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Cold war: China may see respite under Biden admn

But high-intensity rivalry likely to continue: Experts

BEIJING, NOVEMBER 8

The victory of Joe Biden in the US presidential election may provide respite to China from President Donald Trump's declaration of the "cold war" and offer a limited chance to reset the turbulent ties even as high-intensity rivalry is expected to continue, Chinese observers said on Sunday.

Trump pushed aggressively on all aspects of the US-China ties, including with his relentless trade war, challenging Chinese military hold on the disputed South China Sea, its constant threats to Taiwan and branding Covid as 'China virus' after it emerged from Wuhan in December last year.

Deteriorating ties between China and the US have entered a vicious circle, leading to damaged strategic mutual trust, suspended high-level communication and little concrete cooperation, Xin Qiang, deputy director of the Centre for US Studies at Fudan University, told the daily.

Jin Canrong, Dean, School of International Studies, Ren-

IRAN: US MUST RETURN TO NUCLEAR DEAL

■ Iran President Hassan Rouhani has called on Biden to return to Tehran's 2015 nuclear deal and compensate for Trump's mistakes

■ Under Trump, tensions between the US and Iran had escalated, resulting in sanctions on Iran, crippling its economy

'SUPPORT TIBET'

■ Congratulating Biden, Central Tibetan Administration President Lobsang Sangay says he looks forward to a renewed policy and support on Tibet

■ Joe Biden plans to host a global Summit for Democracy during his first year of presidency, says policy paper of his campaign event

min University, Beijing, said Biden would usher in a "buffering period" for worsening China-US ties. — PTI



LAWsuit FILED IN ARIZONA COURT AGAINST POLL PROCESS

Washington: Trump's campaign said on Saturday that it had filed a lawsuit in Arizona, its latest legal challenge over the results of the presidential election. The campaign suffered losses in Michigan and Georgia courts this week. Legal experts said the cases the Trump campaign was bringing were unlikely to change the outcome of the presidential poll. REUTERS

Donald Trump loyalists cry foul, won't accept defeat

WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 8

Chanting "This isn't over!" and "Stop the steal", supporters of President Donald Trump protested at state capitols across the country, refusing to accept defeat and echoing Trump's unsubstantiated allegations that the Democrats won the election by fraud.

From Atlanta and Tallahassee to Bismarck, Boise and Phoenix, crowds ranging in size from a few dozen to a few thousand — some of them openly carrying guns — decried the news of Biden's victory after more than three suspense-filled days of vote-counting put the Democrat over the top.

Skirmishes broke out in some cities. In Atlanta, outside the state Capitol in the longtime Republican stronghold of Georgia, chants of "Lock him up!" rang out among an estimated 1,000 Trump supporters. Others chanted, "This isn't over! This isn't over!" and "Fake news!". The streets

KUSHNER ASKS PREZ TO CONCEDE

Washington: Jared Kushner, Trump's son-in-law, has approached the President about conceding the closely-fought election to his Democratic rival Joe Biden, according to media reports on Sunday. The move comes amid reports of Biden's victory. PTI

JERUSALEM CIVIC BODY'S JOB OFFER

Jerusalem: With Trump on his way out of the White House, Jerusalem Municipality has urged him "not to worry" as it may have a number of open positions that he could be eligible to apply for, a media report here said. The post was however quickly removed from the civic body's Facebook page. PTI

were awash with American flags and Trump banners. No immediate violence was reported. — Agencies

World leaders underline priorities

WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 8

Underlining the "shared" values and priorities, from climate change to trade and security, leaders across the globe cheered the victory of US President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris as they look forward to work together with America to combat the world's greatest challenges.

French President Emmanuel Macron tweeted, "We have a lot to do to overcome today's challenges. Let's work together!"

Japanese PM Yoshihide Suga said he looks forward to working with the Biden-Harris administration "to further strengthen the Japan-US alliance and ensure peace, freedom and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region and beyond".

UK PM Boris Johnson, terming the US an important ally, said, "I look forward to working closely together on our shared priorities."

Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu tweeted, "I look forward to working with both of you to further strengthen the special alliance between the US and Israel." — Agencies

India donates ventilators to Nepal

MOSCOW, NOVEMBER 8

India has donated 28 ICU ventilators to Nepal to support its fight against the coronavirus pandemic, the Indian Embassy said. Nepal has so far reported 1,94,453 Covid cases and 1,108 deaths.

Meanwhile, Covid cases continue to soar. Russia recorded 20,396 new Covid cases over the past 24 hours, the country's Covid response centre said. Russia's cumulative number of cases has grown to 17,53,836, including 30,251 deaths.

In United Kingdom (UK),

NATIONS	DEATHS
US	243,305
BRAZIL	162,286
MEXICO	94,808
UK	48,888
ITALY	41,063

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24,957 fresh cases and 413 deaths surfaced. The country's tally reached 11,71,441.

Sri Lanka said it will lift the

ongoing capital district lockdown on Monday, warning people to be more vigilant to prevent a possible third wave of the Covid pandemic.

Germany officials condemned the protest by 20,000 people who demonstrated against restrictions in a Leipzig city square, largely without wearing masks, and called for an investigation into how the protest was able to get out of control.

Italy has launched a new aid package for families and businesses struck by the restrictions. — Agencies

Noted journo Topping dead

NEW YORK, NOVEMBER 8

Seymour Topping, among the most accomplished foreign correspondents of his generation for The Associated Press and the New York Times and later a top editor at the Times and administrator of the Pulitzer Prizes, died on Sunday. He was 99.

Topping passed away "peacefully" at White Plains Hospital, his daughter Rebecca said in a statement. Working as a correspondent in 1949, he was eyewitness to the fall of Nanking. — Agencies

Protesters march to Thai palace, seek reforms

BANGKOK, NOVEMBER 8

Despite a burst of water cannon and police blockade, thousands of Thai protesters marched to the Grand Palace in Bangkok on Sunday to demand curbs to King Maha Vajiralongkorn's powers and the removal of the government.

Police used the water cannon for only the second time in months of largely peaceful protests to demand greater democracy and the departure of Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha, a former junta leader. "When the king truly

cherishes democracy, all people will find happiness," the protesters said in a statement. They read a few dozen metres for the walls of the palace, where they were stopped by police lines.

Want powers of monarchy curbed

Protests since July have increasingly called for reforms to the powerful monarchy, breaking a long-standing taboo against criticising the institution. — Reuters

INFOCUS AGRICULTURE

SUGARCANE FARMING

AK SHARMA & AD PATHAK

THE sugarcane sector plays a significant role in Indian economy as it provides raw material for sugar and industries producing alcohol, paper, chemicals and cattle feed. The sugarcane processing network consisting of 762 installed sugar mills has a number of associated industries and backward and forward linkages. Due to multi-purpose uses of sugarcane and its byproducts in various industries, the demand for increased production of sugarcane is growing.

With an area of 5 million hectares, sugarcane cultivation in India is carried out on about 2.57 per cent of the total cropped area. It provides employment and livelihood to around 60 lakh sugarcane growers, in addition to indirect employment to lakhs of people in associated industries.

There has been a steady growth in area under sugarcane cultivation in India. The area was only 17.07 lakh hectares in 1950-51; it increased to 51.11 lakh hectares in 2018-19. The production of sugarcane was about 123.86 million tonnes by the mid-seventies, which rose to 400.15 million tonnes in 2018-19. The average productivity was 78.23 tonnes/hectare in that year. Uttar Pradesh is the main sugarcane-growing state in the country, allocating about 22 lakh hectares for cane cultivation, followed by Maharashtra with about 8.98 lakh hectares. Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh are other major cane-growing states in the tropical region. In the sub-tropical region, Bihar,

CASH CROP

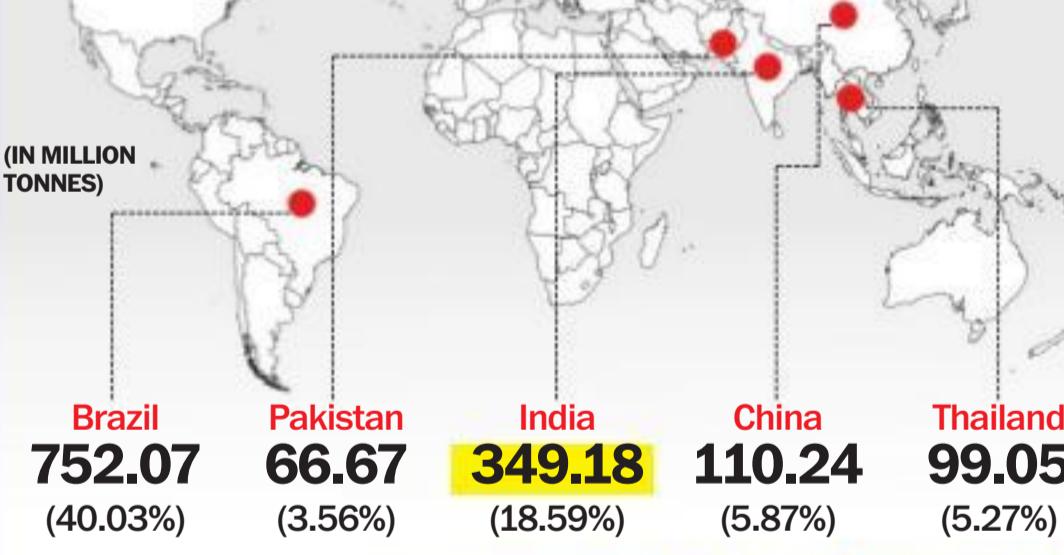
- Sugarcane is an important industrial crop that accounts for about 7% of the total agriculture output of the country; it is grown in almost all states.
- It provides raw material for the second largest agro-based industry after textiles.
- India is the second largest producer of sugar after Brazil. About 50 million skilled and semi-skilled workers, mostly from rural areas, are engaged in the sugar processing sector in India.
- In the world, sugarcane is grown in more than 120 countries, both in the tropics and the subtropics.
- About 63% area and 64% production is confined to three countries: Brazil, India and China.
- Asian countries account for about 34% of the sugar production and 41% of the consumption.
- Sugarcane is a water-intensive crop. It requires, on an average, 30-40 irrigations.
- Inter-cropping of pulses, oilseeds, cereals and vegetables with sugarcane needs to be promoted.

SOURCE: DIRECTORATE OF SUGAR CANE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS' WELFARE, GOVT OF INDIA

Haryana, Uttarakhand and Punjab are the key cane-growing states, besides UP.

The growth over the years (as depicted by compound growth rates or CGRs) in the all-India sugarcane area and yield was positive and around 1 per cent per year from 2001-02 to 2017-18 period. In Uttar Pradesh, the area growth was less than 1 per cent, but the yield growth was 1.249%. In Maharashtra, there was positive area and yield growth, with the area growth being much higher than that obtained in Uttar Pradesh. Andhra Pradesh,

TOP CANE-GROWING NATIONS (AVERAGE OF 2014-18)



Leaders in India

State	Area	Production
Uttar Pradesh	43%	37%
Maharashtra	20%	23%
Karnataka	9%	11%
Tamil Nadu	6%	9%
Gujarat	4%	4%

In terms of cane area and production, Hoshiarpur & Gurdaspur are Punjab's top districts

for further expansion of the sugarcane sector in these states. In other states, more incentives and development efforts will be required to retain the already achieved levels of area coverage under sugarcane.

Labour absorption

Sugarcane is a labour-intensive crop of long duration (12 months in the sub-tropical region and 12-18 months in the tropical region), which requires 150-180 labour days per hectare in sub-tropical and around 250-300 days in the tropical south region. Most of the operations

in cane cultivation are carried out manually and the use of machinery is limited to operations like field preparation by a majority of the farmers. The human labour (HL) component accounted for 32.3% of the total cost of sugarcane cultivation and the factor share of labour in the value of output has marginally increased from 4.5% to 4.7% at the all-India level. The labour productivity in sugarcane cultivation has increased by 28.1%.

An analysis of the trends in labour absorption in sugarcane cultivation reveals that the labour use per hectare of sugarcane crop is high in the tropical states compared to the sub-tropical states. The major cane-growing state, Uttar Pradesh, consumed 1,191.4 hours per hectare of the crop, while Maharashtra used 1,728.8 hours per hectare. The labour absorption in sugarcane at the national level witnessed a decline by 15.36% to 1,337.7 hours from 2000-01 to 2016-17. The decrease in labour use per hectare of sugarcane crop during this period was found to be extent of 16% in Maharashtra, just 16% in Uttar Pradesh, and 30-43% in other tropical states.

The labour absorption pattern has not remained the same in all the zones within a single state. Less sugarcane-intensive zones like Central Plain Zone (CPZ) in UP and the Transition zone-2 (TRZ2) in Maharashtra have emerged as important zones exhibiting increase in labour absorption in sharp contrast to traditionally sugarcane-intensive zones in these states.

The proportion of hiring of

humans, machines as well as bullock labour is also higher in these zones compared to other zones of the states. Higher labour use in these zones may be attributed to the adoption and diffusion of modern technology by the farmers, as well as the growth of custom-hiring business services in sugarcane production and mechanisation.

