Contract Details
1.	Municipal Committee, Pundri	RFP for Door to Door collection, segregati on, transportation as well as processing of waste	91.62	etenders.hry.nic.in	02.11.2020 at 05.00 PM	16.11.2020 at 05.00 PM	18.11.2020 at 11.00 AM	Sh. Ashok Kumar Secretary Email id:- secretarympundri01@gmail.com

हरता/- सरिव, नगरालिका पृष्ठी।

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In order to clear extra rush of passengers during forthcoming festival season, Railways have decided to run the following additional Festival Special Trains as per details given below:-

Train No.	From-To	Fre-quency	Dates from Originating Station	Stoppages & Accommodation
03257	Danapur- Anand Vihar T. Jansadharan Express	Daily	10.11.2020 to 30.11.2020	Same as Train No. 13257/58 Danapur - Anand Vihar T. - Danapur Jan Sadharan Express Ara, Buxar, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn. Varanasi Jn., Lucknow & Moradabad stations. Reserved Second Class
03258	Anand Vihar T. - Danapur Jansadharan Express		11.11.2020 to 01.12.2020	Same as Train No. 15529/30 Saharsa Jn - Anand Vihar T. - Saharsa Jn Jansadharan Express S Bhakhtiyarpur, Mansi Jn., Khagaria Jn., Begu Sarai, Barauni Jn., Samastipur Jn., Muzaffarpur Jn., Bapudm Motihari, Sagauli Jn., Bettiah, Narkatigangan Jn., Haringar, Bagaha, Kaptajanigan Jn., Gorakhpur, Basti, Mankapur Jn., Gonda Jn., Sitapur Jn., Chandausi Jn., Moradabad, Hapur & Ghaziabad stations Reserved Second Class
05529	Saharsa Jn - Anand Vihar T. Jansadharan Exp.	Weekly (WED)	11.11.2020 to 25.11.2020	Same as Train No. 15211/12 Darbhanga Jn. - Amritsar Jn. - Darbhanga Jn. Jansadharan Express Lahera Sarai, Halaghpat, Samastipur Jn., Karpoorigram, Dholi, Muzaffarpur Jn., Motipuri, Mehsli, Chakia, Pipra, Bapudm Motihari, Sagauli Jn., Bettiah, Chapantia, Narkatigangan Jn., Haringar, Bagaha, Khada, Siswaz, Ghughuli, Kaptangan Jn., Pipraich, Gorakhpur, Basti, Gonda Jn., Burhwali Jn., Mahmudabad Avadh, Sitapur Jn., Sitapur City, Maikalganj, Shahjehanpur, Bareilly, Moradabad, Najibabad Jn., Laksar Jn., Saharanpur, Yamunanager Jn., Dhanbad Cant Jn., Rajpara Jn., Sirhind Jn., Dhandhial Kalan, Ludhiana Jn., Phullaur Jn., Phagwara Jn., Jalandhar Cant, Jalandhar City & Beas stations. Reserved Second Class
05530	Anand Vihar T. - Saharsa Jn. Jansadharan Express	Weekly (THU)	12.11.2020 to 26.11.2020	Same as Train No. 15211/12 Darbhanga Jn. - Amritsar Jn. - Darbhanga Jn. Jansadharan Express Lahera Sarai, Halaghpat, Samastipur Jn., Karpoorigram, Dholi, Muzaffarpur Jn., Motipuri, Mehsli, Chakia, Pipra, Bapudm Motihari, Sagauli Jn., Bettiah, Chapantia, Narkatigangan Jn., Haringar, Bagaha, Khada, Siswaz, Ghughuli, Kaptangan Jn., Pipraich, Gorakhpur, Basti, Gonda Jn., Burhwali Jn., Mahmudabad Avadh, Sitapur Jn., Sitapur City, Maikalganj, Shahjehanpur, Bareilly, Moradabad, Najibabad Jn., Laksar Jn., Saharanpur, Yamunanager Jn., Dhanbad Cant Jn., Rajpara Jn., Sirhind Jn., Dhandhial Kalan, Ludhiana Jn., Jalandhar City & Beas stations. Reserved Second Class
