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Cliffhanger, RJD alliance moves poll panel

EC officials deny counting of postal ballots stopped midway | Say not under anyone's pressure

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10
Bihar elections were headed for a nail-biting finish on Tuesday night with the ruling NDA alliance marginally ahead of the RJD-led Mahagathbandhan (MGB) in a cliffhanger contest. With 20 per cent of the 4 crore ballots yet to be counted at 11.30 pm, the Election Commission website showed 123 leads for the BJP-JDU alliance and 112 for the RJD, Congress and Left Front coalition.

The ruling NDA was thus just one seat ahead of the simple majority mark of 122 in the 243-member state Assembly with the fight in at least 35 seats too close to call. As the NDA widened its gap, the RJD and Congress alleged foul play. Congress leader Randeep Singh Surjewala petitioned EC officers in Patna, claiming that one of their candidates had been declared defeated by 1,700 votes when he had "actually won by 600 votes."

The RJD alleged that CM Nitish Kumar was pressuring returning officers to stop the count and declare close seats in favour of the NDA. The BJP leaders trashed the



HUGE GAINS FOR BJP: Ruling alliance supporters in Patna rejoice as leads indicate huge gains. PTI

As per EC 2019 order, if winning margin is less than postal ballots found invalid, recount of such invalid postal ballots has to be held, say sources

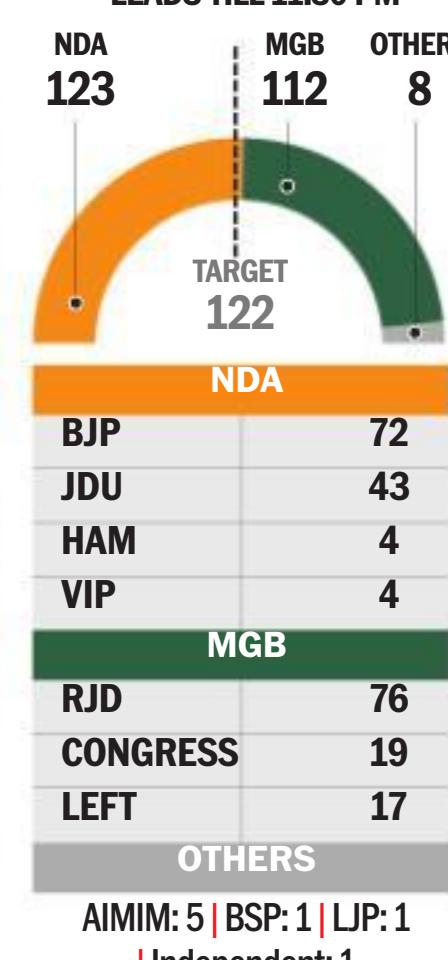
Nitish Kumar was pressuring returning officers to stop the count and declare close seats in favour of the NDA. The BJP leaders trashed the

charges. Party spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi said, "We live in transparent times where CCTVs and cellphone details are available every-

where. This is not Lalu Prasad's jungle raj." Tejaswi Yadav-led RJD emerged as the single largest party with 76 leads to BJP's 72 (EC

BIHAR SEATS 243

LEADS TILL 11.30 PM



AIMIM: 5 | BSP: 1 | LJP: 1

| Independent: 1

BYELECTIONS

MP: 28

BJP (19) | Cong (9)

UTTAR PRADESH: 7

BJP (6) | SP (1)

GUJARAT: 8

BJP (8)

CHHATTISGARH: 1

Cong (1)

HARYANA: 1

Cong (1)

JHARKHAND

Cong (1) | JMM (1)

KARNATAKA: 2

BJP (2)

MANIPUR: 5

BJP (4) | Ind (1)

NAGALAND

Ind (1) | NDPP (1)

ODISHA: 2

BJD (2)

TELANGANA: 1

BJP (1)



Newly elected Baroda MLA Induraj Narwal with BS Hooda in Sonepat.

CONGRESS KEEPS BARODA

Hooda loyalist Narwal wins with big margin

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CANDIDATE PARTY VOTES

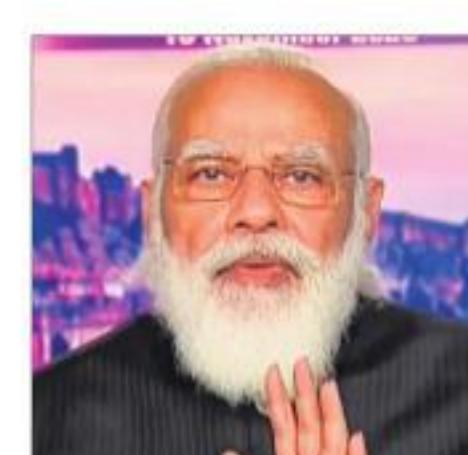
Induraj Narwal	Cong	60,636
Yogeshwar Dutt	JJP-BJP	50,070
Rajkumar Saini	LSP	5,611
Jogender Malik	INLD	5,003

also be interpreted as Baroda voters' rejection of the post-poll BJP-JJP alliance. The BJP-driven farm laws seem to have been the party's undoing and the JJP's "Jat belt" tag appears to have lost some sheen since the Assembly elections last year. This is evident from the fact that the BJP had polled 37,000 votes in

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Respect India's sovereignty, Pak, China told at SCO meet

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MODI: DON'T RAISE
BILATERAL ISSUES

India has always been resolute in working in sync with principles laid out in the SCO charter. But it is unfortunate that there have been repeated efforts to bring bilateral issues on SCO agenda.

Narendra Modi, PRIME MINISTER

(CPEC) that cuts across territories in Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir claimed by India.

The PM made the comment in the presence of China's President Xi Jinping, Pakistan PM Imran Khan, Russian President Vladimir Putin and other top leaders of the influential grouping.

Multilateral organisations such as SCO prohibit members from airing bilateral disputes, which led the PM to indirectly hint at India's opposition to the CPEC route.

The PM also said India's priority during its two-year stint at the UNSC from January 1, 2021, and at other multilateral organisations was to strive for "reformed multilateralism" to meet the expectations of a world suffering

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Post invite, Pb farmers to firm up strategy

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 10

Agriculture Secretary Sudhanshu Pandey today formally extended an invite to Punjab farm leaders for talks with Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar and Railways Minister Piyush Goyal on November 13.

Farm leader Balbir Singh Rajewal said: "We will hold a meeting of 30 unions, which have been leading the stir against the central farm laws,

in Chandigarh on Thursday to chalk out a strategy for the

trends at 11.30 pm. Overall, the BJP and the Left parties emerged as the biggest gainers while CM Nitish Kumar's JD(U) and the Congress suf-

fared severe blows. The BJP was up several notches from 53 seats it had won in 2015 when it fought on 157 seats against 110 this time.

Will hold meeting in Chandigarh tomorrow

November 13 meet." Jagmohan Singh Patiala of the BKU (Dakau) said they would insist on scrapping of the laws.

Nod to green crackers on Diwali

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 10

The Punjab Government today announced a two-hour window for bursting green crackers on Diwali and Gurpurab across the state, except Mandi Gobindgarh.

Residents in the industrial town have been barred from bursting crackers till November 30 on account of its poor air quality. Four major cities—Amritsar, Jalandhar, Khanna and Ludhiana—that too fall in the "poor" air

quality category—have been given the ban. Residents can burst green crackers from 8 pm to 10 pm on Diwali. INSIDE

Met: Rain, snow in HP on Nov 15, 16 to end dry spell

SHIMLA, NOVEMBER 10

Farmers and power producers heaved a sigh of relief today as the local Met office forecast rain and snowfall in the state on November 15 and 16 after a prolonged dry spell of about two months.

"A fresh Western Disturbance is likely to affect the western Himalayan region from November 13 onwards. Rain and snow are likely in Himachal Pradesh on November 15 and 16," it said.

Lower and mid hills have received no rainfall since mid-September and post-monsoon. The region received 7 mm of rainfall against the normal of 32.8 mm. —TNS



RAINFALL DEFICIT

■ 79% rainfall deficit was recorded between October 1 and November 10

■ 26% was the rainfall deficit during the monsoon

November 10 was 79 per cent, while 26 per cent rain deficit was recorded during the monsoon. The region received 7 mm of rainfall against the normal of 32.8 mm. —TNS

Himachal schools shut till Nov 25

SHIMLA, NOVEMBER 10

The Himachal Government today decided to close all educational institutions with immediate effect till November 25 in view of steep rise in Covid cases.

The state Cabinet decided that all government and private schools, colleges, ITIs, polytechnics, engineering colleges and coaching institutes would remain closed not only for students but also for teaching and non-teaching staff.

"It is after assessing the entire situation as regards sudden spike in cases that this decision has been taken," Urban Development Minister Suresh Bhardwaj said. —TNS



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2-hr window to burst green crackers

Barring Mandi Gobindgarh, fireworks allowed across state on Diwali, Gurpurb

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 10 The Punjab Government today announced a two-hour window for the use of green firecrackers on Diwali and Gurpurb across the state, barring Mandi Gobindgarh town. The fireworks timing has been restricted to 35 minutes on the Christmas Eve in the state.

A complete ban has been imposed in the industrial town of Mandi Gobindgarh from November 9-10 to November 30-December 1 midnight on account of its poor air quality index (AQI) levels.

The announcement is contrary to the National Green Tribunal (NGT) directions that call for a complete ban on the sale or use of all kinds of firecrackers in cities that had poor average ambient air quality levels during November last year.

Four major towns — Amrit-



A man buys firecrackers in Patiala on Tuesday. RAJESH SACHAR

Festival	Fireworks allowed
Diwali	8 pm to 10 pm
Gurpurb	4 am to 5 am 9 pm to 10 pm
Christmas	11.55 pm to 12.30 am

WHAT ORDERS SAY

BANNED: Manufacture, stock, distribution, sale and use of joined crackers ('laries')

ALLOWED: Green crackers sans barium salts or compounds of antimony, lithium, mercury, arsenic, lead or strontium chromate

DRIVE TO STOP ILLEGAL SALE IN MUKTSAR FAILS

Muktsar: The district police on Tuesday conducted a drive in some busy markets to prevent illegal sale of firecrackers. However, a number of shopkeepers got the information in advance and rolled down the shutters before the police arrived.

Meanwhile, the fire safety office has written to the SDM, expressing its inability to deal with the sale in narrow markets. TNS

Government officials said since the state had been hit hard first by the pandemic and then the farmers' agitation, the sale and use of green crackers would boost the economy and help the cracker industry, worth over Rs 200 crore.

The state government said only green crackers would be allowed in compliance with the NGT directives as well as various judicial orders passed amid reports of firecrackers likely to aggravate the Covid-19 problem.

While on Diwali (November 14), green crackers can be burst from 8 pm to 10 pm, on Gurpurb (November 30) these will be allowed from 4 am to 5 am and from 9 pm to 10 pm. On Christmas Eve, people can burst crackers from 11.55 pm till 12.30 am.

The Chief Minister has asked DGP Dinkar Gupta to ensure strict compliance of the restrictions and initiate penal action against offenders as per the law.

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Kurali, one of region's biggest cracker sale hubs, sees a business of nearly Rs 8 crore every year. Till last evening, the Department of Science, Technology and Environment had been contemplating implementation of the NGT orders in the four cities.