Impact of mechanisation

Mechanisation is considered to be a major labour-displacing technological change, whereas innovations in irrigation/water-saving and in planting methods are regarded as labour-augmenting changes. Technology-aided productivity improvements in the form of sub-soilers, improved planting methods like trench planting, drip irrigation and mechanised harvesting are thus required to ensure increasing share of the output to the labourers.

The human labour will continue to be the most important component of sugarcane crop cultivation. Hence, a system for monitoring the enforcement of standard labour laws should be established, especially in Maharashtra, where the use of migrant labour is quite prevalent. The negative impact of labour displacement needs to be reversed by developing non-farm employment avenues as well as the deep penetration of technological change for increasing labour productivity.

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Biden vows to unify America

US President-elect calls for end to 'era of demonisation'

WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 8
Pledging to be the President of all Americans, Joe Biden has sought an immediate end to the "grim era of demonisation" in the deeply polarised nation, as he and Vice-President-elect Kamala Harris celebrated their historic triumph over Donald Trump in a bitter and closely-fought presidential election.

"I pledge to be a president who seeks not to divide, but to unify; who doesn't see red states and blue states, only sees the United States," Biden, 77, said in his victory speech in his hometown, Wilmington, Delaware. Biden, who will be the oldest US President when sworn-in on January 20, 2021, criticised Trump without naming him in his 15-minute address, saying he wanted to end "this grim era of demonisation in America".

Trump has so far refused to concede the election. He has announced filing multiple lawsuits against the election results. Reached out to Trump voters, Biden said he would act as their President as much as he would for those who voted for him.

"I sought this office to restore the soul of America, to rebuild the backbone of this nation, the middle class and to make America respected around the world again, and to unite us here at home," the President-



Vice-President-elect Kamala Harris and President-elect Joe Biden celebrate their victory. AP/PTI

CITIZENSHIP TO 5L INDIANS EXPECTED

Washington: US President-elect Joe Biden will work towards providing a road map to American citizenship for nearly 11 million undocumented immigrants, including over 500,000 from India, and will also establish a minimum admission number of 95,000 refugees annually.

elect said. Harris said, "You chose hope, and unity, decency, science and yes, truth." — PTI

EDIT: BIDEN, HARRIS ARE IN

Expect easier immigration and trade concessions

SANDEEP DIKSHIT
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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8
The new Joe Biden administration is expected to restore the balance in India-US ties that had got heavily skewed to the security side during the last four years of the Trump administration. When US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo landed in Indonesia last month, he announced the restoration of its duty-free exports to the US under

the General System of Preferences (GSP). Simultaneously, India lost the duty-free exports to the US under

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As V-P, your (Biden's) contribution to strengthening Indo-US relations was critical. I look forward to working closely once again to take the ties to greater heights. Narendra Modi, PM

Talks fail yet again, deadlock persists

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LAC STANDOFF

Both sides agreed to maintain dialogue and communication through military and diplomatic channels, and push for the settlement of other outstanding issues. Defence Ministry statement

deadlock. An official statement on Sunday morning said: "Both sides agreed to maintain dialogue through military and diplomatic channels, and, taking forward the discussions at this meeting, push for the settlement of other outstanding

issues, so as to jointly maintain peace in border areas." They also agreed to have another round of meeting soon.

Sources said the continuing disagreement was over the timeline to be followed for disengagement. The two

countries don't have demarcated boundary and the present positions, especially those south of Pangong Tso, are vital for India to dominate the Chinese positions.

This was the eighth round of talks since June 6 and the last substantive positive step that emerged was during the 6th round of meeting in September when the two sides agreed not to add more troops at the standoff site.

"The two sides had a candid, in-depth and constructive exchange of views on disengagement," a statement of the Indian Ministry of Defence said.

As per preliminary probe, the accused had been running the illicit liquor trade from the same location for about six months. The building is owned by a government schoolteacher, identified as Vijay, who has been arrested.

Documents seized from the unit revealed the source of raw material. The accused

hobnobbed with tanker drivers involved in the transport of ENA and pilfered the chemical.

SP Jashandeep Singh Randhawa said they had got vital clues about the identity of those who supplied the raw material, including ENA.

"We have seized some bills and other documents from the busted unit. The accused had bought a bottling plant from Shamli district in Uttar Pradesh. Empty bottles were

Hry cops get clues on ENA suppliers

MUKESH TANDON
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PANIPAT, NOVEMBER 8

The spurious liquor which claimed 48 lives in Sonepat and Panipat districts was manufactured in a 50 sq feet two-storey building at Naina Tatarpur village.

Sources say the accused manufactured hooch using extra neutral alcohol (ENA), which is easily available in the state. A case of 12 bottles of ENA costs Rs 300-400.

The probe team will submit its report in 15 days

The SIT will be headed by ADGP (Narcotics) Shrikant Jadhav, with IG Ambala Range Y Puran Kumar, Kurukshetra SP Rajesh Duggal, Karnal SP Ganga Ram Punia and Mewat SP Narenbir Bijania as its members.

procured from Delhi," he said. Meanwhile, the police today arrested Amit Rath, another partner in the illicit distillery. His accomplices Ajit of Sitawali and Vicky of Saidpur village were arrested yesterday.

"Two more accused — Naresh alias Nisha and Mandip alias Seta — are still on the run. Raids are on to nab them. We have arrested over 24 people in the case," Randhawa said.

Army officer among 4 killed in J&K operation

SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 8

Four security forces personnel, including an Army officer, and three militants were killed during a failed infiltration bid by the ultras along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Machil sector on Sunday, officials said.

The militants made an abortive bid during the night to infiltrate into the Indian side of the LoC in Machil sector of north Kashmir's Kupwara dis-

trict, they added. The infiltrators were challenged and three of them killed, the officials said.

However, three Army soldiers, including an officer, and a Border Security Force jawan were also killed during the operation, they added. — PTI

Ex-servicemen write to Rajnath on pension cut

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

The Indian Ex-Servicemen Movement (IESM) has urged Defence Minister Rajnath Singh not to raise the retirement age of officers. It has also said the government must not reduce the pension of those who seek premature retirement.

Terming it a retrograde step, the IESM said it would damage the military profession. "If such illegal, demotivating and demoralising proposal is allowed to be

implemented, it will make military unattractive to youngsters," said Maj-Gen Satbir Singh (retd) in a letter to the minister.

"The policy can impact the efficiency and effectiveness of our military. The forces need to be structured and managed," stated the letter. — TNS

Incomplete Nangal bridge nightmare for commuters

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DHARAMSALA / ROPAR, NOV 8

The incomplete bridge in Nangal, located 6 km from the Himachal Pradesh-Punjab border, has become a nightmare for commuters travelling via Mehatpur in Una district.

The bridge, built more than 60 years ago, is not wide enough to cater to the increasing vehicular traffic.

Pradesh get stuck in traffic jams on the bridge almost every day, at times for hours.

The bridge is vital for residents of Una and Hamirpur districts as it is their only link to Chandigarh. Even ambulances on way to the PGI get stuck in traffic jams.

The bridge, built more than 60 years ago, is not wide enough to cater to the increasing vehicular traffic.

₹183-CRORE PROJECTS UNDERWAY

- Work on an ROB near Nangal Dam and a high-level bridge on the Sutlej set to be completed by April 30 next year
- Another ROB near Ajouli Mor

The NHAI had approved a railway overbridge (ROB) near Nangal Dam, a high-level bridge on the Sutlej and another ROB near Ajouli Mor

expected to be finished by the end of next year

The ₹183-crore projects will ease traffic movement on the road passing through Nangal

in December 2017. Authorities in Punjab claim while the first two projects will be completed by April 30 next year, the third is expected to be

completed by the end of next year as 80 per cent of the work is still pending.

Yuvraj Singh Bindra, Executive Engineer, PWD Central Works, said over 77 per cent work of the Nangal ROB and Sutlej flyover was over and the remaining would be completed by April 30. Union Minister of State for Finance Anurag Thakur had written to the NHAI on the issue.

He was hopeful of an early solution. He assured Shah there were no law and order

Capt dials Shah, hopeful of early resumption of trains

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 8

Reassuring smooth and safe goods train movement in the state, Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh today said he had spoken to Home Minister Amit Shah and sought his intervention to ensure restoration of rail services.

He was hopeful of an early solution. He assured Shah there were no law and order



issues and train services should be resumed at the earliest to facilitate the supply of essential commodities. — TNS

The all-new
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arrived.



Turn to Colour Section for HYUNDAI

Capt dials Shah; says goods train services to resume soon

Claims all tracks cleared by farmers to facilitate freight movement

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CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 8
Reassuring smooth and safe goods train movement in the state, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh today said he had spoken to Home Minister Amit Shah for his intervention to ensure restoration of rail services and was hopeful of the early resolution of the issue.

He had spoken to Shah yesterday to discuss the situation and assured him that there were no law and order concerns to prevent resumption of the services for facilitating supply of essential commodities in Punjab and neighbouring states, including Himachal, Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir, all of which were suffering losses due to the continued suspension of trains.

HELP SOLDIERS COME HOME FOR DIWALI

The government is closely engaged with farmer organisations to persuade them to lift blockade completely to allow passenger trains so that Punjabis, including the 1.5 lakh soldiers stationed in various places, can come home for Diwali. Capt Amarinder Singh, CHIEF MINISTER

He pointed out that the security concerns could, however, be serious for the nation if essential supplies did not reach the armed forces in Ladakh and the Valley before snowfall due to the Railways' decision not to ply goods trains immediately.

Countering "misinformation" being spread on this count, Capt Amarinder said all tracks had been cleared by farmers for movement of freight trains. "The situ-

ation on the ground is totally peaceful and conducive to safe transportation of goods," he had told Shah.

He said the agitating farmers had not disturbed peace in any part of the state over the past few weeks. Restating his earlier assurance to Railway Minister Piyush Goyal, the CM told Shah he had directed the Punjab Police to extend all support to the Railway Protection Force (RPF) in providing security on the tracks as well.

as the platforms to enable smooth movement of freight trains, for which the Kisan Unions had already eased their blockade.

He said it was the joint responsibility of the Central and state governments to ensure that the train services were resumed at the earliest. He said the government was closely engaged with the farmer organisations to persuade them to lift their blockade completely to allow passenger trains so that Punjabis, including the 1.5 lakh soldiers stationed in various places, could come home for Diwali.

Pointing out that it was in Punjab's interest to ensure early revival of rail services, Capt Amarinder termed as unfortunate the attempts by the Opposition, including some BJP leaders, to politicise the issue.



State BJP leaders with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in New Delhi on Sunday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

State BJP leaders meet Rajnath, Tomar

FAZILKA, NOVEMBER 8

A delegation of state BJP leaders, led by former minister and party's farmers' coordination committee chairman Surjit Kumar Jyani, met Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar in Delhi today. The delegation members included former BJP national secretary Harjit Singh Grewal and Punjab Kisan Morcha president Vikramjit Singh Cheema. Jyani told *The Tribune* over the phone

Urge them to hold talks with farmers

leaders had assured that they were ready to meet the farmers. Jyani claimed Rajnath spoke to Balbir Singh Rajewal, president, Bhartiya Kisan Union (Rajewal), over the phone and invited him for the talks.

Rajewal, however, denied having any conversation with the Defence Minister. He, however, said Jyani spoke to him in this regard. Rajewal said they were ready to attend the meeting with Central ministers, but not with the officials. — OC

SAD(A) to launch 'Border Khulwao, Kisan Bachao' stir

FEROZEPUR, NOVEMBER 8
Raising the demand for reopening the Hussainiwala-Lahore border which was closed after the 1971 India-Pakistan war, the Shiromani Akali Dal (Amritsar) has announced "Border Khulwao, Kisan Bachao" rally on November 10.

Hussainiwala-Lahore border be opened'

SAD (A) district president Gurcharan Singh Bhullar said the reopening of the border was the last hope for the revival of economy of the Malwa region and to boost the financial prospects of the farmers. "The opening of the border will also revive the tourism in the state. The businessmen, including transporters and hoteliers, will also get the benefit," said Bhullar. Beopar Mandal president Chander Mohan Handa said the reopening of border would lead to thaw in the bilateral relations. — OC

Judge hurt in mishap, farm fire blamed

FEROZEPUR, NOVEMBER 8

An Additional District and Sessions Judge who was travelling with her brother from Bathinda to Sultanpur was injured when their car hit from the rear side by another vehicle due to thick smog reportedly emanating due to stubble burning in the adjoining fields.

The incident took place along the main highway near Mahianwala village in Zira subdivision of the border district. As per information, Gurjant Singh Dhaliwal, deputed as a Commandant at the BSF Headquarters in Chandigarh, was going from Bathinda to Sultanpur along with his sister Gurdarshan Kaur Dhaliwal, posted as the Additional District and Sessions Judge in Fazilka, in his car. As soon as the car reached near Mahianwala, it met with an accident. A case has been registered at Zira Sadar police station. — OC

BJP punishing state over farm laws: Cong

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 8

As the Centre has extended the restrictions on the movement of goods trains in Punjab till November 12 despite the state government claiming that all tracks had been cleared, the Punjab Congress leaders have accused the BJP of pushing the state towards a confrontation with the agitating farmers.

Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee (PPCC) chief Sunil Jakhar said the designs of the BJP were clear: "It is trying to build a confrontation between the peacefully agitating farmers and the Congress government and punishing the state for raising its voice against the Central farm laws," he said. "Everyone can see through the designs of the BJP. It is misusing its powers and wants to kill the spirit of federalism," Jakhar said.

A senior government offi-

cial said as on Sunday, the status quo stays. The Railways has refused to run trains despite all 21 locations of farmer agitations on rail tracks and platforms having been cleared after deliberations between a five-member Cabinet committee and farmer groups. "Back door parleys are on to convince farmers to allow running of passengers trains. But tomorrow, the Centre may ask farmers to vacate malls and petrol stations," said a senior political functionary. — TNS

Banking on 75,000 machines, the Agriculture Department had expected to manage stubble on 20 lakh hectares and around 40 per cent less cases of farm fires. But the things have turned out otherwise, with the surge in cases expected till Diwali night.

Punjab is providing 50 to 80 per cent subsidy to farmers and cooperative societies to buy modern farm equipment and have spent lakhs on awareness campaigns against stubble burning.

Senior officials say what is worrying is that despite the fact that the area under paddy has decreased by 2.5 lakh hectares due to crop

diversification, the farm fire cases have increased. "With Punjab not objecting to crackers during Diwali, the air pollution is expected

SAD slams Centre for blockade

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AMRITSAR, NOVEMBER 8
SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal today slammed the Centre over the virtual economic blockade imposed on Punjab and demanded resumption of the freight train service.

Sukhbir was here to welcome BJP's former state spokesperson and Tarn Taran district president RP Singh Maini into the party fold.

Sukhbir also announced Maini to be the SAD's spokesperson. Maini had resigned from all posts recently in protest against the farm laws and other "anti-Punjab" policies.

Terming the BJP's leadership as a 'one-way traffic', Sukhbir said, "Under the BJP, you are bound to obey the one-side orders and will never be entertained to put forth your point. The NDA, which was founded by Parkash Singh Badal, is on the verge of a col-



SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal welcomes BJP leader RP Singh Maini into the party fold in Amritsar on Sunday. VISHAL KUMAR

lapse. The Janata Dal (United) was the last partner in the NDA but after the BJP's deal with Ram Vilas Paswan's party, the JD(U) is also likely to exit the NDA," he said. Sukhbir said though the railway tracks were cleared by the farmers, the Centre had deliberately not restarted the train service on frivolous grounds.

Criticising Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh for

doing nothing to resolve the crisis, he said, "Except for holding a one-hour protest in Delhi, the CM could not spare time to meet either the PM or the Railway Minister to at least get the freight train service resumed in Punjab," he said. Meanwhile, on a question about future alliances, Sukhbir said the SAD was being strengthened in all 117 constituencies.

Don't crush farmers' struggle: Ramoowalia

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LUDHIANA, NOVEMBER 8
Former Union Minister Balwant Singh Ramoowalia has expressed concern that if the farmers' struggle was not resolved soon, it could lead to a reduction in the boundless powers of the Union Government, which would have far-reaching consequences. If that happens, it would not be easy to control the situation.

In a press statement issued here today, he said the Union Government was pursuing a policy of crushing the struggle by inciting and exhausting the farmers, which was wrong. He said history had shown that peasant struggles had overthrown the governments in many countries like China, Russia and Cuba. Even US

CENTRE PURSUING WRONG POLICY

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Balwant Singh Ramoowalia, EX-UNION MINISTER

President Abraham Lincoln was rendered helpless in wake of the peasant struggle, he added.

The former Union Minister recently announced the renaming of his Lok Bhakti Party (LBP) as Lok Bhakti Mission (LBM).



Worst-hit Sangrur yet to register farm fire FIR

PARVESH SHARMA

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SANGRUR, NOVEMBER 8

A thick blanket of smog covers many parts of the district as the stubble is being burnt unabated. Even though the district is the worst-hit with 7,628 cases of farm fires, district authorities have not registered even a single FIR against the guilty.

Worse, authorities have launched prosecution under Sections 39 of Air Act 1981 only in two cases across the district. As per the official data, of 7,628 fire incidents reported, teams of officers have visited 3,244 sites. To date, authorities have imposed environmental compensation of Rs 30.65 lakh in 1,218 cases.

"We are willing to shun stubble burning, but without the government help, it's impossible," says Amrik Singh, district president, BKU (Ugrahan). Since farmers have announced to gherao officers if anyone come to visit their burnt fields, officers told *The Tribune* that government should provide them security if it really wants to prevent more farm fires in coming days. When asked why there were no FIRs, Sangrur Deputy Commissioner Ramvir said: "I will look into the matter to ascertain the reasons behind the delay in registration of FIRs in stubble burning cases."

ACTION TAKEN SO FAR

7,628 fire incidents reported so far in district

3,244 sites of stubble burning visited by officials

₹30.65 lakh imposed as environmental penalty

1,218 defaulting farmers' red entry in land records

Firm found selling paddy on fake bills

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Bag marking suggests paddy from UP, Bihar

On the recommendation of the Food and Civil Supplies Department, the Punjab Police have booked Rohit Jain, alias Lada, and others on charges of cheating the government using fake bills.

Food and Civil Supplies Minister Bharat Bhushan Ashu today said he had received information that a firm — "Watson Engineering Works" — located on the GT Road, Khanna, was trying to sell paddy brought from Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. Besides, documents related to shipping of paddy to other godowns and money transactions were found. The minister said 96 cases had been registered against traders and drivers in the state for selling paddy brought from other states during the current season. The state government would not spare anyone indulging in cheating in arrivals in mandis. On Saturday, almost 4 LMT reached state mandis

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Purchase exceeds production estimate Bogus billing, inflow of outside paddy suspected; govt denies anomaly

RUCHIKA M KHANNA

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 8

Punjab got a cash credit limit (CCL) of Rs 35,500 crore to purchase an estimated 162 lakh metric tonne (LMT) paddy this year, based on its field data collections of production. However, the state's paddy procurement touched 179.55 LMT today. This is almost 18 LMT over and above the estimated paddy procurement and 9 LMT over its estimated production. Comparatively, the paddy arrival during the corresponding period last year was just 142.28 LMT.

While the Food and Civil Supplies Department denies any anomaly, the disparity in figures suggests bogus billing and arrival of cheap paddy from outside the state as the key reasons for a surge in arrivals in mandis. On Saturday, almost 4 LMT reached state mandis

against 3 LMT on Sunday.

As the paddy arrival continues to increase — it is estimated that another 15 LMT will reach mandis — the state government has sought an additional CCL of Rs 8,500 crore from the Reserve Bank of India for paddy purchase. Principal Secretary, Food and Supplies, KAP Sinha says the state has sent a request to the RBI to increase the state's CCL from Rs 35,500 crore sanctioned earlier to Rs 44,000 crore. "If there are paddy arrivals, we have to purchase them," he said.

While the government is

trying to brush the aside discrepancy, maintaining the productivity of paddy has gone up, agriculture experts say the highest that the yield can go up will be 10 per cent, given the weather is conducive throughout the cultivation season.

Unofficially, the agriculture department denies the yield per acre has gone up. "We have already procured 9 LMT above the production, and we expect another 15 LMT to reach the market. The crop cutting experiments are under way to assess the increase in yield, but it will be surprising if the yield were that high," says a senior government official. Sources say this year, many traders have bought early yielding paddy directly from farmers at rates lower than the MSP and without paying taxes. This is now being shown in the records as the paddy procured from farmers. "We are monitoring arrivals and doing backward integration to see if paddy being procured is actually sourced from a farmer. This has led us to uncover the market. The crop cutting experiments are under way to assess the increase in yield, but it will be surprising if the yield were that high," says a senior government official.

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18 LMT SURPLUS PURCHASE			
Estimated	Procured	GRANT FROM CENTRE	
162 LMT	179.55 LMT		
CCL received	Addl CCL sought		
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Fields adjacent to main roads have turned black due to stubble burning, but officers are still not able to muster courage to register FIRs against the guilty.



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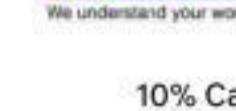
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Biden, Harris are in

Change of guard augurs well for the US, the world at large

THE tortuous 2020 United States presidential poll process finally comes to an end, throwing up results that are singular in every which way one looks at them: the oldest President-elect; the first woman, the first person of colour and of Asian descent as Vice President-elect; and an outgoing President who refuses to concede his defeat and instead proclaims that the election is not over yet. These results reflect an America that is deeply divided over race, prejudice and privilege. Yet, Joseph Biden's hard-fought victory and the unprecedented success of Kamala Harris, the daughter of a first-generation immigrant, have made America great again, reaffirming that the nation's soul is intact.

Compassion for less-fortunate people regardless of race, decency in public conduct, and modesty in speech have come back to being fashionable in the White House, and that is a matter of great relief; and all the more welcome if it sets off a global trend as most things American do. The governance of a global superpower cannot be left to reality TV celebrities and tycoons with a shady family. With experienced US politicians back at the helm, climate change, the Taliban imbroglio, religious radicalism in Europe and the emerging Chinese threat to world order ought to get a balanced and studied response instead of tweets-as-diktats. Meanwhile, the transition could be anything but smooth with the bad loser, Donald Trump, contesting the results in courts in an attempt to de-legitimise the mandate and derail Biden's plans to create a bipartisan administration.

Meanwhile, India will now have to think twice about global opprobrium before brazening out human rights violations with a Democratic regime, which is sensitive towards the anxieties of minorities. It is no secret that Trump's reaction to Chinese aggression in Ladakh had helped India argue its case strongly at international forums and foster closer military ties with US' allies through the Quad. Hence, it is legitimate for Indians to believe that a Vice President, who understands Asia better, will bring India and the US closer, while fastening our bilateral bonds and India's role in its neighbourhood.

Protecting elders

Right to take back property will reduce parental abuse

THE court's heart is in the right place as it goes all out in favour of senior citizens in distress over disputes relating to their rights for protection of life and property against transgression by their children and other close relatives. This is evident from a large number of court verdicts that have supported the elderly in matters of conflict between them and their relatives across the country in the past decade. Upholding the spirit of this sentiment is the latest ruling of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, restoring the powers of eviction to maintenance tribunals set up under the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act. The verdict is significant as it departs from an earlier judgment of January this year that struck down some clauses of the Punjab Action Plan, 2014, which lays down the procedure for the eviction of a person on orders of a District Magistrate from the property of a senior citizen.

Considering the plight of senior citizens — rendered infirm with age and often suffering from lack of income — involved in long-drawn-out litigation with their children who ill-treat them, this Act was enforced in 2007. It enjoins upon the children to provide basic amenities and take care of their elders. It also takes cognisance of another sad reality: old parents being neglected, harassed, physically abused or even forced out of the house once they transfer their property and assets to their children or other relatives (if childless), with the hope of being looked after in their twilight years.

The law has been rightly amended to give them protection by deeming such a deed as having been made by fraud, coercion or undue influence if they are abused. Empowering the executive to quash the agreement in such cases and restore the property to the anguished seniors has an added benefit. It saves them the trouble of hiring costly lawyers and moving overburdened courts. That the mistreated elderly have the right to take back their transferred property must be widely publicised. It will reduce instances of parental abuse.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Every moment is a fresh beginning. — TS Eliot

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

LAHORE, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1920

THE WARNING AGAINST NON-CO-OPERATION.

ON another page will be found the text of a notification which has just been issued as a Gazette of India Extraordinary by the Government of India and which explains the policy of that Government towards the non-co-operation movement. The notification begins by stating the opinion of the Government of India that "the movement is unconstitutional in that it has as its object the paralysis and subversion of the existing administration of the country," as well as the considerations which have hitherto influenced them "in refraining from instituting criminal proceedings or taking any other action against those of its promoters who have advocated simultaneously with non-co-operation abstention from violence," and in instructing Local Governments "to take action against those persons only who in furtherance of the movement have gone beyond the limits originally set by its organisers and by speech or writing openly incited the public to violence or have attempted to tamper with the loyalty of the Army or the Police." It then goes to say how "the confidence of the Government in the good sense of India has already been in great measure justified by the unanimity of her best minds in their condemnation of the folly of non-co-operation." Having thus prepared the ground, the notification reveals its real purpose. "Having failed to secure a favourable verdict from educated India," it says "the leaders of the movement have now been driven to increase the violence of their appeal to the masses and to endeavour to enlist, under the banner of non-co-operation, the sympathy and assistance of schoolboys and college students. Herein lie the two great dangers for India which have compelled the Government to place the issue plainly before the country in the hope that its most enlightened and stable elements may recognise the necessity of vigorous action to prevent any further extension of the mischief."

Breaking with the past

At long last, Arizona makes way for the Democrats



KP NAYAR

STRATEGIC ANALYST



BREACHED: Arizona's voters have dented Republican invincibility that had been taken for granted in successive presidential elections.

Victory of Mark Kelly, and of another Democrat to the Senate two years ago, will be the first time in nearly 70 years that Arizona will not be represented by Republicans.

room. Nehru's efforts for elimination of nuclear weapons had caught the imagination of Indians at that time. As a boy, I was glued to radio and tuned in daily to broadcasts from overseas stations. I have disturbing memories of Goldwater's racist speeches. They left me uneasy as a boy just as John F Kennedy's presidential orations were comforting and Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg address was inspirational.