05211	Darbhanga Jn. - Amritsar Jn. Jansadharan Exp.	Daily	10.11.2020 to 30.11.2020	Same as Train No. 15211/12 Darbhanga Jn. - Amritsar Jn. - Darbhanga Jn. Jansadharan Express Lahera Sarai, Halaghpat, Samastipur Jn., Karpoorigram, Dholi, Muzaffarpur Jn., Motipuri, Mehsli, Chakia, Pipra, Bapudm Motihari, Sagauli Jn., Bettiah, Chapantia, Narkatigangan Jn., Haringar, Bagaha, Khada, Siswaz, Ghughuli, Kaptangan Jn., Pipraich, Gorakhpur, Basti, Gonda Jn., Burhwali Jn., Mahmudabad Avadh, Sitapur Jn., Sitapur City, Maikalganj, Shahjehanpur, Bareilly, Moradabad, Najibabad Jn., Laksar Jn., Saharanpur, Yamunanager Jn., Dhanbad Cant Jn., Rajpara Jn., Sirhind Jn., Dhandhial Kalan, Ludhiana Jn., Jalandhar City & Beas stations. Reserved Second Class
05212	Amritsar Jn. - Darbhanga Jn. Jansadharan Express		12.11.2020 to 02.12.2020	Same as Train No. 15531/32 Saharsa Jn - Amritsar Jn - Saharsa Jn Jansadharan Express S Bhakhtiyarpur, Mansi Jn., Khagaria Jn., Hasanpur Road, Rusera Ghat, Samastipur Jn., Muzaffarpur Jn., Hajipur Jn., Sonpur Jn., Chhapra, Siwan Jn., Bhatli Jn., Deoria Sadar, Gorakhpur, Basti, Gonda Jn., Sitapur Jn., Bareilly, Moradabad,, Laksar Jn., Saharanpur, Ambala Cant Jn., Chandigarh, Ludhiana Jn., Jalandhar City & Beas stations. Reserved Second Class
05531	Saharsa Jn - Amritsar Jn Jansadharan Exp.	Weekly (Sun)	15.11.2020 to 29.11.2020	Same as Train No. 15531/32 Saharsa Jn - Amritsar Jn - Saharsa Jn Jansadharan Express S Bhakhtiyarpur, Mansi Jn., Khagaria Jn., Hasanpur Road, Rusera Ghat, Samastipur Jn., Muzaffarpur Jn., Hajipur Jn., Sonpur Jn., Chhapra, Siwan Jn., Bhatli Jn., Deoria Sadar, Gorakhpur, Basti, Gonda Jn., Sitapur Jn., Bareilly, Moradabad,, Laksar Jn., Saharanpur, Ambala Cant Jn., Chandigarh, Ludhiana Jn., Jalandhar City & Beas stations. Reserved Second Class
05532	Amritsar Jn - Saharsa Jn. Jansadharan Express	Weekly (Mon)	16.11.2020 to 30.11.2020	Same as Train No. 15531/32 Saharsa Jn - Amritsar Jn - Saharsa Jn Jansadharan Express S Bhakhtiyarpur, Mansi Jn., Khagaria Jn., Hasanpur Road, Rusera Ghat, Samastipur Jn., Muzaffarpur Jn., Hajipur Jn., Sonpur Jn., Chhapra, Siwan Jn., Bhatli Jn., Deoria Sadar, Gorakhpur, Basti, Gonda Jn., Sitapur Jn., Bareilly, Moradabad,, Laksar Jn., Saharanpur, Ambala Cant Jn., Chandigarh, Ludhiana Jn., Jalandhar City & Beas stations. Reserved Second Class

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

BRIEFLY

SHARJAH

Velocity beat Supernovas by five wickets

Velocity toppled defending champions Supernovas by five wickets in the opening match of the Women's T20 Challenge here today.

Brief scores: Supernovas: 126/8 (Atapattu 44, Harmanpreet 31; Bish 3/22, Kasperek 2/23); Velocity: 129/5 in 19.5 overs (Luus 37*, Verma 34; Khaka 2/27)

DUBAI

Kohli, Rohit continue to dominate ICC ODI rankings

Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma continued to dominate the ICC ODI rankings for batsmen by occupying the top two positions, while pacer Jasprit Bumrah remained static at the second spot in the bowler's list.