As per this month's data, the AQI level in Amritsar stood at 263.8, Jalandhar 253.9, Patiala 276.1, Khanna 237.7, Ludhiana 253 and Mandi Gobindgarh 230.9. In comparison, the AQI level on last year's Diwali in Amritsar was 265.16, Jalandhar 258.83, Patiala 286.67, Khan 210, Ludhiana 264 and Mandi Gobindgarh 253.83.

Fireworks stored illegally seized in Fatehgarh Sahib

FATEHGHAR SAHIB, NOVEMBER 10

The district police have recovered a huge quantity of firecrackers stored illegally by sellers in godowns at Mandi Gobindgarh and Sirhind.

SP (Investigation) JS Jallah said on the directions of SSP Amneet Kondal, SHOs had been directed to conduct raids to check illegal sale and storage of crackers in the district.

Accused booked under Sec 188 of IPC

Mandi Gobindgarh SHO Prem Singh and Fatehgarh Sahib SHO Rajnish Sood, following a tip-off, raided godowns of wholesale dealers at Mandi Gobindgarh and Sirhind and recovered a huge quantity of crackers stored illegally.

He said the Deputy Commissioner had issued an order under Section 144 of CrPC banning sell or storage of crackers. — OC



Howrah Express and Saharsa-Amritsar-Saharsa Express would also remain cancelled till November 12.

Further, Mumbai Central-Amritsar-Mumbai Central Golden Temple Mail, Bandra Terminus-Amritsar-Bandra Terminus-Pashchim Express, Dhanbad-Ferozepur-Dhanbad Ganga Sutlej Express, New Delhi-Uttara-New Delhi Himachal Express, Jaynagar-Amritsar-Jaynagar Surya Gangga Express, Kolkata-Amritsar-Kolkata Durgiana Express and Dibrugarh-Amritsar-Dibrugarh Express trains would remain cancelled till November 12.

Among festival special trains, Jabalpur-Katrapur-Dibrugarh Express, Ajmer-Jammu Tawi-Ajmer Express, Lucknow-Chandigarh-Lucknow Express, Howrah-Jammu Tawi-

Trains to remain off track till tomorrow

LUDHIANA, NOVEMBER 10

With the farmers' protest continuing, the Northern Railway today announced further cancellation and partial cancellation of Covid special mail/express trains, festival trains and special parcel express trains in the region till November 12.

According to railway officials, New Delhi-Jammu Tawi-New Delhi Rajdhani Express, Haridwar-Amritsar-Hardwar Janshatabdi Express, New Delhi-Katra-New Delhi Shri Shakti Express, New Delhi-Kalka-New Delhi Shatabdi Express and New Delhi-Swami Shatabdi Express trains would remain cancelled till November 12.

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Observe 'Black Diwali': Khaira

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 10

MLA Sukhpal Singh Khaira today criticised the BJP-led Central Government for allegedly acting vindictively against Punjab and trying to teach a lesson to agitating farmers instead of accepting their demands.

Khaira said if the Government of India did not budge and continued to behave arrogantly, he would appeal to people of the state to observe "Black Diwali" to register their protest.

Khaira said this discriminatory attitude of the Centre smacks of hatred and ill-will that the BJP leadership had towards Punjab. Khaira commended the farmers for keeping their protest completely peaceful. — TNS

In Sangrur, locals join farmers' protest

Tribune News Service



Farmers protest at the Sangrur railway station on Tuesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

SANGRUR, NOVEMBER 10 The protest of farmers against the Central farm laws has been going on for the last 41 days at the Sangrur railway station and for the last 29 days in front of the residence of BJP leader Satwant Singh Punia. Both protests have been getting a good response and villagers are contributing ration, milk and other items.

"Daily we have been getting around 200 to 250 litres of milk from the locals, while ration and vegetables are also reaching here in abundance. We have never purchased any item as residents know that it is their own fight," said Gobinder Singh, district block president, BKU Ugrahan.

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Earlier, the protesters had blocked railway tracks, but after the appeal of the Chief Minister, they cleared the track and are now sitting on the railway station.

"Since we have the support of all, we have never faced

dearth of any item," said Bhupinder Longowal, state convener, youth wing, Kirti Kisan Union.

There are many, who are working round the clock to make such protests successful while in many families, farm-

ers have decided to participate in protests on a rotation basis.

"My entire family is supporting the protest because the laws will end the farming sector if we do not oppose them," said Satwinder Singh, a farmer.

Resolve rail imbroglio soon: SAD



FARMERS SUFFERING

While farmers are not getting supply of much-needed fertiliser, the industry is losing crores on a daily basis.

SAD chief Sukhbir Singh Badal

ed fertiliser for sowing wheat, the trade and industry is losing crores on a daily basis due to the blockade. Even as the state's economy is bleeding, there is danger of social unrest spoiling the peace in Punjab," the committee said.

It further said it appeared CM Capt Amarinder Singh was playing a double game

and had hatched a conspiracy to pit farmers against the trade and industry. "It appears the CM is deliberately not taking any initiative to resolve the current imbroglio because he feels the more the issue lingers, the more attention will be diverted from the failures of his government," Sukhbir said. — TNS

Mandi, MSP system will end if laws implemented: Rawat

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FOOD SECURITY FACES THREAT TOO

If there is no mandi system and no procurement by the government, how will food security to people who are dependent on the public distribution system be ensured?

Harish Rawat, CONG GENERAL SECRETARY

rousing welcome by Jalandhar MP Santokh Singh Chaudhary, Phialaur Assembly constituency in charge Vikramjit Singh Chaudhary and party workers as he entered Jalandhar district. The leaders and supporters greeted him at the Sutlej Bridge and accompanied him in a convoy to Nakodar. En route, he stopped at Nurmahal road Ganna Pind and Partabpura villages.

Chaudhary said Rawat's visit would boost the morale of party workers and farmers who have been protesting against the laws for months. Ex-MLA Jagbir Singh Brar said the farmers were already under debt and the BJP government was making their life further difficult.

Earlier, Rawat received a

Stir puts dampener on sales of retail giants

BATHINDA, NOVEMBER 10

With farmers protesting outside corporate stores in the region since October 1, Best Price Walmart wholesale store at Buchu Khurd on the Bathinda-Chandigarh highway and Reliance Market on the Barnala Bypass Road are incurring a huge financial loss this festival season.

The financial loss is also mounting for companies that have a contract of toll plazas at Lehra Begga and Jeeda in the district as farmer have been protesting there for past over one month.

Besides, farmers are protesting at the main gate of private

Losses mount as stores non-operational

thermal plants at Baniwala village in Mansa and Rajpura.

"Farmers have cleared the railway tracks. Despite this, the Union Government is not restarting good trains carrying fertilisers, gunny bags, coal and many essential items in the state on one pretext or the other. The Narendra Modi government doesn't have any concern for the people of the state," said Shingara Singh Mann, district president, BKU (Ekta Ugrahan). — TNS

Concerned at the loss to farmers, traders and industrialists due to the ongoing economic blockade, the Shiromani Akali Dal today asked the Central and the state governments to hold talks and resolve the issue at the earliest.

A decision to this effect was taken at a meeting of the SAD's core committee that was presided over by party president Sukhbir Singh Badal. The core committee said Punjab was paying a heavy price due to the ongoing fixed match between the BJP-led Centre and the Congress government in the state. "While farmers are not getting supply of much-needed

plants was also affected due to halt of movement of goods trains in the state due to "rail roko" agitation.

More than 80 per cent of the 5,200 MT urea produced daily from Nangal and Bathinda plants is normally dispatched to fields through railway wagons. Rest of the quantity (20 per cent) is sent through trucks to nearby areas in Punjab and neighbouring Himachal and J&K.

Due to the non-receipt of railway wagons after the agitation, the urea stock in these plants started piling up, taking the silo stock to the brim.

To handle this situation, the company deployed additional trucks for transportation of urea. Mayank Sharma, an officer at NFL Bathinda, said: "With these efforts, the company not only maintained sustained production of urea, but also ensured timely supply of fertilisers to farmers."

Farm suicide victims' kin await fiscal relief

PARVESH SHARMA

SANGRUR, NOVEMBER 10 Families of many debt-ridden farmers, who committed suicide, have claimed that they have not received any relief.

The authorities said families of the deceased farmers did not have mandatory documents. To take a final decision on compensation to such families, the Punjab Government has formed a committee at the district level, which includes the Deputy Commissioner as its chairman.

Since 2015, the Sangrur committee has approved 200 cases, rejected 280 and 21 are pending of the total 501 in farmers' category. In labourers' category, 198 cases have been rejected while 29 have been approved of the total 227.

"Officials are rejecting cases without taking any sympathetic view. After the suicide of my husband, I have approached officials for com-

Special panel to look into pending cases

pensation many times with all documents, but every time they rejected my case," said Satinder Kaur from Sunam.

During the present year, the authorities have received 24 cases, in which nine have been approved while six have been rejected and nine are pending.

"After suicides many families have still been shuttling between various offices as officials are not serious about helping them. The Punjab government should help these families," said Dharmanir Pashore, block president, BKU (Ugrahan), Lehra.

Chief Agriculture Officer Jaswinderpal Singh Grewal said: "A majority of families are without mandatory documents. We do not reject their cases. Special officials are there to help them."

Out of coal stock, NFL switches to natural gas for urea production

SUKHMEET BHASIN

Tribune News Service



ENSURING REGULAR SUPPLY TO FARMERS

- NFL produces around 10 lakh MT urea (5,200 MT/day) in its both Bathinda and Nangal plants
- Each plant requires one rail rake (of 42 bogies) every alternate day to dispatch urea to respective locations
- Due to the 'rail roko' agitation, NFL has deployed additional trucks to ensure sustained supply of urea to farmers

lective actions, the company was able to manage sustained running of plants in the state under the crisis.

The NFL's production operations were initially affected due to non-supply of coal. Both the plants require around 2,000 MT

coal every day and the supply of the same remained stuck in the state since October 1 after the halt of rail movement. With each passing day, the coal stocks were depleting in plants.

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Active cases witness surge, reach 5,038

COVID CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS	DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Ludhiana	20,965	853	Moga	2,511	81
Jalandhar	15,789	489	Fatehgarh Sahib	2,213	105
Amritsar	12,122	469	Tarn Taran	2,031	93
Patiala	13,232	385	Kapurthala	4,189	172
Sangrur	4,022	171	Fazilka	3,246	53
SAS Nagar	13,060	247	SBS Nagar	1,969	65
Gurdaspur	7,016	205	Faridkot	3,372	62
Bathinda	7,507	155	Barnala	2,140	52
Hoshiarpur	6,458	224	Ropar	2,582	124
Ferozepur	4,256	127	Muktsar	3,162	70
Pathankot	4,626	120	Mansa	2,017	36
Total				13,8485	4,358

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 10
The state reported 491 cases and 20 deaths in the last 24 hours. As per the media bulletin released on Saturday, the total number of cases has reached 1,38,485 and number of deaths reached 4,358.

In district-wise breakup of cases, Jalandhar topped the chart with 76 cases, followed by SAS Nagar (75), Ludhiana (74), Patiala (61) and Pathankot (23). The number of active Covid cases has also wit-

Cabinet Minister Bharat Bhushan Ashu tests +ve

nessed a slight increase and have reached 5,038.