When I lived in the US, I made time to research the life and work of this Arizona Republican. I found the full text of a Goldwater speech, which had disturbed me at an impressionable college-going age. It says in part that extremism in the defence of liberty is no vice and moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue. It is a threshold every civilised society must guard against.

Not surprisingly, only six of the 50 states were for Goldwater in the Electoral College in his presidential bid challenge against Johnson. The President won handily. But what does it say about Arizona which elected Goldwater five times to the Senate, depicting him in the state's likeness

in Washington for 30 years?

Fast forward to the new millennium. What Goldwater was to Arizona in the 1960s and 1970s, became John McCain's destiny in the decades that followed the poison-spewing Senator's retirement in 1986. McCain filled the Senate seat from Arizona. He was invincible in the state as long as he lived and was elected six times to the Senate. Before that he won two elections to the US House of Representatives from Arizona's first district, which is famous for its electoral composition as having the highest number of native Americans for any House seat. In 2008, he was chosen by the Republican Party as its candidate to run against Barack Obama, who handsomely won that election and became America's first black President.

The US has a severe shortage of heroes in its public life in the modern era, so much so it had to turn to Ronald Reagan and make him into one. So it was easy for McCain to become another hero by saying the right things at the right time and he had a knack for cultivating the media.

The Washington Post once wrote a

me retaining my parental surname.

It was barely three months of my marriage, when over a weekend discussing the farm laws, I expressed my desire to learn the skills of a farmer. He more than delightfully accepted to help me transition into an IRS officer-cum-farmer. We could discuss at length all social and political issues, while he valued my presence and opinion over his own son's. He taught me that care-giving was not feminine, but was simply human. Here was a true son of the soil, a man of substance, an unsung hero who had no social media presence, but with his inherent nature and respect for women, quietly managed to spread his magic and helped make this world a better place for

women like me.

We lost him recently and unexpectedly. Still he seems to be teaching us from beyond that grief is grief, there is no contest. Sometimes, there is resentment, how dare he show us so much love and leave us, and yet acceptance to have been lucky to have lived with that love and sense of security. It is in difficult times that one takes refuge in the memories of the past. A smell, a tune, a glimpse are all it takes to drift back in that moment in time, where the mind seeks solace in these memories. It makes us appreciate the beauty in stillness and hope. As we battle endless grief and pain, the family celebrates the progressive farmer; what a man, what a life.

Progressive farmer, and man

HENA KUMAR SUKHNA

I HAD always seen him in *kurtapajamas*, sitting on a recliner on our farm, managing cheerfully the sprawling vast lands with love, toil and sweat. Things around him moved with clockwork precision. From fulfilling harvesting needs, feed for the buffaloes to filling our swimming pool with fresh water, every action was undertaken under his care and supervision. I had met my father-in-law four months back. Since that day, we had spoken daily on the phone, and during my visits, he had always shown me around with much gusto and enthusiasm. He was a phenomenal father, grandfather, husband

and a loyal friend to many. With a dry sense of humour, a hearty laugh and boundless compassion, he had an uncanny ability to fix things around the farm and had a deep knowledge of the world. When I had just got married, I was apprehensive. I had come from a household wherein my parents had believed in and championed gender equality and helped break down gender barriers at all levels for me and my brother. What if I did not get my due? How will I ever adjust? Soon I found my worries were needless. Breaking all stereotypes, my father-in-law ensured that before I had entered my in-laws' house, my name was to be engraved on the nameplate outside the house. He had no qualms about

me retaining my parental surname. It was barely three months of my marriage, when over a weekend discussing the farm laws, I expressed my desire to learn the skills of a farmer. He more than delightfully accepted to help me transition into an IRS officer-cum-farmer. We could discuss at length all social and political issues, while he valued my presence and opinion over his own son's. He taught me that care-giving was not feminine, but was simply human. Here was a true son of the soil, a man of substance, an unsung hero who had no social media presence, but with his inherent nature and respect for women, quietly managed to spread his magic and helped make this world a better place for

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Haryana's Byzantine law

Reference to '75% jobs for locals'; Haryana owes its economic progress to its ability to provide high-class streamlined infrastructure to national and global companies. By enacting a law to reserve jobs for locals, the government is creating barriers in Modi's agenda of ease of doing business. This is a retrograde step and is an admission by the state of its inability to skill its youth and thereafter erect hurdles in labour mobility. It is also against the federal spirit of our Constitution. The country is moving towards unified fiscal and economic policies, while Haryana is turning the wheel in reverse. It should not be allowed to go ahead with the Byzantine law. Public employment cannot be given on the basis of domicile, then how can private jobs?

RAJIV BOOLCHAND JAIN, ZIRAKPUR

Right to block movement

Our Constitution provides for a series of rights that can be exercised as and when the situation so warrants, but we fail to realise that no right is absolute. The right to protest in a peaceful way is taken as the right to block the movement of people or goods indefinitely. This was witnessed in Delhi in earlier days of the year and is being practiced in Punjab for the past couple of weeks. The government must

ensure that the common man is not deprived of his right to movement.

SL SINGHAL, NOIDA

Economic policy

Apropos of the encyclopaedic piece on the journey of economics thought, 'The perils of banking on business economics'; the writer has depicted important points of evolution of economic theory and policy. The world has become too complex and business economics alone cannot unravel the mysteries of unexplained phenomena. Pure economics will have to liberate itself from the unrealistic assumptions like well-behaved production functions or economic man as a calculating machine.

RAKESH SUDAN, KURUKSHETRA

Decision too late

Some governments have banned the use of crackers to avoid air pollution, particularly during the pandemic. The decision is good but the intimation could have been given at least a month before Diwali. Many small shopkeepers have bought crackers from factories for selling. Retailers were already incurring losses due to the lockdown. Since Diwali is one of the biggest festivals in India, strategic planning should have been done in the past months.

RAGHAV SINGLA, BY MAIL

Undue haste

Refer to 'Jan Manch programme to be resumed', why is the HP Government in so much hurry to organise Jan Manch, while the Covid cases are still rising in the state? In the Jan Manch programme, there will be a gathering and maintaining social distancing won't be an easy task. This will lead to rise in infection. The government should organise e-Jan-Manch, in which MLAs, ministers or local officials concerned listen to the grievances of people through video-conferencing at a designated place.

RITISH PANDIT, DEHRA GORIPUR

Drug racket

Refer to the arrest of a proclaimed offender and a Punjabi film producer, both reported to be connected to Bholia's drug racket; the government must come out with a White Paper on this racket so that the public can know about those involved. Families have been ruined monetarily and have lost their sons to drugs. The involvement of people from Punjabi film industry is shocking, as was the reported involvement and investment of certain gangsters in the kabaddi league. The government has succeeded in breaking the supply chain, but large consignments of contraband drugs are still confiscated on the border regularly. Coordinated efforts by the Centre, state government and the

people of the border state are a must.

BRIJ BHUSHAN GOYAL, LUDHIANA

Hookah culture

Many new shops are selling tobacco in Kaithal district. These shops are run by jobless youths. Shops are situated mostly at village bus stops, crossings and tri-junctions. These shops are promoting tobacco use and providing hookahs. Many young people and students are seen smoking at these shops throughout the day. These shops have become open hookah bars. This is dangerous for our youth. The Haryana health authorities must take prompt action.

KULDEEP KUNDU TITRAM, BY MAIL

Golden writing tool

'Love for the fountain pen' brought back memories of schooldays. I won accolades from my Urdu teacher for the efforts put in by the golden pen with a metal nib. Smooth flow and a good handwriting were the hallmarks of these pens. It was on Gandhi's insistence to make *sawadeshi* products that jeweller Kasuri Venkat Ratnam, hailing from Andhra Pradesh, made an indigenous pen, 'Ratnamson', in 1933. Gandhi continued to use it until his last. From Nehru, Rajendra Prasad, Ambedkar and Indira Gandhi to Modi, these locally developed pens have struck a chord.

VIJAY SINGH ADHIKARI, NAINITAL

Pak military steps in for mercenary missions



GROUP CAPTAIN MURLI MENON (RETD)

DEFENCE ANALYST

THE failed, supposedly Fethullah Gulen-inspired military coup d'état in Turkey in July 2016 is known to have had the involvement of several Turkish Air Force officials, including pilots and some other senior functionaries. Some rebel Turkish F-16s had even tried to shoot down President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's personal plane then. The ensuing purge by Erdogan is known to have deprived the Turkish Air Force of 250-300 pilots, another similar number choosing to leave voluntarily on account of safety apprehensions.

This directly impacted the operational capabilities of its American supplied F-16 fleet. Now, modern-day fighter pilots take considerable time and money to train and this serious shortfall of pilots has made Turkey look elsewhere for some 'mercenary' pilots, more so in the wake of the country's ongoing war-like activities in Syria, Nagorno-Karabakh regions (Pakistani mercenaries are known to have fought on behalf of the Azerbaijanis against the Armenians here) and against Greece across the Aegean Sea.

Pakistan Air Force is known to have stepped in to provide trained pilots out of its own inventory, given the known excellent political relations between Erdogan and Imran Khan. It is reported that Pakistani pilots have been flying

Turkish F-16s for the past year. Greece has, meanwhile, been complaining about Pak pilots violating their air space flying Turkish F-16s and even P-3C Orions. Whilst this may seem to be an innocent helping gesture by a friendly nation, clearly there are implications for India. The US is believed to have denied permission for PAF pilots to fly the Turkish F-16s, asking them to seek assistance from Saudi Arabia and Qatar to augment their pilot strength. But while frantic efforts are on to step up fighter pilot training, Erdogan went scouting for trained F-16 pilots from other nations. That's when Pakistan's Imran Khan obliged.

Earlier in Indo-Pak history, the PAF is known to have got the services of several (eight by one account) F-104 Starfighter jets from the Jordanians during the 1971 war. Given its propensity to team up with other Muslim nations in matters military, India should be wary of these activities and how they could impact our neighbour's war-waging capabilities. Timely help by the PAF is bound to be reciprocated down the line by Turkey, especially in light of the cooling off of decades old military supply chain from the US and the Turkish Aerospace's considerable aviation related wherewithal. Pakistan has traditionally opted to field its military assets in aid of other friendly Muslim nations, not merely to further its strategic interests, but also to save on valuable foreign exchange in terms of spares and fuel that military training of its own Air Force would demand. This is even more critical given the country's largely failing economic predicament.

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BRANCHING OUT: Pakistan's intervention to provide pilots to fly Turkish F-16s has implications for India.

a standing commitment to deploy its military in support of the House of Saud, mainly for security duties after the Iranian revolution of 1979. It maintains almost 20,000 military personnel there, including pilots in its Air Force, headed by an ex-Pak Army Chief, General Raheel Sharif to fight, ironically, what it calls 'terrorism'. Possibly, the windfall of training with the Americans during the Cold War tempted several African and Middle-East nations to requisition the services of Pakistani military personnel to further their security interests.

As the sixth largest military in the world, it has maintained contingents, missions and battalions in several Middle-East states such as Saudi Arabia, Libya, Jordan, Iraq, Oman, UAE, Bahrain and Kuwait. Likewise, the

Zimbabwean Air Force appointed Daudpota as commander of its Air Force, deploying several other PAF pilots too. PAF pilots flew Royal Saudi Air Force Lightnings in 1969 to repel South Yemeni incursions. Pakistan's military ties with the UAE started as early as 1971, the first five Air Chiefs of the UAE having been PAF officers. PAF indeed then saw the UAE Air Force as an extension of itself. A PAF pilot, Saiful Azam, shot down two Israeli aircraft flying for Jordan during the Six-Day War. Also, Pakistan's Special Services Group (SSG) was instrumental in freeing Mecca's Grand Mosque of militants in 1979.

The systems of government in both the countries would dictate the opportunities for military engagements for our armed forces during

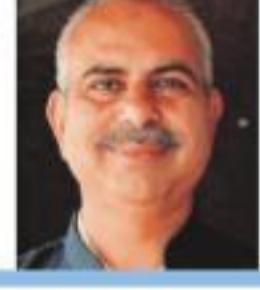
peace and war. India of course would prefer to employ its military in furtherance of its national military objectives, whereas our neighbour would opt for jumping into the fray where their mercenary instincts or other vested considerations take them. Our concern, of course, needs to be about additional combat assets accruing to our adversary, as also the intangible factor of war experience that they may garner in fighting other people's wars.

There has been considerable pressure on India from the Americans to join the war effort in Afghanistan and our government has so far not chosen to go down that route. Military exercises with friendly countries is the best that India could do in this area, such as those with the Americans, Russians and now with

the Quad via the Malabar series.

Even democratic nations such as France and the US have compunctions to get involved militarily in various military skirmishes across the world. A largely peaceable nation such as ours therefore has a handicap in this context. Till our priorities change on account of altered strategic interests vis-a-vis other nations, we need not expect to be embroiled in other people's wars no doubt, as years of national political thinking along lines otherwise would indeed be difficult to change. But we need to keep a tab on the activities of our adversaries such as what Pakistan is doing with Turkey. The quid pro quo that such deals entail would directly impact the degree of military threat faced by our nation.