LONDON

Champions League: Real, City, Bayern, Liverpool win

Liverpool striker Diogo Jota netted his first hat-trick for the club as they thrashed Atalanta 5-0. Manchester City beat Olympiakos 3-0. Real Madrid boosted their chances of reaching the knockout stages after beating Inter Milan 3-2, while Bayern Munich crushed RB Salzburg 6-2.

BUENOS AIRES

Maradona in recovery after successful brain surgery

Argentine soccer great Diego Maradona was in recovery after successful surgery to treat a subdural hematoma, a blood clot on the brain, his doctor said late on Tuesday. AGENCIES

TODAY ON TV

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MUMBAI VS DELHI
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VELOCITY VS TRAILBLAZERS
STAR SPORTS 3:30PM

EUROPA LEAGUE
LUDOGORETS VS TOTTENHAM 11:20PM
ARSENAL VS MOLDE
LEICESTER VS BRAGA
MILAN VS LILLE
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SONY TEN, SONY SIX

Rohit putting club over country?

ROHIT MAHAJAN

If he's fit, as he says, he should be part of squads for Australia tour



Rohit Sharma sets the field during Mumbai Indians' IPL match against Sunrisers Hyderabad on Tuesday. bcci

FOR almost every cricketer, Sachin Tendulkar is a man worth emulating. Nine years ago, Tendulkar set a precedent that is not laudable — he put club, Mumbai Indians, over country, India. He opted out of the tour of West Indies in 2011 because he "wanted to spend more time with his family". But before that, immediately after India won the World Cup that year, Tendulkar figured in all 16 matches Mumbai Indians played in the IPL. In the heat of April-May, and despite hectic travels across India, he did not rest — and then skipped the national team's tour.

The Rohit Sharma episode pushes to the fore the old club vs country debate. Sharma has opted to return to play for Mumbai Indians after sustaining a hamstring injury — despite

being ruled out of India's tour of Australia, which begins later this month, due to the same injury!

Strange events

Sharma suffered the injury in the match against Kings XI Punjab on October 18.

Five days later, Mumbai Indians disclosed that he had "suffered left leg hamstring strain", adding the club management was "taking one day at a time monitoring the recovery process in consultancy with BCCI". Sharma, the Mumbai Indi-

ans captain, missed the next two matches — the win over Chennai Super Kings (October 23) and the loss to Rajasthan Royals (October 25) — due to the injury. On October 26, the Indian squads for the tour of Australia were announced. BCCI did not explain why Sharma was missing from the squad — the press statement merely stated that "BCCI Medical Team will continue to monitor the progress of Rohit Sharma and Ishant Sharma".

On November 3, BCCI president Sourav Ganguly said Rohit Sharma had suffered a hamstring tear. "You don't want him to get injured again. He has a hamstring tear and it will get ruptured again. It will then take longer for him to come back. But yes, there are people working with him. The Mumbai Indians physio is working with him. The Indian physio (Nitin Patel) is there," Ganguly

said. Clearly, Ganguly, the big boss, wanted Sharma to relax and not take a chance.

Surprise, surprise!

Yet, the very same evening, Sharma walked out for toss in the team's final group stage match, against Sunrisers Hyderabad! When asked if everything was "fit and fine with you", he said: "Yeah, looks like that." After his team lost, he was asked if his hamstring was fine, and he said: "Yeah, absolutely."

Have Ganguly and the selectors been kept in the dark?

If Sharma's hamstring is mended, should not he be part of India's squads for tough assignment in Australia, as a very important member of the national squad? Or is he merely walking in the footsteps of his idol, Tendulkar, who put club over country back in 2011?

Chandigarh's Akshay takes lead after Rd 1

PGTI PLAYERS C'SHIP



S Chikkarangappa watches his drive during Round 1.

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Unique format

The tournament is being played across two venues — Panchkula Golf Club and Chandigarh Golf Club. The first two rounds will be played at Panchkula and Chandigarh, while the final two rounds will be played only at Panchkula.