The state reported 20 deaths in the last 24 hours. In district-wise breakup, Amritsar and Jalandhar reported five deaths each,

followed by Ludhiana (three), Sangrur (two), Muktsar, Pathankot, Fatehgarh Sahib, Fazilka, Hoshiarpur (one each). —TNS

Maintain testing at 30K a day: CM

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CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 10 Amid projections of a second Covid wave hitting the state, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Tuesday directed the Health and Medical Education Departments to maintain the levels of testing at 30,000 a day and also ordered amendment in rules to enable direct recruitment of super specialist doctors to meet shortfall of medical staff.

Chairing a high-level virtual meeting to review the pandemic situation in the state, the Chief Minister asked Chief Secretary Vini Mahajan to work on amending the rules for ensuring direct recruitment in super-specialty departments to prevent any weakening of the Covid battle.

The current decline in cases notwithstanding, the situation remained grim with a second wave expected to hit the state, he said, stressing the need to strictly follow all Covid safety

CRACK DOWN ON THOSE WITHOUT MASKS, DGP TOLD

- The CM directed departments concerned to ensure 25,000 RT-PCR and 5,000 Rapid Antigen Tests are conducted every day without laxity
- He directed DGP Dinkar Gupta to crack down on those not wearing masks or not adhering to social distancing and other norms



BARS IN HOTELS TO OPEN

The Punjab Government on Tuesday allowed opening of more activities in areas outside the containment zones, including opening of bars in hotels and shopping malls. An official spokesperson said the government had decided to allow opening of bars in hotels and shopping malls located in areas outside containment zones. TNS

and behavioural protocols.

The CM underlined the need to focus specially on potential super spreaders. Government employees must be tested routinely and with schools and colleges opening up, it was important to make proper schedules and enhance the number of mobile teams for testing, he said.

Expressing concern over the high mortality rate in the state, the Chief Minister asked the medical experts team headed by Dr KK Talwar to evolve

effective strategies to tackle the problem caused mainly by late admissions/treatment, co-morbid complications, lack of adherence to guidelines with regard to use of drugs in some hospitals, lack of expertise and monitoring modalities, among others.

Dr Talwar apprised the Chief Minister of the steps taken to strengthen Covid management facilities in the state, including evaluation of L-3 facilities currently in progress by an expert team from the PGI.

Health Secretary Hussan Lal informed the meeting that data received from certain hospitals and analysed by experts from the PGI and AIIMS showed higher mortality among patients having significant co-morbidities and old age, but the data was inconclusive for establishing other factors.

While the overall number of cases had declined in the state, 11 districts had shown increase in positivity rate in the past four weeks, he said, identifying them as Rupnagar, Bathinda, SAS Nagar, Faridkot, Ludhiana, Jalandhar, Mansa, Amritsar, Moga, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar and Sangrur. He disclosed that currently 1,600 patients were in home isolation in the state.

Hussan Lal said the department had enhanced IEC activities during the festival season regarding Covid appropriate behaviour to create awareness about early testing/management, wearing of mask, hand hygiene and social distancing.

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Fearing action on mafia, Cong blocked CBI: Chugh

Agency treated as caged parrot: AAP

Chandigarh: On the notification issued by the state withdrawing the general consent given to the Central investigation agency, AAP state president Bhagwant Mann and Leader of Opposition Harpal Cheema claimed that previous state and Central governments, be it the Congress or the BJP, had treated the CBI like a caged parrot leveraging it to harass the opposition.

The AAP leaders demanded that cases already under investigation by the CBI should not be hampered or stalled midway in any way. —TNS

Polls a year away, BJP begins search for 117 candidates

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Got to contest 23 seats as SAD's ally for three decades

GAUGING VOTERS' MOOD

We are trying to gauge the mood on the ground and studying the local factors to select candidates... the exercise will also help involve all workers ahead of the elections.

Madan Mohan Mittal, FORMER MINISTER

He said the exercise would also help involve all workers ahead of the elections.

One of the district presidents of the party confirmed that unlike the past practice of fielding

only committed BJP workers or candidates with RSS background, the party's top leadership has been asking leaders to remain open to even party sympathisers. "We will be considering even the turncoats," he said, wishing not to be named.

Mittal said in the forthcoming elections, the party would contest on five times more seats than it had been contesting as a junior alliance partner with the SAD for the past three decades.

The Shiromani Akali Dal was considered the BJP's oldest ally. In Punjab, SAD would offer only 23 seats to the BJP. On several occasions, the BJP had tried to bargain for more seats but always received a cold shoulder.

AAP picks block heads for 88 seats

LUDHIANA, NOVEMBER 10 AAP Punjab president Bhagwant Mann and AAP Punjab affairs in-charge Jarnail Singh today appointed four block in-charges each in 88 Assembly constituencies.

Addressing the new appointees, Mann and Singh said after dissolving the old organisation, the party after discussing affairs with volunteers and workers took a step forward in appointing the new post-holders.

Leader of Opposition Harpal Singh Cheema, AAP Punjab general secretary Harchand Singh Barsat, state treasurer Neena Mittal, Bar-

teach the "corrupt" Badals and Congress a lesson in 2022. The new organisation will not only work towards forming the government but also work for people's welfare even after the elections.

Bhagwant Mann, AAP STATE PRESIDENT nala MLA and AAP youth wing president Meet Hayer and AAP youth wing co-president were also present there.

Mann said through this new organisation, AAP with the help of common people, would throw out the ruling Congress government and

Singh said the backbone of any party was its organisation. "The party has given the opportunity to everyone to be part of this organisation. Now, it becomes the responsibility of the new appointees to spread the word of the party and motivate people to join it and make the organisation stronger," he said. —TNS

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16 casualties; 2,546 cases

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 10
Sixteen persons died due to Covid in the last 24 hours. With 2,546 new cases, the tally crossed the 1.88 lakh mark on Tuesday. Four deaths were reported from Faridabad, three each from Gurugram, Sirsa and Bhiwani, two from Fatehabad and one from Jind. So far, 1,935 patients had succumbed to the virus. —TNS

COVID-19 CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

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Rohtak	8,803	82
Rewari	8,662	41
Karnal	8,630	119
Panipat	8,321	107
Panchkula	7,644	117
Kurukshetra	7,000	105
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Yamunanagar	5,240	111
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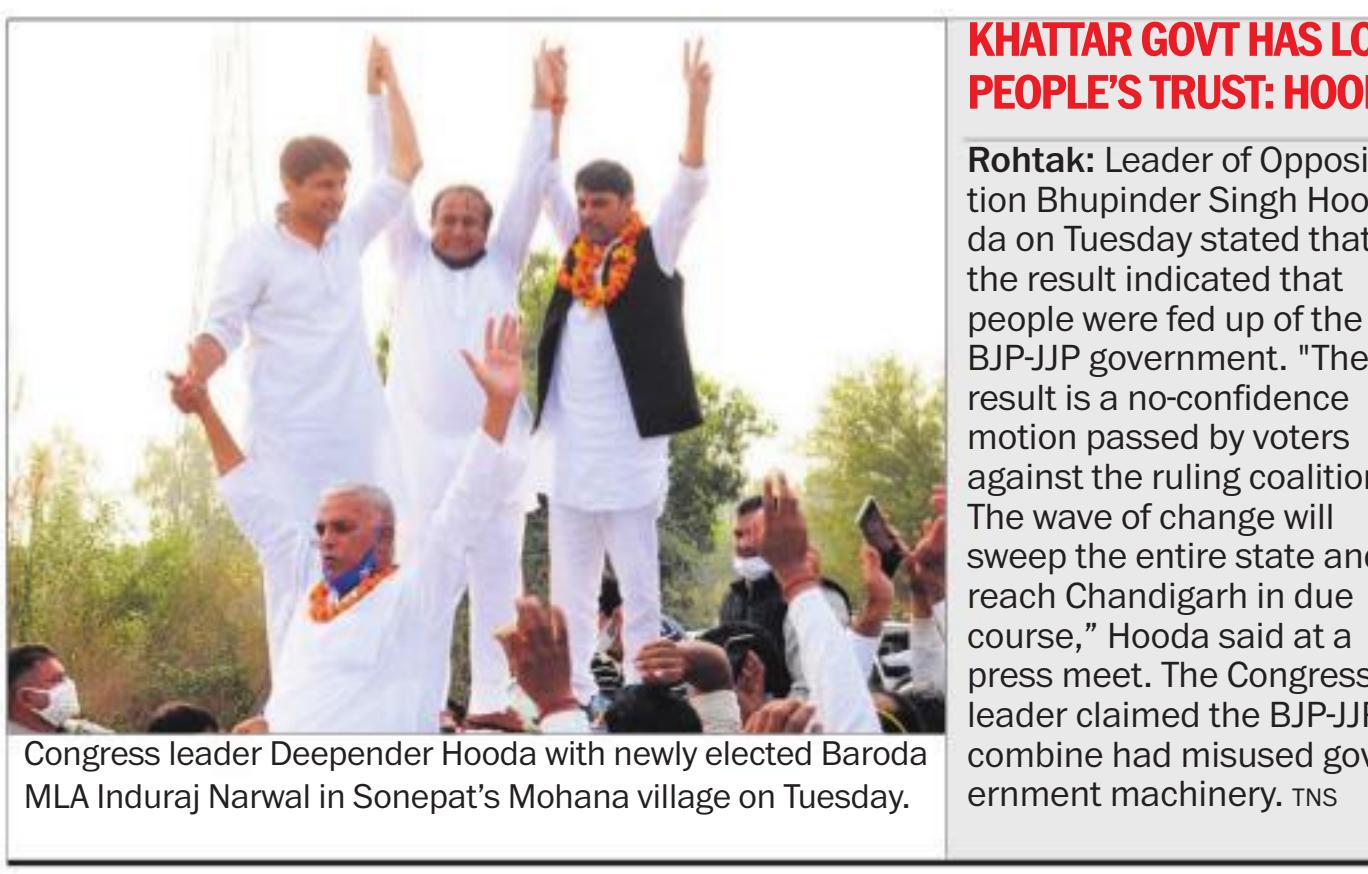
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CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 10
With victory in the Baroda bypoll on Tuesday, the Congress has been able to retain former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda's bastion, which the party had won on the three consecutive elections since 2009.

Congress candidate Induraj Narwal's victory over BJP's Yogeshwar Dutt by over 10,000 votes is being considered as a shot in the arm for the party in general and Hooda and his MP-son Deepender Hooda in particular.

The result is being considered a big embarrassment for the BJP because byelections in Haryana have generally gone in favour of ruling parties in the past.

Losing a bypoll when four years of the government are left must be particularly disconcerting for the ruling BJP-JJP alliance since it has a lot to offer to the electorate, but failed to convince them to elect its candidate.



KHATTAR GOVT HAS LOST PEOPLE'S TRUST: HOODA

Rohtak: Leader of Opposition Bhupinder Singh Hooda on Tuesday stated that the result indicated that people were fed up of the BJP-JJP government. "The result is a no-confidence motion passed by voters against the ruling coalition. The wave of change will sweep the entire state and reach Chandigarh in due course," Hooda said at a press meet. The Congress leader claimed the BJP-JJP combine had misused government machinery. TNS

In January last year, when hardly nine months of the BJP government were left, its candidate Krishan Middha was able to win the bypoll for the Jind seat by defeating stalwarts like Randeep Surjewala and Digvijay Chautala though the saffron party had never won the seat before.