Election Commission in need of reforms



RASHEED KIDWAI

JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR

Old hands in Nirvachan Sadan favour having a retired SC judge in the Central Election Commission. There is merit in it as the ECI performs several functions which are quasi-judicial in nature, such as dealing with the disqualification of MPs and MLAs, petitions and interpretation of rules in the Representation of the People Act. The prospect of ECI decisions getting overturned is not healthy. Therefore, there is a need for legally sound advice.

THE delay and chaos in the United States presidential elections have brought into focus the effectiveness of the Election Commission of India (ECI), but critics continue to crib about the efficacy of the institution empowered to hold free and fair elections.

A major grouse against the ECI has been its inability to withstand pressure from the ruling dispensation and the alleged short shrift meted out to the Opposition. A closer look, however, reveals several inbuilt lacunae in the current functioning of the Nirvachan Sadan on New Delhi's Ashoka Road.

The ECI, for instance, is currently functioning without a legal expert. The contract of its in-house expert, SK Mendiratta, an advocate, ended in 2019, after serving the commission for nearly 50 years without a successor. His job and duties are currently being performed by a Deputy Election Commissioner hailing from a Deputy Election Commissioner hailing from the Indian Administrative Service.

This is a significant lapse affecting the commission's functioning. The ECI has constantly been at loggerheads with the political parties and powerful individuals where proper perusal of cases in various courts of law is required.

Recently, the ECI penalised Madhya Pradesh Congress unit chief Kamal Nath for allegedly violating the Model Code of Conduct and removed him as a 'star campaigner' for the November 3 bypoll to 28 MP Assembly seats. A miffed Kamal Nath moved the Supreme Court quickly. The apex court stayed the Election Commission's order to revoke Nath's 'star campaigner' status.



UPHILL TASK: Withstanding political pressure is a major challenge for the ECI.

A cursory look indicates that the matter seems to have ended as polling got over. But for legal and political professionals, the Supreme Court's order will have a bearing on the poll expenses borne by the party and the candidate and serve as a precedent in future. Therefore, there is a need to get a clear verdict whether the ECI had indeed interfered as the Chief Justice of India, SA Bobde, appeared convinced that the ECI has no such power to remove any political leader as a 'star campaigner'. "We are staying your order. Who has given you the power to delist a candidate from being a star campaigner or a leader of the party under Section 77 of the (Representation of the People) Act?" CJI Bobde sought to know. The

ECI should be duty-bound to respond as soon as possible.

In 2017, the ECI had held the present Home and Health Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Narottam Mishra, guilty of paid news. Mishra was debarred from contesting polls for the next six years but he secured a stay on his disqualification from the Delhi High Court which enabled him to contest the 2018 Madhya Pradesh Assembly elections and become a state minister in April 2020. The ECI had moved the Supreme Court, but the case has remained sub judice. ECI sources said a judicial verdict would have strengthened the ECI's resolve to check the menace of paid news.

Nath, Mishra and the 'pending' cases of several others make a strong

pitch for some urgent reforms in the ECI. As an indifferent government and lacklustre public opinion have put the issue on the backburner.

In 1990, the Dinesh Goswami Committee on Electoral Reforms had suggested that members of the ECI should be selected by a panel consisting of the Prime Minister, the Chief Justice of India and the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha. In fact, a Bill was introduced by the Chandra Shekhar government where the Chief Election Commissioner was to be appointed by the President of India, in consultation with the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, Speaker of the Lok Sabha and the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha. Another feature of the Bill had stipulated that the CEC would be part of a consultation process in the appointment of the two other Election Commissioners. It's strange that even after a full majority, when the party has been in power for the past six years, re-introduction of the Bill has not been contemplated.

Since then, several retired CECs have been lobbying to make the selection of Election Commissioners more democratic and transparent. They want the CEC and ECs to be appointed through a collegium system. The argument is that such a process would bring more credibility and protect the institution from the criticism that they are mere appointees of the government of the day.

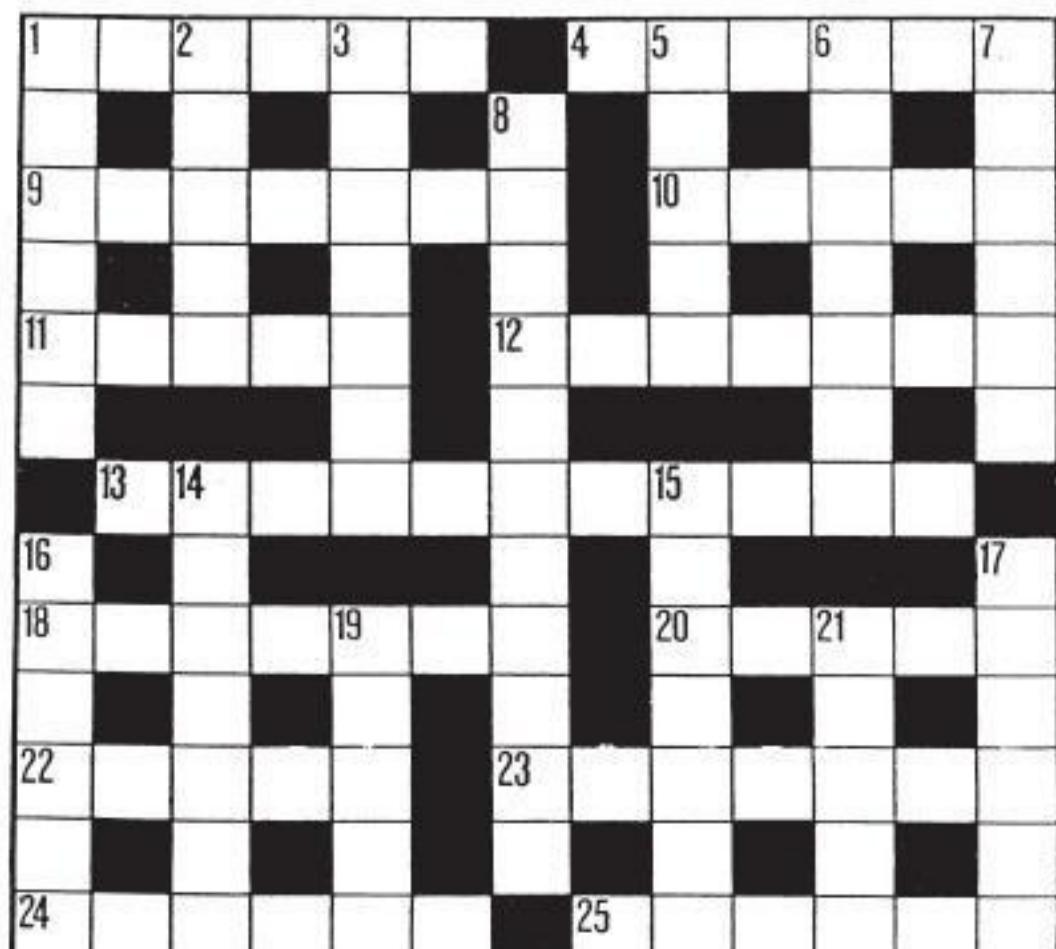
The year 1993 saw a lot of hostility between the then Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao and the CEC, TN Seshan, who was until then heading a single member ECI. Seshan had countmanded an assembly election in Tamil Nadu on the ground that he was

not given adequate Central forces during the polls. Rao initially dithered and then brought in an ordinance to make the ECI a three-member body where any two could give a majority view. Describing the sequence of events, Seshan had told *India Today*, "On October 1, 1993, they (Rao government) waited for me to leave town, and landed two gentlemen in my office. They passed an ordinance, saying that all decisions will be taken by majority and landed those two donkeys in my office. The donkeys came and spoke to me viciously. So, do you understand the build-up of hostility?"

Old hands in Nirvachan Sadan also favour the induction of a retired Supreme Court judge in the Central Election Commission. There is merit in it as the ECI performs several important functions which are quasi-judicial in nature, such as dealing with the crucial issue of the disqualification of MPs and MLAs, petitions and interpretation of rules in the Representation of the People Act. The prospect of ECI decisions getting overturned regularly is not healthy. Often, the ECI's opinions are binding on the President and Governors. Therefore, there is a greater need for legally sound advice.

According to Mendiratta, in the Bhagwati Prasad Dixit Ghorewala vs Rajiv Gandhi case dating back to 1986, the Supreme Court had rejected the contention that the CEC should have the same qualifications as those of a judge of the Supreme Court. But then, the ECI was a single-member body consisting of the CEC, whereas from 1993 onwards, it has become a three-member body.

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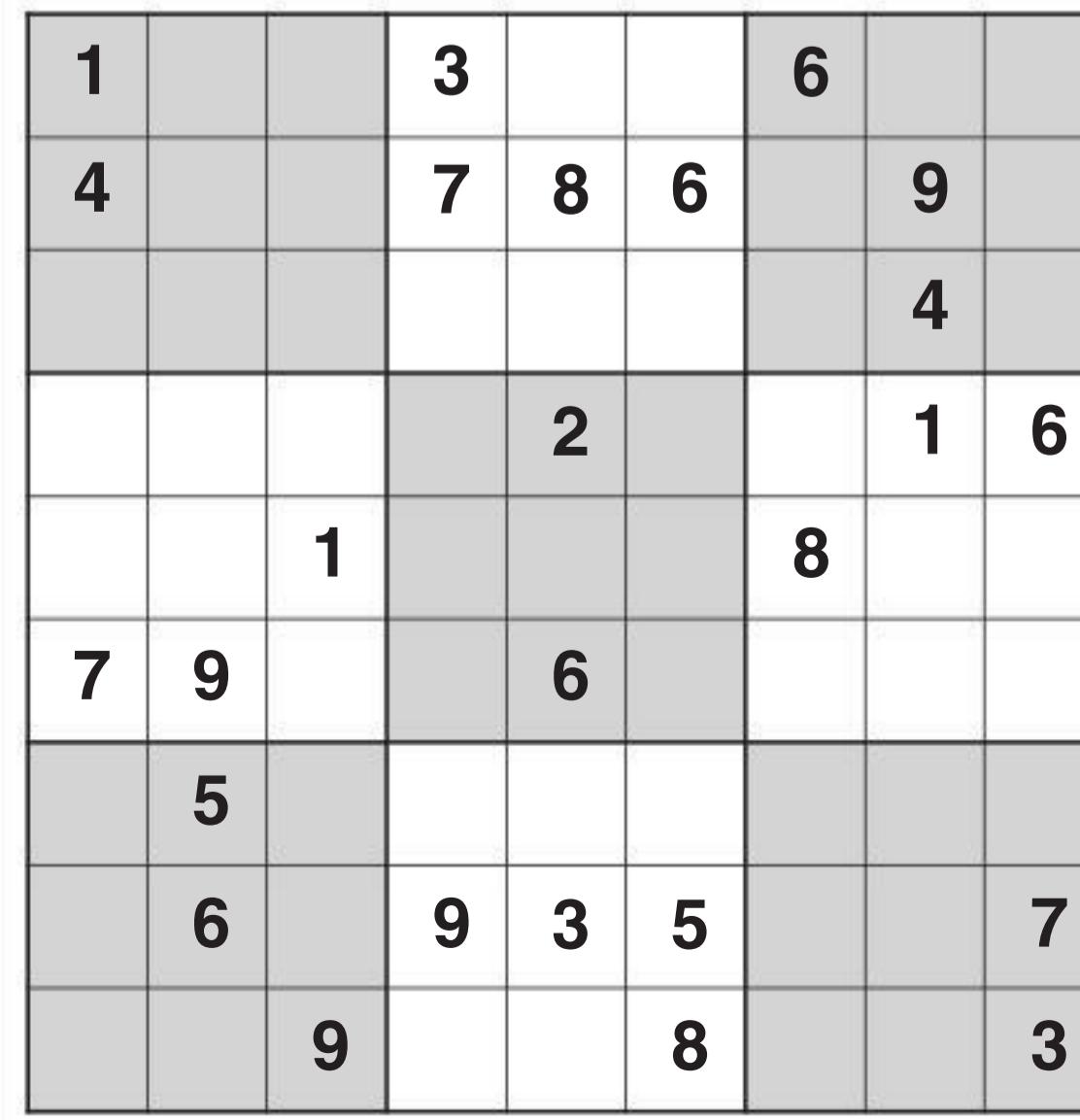


SATURDAY'S SOLUTION

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Down: 1 Rabat, 2 State-of-the-art, 3 Believe, 4 Excuse, 5 Broke, 6 In no time at all, 7 Dessert, 11 Classic, 13 Uncle, 14 Pent-up, 16 Edify, 18 Piety.