"I was quite accurate as I found all the fairways and made 17 greens in regulation," said the 30-year-old Sharma, a winner on the tour in 2018.

Karandeep Kochhar shot a 4-under to tie 4th. Aadil Bedi was tied 6th at 3-under. Ajeetesh Sandhu (72) was tied 29th. — TNS

Fraudsters trying to con Khelo India aspirants

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 4
The Sports Authority of India (SAI) has lodged an FIR with Uttar Pradesh police after receiving complaints regarding an advertisement asking

Khelo India aspirants to deposit money to appear for trials. The advertisement was posted on various social media platforms, inviting aspirants for trials in order to qualify for the Khelo India Games, scheduled to be held in Panchkula. When aspirants began calling up Khelo India office in Delhi to

inquire about the trial dates, the officials were alarmed. Sanjay Saraswat, regional director of SAI's Lucknow Centre, lodged a police complaint with UP police.

Some aspirants shared WhatsApp messages and voice recordings of conversations with one of the alleged fraudsters, 'Ravi Kumar', who sent them details of an account in which to deposit money.

"In the advertisement athletes have been asked to deposit Rs 6,000 for enrolling

in the Khelo India camp and have been assured that they can participate in Khelo India Games after trials," SAI said in a statement, adding: "Khelo India is a government scheme and athletes do not need to pay any money to participate in it. No trials are conducted by SAI/Khelo India. Athletes qualify for participating in Khelo India Games based on their performances in School Games/University Games organised by SGFI/AIU."

TNS

OFFICE OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AMBALA SADAR
PUBLIC NOTICE

Schedule for emptying of septic tanks or other containment systems at an interval of 2-3 years as recommended by CPHEEO Sewerage & Sewage Treatment Manual and the MoUD Advisory Management (2013).

Sd/- Executive Officer,
Municipal Council, Ambala Sadar.

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Applications are invited for the post of Clerk(s), Dy. Superintendent(s), Assistant Registrar(s) & Deputy Registrar(s) from the employees working in State Universities of Haryana on deputation basis initially for a period of one year or till the regular appointment is made whichever is earlier. Last date for submission of application is 16.11.2020 at 5.00 p.m. Please visit the University website www.igu.ac.in for other details/conditions etc.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT HARYANA

NOTICE

"Awareness Generation, Capacity Building and Community mobilization in Single/Multi Village Rural Water Supply Schemes Villages."

The Government of India's flagship programme Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) envisions "Every rural household has drinking water supply in adequate quantity of prescribed quality on regular and long-term basis at affordable service delivery charges leading to improvement in living standards of rural communities." In Haryana State, about 75 % rural households are being served through Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTCs) out of approximately 30.70 Lakh Households.

To enhance the piped water coverage through FHTCs, Govt. of Haryana is in the process of implementing various Single/Multi Village Rural Water Supply Schemes through Public Health Engineering Department (PHED), Haryana for which it needs to generate awareness among rural communities, development of Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and build their capacity on management so that they can manage operation & maintenance of distribution network in villages.

In order to accomplish these objectives, through a systemized procedure, PHED Haryana invites Proposals through Executive Engineers from Agency/Trust/Firms/NGOs/VO empanelled with NGO Darpan portal, Niti Ayog, Government of India at <https://ngodarpan.gov.in/> on the date of calling of the proposal as per the eligibility criteria, to conduct awareness generation, community mobilization and capacity building activities among rural households of villages covered under Single/Multi Village Rural Water Supply Schemes.

Registrar

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EXTENSION OF THE ADMISSION DATE FOR THE

ACADEMIC SESSION 2020-21

(Advt. PR No. 13 of 2020)

This has reference to the admission notice published in various leading newspapers. It is notified that last date for submission of online application form for admission to first semester in Post Graduate Programs, LLB (Hons.) 3-year Program and Certificates/Diploma/Advanced Diploma Programs being offered by University Teaching Departments and MDU-CPAS, Gurugram have been further extended up to 16.11.2020.