For Dutt, the defeat must be particularly upsetting because he lost twice in just over a year. He lost to Sri Krishan Hooda in the Assembly elections in October 2019. This time, he was also supported by the JJP, whose

candidate Bhupinder Malik had secured the third position in 2019.

In 2019, Dutt and Malik had together polled over 70,000 votes against 42,566 votes by the Congress nominee. This time, Dutt could manage to poll 49,850 votes against Narwal's 60,367.

The Congress, often plagued by infighting, was seen putting up a united face this time, with state unit chief Kumari Selja, AICC in charge Vivek Bansal, Tosham MLA Kiran Choudhary and others chipping in.

Another good thing about this bypoll was that though caste politics had become an integral part of Haryana politics, none of the main contenders tried to whip up the caste sentiment in the run-up to the election.

While the BJP harped on development works done so far, the Congress raised issue of alleged anti-farmer policies of the BJP-JJP government.

Like the 2019 poll, this bypoll again proved disappointing for the INLD since its candidate Joginder Singh Malik could manage just 5,003 votes.

It's verdict on farmlaws:Selja

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 10
State Congress president Kumari Selja on Tuesday termed the victory as people's verdict on the performance of the BJP-JJP government. She said people of Baroda had delivered a verdict on the three farm laws.

"People have refused the favours of free LPG cylinders, liquor and cash offered by the ruling coalition. Voters have not only shown that they are against the farm laws, but have also given a verdict on the performance of the BJP-JJP government," she said. —TNS

NOTA gets 468 votes

SONEPAT, NOVEMBER 10
Congress candidate Induraj Narwal opened his account with a lead of 1,021 votes in the first round of counting. BJP's Yogeshwar Dutt took the lead in the 12th, 15th, 18th and 19th rounds, but he couldn't make the cut. In all, 468 voters chose NOTA.

As it became clear by afternoon that Narwal would win, Congress supporters started celebrating. —TNS

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ees under the Essential Services Maintenance Act when they were on strike.

He announced this at a meeting with Haryana Roadways employees' unions here on Tuesday. —TNS

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Bihar election verdict

Development should remain a priority for the state

THE verdict in the closely contested Bihar elections will have its progressive significance. The results have shown that coalition politics continues to be relevant. Both the NDA and the Mahagathbandhan have done well in the state, even as the government at the Centre finds itself running out of allies. But it will be the post-poll scenario that will indicate whether coalition *dharma* also remains equally pertinent. The successful conduct of the polls by the Election Commission of India in times of Covid has been encouraging but reflects the fact that parties and leaders need to reinvent themselves to battle anti-incumbency and factor in change. Political parties are about collective leadership when it comes to decision-making. The JDU under the stewardship of Nitish Kumar remained in power mostly on the basis of alliances, yet his singular grip on the government may well hold lessons for other leaders who don't have a succession plan.

The NDA in Bihar had managed social cohesion, but with the BJP going past ally JDU in numbers, equations will have to ensure that there is no slide as progress depends on stability. The plight of the migrant workers who went back in large numbers after the outbreak of the pandemic also needs attention. Development projects need a big push in Bihar that has seen its options shrink after the carving out of mineral-rich Jharkhand. Whether the new government is able to open up avenues for the working class will remain critical. Infrastructure and agro-based industry will need renewed thrust for lack of employment avenues will translate into unrest.

Young leaders like Tejashwi Yadav and Chirag Paswan injected freshness into the electoral arena with their energetic campaign. That despite their limitations, they picked up the gauntlet and mirrored the aspirations of a new generation will remain an encouraging feature for the polity. It also marks a stage of transition and the present arrangement may well be the precursor to a generational changeover in the state's politics.

Bright life snuffed out

Digital disadvantage pushing students to the edge

THAT Aishwarya Reddy, a bright young daughter of a poor mechanic from Telangana who on the strength of her merit had secured admission in the prestigious LSR College of Delhi University, has been driven to suicide is the latest heartrending instance of such cases reported across the country in the past few months. The adverse impact on the studies of many children of impoverished parents unable to further fund their schooling due to loss of income in the Covid era is one of the most agonising repercussions as it is encumbered with long-term socio-economic consequences. Lakhs of homes are battling mental turmoil as their kids are forced to sacrifice studies or even take up menial jobs to supplement family income.

The frustration and disadvantage due to the break in education is aggravated among the brilliant lot of students who desperately want to continue with their classes and score well. Their sensitive minds delve into dark depths of despair as they sense the pitiable plight of their parents scraping up meagre resources so that their dream is not cut short. The all-consuming darkness, at times, becomes overwhelming for some vulnerable teenagers. The heightened hopelessness of stressed students is ripe ground for suicidal tendencies, intensified for want of proper psychiatric care. Aishwarya's last note sums up the poignancy: 'Because of me, my family is facing many financial problems. I am a burden for my family. My education is a burden. If I can't study, I can't live.'

Helplessness arising out of unaffordable smartphones, computers or the Internet — vital for online classes — is the recurring theme. That youngsters should prefer to snuff out their lives is a sad reflection on the deepening economic and digital divide. The absence of effective and supportive educational and governmental measures in this regard is worrisome. A survey revealing that only 8 per cent of households with school/college students have both a computer and an Internet connection shows that there is much to be done. So that no student is deprived of studies or pushed to the brink for lack of facilities, increasing the budget for e-learning will help plug the gaping e-gaps.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Somewhere inside all of us is the power to change the world. — Roald Dahl

ON THIS DAY...50 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

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Protests on US arms supply

WHEN his attention was drawn to Mr. Jagjiwan Ram's speech at Patna that American arms supplies to Pakistan were an unfriendly act, the US Ambassador, Mr. Keating, said at Cochin that he presumed Mr. Jagjiwan Ram considered Soviet arms to Pakistan also as an unfriendly act. Although the phrase which has a certain definite meaning in diplomatic parlance was rigorously eschewed from Government pronouncements both in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha, the dominant impression which has emerged is that the Government considers Soviet arms to Pakistan less unfriendly than American arms to that country. From the vehemence with which Mr. Swaran Singh reacted to Opposition criticism of Soviet arms to Pakistan, it would appear that the Government even views such criticism as an unfriendly act to India, if not to the Soviet Union. He said: "An attitude like this weakens our hands in relation to Pakistan. The type of lobbying is against the interests of our country." But he did not explain how. In the written statement before the House, it was stated that the Government had not accepted the Soviet explanation that Soviet arms, far from hurting India, might have the effect of normalising Indo-Pakistani relations. If that is still the official stand, no one in India need be suspected of lobbying or of acting against Indian interests when he criticises Soviet arms aid to Pakistan as sharply as American arms aid. Whereas the Americans have said the resumption of arms to Pakistan is a one-time exception to the embargo imposed after the 1965 conflict, the Russians have said that arms supplies to Pakistan would be as contracted for in 1968. Neither Mr. Swaran Singh nor Mr. Jagjiwan Ram could say whether the commitments under the contract have been completed or even what items were included in it.

Triumph of caste politics

Bihar poll results prove that it has always been about identity politics



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RAJESH RAMACHANDRAN



DOESN'T ADD UP: An election where jobs, migration, flood relief and Covid should have been discussed got reduced to the arithmetic of caste and communities.

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votes in Bihar. For these committed followers, it did not make a difference whether Lalu Prasad Yadav was a terrible administrator, lording over a kidnapping industry, or a man battling corruption charges, or promoting his wife and children instead of creating strong second-rung leadership. All that counted was that Lalu was the supreme leader of a caste group, which had aligned with another community. The Muslim-Yadav electoral alliance was the defining be-all and end-all of Bihar's politics from 1990 to 2005. In those 15 years, Lalu had cynically installed his wife Rabri Devi as Chief Minister three times to rule by proxy when he was arrested for graft.

For none of this seems to have had an impact on the voters' attitude towards Prime Minister Narendra Modi or the BJP. The BJP, which swept the Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections in 2017 soon after the devastating blow of demonetisation, is emerging as the second largest party in the second biggest Hindi heartland state. What has worked in these elections is something far removed from lives and livelihoods — something more primordial than jobs and prosperity.

To understand these results, one has to look closely at the vote share of the Rashtriya Janata Dal. In the recent past, even when it fared the worst, the RJD had secured about 18 per cent

being killed were not just Ranvir Sena's upper-caste ganglords, but also idealistic Left leaders like Chandrashekhar Prasad of the CPI (ML), twice elected as the JNU Students' Union president. The prime accused in Prasad's murder was Siwan's uncrowned king Mohammad Shahabuddin, a close associate of Lalu and a working committee member of the RJD. Pappu Yadav, another old RJD strongman, was convicted by a trial court for the murder of CPI(M) MLA Ajit Sarkar in Purnia. Now, in the run-up to the just-concluded Assembly polls, no CPI (ML) leader remembered Prasad, and obviously no CPI(M) campaigner spoke of Ajit Sarkar because the two Communist parties were gaining immensely from the RJD's identity politics and its Muslim-Yadav votes.

These elections yet again proved that Lalu's caste men and their social allies can consolidate into a strong vote block, carving up 18-23 per cent of the state's vote share even in his absence. Such a consolidation of caste and religious forces obviously lures partners. The Congress, CPI(ML), CPI(M) and

CPI have all obsequiously lined up to be led by Tejashwi Yadav, Lalu's 31-year-old younger son — clearly not a new dawn of social justice. They all had their eyes firmly set on the RJD's vote share that is transferrable to even minor allies in a given constituency. Such a block of votes and a strong consolidation of caste and religious forces ought to trigger in time a counter consolidation, however feeble and fractured it may be. And that is the phenomenon that is getting unleashed in Bihar. The fear of the dominance of the Yadav middle caste and peasantry has been prompting the coalescing of the upper castes, non-Yadav OBCs and Mahadalits. It is simply identity politics versus identity politics, in which the single biggest caste or communal group gets defeated by all the other castes and groups coming together as one block. The BJP, obviously, has not achieved this defeat of the RJD on its own. Without Nitish Kumar's leadership and his JDU's legitimacy, the non-Yadav OBCs do not see much in the BJP, which is largely an upper-caste entity in Bihar.

So, unfortunately, an election in which jobs, migration, flood relief, Covid, public health, education and the dignity of labour at home and in host states should have been discussed has got reduced to the arithmetic of caste and communities neatly stacked for and against Prime Minister Modi. Unbeknownst to his detractors, in this process Modi is gaining a block of voters across the country. When Modi refers to the 'Yuvraj of Jungle Raj', he is blowing a dog whistle that sets off a political process, and so it is when he talks of the temple at Ayodhya in the same breath. And the numbers are gradually accruing for Modi to create a consolidated block of voters who initiate a process across the country, just as Lalu, Mulayam Singh Yadav, Mayawati and others had fashioned a vote block using a coalition of communities. After every election, Modi more and more resembles the old satraps who sit on a pile of committed communal votes, firmly secure in caste or religious silos.

Gaining pounds only to shed!