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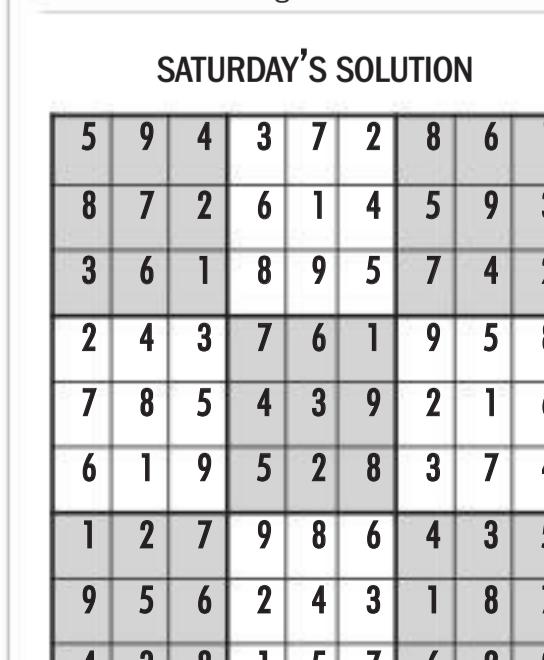
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NOVEMBER 9, 2020, MONDAY

■ Vikrami Samvat	2077
■ Shaka Samvat	1942
■ Kartik Shaka	18
■ Kartik Parvishite	24
■ Hijri	1442

Krishna Paksha Tithi 9, up to 5.28 am
Brahma Yoga up to 1.30 am
Aashle Nakshatra up to 8.42 am
Moon enters Leo sign 8:42 am

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION



FORECAST

SUNSET: MONDAY 17:28 HRS
SUNRISE: TUESDAY 06:45 HRS

CITY	MAX	MIN
Chandigarh	29	11
New Delhi	30	11
Amritsar	29	09
Bathinda	29	10
Jalandhar	29	10
Ludhiana	29	10
Bhiwani	28	11
Hisar	30	10
Sirsia	30	12
Dharamsala	20	10
Manali	18	01
Shimla	20	09
Srinagar	20	-01
Jammu	28	12
Kargil	12	-01
Leh	10	-10
Dehradun	28	11
Mussoorie	19	09

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MATRIMONIALS

BRIDEGROOMS WANTED

AGGARWAL

Suitable match for beautiful Aggarwal girl 27/5'4", M.Sc., B.Ed (Govt Teacher), caste no bar. 82692-35586, 83491-02485. (CL20059543) Manglik Aggarwal status girls 23.02.94, 04.17 pm, 5'-3", 17.03.96, 06:45 pm, 5'-2", Yamunanagar, 93541-29677. (CL20059742)

Suitable match for very beautiful Aggarwal (Aryan) girl 11.05.1994, 5:52 pm, Kurukshetra, 5'-2", non Manglik B.Tech. (CSE), working as Digital Marketer, preferred job or well settled businessman. Contact: neerajairan@gmail.com , 922551-29999. (CL20059972)

Match for Garg girl, M.Sc. (Geology), 1990/ 5'-3", Patiala, Punjab Govt. job. Required employed. Whatsapp: 99155-02451. (CL20060668)

Royal rich slim, beautiful girl, 1995, 5'-7", requirement Industrialist, Businessman, big budget. 98727-30682. (CL20061361)

SM4 Garg girl 5'-4", 27.05.1992, 07.24 p.m. (Moga), B.Tech, Senior Software Developer, MNC Noida. M.No: 98735-26877. (CL20061585)

DOCTOR/ENGINEER

Suitable MD/ MS match for MD (Anaesthesia), beautiful Brahmin girl, 5'-3", Aug. 93, Ludhiana. Cont: 98764-76024. (CL20061263)

Suitable MD/ MS Civil service match for beautiful MBBS, MD Pathology Sikh Ramgarha Dec 89, girl Convent educated 5'-1", doing senior residency GMC package 12la/c annual parent doctor high status family. 98783-70100, 81960-31138. (CL20058900)

Ramdasia MD match for MBBS, MD, Ramdasia girl, 30/ - 51"-, working Govt. hospital. 94784-81597 (Patiala). (CL20059243)

Jindal Beautiful Girl 22.10.1991

11:15 PM Mans 5'-4", Doctor ENT, MD SP. Faridkot. Preferred Doctor MD. 98882-23675, 98154-58404 (CL20059278)

Doctor match for MD Radiology (doing), Aug. 89, 5'-4", very smart Ramdasia Sikh girl. 94786-01578, 98148-42850. (CL20059617)

Doctor/PCMS/LAS match for Balmiki/

Mazbhi Sikh beautiful girl, 27, 5'-6",

MBBS, PCMS-I, Father Senior

Class-I officer, younger brother also Doctor. Caste no bar. Contact:

9878950558. (CL20059673)

DM/MD/MS/MSA match, preferably

Brahmin, for MD (Paediatrics),

beautiful Punjabi Sarswat Brahmin girl, August 1991 born, 5'-3", Senior

Resident Chandigarh, 14 lakhs per

annum. 94127-80501. (CL20059716)

Alliance invited from Civil Services/

Doctor/ Businessman match for

Brahmin girl 91 born 5'-4", very

beautiful BDS Doctor pursuing MDS,

convent educated. Father business-

man, Brahmans accepted. Kundli

must. 95783-01000. (CL20059748)

Beautiful Doctor girl 1992, 5'-5",

MBBS, MD, Radiodiagnosis, family

of Doctor. Caste no bar. 77728-76929.

(CL2006017)

Wanted M.D/ MS PCMS Doctor

match for Ramdasia Sikh (SC) Doctor

girl fair, slim. 12 Dec. 1992 born,

5'-6", MBBS, MD (PAED), working

as Senior Resident in Govt. Medical

College, parents Doctor, brother

MBBS well settled family in Distt.

Patiala. 98142-99034. (CL20060431)

Jatt Sikh 1992 born, 5'-5", MD

Doctor in Internal Medicine working

in USA seeking for established

Doctor, businessman or Gazetted

officer in India or abroad, upper caste

no bar. WhatsApp: 98880-44301.

(CL20060529)

Medico/ Non-Medico well-qualified

well-settled match for Sikh Ramgarha

beautiful, smart looks younger Govt.

specialist Doctor girl 5'-2" 75 born

only. Upper caste. Mobile. 85568-

50507. (CL20061285)

MD, MS, required for MBBS, MD

Pathology SR GMC & Hospital 5'-5",

fair, slim, 1991 born, Ramdasia Sikh

girl, high status family. Contact:

98150-10890. (CL20061504)

MD/ MS/ Civil Services/ suitable

match for beautiful Hindu Khatri

MD Anaesthesia Doctor girl,

July 90, 5'-7", doing SR ship

at Patiala. 98727-75678, 78848-

00000, rajindermehta72@gmail.com. (CL20061537)

Doctor/PCMS match for Jatt

Sikh MD Anesthesia girl 89 born,

5'-3", SR at prestigious Govt.

Hospital, only Jatt Sikh families

contact: 99886-05898. (CL20061587)

CHRISTIAN

Suitable match for Christian

beautiful girl, 1991 born, 5'-2",

M.Sc. (Biotechnology) working in

Chandigarh, sister married in

Australia. Preferred PR from Australia/ Canada/ USA. Early marriage. Caste

no bar. 98166-87008. (CL20059755)

Suitable match for Christian

fair girl 26.10.1990, 5'-5", B.Sc.

Nursing, Lecturer in Nursing, 6 years

experience, Amritsar. 98158-42173,

95922-52524. (CL20061480)

SCHEDULED CASTES

Suitable match for 84 born, 5'-2", Ravidasia girl, Graduate, Govt job. Call or whatsapp: 9914522450. (CL20059453)

Manglik Aggarwal status girls 23.02.94, 04.17 pm, 5'-3", 17.03.96, 06:45 pm, 5'-2", Yamunanagar, 93541-29677. (CL20059742)

Suitable match for Ravidasia/ Chambar beautiful B.Com girl, 5'-0", 30, well educated family, vegetarian/ Radhasoamia, Tricity preferred. 93162-32211. (CL20059308)

Balmiki girl 15.07.85/ 5'-7", MCA, M.Phil, working, PDE Manager in State Bank. 94176-00120. (CL20059379)

Suitable match for Addharmi girl Oct. 1979/5'-2", MA, B.Ed, SS Mistress educated Radhasoamia family. 80544-09996. (CL20059405)

Balmiki girl, 1988 born, MA, B.Ed., 5'-4", service in private school at Ludhiana. Parents Govt. service retired. 97793-43968. (CL20059610)

Suitable match for SC Hindu Ravidasia girl 1985 born, 5'-3", slim, Govt. Teacher, preferred Govt. job. Contact: 94651-71416. (CL20059720)

Suitable match for Adharmi girl, ht 5', 11/8, MCA, working in MNC Gurgaon, package 11+, Mob: 98728-29434. (CL20059743)

Match for Ravidas Sikhi girl, 5'-4", Gazetteer Officer Group-A Scientist/ Engineer in ISRO, M.Tech Computer Science, pursuing Ph.D. Father SBI Manager retd. Mother Teacher Punjab Govt. Radha Soami clean shaven family. Officer or MBA vegetarian clean shaven family preferred. Whatsapp 98728-26339, Email: surindersra1@gmail.com. (CL20059539)

Radha Soami match for Arora girl, 1994/ 5'-3" (10:33 p.m.) Ambala Cantt. M.Sc. (Chemistry), B.Ed working in reputed school. Preferred Service class nearby Ambala and tricity. 94163-78479. (CL20059659)

Hindu Manglik Khatri girl, 25.03.90, 11:30 am at Amritsar, 5'-3", M.Sc.(IT), Teacher at private School Mohali. Family well settled, Mohali, veg family preferred Chandigarh Tricity only - 62839-48060. (CL20059999)

Match for Hindu Arora Khatri beautiful girl 26/ 5'-3", B.Tech. CS. Presently in Australia work permit visa by Infosys, PR awaited. Mob. 94172-30055. (CL2006172)

Ramdasia girl 1993 born, B.Tech, height 5'-4", working in MNC Mohali. Preferred area Mohali, Chandigarh and Doaba region. Govt./ MNC job preferred. 75081-69675, 94640-18782. (CL20060263)

SM for Bhagat (Julaha) girl, MCA, 26.12.1986, 5'-2", working IT company Mohali. 78320-01256. (CL2006324)

PCMS/MD/MS teetotaller and non-smoker match for MBBS, PCMS-I Doctor Ravidasia Hindu girl, 5'-4%", 03.07.1990, Father retired Class-I officer, Jalandhar based. 7307631300, 9646041085. (CL20060340)

Suitable Match for Scheduled Caste (Adharmi) girl, September 1992 born, 5'-6", B.Tech, MBA working in MNC Chandigarh, Father retired officer. Contact: Whatsapp: 94637-41983. (CL20060678)

Match for Kukurshetra based 89 born, M.Sc. beautiful Ravidasia girl, father Central Government employee in Chandigarh. No caste bar. 97299-87344. (CL20060945)

Match for Ramdasia Sikh (Julaha) girl, June 1988 / 5'-5", M.Sc. (Biotech), Senior Research fellow at Mohali, Ph.D. final year. Parents retirees. Tricity preferred. 94177-76508. (CL20061204)

Suitable match for Koli (SC) beautiful girl 29, 5'-3", doing job. Earning 50,000/- pm. Caste no bar. 99155-44766. (CL20061205)

Match for Ramdasia Sikh (Julaha) girl, June 1988 / 5'-5", M.Sc. (Biotech), Senior Research fellow at Mohali, Ph.D. final year. Parents retirees. Tricity preferred. 94177-76508. (CL20061204)

Smart match for Canadian work permit Ravidasia girl 5.2.90, B.Tech, Jalandhar. Looking for Canadian/ Indian. 82830-44251. (CL20061344)

Match for Hindu Ravidas Sikhi girl, 19.4.1991, 5'-4", M.Com. Preparing competitive examination, serviceman preferred. 70093-28982. (CL20061204)

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Lahaul valley's north portal area attracts tourists

ABHINAV VASHISHT

KULLU, NOVEMBER 8

The north portal of the Atal Tunnel, Rohtang, has become a tourist hotspot in the wake of the recent snowfall in the Lahaul valley. A large number of tourists are thronging the Lahaul valley and visiting various tourist spots, enjoying and frolicking in the snow. The tourism business has gained momentum in Sissu and Koksar villages, located in the vicinity of the north portal of the tunnel.

The tourists visiting Manali are keen to cross the Atal Tunnel, an engineering marvel, and reach the Lahaul valley to enjoy the pristine view of fresh snowfall. Hundreds of tourists were seen enjoying the snow from Koksar to Gondhala. Some tourists also enjoyed skiing at various places in the Lahaul valley.

Most of the tourists arriving in the valley are from Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh and Delhi. Rahul, a tourist from Haryana, said it was amazing to be amid snow and such scenic surroundings. The visitors, particularly women, however, were facing problems due to lack of public facilities in the area.



Tourists enjoy in the snow at Koksar village in Lahaul and Spiti on Sunday. PTI

Manali tourists keen to cross tunnel

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- Business has gained momentum in Sissu and Koksar villages near the north portal of the tunnel.

He said adequate facilities should be ensured to handle visitor influx so that the beauty of the area was not spoiled. Some tourists also complained about lack of cellphone signal in the valley.

The influx of tourists has opened new avenues for the locals. Residents Rajender, Ravinder and Sanjeev said

tourist footfall had increased after snowfall, providing employment opportunities to people in the valley. Tourists were enjoying fast food at temporary stalls put up by locals. The sale of gloves, mufflers and caps had also gone up in the wake of snowfall.