The candidates, who have applied online but could not upload the supporting certificate/documents/any other information etc., can update in their online admission form up to 16.11.2020. After that no change/update/edit will be considered in any circumstances.

For more information, please visit University website i.e. www.mdu.ac.in

Updates/changes, if any, will be notified on M.D.U website.

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Sealed tenders are invited from Firms/Companies/Organizations by the Principal Govt. Polytechnic, Sector-26 Panchkula for work/ Job details as given below:-

SR. NO.	Name of work with brief specifications	Key dates for tender documents
1	Outsourcing of Services - Horticulture	1. Date of tender documents: 05.11.2020 to 25.11.2020 (upto Security, Driving (LTV/HTV), Library 10:00 AM)

A complete set of tender document containing

Army Chief arrives in Nepal to reset ties

KATHMANDU, NOVEMBER 4

Army chief Gen MM Naravane arrived in Nepal on Wednesday on a three-day crucial visit that is largely aimed at resetting the bilateral ties that came under severe strain following a bitter border row between the two countries.

Gen Naravane is visiting Nepal at the official invitation of Nepal Army chief Gen Purna Chandra Thapa.

He was accompanied by his wife Veena Naravane, who is the chairperson of the Army Wives' Welfare Association (AWWA) of the Indian Army.

They were received by the Chief of General Staff, Lt Gen Prabhu Ram, upon arrival at the Tribhuvan International Airport.

"The Nepal Army believes such high-level visits and continuation of tradition helps in strengthening rela-



Army Chief General MM Naravane in Kathmandu on Wednesday. PTI

THREE MORE RAFALE JETS REACH GUJARAT

NEW DELHI: A second batch of three Rafale fighter jets arrived at the Jamnagar airbase in Gujarat on Wednesday evening after flying non-stop from France, taking the total number of aircraft in the fleet to eight, officials said. PTI

tions between the two armies, contributing to enhancing the relationship between the

countries," reads a statement issued by the Nepal Army. Gen Naravane on Tuesday

BORDER DISPUTE

- The relations between the two countries came under strain after Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated an 80-km-long strategically crucial road connecting the Lipulekh pass with Dharchula in Uttarakhand on May 8
- Nepal protested, claiming it passed through its territory
- Days later, Kathmandu came out with the new map showing Lipulekh, Kalapani and Limpiyadhura as its territories



said he was eagerly looking forward to the visit and exuded confidence that it would go

a long way in strengthening the "bonds of friendship" between the two armies.

His engagements in Nepal include a visit to the headquarters of the Nepal Army, an address to the young military officers at Nepal Army's Staff College and attending a banquet to be hosted in his honour by Chief of Nepal Army Gen Purna Chandra Thapa. He will hold formal talks with his counterpart at the Nepal Army headquarters on Thursday.

The Indian Army Chief will be conferred with the honorary rank of General of the Nepal Army by President Bidya Devi Bhandari amid a special ceremony at the Rashtrapati Bhavan. He will also pay a courtesy call on President Bhandari after the ceremony on Thursday. He is scheduled to meet Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli on Friday. — PTI

Trump to move SC

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only 213 votes while crediting 238 votes to Biden. It also gave 50 per cent of the popular vote to the Democratic challenger and 48.4 per cent to Trump. No major US media house has projected a clear winner in the election.

Trump called the election "a fraud on the American public" and said, "Frankly, we did win this election." He also said he planned to take the battle to the SC to stop the counting of votes.

A short time before Trump spoke, Biden, 77, addressed supporters in his home state of Delaware. He projected optimism, but asked voters for patience. He pointed to Pennsylvania and Michigan, among other battlegrounds, as slow-counting states that he expected to win. — PTI

Will reach pre-Covid levels by year-end, says Finance Ministry

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 4

India stands poised to recover at a fast pace and reach pre-Covid levels by the end of the year, barring a second wave that may be triggered by the fatigue with social distancing, says the Finance Ministry's report for October.

It said the steady contraction of active Covid cases and a low case fatality rate has instilled measured optimism that the worst is behind us. At the same time, a second wave of the pandemic in advanced nations is a grim reminder of how reality hits back when caution is compromised.