PULKIT SINGH

I TOOK the news of my impending surgery with equanimity. Binge-watching *Grey's Anatomy* and *Dr House* and reading medical nonfiction somehow prepare you for bad news. My state might have worried the doctor, so he asked me if I was sure I wanted to go ahead with the procedure, especially during a raging pandemic. This was going to be my first foray into the hallowed halls of an operating theatre (OT). I wasn't going to let a doctor's warnings get in my way.

Upon leaving his office, I did what any self-respecting hypochondriac does. I googled gall bladder surgery. Soon, my crash course was over. The surgery seemed harmless, only the

part about food had me worried. The after-effects included a sensitive digestive system and an inability to metabolise fat. The *samosas*, which never had tempted me before, now seemed indispensable. As a true North Indian, I don't have blood running in my veins, but ghee. How was I ever going to survive this?

Most people when faced with an impending physical challenge, work towards strengthening their bodies. One wants to have a splendid recovery to brag about. Anyone else might have become more regular with their workout schedules. I am not that anyone, and I say that without any pride. Or shame!

The two-week run-up to the surgery was spent in a hedonistic haze of food. The weekends were about

eating any junk that I could intoxify my system with. During the week, I relished home-cooked food with a twist. It reached a point that the neighbour stumped at the 'party food' aroma wafting out of my kitchen daily and asked me in all seriousness if I was running a catering business from home.

Lest you think otherwise, I have a conscience. There were moments where I felt guilty. My family would remind me how dreary my foodie life was about to get, and with a future dependent on a low-calorie diet, I could easily lose the weight I was gaining. This underlines the importance of having a team with similar goals, right? By the time I was wheeled into the OT, I was two pounds heavier, and disgusted with

food, eating and the kitchen.

A week after surgery, I was given the green signal to eat everything, but with a monk's discipline, I stuck to fruits and boiled food. Then one day, the daredevil seemed inevitable. Ice-cream in the freezer beckoned. A spoonful can't hurt anyone! I expected retribution for this trespass against my system. But nothing happened. Just to be sure, I ate the entire tub the next day. Gathering courage, I tasted a bite of *paneer pakora* that weekend. Everything seemed okay.

My two weeks of binging and another three of sipping on soups had amounted to zilch. Not only have I many pounds to lose, but no motivation of a nervous digestive system to lose them with. There is no justice in this world.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Politics of populism

Apropos of '75% jobs for locals', the legislation seeking to reserve a certain percentage of jobs for the locals is a populist gimmick to mobilise public sentiment. The problem with this law is that its effect is the opposite of that intended by those who support it. A private company functions with the motive of earning profit and in order to achieve this objective, it hires people capable of yielding the most benefit. This legislation will severely limit a company's choice of workers and force it to hire those with less skill, as a consequence of which its profit margins would gradually decrease. With insufficient profits, the company would be forced to lay off workers or shut down its business in the state. Instead of curbing unemployment, this law will increase joblessness. Local reservation is not an ideal solution to tackle unemployment. Instead, the state should invest in education and skill development.

NISSIM AGGARWAL, CHANDIGARH

Do away with crackers

Reference to 'Firecracker ban'; the ban on firecrackers imposed by the NGT must be strictly implemented. Every year, crackers

worth an estimated Rs 7,000 crore are exploded, which only adds to pollution, pushing the deteriorating Air Quality Index from bad to worse. The health of elders, children and patients is adversely affected. People should adopt such modes of celebrating festivals which do not harm the environment. Traders should also show concern about the well-being of citizens and not sell polluting crackers. We only get momentary joy from crackers but the results are far more damaging to health and environment. It will be better if we shun crackers altogether.

SUBHASH VAID, NEW DELHI

Cracker ban

Repeated efforts made in these columns to highlight the unprecedented health hazards being faced by NCR residents due to the alarming pollution level is a welcome step, and should be taken in the right spirit by the government and public at large. However, the decision to ban crackers might have been taken well in advance to avoid criticism by the dealers.

NK SINGHAL, NOIDA

Pollution-free Diwali

The National Green Tribunal has banned the sale and use of fire-

crackers, which is a good move, but the manufacturing of crackers should also be banned. If there is no manufacturing of crackers, there will be no use of it. There is not much merit in using crackers. But the harmful effects are obvious like noise and air pollution. Many people sustain burn injuries while bursting crackers, and the worst affected are those who inhale the toxic fumes. Hence, its manufacturing must be banned.

DOLLY PAL, CHANDIGARH

Ringing school bells

Refer to 'Week after opening, HP schools stare at closure'; winter has arrived and with it comes a high chance of the second wave of the coronavirus in the country. Delhi, experiencing the third wave, is a quintessential proof that the dipping mercury and worsening air quality can aggravate the problem. Our country is witnessing a rise in cases after a week of fall in the numbers. The decision of CM Capt Amarinder Singh to open colleges from November 16 might increase the chances of the youth getting infected. Himachal Pradesh's experience has created more concern and fear in the minds of parents. Allowing the colleges to

open can amplify the extent and impact of the second wave. This is definitely not the right time to open educational institutions.

ANKITA SHARMA, PANCHKULA

Produce pricing
Agriculture is a profession, a practice that requires multi-stakeholders for the farmer to earn profit ('The lazy economist way'). MSP is only one component in this chain. Agricultural scientists develop improved varieties, extension workers take it to the farmers, who adopt it to increase productivity and to cater to the demand of time. MSP is a market intervention mechanism that aids in stabilising the price of the produce to be sold above it. In the article, the history of MSP and linking with economic parameters, especially subsidies existing the world over, has been propagated as a remedy to the problem. The fact is that for the produce to be sold at MSP or above, it requires market, followed by market forces of competition to be brought in the market to play for farmers getting a price of their produce above the MSP. Such a strategy is missing in the article and in the farm laws enacted by the government.

SP VASUDEVA, BY MAIL

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Reforms must go beyond pay, pensions



LT GEN DS HOODA (RETD)

FORMER NORTHERN ARMY COMMANDER

long-term implications on the character of the military. Without getting into the pros and cons of each proposal, the trends that we are witnessing raise three substantive issues.

The first concerns the responsibility of the military as an organisation towards its members. It would be stating the obvious that the organisation should empower its officers and men and strive to meet their genuine needs. Instead, the approach seemingly being adopted by the military hierarchy is one of collective disempowerment. Income tax relief on disability pension is sought to be stopped for everyone because some 'unscrupulous personnel' were misusing disability benefits. Hotel stay for all officers was banned because some of them could indulge in corrupt practices such as 'exchanging briefcases with contractors' in the hotel room. A similar logic is being applied in the latest proposal for reducing pension of officers who take premature retirement. Several specialists/super-specialists leave the service to work in other sectors; in order to discourage them, the pensionary benefits of all officers must be cut down.

The military is an integrated body of highly motivated and dedicated men and women who pride themselves on belonging to an honourable profession. Ensuring that there is no misuse of benefits, and that the military values are upheld is primarily the responsibility of the organisation. This is implemented through a system of policies that reward good behaviour, incentives for members, and where required, disciplinary action. Wielding only the blunt instrument that apparently seeks to punish the whole military community for the faults of a few



ON THE WRONG TRACK: The highest military leadership is looking at options that dilute the terms of service in terms of financial compensation.

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or demerits of each proposal, but it would be better if policies are implemented after greater deliberation within the officer cadre of the military. Any loss of trust between the junior and senior leadership is a tear that will not be easily repaired.

The third issue is that an obsessive focus on pay and pensions is skewing our thinking on military reform. It is well understood that salaries account for a large section of the total budget, but this is not because the salaries are huge, but because the allocation to defence services is insufficient to support our military ambitions. There is a crying need for reform in the military, but rather than taking the harder step of restructuring to reduce its size, the highest military leadership is looking at options that dilute the terms of service in terms of financial compensation.

The most valued asset of the military is the quality of its human resource capital—the men and women who serve. Thousands of soldiers are currently locked in a standoff with the Chinese army in the freezing conditions of eastern Ladakh. Others are losing their lives battling infiltrators from Pakistan. In times like this, the military leadership needs to display greater sensitivity in pushing policies that could impact the morale of officers and men.

There is an unwritten covenant between the soldier and the state. The soldier pledges to sacrifice his life for the security of the nation, and the state promises to treat the soldier with respect and dignity and provide adequate compensation to him and his family. If this covenant is broken by either side, either the nation will weaken its security, or the military will lose its professionalism. Neither scenario is desirable.

It is well understood that military reforms, particularly in times of stressed budgets, are absolutely essential. However, some of the personnel policies being recommended appear ill-considered and could have

is both an injustice to those who serve with honour and an abdication of organisational responsibility.

The second issue is the impact of the recent proposals on the attitudes of the officer corps. It could well be asked as to why I am specifically talking about the officers and not about all the rank and file who form the larger part of the military. The simple explanation is that officers occupy a special position in the organisation.

In the military system, there is an 'otherness' to the officer corps. Gener-

al John Hackett, in his classic *The Profession of Arms*, writes, "There is in armies a tendency to set up an officer group with an otherness as a step towards or in some degree a replacement of, the betterness you require." Officers are commissioned through a document signed by the President who reposes special trust in them. Officers are largely responsible for shaping the military's ethos and their standards of conduct are pegged at a higher level.

It is the officers who provide the leadership in the military and who are

tasked to ensure the care of the men they command. An officer who passes out of the Indian Military Academy takes the Chetwode pledge that he will place the 'honour, welfare and comfort of his men' before his 'own ease, comfort and safety'. This pledge is redeemed daily by thousands of young officers who lead the soldiers from the front and ensure their welfare in the most challenging of conditions.