While most of the tourists

are going back to Manali after visiting the Lahaul valley, the hotels in the Chandra valley in Lahaul have witnessed increase in occupancy. The residents believe that winter tourism will get a fillip in Manali and Lahaul due to opening of the Atal Tunnel.

Sissu panchayat president Suman Thakur said the number of tourists was expected to increase in the time to come. Locals should cooperate with the administration in providing better facilities to tourists so that visitors went back with good memories, she said.

CM seeks 100 pc funding for Bhanupali-Leh rail line

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur on Sunday met Railway Minister Piyush Goyal and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh. Thakur arrived on Saturday evening and left after his official engagements on Sunday.

During his meeting with Goyal, he sought 100 per cent Central funding for the strategically important Bhanupali-Bilaspur-Leh railway line. "The state has limited funds and requests complete funding by the Centre as the railway line is very important for the state as well as the country," Thakur said.

He reiterated the state's long-pending demand of expansion of the rail network and identification of



Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur with Union Railway Minister Piyush Goyal in New Delhi on Sunday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

new rail routes to bolster connectivity.

The state government was making efforts to improve air connectivity, Thakur said. He sought support from the Centre to set up a bulk drug pharmaceutical park in Una district.

He pointed out that the project would further bolster the state as a leader in

the field of drug production, help generate employment and give the industrial sector a boost.

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Govt gave ₹450cr interest-free loan to state: Anurag

HAMIRPUR, NOVEMBER 8
The Centre had provided Rs 450 crore interest-free loan to Himachal Pradesh for 50 years, said Anurag Thakur, Minister of State for Finance and Corporate Affairs, while addressing a public meeting at Tauni Devi here today.

He said a sum of Rs 204 crore was given for disaster management, and Rs 282 crore was provided under the Jal Jeevan Mission. He said the Prime Minister had sanctioned two mega electric projects for the state, including the Luhari power project in Shimla and the Dhaulasidh power project in Hamirpur. Besides generating 210 mega watt and 66 mega watt of electricity respectively, these project would generate over 1,000 jobs for the youth, he said.

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Tourism body calls for spl package

SHIMLA, NOVEMBER 8

The Tourism Industry Stake Holders Association (TISHA) today urged the state government to announce a special package for the tourism industry in regard to domestic tariff for water, garbage collection fee, property tax

and waiver of fixed demand charges levied on electricity bills for at least a year.

The association requested extension of the unconditional and collateral free financial assistance in the shape of working capital loan to all hotels through state coopera-

Govt college teachers sue delay in job regularisation

SHIMLA, NOVEMBER 8

The Himachal Pradesh Government College Teachers' Association (HPGCTA) on Sunday demanded that as many as 196 assistant professors, who were appointed between April to September 2017 and were due for regularisation of services on October 1, should be regularised with effect from the same date and not from the date of notification.

Members said the regularisation process in all other departments, including that of school cadre teachers and non-teaching staff, was done well before October 31. They urged the state to take early action so that the morale of the college teachers could be restored. The process of scrutiny and verification was completed at the Directorate level and the papers submitted to the Secretary, Education, in the last week of October. —TNS

Record 674 fresh Covid cases, 6 die

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, NOVEMBER 8

4 security men, 3 militants killed in Kupwara gunfight

SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 8
Four security forces personnel, including an Army officer, and three militants were killed during a failed infiltration bid by the ultras along the Line of Control (LoC) in the Machil sector on Sunday, officials said.

The militants made an abortive bid during the night to infiltrate into the Indian side of the LoC in the Machil sector of Kupwara district, they added.

The infiltrators were challenged and three of them were killed, the officials said.

However, three Army soldiers, including an officer, and a Border Security Force (BSF) jawan were also killed during the operation, they added.

Meanwhile, Srinagar-based defence spokesperson



L-G SINHA PAYS TRIBUTE TO MARTYRS

Jammu: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday paid tribute to the four security forces personnel who lost their lives in an encounter. "The L-G saluted the supreme sacrifice of the jawans and lauded the courage and valour displayed by them while protecting the integrity and sovereignty of the country," an official spokesperson said. — PTI

Col Rajesh Kalia said at about 1 am, a BSF patrol noticed suspicious move-

ment near the anti-infiltration obstacle system (LoC fence), about 3.5 km from the

LoC. The BSF personnel challenged the infiltrators and a gunbattle ensued, in which a militant was killed, he said. "A BSF soldier was killed in action (KIA) and the firefight stopped at 4am," Col Kalia said in a statement. He said more troops were rushed to the area and the movement of the militants was tracked with the help of surveillance devices. "Contact was re-established at 10.20 am when heavy fire was drawn by own search parties approximately 1.5 km from the LoC. In the ensuing firefight, two more terrorists were killed. Own troops suffered three KIA and two injured," Col Kalia said.

He added that the injured soldiers had been evacuated. The operation is in progress, the spokesperson said. — PTI

NOTICE FOR E-TENDERING

The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Chamba invited the tenders on behalf of Government of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following work(s) through e-tendering process.

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time Limit	Cost of tender form	Last date for uploading the tender through e-tendering
1	Annual repair and maintenance of Sewerage Scheme Chamba Town in Tehsil & Distt. Chamba (SH:- Operation and maintenance of sewer network including trunk sewer and branch line etc. for One year)	18,02,191/-	34533/-	Year	400/-	13.11.2020

The tender form and other detailed conditions can be obtained from the website www.hiph.org.in.

**Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti Division, Chamba.**

No-EE-JSD-CBA-GA-Tender/2020- 12006-07 Dated 07.11.2020 DPR/HP/4234

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1	Remodelling of FIS Sach in GP Sach, Tehsil & Distt. Chamba (HP) SH:- C/o Head weir 1 No., C/o Intake at Nallah 1 No., C/o R/wall, C/o Outlet chamber 5 Nos., C/o Anchor/Thrust block 21 Nos., Excavation, laying, jointing and testing of HDPE pipes in Main Channel and field channel	2022109/-	37832	Eighteen Months	400	13.11.2020

The tender form and other detailed conditions can be obtained from the website www.hiph.org.in.

**Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti Division, Chamba.**

No-EE-JSD-CBA-GA-Tender/2020- 12004-05 Dated: 07.11.2020 DPR/HP/4238

Annexure-A

E-TENDER NOTICE

The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Paonta Sahib invites tenders on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following work(s) through e-tendering process:-

JOB No. 1

Name of Work:- Augmentation and Improvement of LWSS Majra, Misserwala, Pardooni, Sainwala & Kolar Panchayat in Tehsil Paonta Sahib, District Sirmour (HP) (SH:- Drilling, Lowering of assembling and development of 1 Tubewell 176mm dia 100 meter deep [Pardooni]. NABARD.

Estimated Cost:- ₹ 6,15,900/-

Earnest Money:- ₹ 12,350/-

Cost of Tender:- ₹ 250/-

Time of completion:- Three (3) Months.

Last date of filing/uploading the tender through e-tendering 18.10.2020 up to 11:00 A.M.

JOB No. 2

Name of Work:- Augmentation and Improvement of LWSS Phandi Bodiwala in G.P. Kolar in Tehsil Paonta Sahib, District Sirmour (HP) (SH:- Drilling, Lowering, Assembling and Development of Tubewell 75 Mtr. Deep).

Estimated Cost:- ₹ 65,25,140/-

Earnest Money:- ₹ 10,500/-

Cost of Tender:- ₹ 250/-

Time of completion:- Two (2) Months.

Last date of filing/uploading the tender through e-tendering 18.10.2020 up to 11:00 AM.

JOB No. 3

Name of Work:- Augmentation & Improvement of LWSS Majra, Misserwala, Pardooni, Sainwala & Kolar Panchayat in Tehsil Paonta Sahib, District Sirmour (HP) (SH:- C/o one(1) OHSR 220000 litre capacity with 18 meter staging) Under NABARD.

Estimated Cost:- ₹ 30,80,000/-

Earnest Money:- ₹ 53,700/-

Cost of Tender:- ₹ 400/-

Time of completion:- Six (6) Months.

Last date of filing/ uploading the tender through e-tendering 18.11.2020 up to 11:00 AM.

JOB No. 4

Name of Work:- Augmentation and Improvement of LWSS Phandi Bodiwala in G.P. Kolar in Tehsil Paonta Sahib, District Sirmour (HP) (SH:- Laying & Jointing of GMS Pipe in distribution system).

Estimated Cost:- ₹ 7,44,020/-

Earnest Money:- ₹ 15,000/-

Cost of Tender:- ₹ 250/-

Time of completion:- Six (6) Months.

Last date of filing/ uploading the tender through e-tendering 18.11.2020 up to 11:00 AM.

JOB No. 5

Name of Work:- Providing FHTC in various villages under Majra Sub-Division in Jal Shakti Division Paonta Sahib (Nahan Constituency) in Tehsil Paonta Sahib, District Sirmour (HP) (SH:- Providing FHTC) under JJM Job No.1.

Estimated Cost:- ₹ 5,45,872/-

Earnest Money:- ₹ 10,950/-

Cost of Tender:- ₹ 250/-

Time of completion:- Three (3) Months.

Last date of filing/ uploading the tender through e-tendering 18.11.2020 up to 11:00 AM.

JOB No. 6

Name of Work:- Providing FHTC in various villages under Majra Sub-Division in Jal Shakti Division Paonta Sahib (Nahan Constituency) in Tehsil Paonta Sahib, District Sirmour (HP) (SH:- Providing FHTC) under JJM Job No.2.

Estimated Cost:- ₹ 5,25,368/-

Earnest Money:- ₹ 10,520/-

Cost of Tender:- ₹ 250/-

Time of completion:- Three (3) Months.

Last date of filing/ uploading the tender through e-tendering 18.11.2020 up to 11:00 AM.

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

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Pak violates ceasefire along IB in Kathua

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 8

Pakistani Rangers opened fire at forward posts and villages along the International Border (IB) in Kathua district, officials said on Sunday.

The firing from across the border in Karol Krishna, Manyari and Satalp border outposts in the Hiranagar sector started around 9.05 pm on Saturday and continued till 5.05 am, drawing retaliation from the Border Security Force (BSF) personnel, the officials said. They said there was no report of any casualty or damage on the Indian side. Border residents said Pakistani Rangers have been targeting civilian areas during the night. — PTI

Durbar Move: UT Admin to start functioning from Jammu today

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 8

The Civil Secretariat, the seat of Jammu and Kashmir Administration, will open here on Monday after functioning in summer capital Srinagar for six months as part of the nearly 150-year-old practice known in the union territory as the 'Durbar Move'. Adequate arrangements, especially those related to security, have been put in place to ensure smooth functioning of the Civil Secretariat and other move offices, including the Raj Bhawan and police headquarters in Jammu, officials said.

The Covid pandemic delayed the Durbar Move from Jammu to Srinagar this summer. The Civil Secretariat and other move offices, which observe a five-day week, closed in Srinagar on October 30, while the offices observing a six-day week closed the next day.

The practice of 'Durbar Move' — under which the administration functions in Jammu during six months of winter and in Srinagar during summer — was started by Maharaja Gulab Singh in 1872 to escape extreme weather conditions in the two regions of the state.

Singh also asked the officers to ensure adequate security in and around the Civil Secretariat, Raj Bhawan and at various roundabouts, junctions and other important areas in the city.

However, the practice was continued even after Independence with the aim of providing governance benefits to both Kashmir and Jammu regions for six months by turns.

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evening to review security arrangements for the opening of the move offices and directed his officers to ensure elaborate security measures in the entire Jammu district, including border areas.

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The officers were also directed to thwart any nefarious designs of anti-national elements and their mentors across the International Border and Line of Control, the officials said. The winter capital, Jammu, has been given a facelift ahead of the Durbar Move with the administration sprucing up the roads and pedestrian walkways with repair and paint works. Several roads in the city have been macadamised, potholes being repaired and a fresh coat of paint put on the footpath, they said.

Official residences and government quarters of top bureaucrats, senior officers and move employees have been renovated. — PTI

JAWAHAR NAVODAYA VIDYALAYA KOTHIPURA (BILASPUR) HP AUCTION NOTICE

Sealed tenders are invited from Authorized E-Waste Disposalers/ Recyclers for sale of obsolete/condemned computer items "As is and where is on no complain basis". The tender forms along with terms and conditions can be downloaded from Vidyalaya Website https://www.navodayagov.in/nvs/nvs-school_BILASPUR/en/home/index.html. The Tender Form fee and EMD must be deposited separately through Demand Draft of any nationalized bank payable at Bilaspur (HP) favouring Principal, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Kothipura, Distt. Bilaspur (HP). The last date to receive the tenders is 01.12.2020 up to 04:00 P.M. and the tenders will be opened in the office of Principal, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Kotipura, Distt. Bilaspur (HP). in the presence of bidders by Purchase Advisory Committee on 02.12.2020 at 11:00 A.M.

Sd/- PRINCIPAL

HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Online bids on Item Rate basis are invited by Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Shillai on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, in electronic tendering system in two covers for the under mentioned work from the contractors/firms of appropriate class enlisted with Himachal Pradesh in Jal Shakti Vibhag.