The sustained surge of activity levels in India is a reflection of a relatively more manageable pandemic situation in the country as compared to advanced nations.

The movement of high frequency indicators in October point towards broad-based resurgence of economic activity, notably in healthy kharif output, power consumption, rail freight, auto sales, vehicle registrations, highway toll collections, e-way bills, rebound in GST collections and record digital transactions.

Rural consumption has stayed strong, in part helped by sustained MSP procurement of foodgrain, while the manufacturing purchasing man-

ECONOMY BACK ON TRACK: JAVADEKAR

New Delhi: Citing several macroeconomic indicators such as increased demand of power and higher GST collections, Union Minister Prakash Javadekar said on Wednesday that economy was getting back on track "quicker than expected", despite the Covid pandemic. He was briefing mediapersons. TNS

agers' index rose from 56.8 in September to 58.9 in October, pointing to the strongest improvement in the health of the sector in over a decade.

Prospects of economic normalisation are evident in the external sector indicators with consumption of petroleum products increasing in September and exports rebounding with a year-on-year positive growth for the first time in the past seven months.

October witnessed some moderation in exports growth, primarily driven by weak oil exports. The expected current account surplus during the year is likely to provide a cushion to increased spending in the economy, it said.

BRIEFLY

12 labourers killed in Gujarat explosion

AHMEDABAD: Twelve labourers, including five women, were killed on Wednesday when a portion of a chemical godown collapsed after a powerful explosion in Ahmedabad, officials said. The explosion was triggered by a fire. TNS

No favouritism in Central Vista project: Govt

NEW DELHI: The Centre on Wednesday asserted before the Supreme Court that there was no element of favouritism in the selection of the consultant for the redevelopment of Central Vista in Lutyens' Delhi. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said the argument that the government could have adopted a better process could not be a ground to scrap the project. TNS

Kerala Govt revokes general consent to CBI

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, NOV 4

Left-ruled Kerala on Wednesday decided to withdraw the general consent accorded to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to probe cases, joining the list of non-BJP ruled states, including Maharashtra, to have effected a similar move.

Kerala has become the fifth state after Maharashtra, West Bengal, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh to withdraw the general consent accorded to the CBI to exercise its powers under the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act.

The decision was taken at a Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, an official statement here said. The lone Left-ruled state in the country took the key decision at a time when the CBI was probing various alleged irregularities in its ambitious Life Mission project, a housing initiative for the poor. — PTI

Pension cut...

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The same yardstick will apply to officers of similar rank in the Navy and Air Force. The core issue, however, is the pension formula, which is now suggested to be in a format that increases the emoluments with years of service (see box). The MoD's rising pension bill has been an issue of intense debate since the 'One rank, one pension' scheme was implemented. In the ongoing fiscal ending March 31, 2021, the pension bill stands at Rs 1,33,819 crore, which is 28 per cent of the ministry's overall budget of Rs 4,71,372 crore.

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Arnab's arrest attack on press, says Shah

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Expressing outrage over the arrest of Republic TV Editor-in-Chief Arnab Goswami by the Mumbai Police by reviving a two-year-old suicide case, Home Minister Amit Shah said on Wednesday that the Congress and its allies "have shamed democracy again and reminds us of the Emergency days when the press was treated this way".

"Blatant misuse of state power against Republic TV and Arnab Goswami is an attack on individual freedom and the 4th pillar of democracy. This attack on free press must be and WILL BE

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RANGE

- The DRDO on Wednesday test-fired a new version of the Pinaka rocket system from integrated test range off the coast of Odisha
- It said six rockets were successfully launched in quick succession and the tests met "complete mission objectives"
- The enhanced version of the system would replace the existing Pinaka Mk-I rockets, which are currently under production



Arnab Goswami being taken to court on Wednesday. PTI

OPPOSED," tweeted Shah. Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar tweeted, "We condemn the attack on press freedom in #Maharashtra. This is not the way to treat the Press. This reminds us of the emergency days when the press was treated like this." — TNS

Virtual summit with Italy on cards as India woos Europe

SANDEEP DIKSHIT

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After Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla's visit to three major countries of old Europe, India will carry forward its European diplomacy through a virtual summit between PM Narendra Modi and his Italian counterpart Giuseppe Conte.