Some of the recent proposals have caused a sense of disquiet among the officers. I am not going into the merits

How BJP capitalised on anti-RJD votes



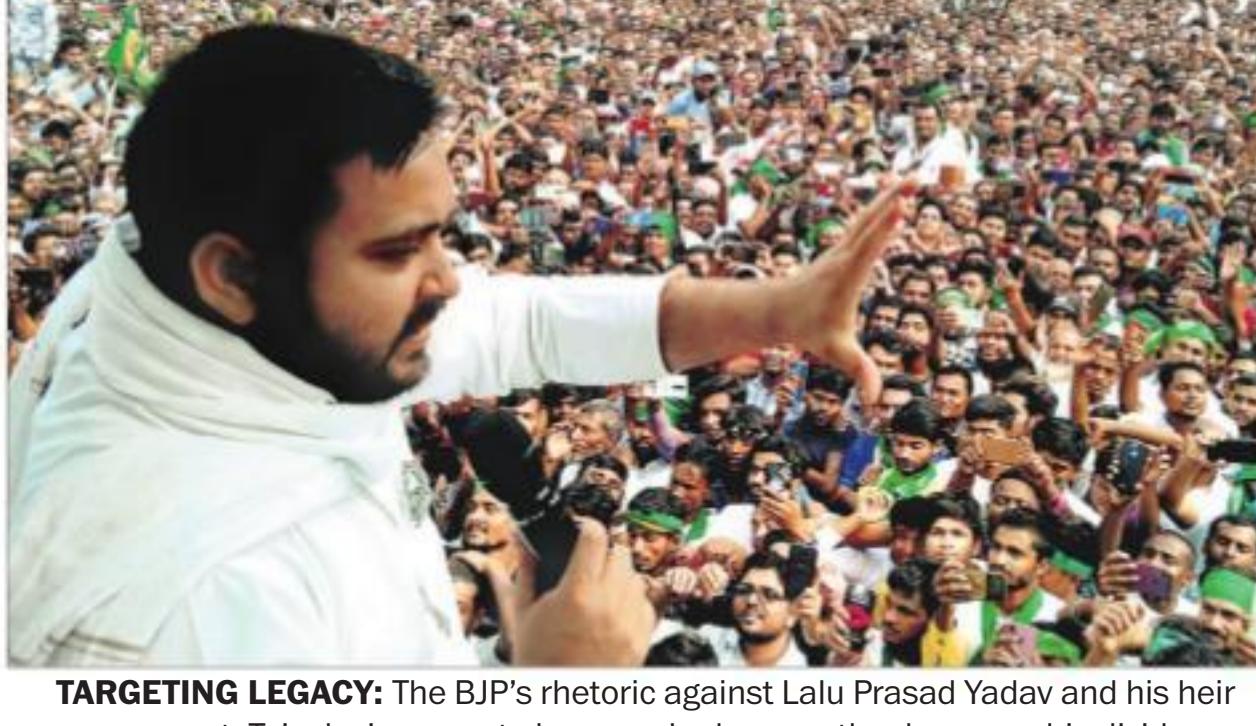
RADHIKA RAMASESHAN

SENIOR JOURNALIST

BUCKING perceived trends, prognostications and projections by the exit polls, the NDA has done fairly well in the Bihar elections. Until the votes were counted, received wisdom painted a gloomy scenario for the NDA: it was said that the Nitish Kumar government battled heavy anti-incumbency; the old alliance was not on an even keel because there were elements in the national and Bihar BJP who wanted to bring down the CM and precipitated rebellion in the BJP's own ranks.

In contrast, the Mahagathbandhan, a conglomerate of the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), the Congress, the CPI(M), CPI and the CPI(M-L) Liberation, was held up as a near-coalition of ideological homogeneity and interests with RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav at the helm. The battle of the perceived dissimilar and the equal yielded a mandate that helped the BJP improve upon its showing in the 2015 elections. The heavy-lifting by the BJP saw the NDA hold its own in a tightly fought election in which the Janata Dal (United) suffered, ostensibly not so much because of anti-incumbency as by the damage inflicted by a former ally, the Lok Shakti Party (LJP), that cost the alliance 40-50 seats.

A remarkable feature was the adroitness with which the BJP distanced itself from the JD(U) to the extent that it was unsinged by the mood against Nitish. The BJP rose to the position it occupies on Nitish's back, but the outcome is attributed to PM Narendra Modi and the central leadership. Indeed, the



TARGETING LEGACY: The BJP's rhetoric against Lalu Prasad Yadav and his heir apparent, Tejashwi, seems to have worked across the demographic divide.

Bihar BJP had Sushil Modi, the Deputy CM, as the pivot for as long as one remembers. A personable leader who refused to identify himself with the Hindutva school of thought, Sushil was close to Nitish for several years. The rapport they shared was a big reason why the alliance survived, but for a brief spell, even after Nitish's relations with him soured. However, Sushil was not a favourite of the state leaders, whose sole agenda was to de-couple the BJP from the JD(U) and go solo.

The BJP played along with Sushil to a degree wherein the leaders allowed him to choose many candidates and play down the Hindutva theme in the discourse. Doubts over Delhi and Patna not being on the same page arose when Chirag Paswan quit the NDA and declared he would contest on his own, with the caveat that he would not field candidates against

the BJP. The tactic was evidently meant to keep a line open with the BJP in the post-poll scenario. However, after Chirag campaigned aggressively against Nitish, Sushil remonstrated. By then, many Bihar BJP leaders were upset with Sushil for denying them tickets and saw his anti-Chirag protests as an opportune moment to join the LJP that was short of contestants. Most of the dissenters lost the elections, but Chirag ensured that wherever the LJP was pitted against the JD(U), the latter lost. The revolt cost the BJP virtually nothing. Voters voted for the party and not for the candidates.

In assessing the BJP's unexpected credibility, other factors helped. The first was the continual presence of BJP chief JP Nadda and the general secretary in charge, Bhupender Yadav, in Patna, undeterred by the pandemic. Nadda, whose Bihar

connect goes back to his student days at Patna University and later as an activist in Jayaprakash Narayan's movement against the Emergency, addressed several real and virtual rallies, while Yadav, by now a seasoned organisational hand, straightened out the wrinkles caused by the dissenters.

The second one, that went virtually unnoticed, was the consolidation of the anti-RJD votes in the BJP's favour in the last two phases of polling when the buzz to make Tejashwi the CM reached a crescendo. The BJP never bought the circulated theory that the upper castes had shed their antipathy for Lalu Prasad's party and the youth among the Brahmins, Rajputs and Bhumihars would root for Tejashwi. Instead, it revived memories of Lalu's 15-year regime and played on two themes: the 'jungle raj' marked by killings and abductions, and the arrival of another dynast. The reflex reaction was that the present generation of boys and girls, in search of jobs and a better life, were taken in by Tejashwi's promise to create 10 lakh jobs in the state and were untouched by the 'jungle raj' theme.

In hindsight, the BJP's rhetoric against Lalu and his heir apparent seems to have worked across the demographic divide, not just the upper castes. The BJP-JD(U)'s backward castes, especially those from the extremely backward communities, stayed the course with the NDA, afraid that Tejashwi's ascendancy would unleash the 'might and muscle' of the Yadavs.

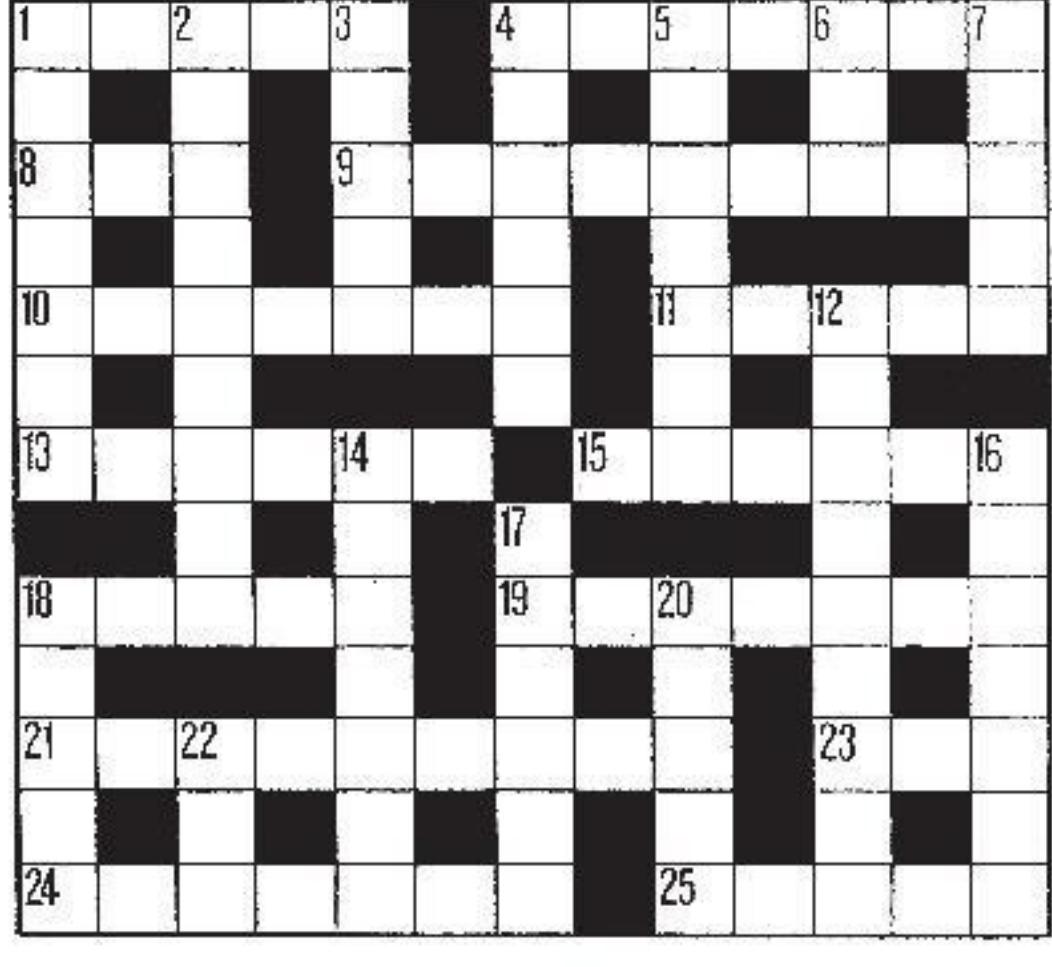
Tejashwi assiduously cultivated an image that would mark a departure

from his parents and usher in a makeover of the RJD. Like other political legatees, his political engagements were patchy. When Bihar was plunged into a crisis forced by the pandemic, a national lockdown and a huge inflow of its people who had migrated to other states to search for work, the young man was missing.

However, when he returned to Patna, he plunged himself into political activity and set up soup kitchens to feed the returning migrants. Last July, on the RJD's foundation day, he publicly apologised for his parents' misrule. Tejashwi studiously dropped Lalu's and Rabri's photos from the RJD's posters and signalled a major leap in its politics by discarding 'social justice' and adopting 'economic justice'. The two phrases signify opposite ends of socialist politics. 'Social justice' is synonymous with backward caste empowerment and is anathema to the upper castes, while 'economic justice' denotes material aspirations to appeal to the youth.

Tejashwi's campaign blitzkrieg yielded enough to put the RJD in the pole position. The belief is that had he been less indulgent towards the Congress and offered fewer seats, the outcome might have been better because the Congress was vanquished by a supposedly unpopular JD(U) on several seats. On the other hand, his gambit to accommodate the Left parties and particularly the CPI (M-L) Liberation helped. Confronted by an adversary as formidable as the BJP, the political greenhorn seems to have earned his spurs.

QUICK CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Across: 1 Forty winks, 8 Sweep, 9 Retract, 10 Unearth, 11 Bless, 12 Resume, 14 Member, 17 Duped, 19 Account, 21 Abolish, 22 Rough, 23 Fifty-fifty.
Down: 2 Oneness, 3 Taper, 4 Worthy, 5 Notable, 6 Shape, 7 At a stretch, 8 Square deal, 13 Midriff, 15 Bouquet, 16 Rashly, 18 Proof, 20 Corgi.