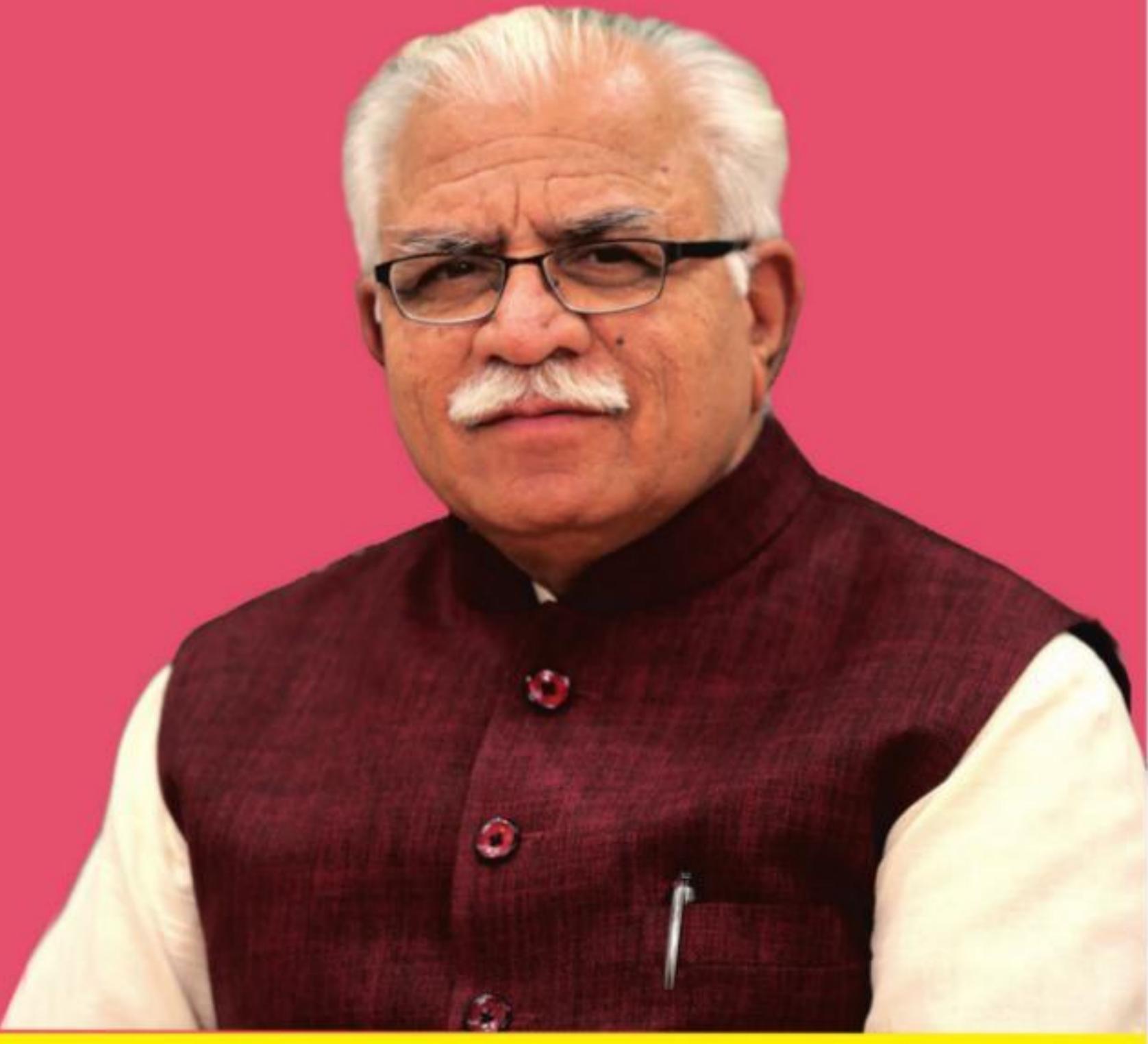
Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Time Limit	Cost of tender form	Last date for uploading the tender through e-tendering
1	Providing LWSS to Taras Bass & adj. habitations of GP Tontha Jakhai in Tehsil Kamrou, Distt. Sirmour (H.P.) (SH:- Providing, laying & jointing of G.I. Pipe/MSERW Pipe 80 mm dia in Rising Main) Job No. 1 (Under SCCP)	12,00,328/-	24,00/-	Six Months	400/-	13.11.2020

Key details will be as under:-

- 1 Date of online publication 06.11.2020 at 10:00 A.M.
- 2 Downloading of e-tender Documents From 06.11.2020 at 10:00 A.M. up



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Chief Minister, Haryana



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Let's Fight Together Against Coronavirus

Bihar gears up for counting day

PATNA, NOVEMBER 8

The Election Commission has made elaborate arrangements for the counting of votes on November 10 for the Bihar Assembly poll as the state awaits results of a closely-fought election.

The poll panel said it has set up a total of 55 counting centres, housing 414 halls, spread across all 38 districts of the state that voted in three phases on October 28, November 3 and November 7.

The maximum three counting centres each have been set up in four districts of East Champaran (which has 12 assembly constituencies), Gaya (10 constituencies), Siwan (eight constituencies) and Begusarai (seven). Rest other districts either have one or two counting centres each.

Considering the fact that Covid is raging in the state, steps have been taken to ensure that the Covid guidelines are strictly followed during the counting. Face masks will be mandatory for entering the counting centres besides sanitizers will be kept in adequate quantity there. In the state capital Patna, votes for all the 14 Assembly constituencies will be counted at just one centre set up at AN College. The poll panel said it is readying 30 counting halls at the college.

Bihar Chief Electoral Officer HR Srinivasa said the Election Commission has established a three-tier security system for strong rooms (housing the Electronic Voting Machines) and the counting centres.

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THREE-TIER SECURITY

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The inner core is being guarded by the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), then there is the Bihar Military Police (BMP) and then the district police, he told reporters. "We have deployed 19 companies of CAPF just for the security of the strong rooms and counting centres. Besides, we have 59 CAPF companies to ensure law and order during and in the aftermath of the counting process," he said.—PTI



A security official on guard at a polling station in Mahua, Vaishali. PTI

EC: 1,157 candidates have criminal history

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

As many as 1,157 of the total 3,733 candidates with criminal antecedents contested the Bihar Assembly polls, according to data collated by the Election Commission.

The data given by the commission on Saturday after the last phase of polling stated that 371 women were in the fray in the three-phased elections. Following a Supreme Court direction in February this year, the poll panel had in March asked parties to justify why they chose candidates with criminal history.

The Assembly elections in Bihar were the first full-fledged poll, where such details of candidates were made public by parties. In September, the EC

DATA GIVEN BY EC AFTER THE LAST PHASE OF POLLING

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CANDIDATES WOMEN



had made the norms of publicity of criminal antecedents of candidates stringent by putting a timeline on when such advertisements should be published and broadcast during electioneering.

In October 2018, the commission had issued directions making it compulsory for candidates and the parties to advertise their criminal antecedents.—TNS

DELHI CAPITALS STORM INTO FINAL



Delhi Capitals beat Sunrisers Hyderabad by 17 runs in the second qualifier to reach their maiden IPL final in Abu Dhabi on Sunday. PTI

Expect easier immigration, trade concessions

FROM PAGE 1

GSP access on its exports to the US. The focus on Asia Pacific is likely to stay. Biden was a key participant in Obama's "Pivot to Asia" which also had the same security-related goals – retain

US superiority in the maritime domain with India as a new ally. But there was a matching accent on economics. The architecture of Trans-Pacific Partnership – to create China-free supply chains – was beginning to

take shape when the Trump administration juked it.

Biden's plans to increase visas may not take shape immediately but will be a major improvement over the near-total clampdown by Trump. There is no doubt though

that eventually Biden will ease the visa norms, including H-1B. But with Kamala Harris as Vice-President, Biden is expected to keep up the pressure on human rights – from CAA and NRC to Kashmir:

Arnab shifted to Taloja jail for using phone

MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 8

Republic TV Editor-in-Chief Arnab Goswami, arrested in connection with the alleged suicide of an interior designer, was on Sunday shifted from Alibaug to the Taloja jail in Maharashtra's Raigad district, the police said.

Goswami was moved to the Taloja jail after allegedly being found using a mobile phone while in judicial custody at a school designated as Covid-19 centre for Alibaug prison, a police official said. The Raigad crime branch found Goswami was active on the social media using somebody's mobile phone despite his personal mobile phone having been seized by the police when he was taken into custody on November 4, the offi-

cials said. While being taken to Taloja jail, Goswami shouted from the police van.—PTI



HC TO PRONOUNCE ORDER ON BAIL TODAY

- The Bombay High Court will on Monday pronounce its order on the interim bail application filed by Goswami and two others in connection with the abetment to suicide case.
- A notice issued late Saturday night on the HC website said the Bench would assemble at 3 pm on Nov 9.

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Indian-origin Murthy to lead Biden Covid panel

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

While several Indian-Americans, such as Richard Verma, Nisha Biswal, Sonal Shah and Seema Sadanandan, might figure in the new Biden administration to be announced around November 26, an American of the Indian origin will play a prominent role right away in the President-elect's first initiative after beating Donald Trump.

Former Surgeon General Vivek Murthy is tipped to co-lead a 12-member group that will join battle with the raging Covid epidemic in the US that is registering over one lakh positive cases every day.

The "Covid-19 task force" will also be co-led by former Food and Drug Administration Commissioner David Kessler and Yale University professor Marcella Nunez-Smith.

Murthy, a registered

Democrat, was the Surgeon General of the United States from 2014 – 2017. Biden was receiving briefings for months from health experts, including Murthy and Kessler, a former FDA commissioner. Other experts who have briefed Biden include Celine Gounder of New York University and Yale's Marcella Nunez-Smith, according to US media reports.

"On Monday, I will name a group of leading scientists and experts as transition advisers to help take the Biden-Harris Covid plan and convert it into an action blueprint that will start on January 20. The plan will be built on bedrock science," Biden said in his first President-elect speech on Saturday night. The Biden taskforce could start holding public briefings from next week till the Inauguration Day on January 20.

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Four yrs since DeMo, Modi defends move

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

On the fourth anniversary of demonetisation, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said it had helped reduce black money, increase tax compliance and formalisation, and given a boost to transparency.

On November 8, 2016, Prime Minister Modi announced the decision to ban Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 currency notes.

Taking to Twitter, Prime Minister Modi listed the beneficial outcomes of demonetisation. "Demonetisation has helped reduce black money, increase

ENSURED TRANSPARENCY

Demonetisation has helped reduce black money, increase tax compliance and formalisation and given a boost to transparency. These outcomes have been greatly beneficial towards national progress.

Narendra Modi, PM

CAPITALISTS BENEFITED

Modi's move aimed at helping a few of his crony capitalist friends and destroyed the Indian economy. How has the economy of B'desh surpassed India's?

Rahul Gandhi, CONGRESS LEADER

tax compliance and formalisation and given a boost to transparency," he tweeted.

"These outcomes have been greatly beneficial towards national progress," Modi tweeted using hashtag '#DeMolishingCorruption'.

Along with his tweet, the Prime Minister also shared a graphic on how demonetisation had ensured better tax compliance, improved tax and GDP ratio. The Congress, on the other hand, said the Modi government had "destroyed" the economy.—PTI

HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION

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Result of Written Examination (CBT) and Notice to candidates for Scrutiny of Documents for the post of junior Accountant (HVPNL), Haryana Against Advt. No. 11/2019, Cat No. 18

On the basis of written examination (CBT) held on 01.03.2020 for the post of Junior Accountant (HVPNL), Against Advt. No. 11/2019, Cat. No. 18 the candidates bearing following Roll Nos. have been called for Scrutiny of Documents provisionally to ascertain eligible candidates and further subject to the fulfillment of their eligibility conditions as per advertisement and service rules.

Advt. No. 11/2019, Junior Accountant, Cat. No. 18 (19 Posts)

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1191803454	1191803485	1191803529	1191803580	1191803591	1191803628	1191803725	1191803781
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NOTE:- 1. The Scrutiny of Documents of the above candidates will be held on 16.11.2020. The candidates are advised to report at 09.00 A.M. in Commission's Office, Panchkula. They are also directed to bring all original documents, set of self-attested copies of all documents, one ID Proof and copy of downloaded application form.

2. In case a candidate does not appear for Scrutiny of Documents, no further opportunity will be given thereafter.

3. While every care has been taken in preparing and uploading the result, possibility of inadvertent/technical errors cannot be ruled out.

4. The Commission reserves the right to rectify the same later on.

Sd/- Under Secretary,

for Secretary, Haryana Staff Selection Commission.

Dated:- 06.11.2020

HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION

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Result of Written Examination (CBT) and Notice to candidates for Scrutiny of Documents for the post of Junior System Engineer (DHBVN), Haryana against Advt. No. 11/2019, Cat No. 01

On the basis of written examination (CBT) held on 27.02.2020 for the post of Junior System Engineer (DHBVN), against Advt. No. 11/2019, Cat. No. 01 the candidates bearing following Roll Nos. have been called for Scrutiny of Documents provisionally to ascertain eligible candidates and further subject to the fulfillment of their eligibility conditions as per advertisement and service rules.

Advt. No. 11/2019, Junior System Engineer, Cat. No. 01 (146 Posts)

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