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REVIVING TRADE, INVESTMENT

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This shift in emphasis has also made them interested in the Indo-Pacific.

In Germany, for instance, Shringla welcomed Berlin's strategy on the Indo-Pacific during 12 hours of back-to-back engagements at the Federal Chancellery, Foreign Office, and with the media and leading think tanks.

Shringla mentioned Germany's planned pivot to the region during his meetings with Chancellor Angela Merkel's Foreign and Security Policy Adviser Jan Hecker and Minister of State, German Foreign Office, Niels Annen.

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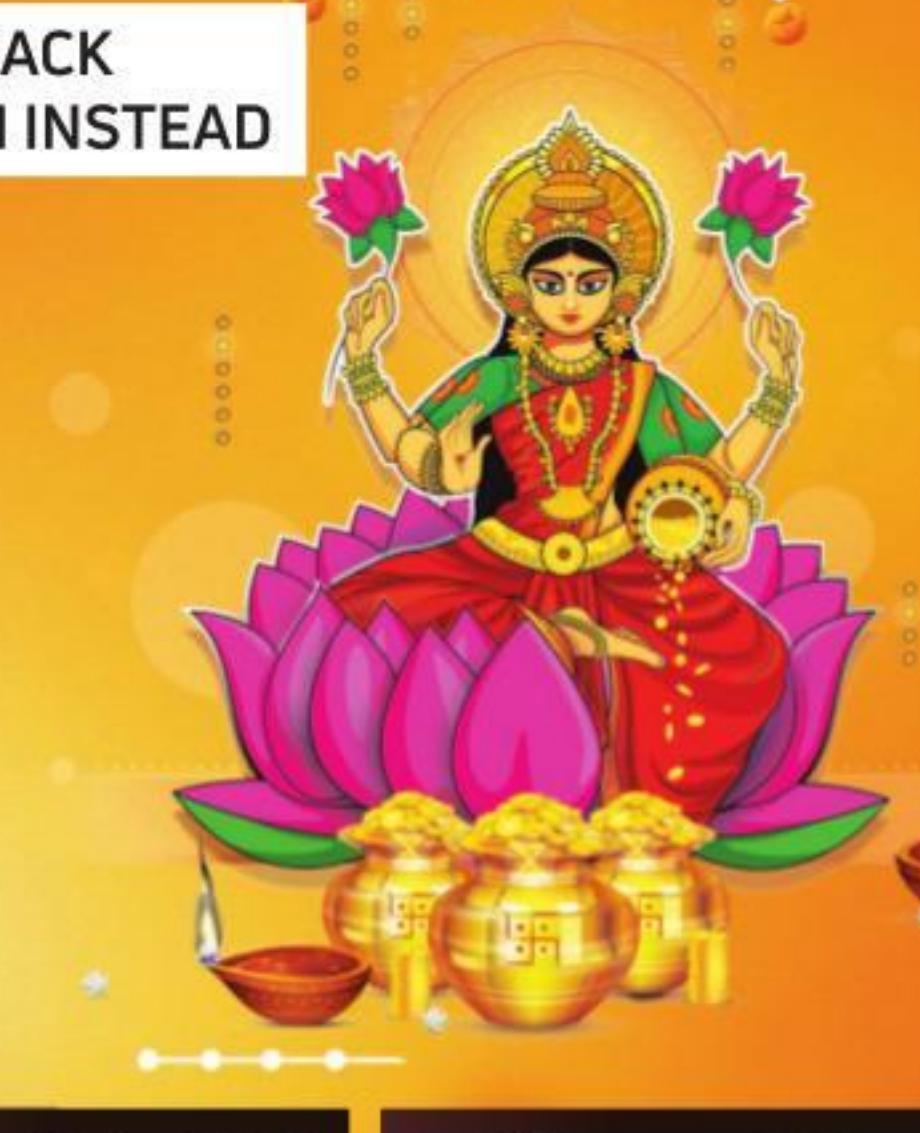
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