ACROSS

- 1 Particular aspect (5)
- 4 Discarded (4-3)
- 8 Betray friends (3)
- 9 Higgledy-piggledy (2,1,6)
- 10 Track and field competitor (7)
- 11 Irritable (5)
- 13 Soporific drug (6)
- 15 Summary of a text (6)
- 18 Locale (5)
- 19 Specimen (7)
- 21 Aggressively enterprising (2-7)
- 23 Part of a curve (3)
- 24 Keep under control (7)
- 25 Lobby (5)

DOWN

- 1 Confused mixture (7)
- 2 Start to burn (5,4)
- 3 In double degree (5)
- 4 Cowardly (6)
- 5 Stroll (7)
- 6 Detached from a set (3)
- 7 Ardent (5)
- 12 Servile flatter (9)
- 14 Area of operations (7)
- 16 Giving only an outline (7)
- 17 Lax (6)
- 18 Sweeten (5)
- 20 Maintain (5)
- 22 Blank space (3)

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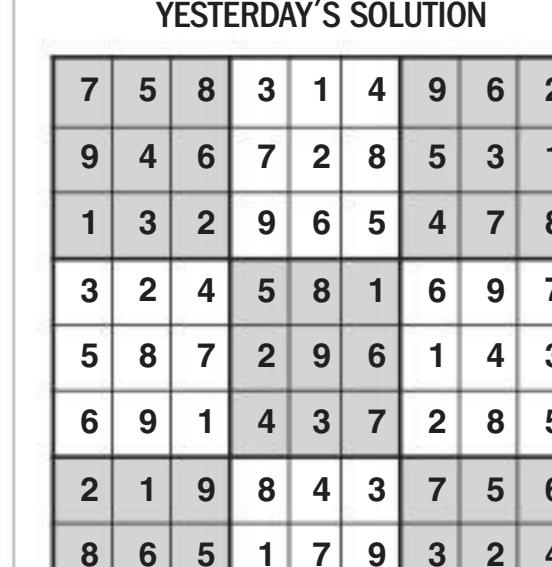
V. EASY

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 11, 2020, WEDNESDAY

■ Vikrami Samvat	2077
■ Shaka Samvat	1942
■ Kartik Shaka	20
■ Kartik Parvishite	26
■ Hijari	1442
■ Krishna Paksha Tithi 11, up to 12.41 am	
■ Vaidhruti Yoga up to 7.27 pm	
■ Uttarapalguni Nakshatra up to 4.25 am	
■ Moon enters Virgo sign 12:01 pm	

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



FORECAST

SUNSET: WEDNESDAY 17:27 HRS
SUNRISE: THURSDAY 06:47 HRS

CITY	MAX	MIN
Chandigarh	29	12
New Delhi	29	11
Amritsar	29	10
Bathinda	29	10
Jalandhar	29	10
Ludhiana	29	10
Bhiwani	26	12
Hisar	29	10
Sirsia	28	12
Dharamsala	20	10
Manali	17	02
Shimla	19	09
Srinagar	18	-01
Jammu	28	13
Kargil	10	-03
Leh	12	-01
Dehradun	28	11
Mussoorie	18	10

TEMPERATURE IN °C

**Government of India
Central Hindi Directorate
Attention Authors/Publishers
Purchase of Hindi Books & Magazines**

Central Hindi Directorate distributes Hindi books and magazines free of cost to Educational Institutions and Voluntary Hindi Organizations situated in the different Non-Hindi speaking areas across the country. For this purpose, Directorate has decided to purchase the books and magazines for the current financial year. Entries and catalogues are invited from Writers/Publishers from all over the country for the year 2020-2021.

The last date of receipt of books/magazines is within Twenty Days from the date of publication of advertisement. Books/Magazines received after the last date, shall not be entertained.

For the details, kindly visit our website www.chdpublication.mhrd.gov.in

davp 21252/11/0005/2021



जन स्वास्थ्य अभियानिकी

मण्डल नं. 2 सोनीपत

PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING
DIVISION NO. 2, GOHANA ROAD SONIPAT

CONTACT NO. 0130-2220254

E-mail address: ee2sonipat@gmail.com

ee2sonipat@phedharyana.gov.in

"REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL"

PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, HARYANA
NOTICE

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

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

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

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

Sr. No.	Description	Details
1.	Block and District	Mundiana, Gohana, Kathura, Sonipat, Ganaur, Rai, Muri, Kharkhoda (District Sonipat) Total Blocks in District: 8
2.	Number of Gram Panchayats in Block	34+35+20+45+53+40+42+45=314
3.	Number of Habitats in Block	34+36+20+47+57+41+45+45=325
4.	Bid Security	@ Rs. 5,000/- per block
5.	Date and Time for submission of proposal	17 November 2020, 5:00 p.m.
6.	Date of Bid Opening	23 November 2020, 4:00 p.m.
7.	Division Name	Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering Division 2, Sonipat
8.	Division Email	ee2sonipat@gmail.com
9.	Division Telephone/Mobile Number	0130-2220254 / 77206375007
10.	Division Address	Near Hanuman Mandir Gohana Road, Sonipat

PRDH/83703

POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

The Hospital Engineer (Const.), PGIMER Chandigarh invites on behalf of the Director PGIMER Chandigarh online Percentage rate bids from the enlisted contractors of appropriate class in CPWD/Department of Posts/RRB/Railways/ M.E.S./Chandigarh Administration/CHB/MC Chandigarh/State PWD/HUDA/PUJA/ State Electricity Boards & Corporations dealing in Civil works on two bid system (Eligibility Bid & Financial Bid) for the following works:-

1) NIT No.: PG/Engg./Const./2020/008, Name of Work: Closing of Expansion Joints in New OPD Block, PGIMER, Chandigarh. Estimated Cost: Rs. 20.37 Lakh, Earnest Money: Rs. 40.740/-, Period of Completion: One Month, Last date and time of submission of bid: 18.11.2020 up to 3:00 PM, Last date & time for submission of Original EMD: 19.11.2020 up to 3:00 PM, Date and time of opening of Eligibility bid: 19.11.2020 at 3:30 PM. The Original EMD as scanned & uploaded shall be deposited physically by all the intending bidders in the office of H.E. (Construction) as per above schedule failing which the bid shall be treated as invalid.

2) NIT No.: PG/Engg./Const./2020/008, Name of Work: Providing Corner Guard on walls in New OPD Block, PGIMER, Chandigarh. Estimated Cost: 10.53 Lakh, Earnest Money: Rs. 21.060/-, Period of Completion: Two Months, Last date and time of submission of bid: 25.11.2020 up to 3:00 PM, Last date & time for submission of Original EMD: 26.11.2020 up to 3:00 PM, Date and time of opening of Eligibility bid: 26.11.2020 at 3:30 PM.

The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website: <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> and official website of the PGIMER www.pgimer.edu.in. Press notice is also available on www.eprocure.gov.in. The Contractors are requested to get their firm registered on the website <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>, for participating in e-tendering process (Helpdesk No. for registration-9988447883).

For any technical information Contact (0172-2755861, 7087008861).

DI-13613

HOSPITAL ENGINEER (CONST.)

CORRIGENDUM

Cancellation of Tender

The Cancellation of tender dated 10.11.2020 due to Administrative reason for execute of work Construction of Street at Village Devri, Sayun, Sakhbayan G.P. Bhoj Koti Block Morni, District Panchkula under organization "Department of Development & Panchayat and Division" "Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj, Panchkula".

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Panchayati Raj, Panchkula.

PRDH/83709

DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES, HARYANA SECTOR-6, PANCHKULA PUBLIC NOTICE

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for one post each of Advisor & Medical Physicist-cum-Radiological Safety Officer (RSO) on contract basis for a period of one year extendable on year to year basis as per requirement of the Institute/Department, operationalize the Tertiary Cancer Care Centre at Civil Hospital, Ambala Cantt. Detail instructions are available on the website of Health Department, Haryana i.e. www.haryanahealth.nic.in. The last date of submitting the applications is 25.11.2020 up to 5:00 p.m.

Sd/- DGHS, Haryana.

PRDH/83718

CORRIGENDUM

TENDER NO.-2020_HBC_14956_1

Name of work: Supply of skilled/unskilled staff for utilization of their services in the O/o Superintending Engineer, HSRDC, Gurugram & DGM-I, HSRDC Gurugram. (Based on Approved D.C. rates for the year 2020-21 as amended time to time) (i.e. from 01.10.2020 to 31.12.2020).

It is informed to the bidders that some amendments in respect of period of supply of skilled/unskilled staff for the subject cited work has been made and shall be read as 01.11.2020 to 31.12.2020 instead of 01.10.2020 to 31.12.2020. These changes shall be applicable to Tender Notice, DIN/T & Financial sheet as already uploaded on the tendering website (<https://etenders.hry.nic.in>).

Sd/- Deputy General Manager-I HSRDC, Gurugram.
for Managing Director HSRDC.
Ph.: 0124-2891106.

PRDH/83704

CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION FINANCE DEPARTMENT

ESTATE-I BR.

PUBLIC NOTICE

(In order to amend the Rule 5.1, Sr. No. 19 (ii) of Chandigarh Building Rules (Urban), 2017 regarding amalgamation of two adjoining commercial sites, the H.G-the Administrator, UT, Chandigarh has approved to seek the opinion/suggestions/objections, if any, from the general public, on the draft notification for the purpose, copy of which is annexed herewith as Annexure-I.

General public can access the above said draft notification/Annexure-I on the official website/portal of Chandigarh Administration i.e. chandigarh.gov.in and can submit their opinion/suggestions/objections, if any, to the Senior Town Planner, Dept. of Urban Planning, UT Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh and through e-mail at stputchd@gmail.com, within 30 days from the date of its publication and after the date same shall not be entertained.

This issued with the approval of H.G-the Administrator, UT, Chandigarh.)

**Adviser to the Administrator,
Union Territory,
Chandigarh.**

Annexure-I

CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION FINANCE DEPARTMENT (ESTATE BRANCH)

NOTIFICATION

No.

Dated

In partial modification of Notification No.11/2/70-UTFI(4)-2017/6994-A, dated 25.07.2017 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 5 (2) and Section 22 (1) of the Capital of Punjab (Development and Regulation) Act, 1952, as adapted by the Punjab Re-Organization (Chandigarh) Adaptation of Laws (on State and Concurrent Subjects) Orders, 1968 and all other powers enabling him in this behalf, the Administrator, Union Territory, Chandigarh, is pleased to amend the Chandigarh Building Rules (Urban) 2017, as amended from time to time, as under:

- These Rules shall be called "Chandigarh Building Rules (Urban) Amendments, 2020".
- These shall come into force from the date of its publication in the official gazette of Chandigarh Administration.
- In the Chandigarh Building Rules (Urban) 2017, as amended from time to time, the Rule 5.1, Sr. No.19 (ii), henceforth be read as under:

"The partial amalgamation of floors as temporary arrangement, if the owners of the two adjoining plots are different and both the buildings are rented to one party, entry/opening be allowed for connectivity at each floor, at the discretion of the owners for better utilisation of internal spaces, subject to structural stability and other technical feasibilities as laid down in the building byelaws and as long as the tenancy is applicable subject to furnishing an affidavit by the owners of the said SCOs/SCFs/Bay Shops/Semi-industrial/Booths etc. and a No Objection Certificate from the Estate Officer, UT, Chandigarh".

**Finance Secretary-cum-
Chief Administrator,
UT, Chandigarh.**

WEAR MASK, WASH YOUR HANDS, WATCH YOUR DISTANCE

**Notice
Public Health Engineering Department, Haryana
REQUEST OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - EoI
"WATER SECTOR PROJECT"**

Expressions of Interest - EoI

Empanelment of Third Party Inspection Agency for Quality Assurance in Construction of Water Supply Schemes

- Public Health Engineering Department, Government of Haryana intends to empanel Third Party Agency for Quality Assurance in Construction of Water Supply Schemes.
- Eligible Agencies are invited to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested agency must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the Services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff etc.). The eligibility criterion for the assignment is mentioned in the detailed EoI document.
- The information regarding experience and qualification provided in the EoI will be evaluated and the firms having requisite experience and competence relevant to assignment shall be assessed and compared and the best qualified firm with relevant experience shall be asked to submit the combined Technical and Financial Proposal.
- Interested companies/firms/agencies may refer detailed "TOR" placed at the Departmental Website: phedharyana.gov.in. Expressions of Interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by postal mail) on or before 17/Nov/2020.
- Note:** Any corrigendum(s) to the Request for Expression of Interest shall be published on the website only."

**Public Health Engineering Department,
Bay No. 13-18, Sector 4,
Panchkula – 134112
Tel: 0172-2564308
e-mail: se.rural@phedharyana.gov.in**

PRDH/83702

COFMOW (INDIAN RAILWAYS)

Railway Offices Complex, Tilak Bridge, New Delhi – 110002, INDIA

TELEFAX: 91-11-23370493. EMAIL ID: cmecofmowtech@gmail.com

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CORRIGENDUM-02

Sub: Tender No. COFMOW/2020/WT-14 for "Design development, Fabrication, Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Smart Yard Equipment consisting of Way Side Acoustic bearing detector, Wheel Profile recording System and Brake Monitoring system for Rolling Stock at Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya (DDU) Station Yard."

Following Corrigendum may please be incorporated in the subject tender.

SI. No. **Section** **As Per Existing Tender** **Now to Read as**

1. Tender Closing Date & Time 1.12.2020 and 15:00 Hrs. 06.01.2021 and 15:00 hrs

2. Bidding Start Date 17.11.2020 23.12.2020

Chief Mechanical Engineer/COFMOW

"Serving Customers with a Smile."

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RASHTRIYA AYURVEDA VIDYAPEETH (NATIONAL ACADEMY OF AYURVEDA)

(An autonomous organization under Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India)

Dhanwantari Bhawan, Road No. 66, Punjabji Bagh (West), New Delhi — 110026

Phone Nos. 011- 25228548 & 25229753, Email: gsp-ravdl@gov.in

APPOINTMENT OF GURUS UNDER GURU SHISHYA PARAMPARA 2020-21

Rashtriya Ayurveda Vidyapeeth, New Delhi invites applications from eligible Vaidyas/Institutions to train institutionally qualified Ayurvedic doctors in CRAV course through 'Guru-Shishya Parampara method'. Interested Vaidyas/Institutions may visit this Vidyapeeth's website www.ravdelhi.nic.in for details on eligibility, prescribed format of application, etc. and they must be sent their duly filled in application only through e-mail on above mail on or before 21st November, 2020.

davp 17212/11/0002/2021

Director, Rashtriya Ayurveda Vidyapeeth

SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT DEPARTMENT, HARYANA

State Awards in the field of Disabled Welfare

Applications are invited for conferment of State Awards for the year 2020-21 in the following categories to those who have done outstanding work in the field of Disabled Welfare:-

I. Best Disabled Employee



Govt. of Haryana



Haryane Ka Badhiya Haal Chokha Bitya Pehla Saal

Education for everyone

Under the Super 100 programme,
convenient and free coaching centres
opened in Government schools,
25 students of this programme
qualified for 'IIT' and
72 students for 'NEET'

Extension of **State Model Sanskriti Schools** on block level,
establishment of one model
sanskriti school in each block

For the first time **CBSE Board**
Government schools in the State

15 new Government Colleges
opened in one year

Decision to open
4,000 play-way schools, work on
1135 schools is under process

Online Education System for students,
Education to 52 lakh students
through **DTH and Cable TV**

Haryana Teacher Eligibility Test
(HTET), eligibility duration
increased from **5 years to 7 years**

The process of making passports
started in 111 Govt. colleges.
13,624 students submitted their forms,
Out of which 3,089 students'
Passports have been made



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Let's fight together against Coronavirus

कुटेशन नोटिस

हरियाणा राज्य परिवहन, भिवानी में बाहनों की समरूपत के लिए हाईबोर्डर/पैदी आइटम की अगले एक वर्ष के लिए खरीद की जानी है। इच्छुक सलायर दिनांक 03.12.2020 तक अपनी सीलबंद कुटेशन महाप्रबंधक, हरियाणा राज्य परिवहन, भिवानी के नाम भेज सकते हैं, जिसके उपर स्टोर आइटम कुटेशन लिखा होना अनिवार्य है। स्टोर आइटम की लिए महाप्रबंधक, कार्यालय में संपर्क कर सकते हैं। कुटेशन संवर्धित सभी दस्तावेज किसी भी कार्य दिवस में आकर 200/- रु. जमा करवाने उपरांत महाप्रबंधक, कार्यालय हरियाणा राज्य परिवहन, भिवानी से प्राप्त कर सकते हैं।

महाप्रबंधक,
हरियाणा राज्य परिवहन,
भिवानी।

PRDH-83705

HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION
Bays No. 67-70, Sec.-2, Panchkula – 134154
(www.hssc.gov.in)

ANNOUNCEMENT

Final Result for the post of Laboratory Attendant for Higher Education Department, Haryana against Advt. No. 11/2017, Cat No. 05.

In continuation of earlier notice dated 15.09.2019 and on the basis of Written Examination, Scrutiny of Documents and Socio-economic criteria for the post of Laboratory Attendant, Higher Education Department, Haryana against Advt. No. 11/2017, Category No. 05, the Commission has finalised and declared the result. The result has been shown Roll No. wise and category wise and the marks secured by the last selected candidate in each category have been shown in the bracket

Advt. No. 11/2017, Cat. No.05, Laboratory Attendant (Total 162 Posts)

General Waiting

1175181798 (80.00)

EBPGC (18 Posts)

1175005251 1175016021 1175020820 1175022884 1175026610
1175032031 1175043014 1175054083 1175079876 1175098838
1175112252 1175119436 1175132071 1175138605 1175152270
1175177662 1175185260 1175193378 (78.00)

EBPGC Waiting

1175016625 1175025459 1175084841 1175116428 1175190387 (77.00)

CRITERIA ADOPTED FOR SELECTION

1.) WRITTEN EXAMINATION.....90-MARKS

2.) SOCIO ECONOMIC CRITERIA AND EXPERIENCE.....10-MARKS

TOTAL:- 100-MARKS

Note: 1. While every care has been taken in preparing and uploading the result, possibility of inadvertent/technical errors cannot be ruled out. The Commission reserves the right to rectify the same later on.

2. The result is also available on the website of HSSC i.e. www.hssc.gov.in.

Sd/- Secretary

Haryana Staff Selection Commission

Dated:- 09.11.2020

HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION
Bays No. 67-70, Sec.-2, Panchkula – 134154
(www.hssc.gov.in)

ANNOUNCEMENT

Final Result for the post of Sub Fire Officer for Urba Local Bodies-cum-Fire Services, Haryana against Advt. No. 11/2017, Cat No. 02.

In continuation of earlier notice dated 17.07.2020 and on the basis of Written Examination, Scrutiny of Documents and Socio-economic criteria for the post of Sub Fire Officer for Urba Local Bodies-cum-Fire Services , Haryana Against Advt. No.11/2017 , Category No.02, the Commission has finalised and declared the result. The result has been shown Roll No. wise and category wise and the marks secured by the last selected candidate in each category have been shown in the bracket.

Advt. No. 11/2017, Cat. No.02, Sub Fire Officer (Total 26 Posts)

EBPGC (03)

1172000070 (29.00)

Note:- EBPGC (02 Posts) remained vacant due to non-availability of Eligible Candidates.

CRITERIA ADOPTED FOR SELECTION

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Sd/- Secretary

Haryana Staff Selection Commission

Dated:- 09.11.2020

OFFICE OF THE ROGI KALYAN SAMITI
DR. RAJENDRA PRASAD GOVT. MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL
KANGRA AT TANDA

NO. HFW-H(DRPGMC) SHOP-2020/- 7124-26

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Expression of Interest in two bid system in sealed envelope is hereby invited by the Medical Superintendent-cum-Member Secretary Rogi Kalyan Samiti Dr. R.P.G.M.C, Kangra at Tanda from the interested vendors on monthly rent basis for running the Pre-fabricated modular structure as mentioned in the table below (11.85 Sq. Mtr.) near parking place Tanda. The EOI document can be obtained from the office of the undersigned on any working day from 13.11.2020 to 09.12.2020 up to 5.00 p.m. as per schedule in the table given below or by downloading the same from college website (www.rpgmc.ac.in) after the publication of EOI. Those who wish to download the EOI document should enclose EOI fee as prescribed in the table below through bank draft along with bidding document and EMD drawn in favour of Medical Superintendent-cum-Member Secretary Rogi Kalyan Samiti Dr. R.P.G.M.C, Kangra at Tanda, payable at Tanda.

Sr. No.	No. of Shop & Purpose for allotment on rent basis	Cost of EOI document	EMD	Date of start of Sale of EOI document	Last date of purchase of EOI documents	Last date of submission of EOI	Date & time of opening of EOI
1	One shop for Barber/ Saloon	Rs. 1000/-, 10,000/-		13.11.2020	09.12.2020 up to 5.00 p.m.	10.12.2020 up to 1.00 p.m.	10.12.2020 at 3.00 p.m.

Sd/- Medical Superintendent-cum-Member Secretary RKS Dr. R.P. Govt. Medical College Kangra at Tanda.

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Dr. Rajendra Prasad Govt. Medical College Hospital Kangra at Tanda

Cabinet okays Narkanda to Hatu Peak ropeway project

Tribune News Service

SHIMLA, NOVEMBER 10
The winter session of the Vidhan Sabha will commence at Dharamsala in December.

The Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur today recommended to the Governor the convening of the winter session of the Assembly from December 7 to 11. The Cabinet also decided to organise the next Jan Manch on December 5 across the state.

It also approved reduction in token tax to be charged on various vehicles. The token



Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur presides over the Cabinet meeting held in Shimla on Tuesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

tax of 6 per cent would be charged on motorcycle/scooter of value up to Rs 1 lakh whereas it would be 7 per cent above Rs 1 lakh value vehicles. It also decided to

charge token tax of 6 per cent on personal motor vehicles and construction equipment vehicles of up to Rs 15 lakh and 7 per cent on personal motor vehicle and construc-

Delhiites eye Kasauli hills to beat rising Diwali smog

Homestays flooded with bookings | AQI poor in the Capital

AMBika Sharma
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SOLAN, NOVEMBER 10

Tourists from the Delhi National Capital Region are set to throng Kasauli to beat the rising air pollution in Delhi around Diwali, but, despite my efforts, I could not find any place as these were booked in advance," said Sapna from Delhi.

The bookings are, however, restricted to the homestay units only as hotels are witnessing barely 20 per cent occupancy. Preferring a quiet holiday on the hills, families have booked various homestay units. The limited units are unable to cater to the

growing demand. "I have been trying for the last two weeks to book three rooms near Kasauli from November 14 to 22 as my family members want to keep away from the increasing air pollution in Delhi around Diwali, but, despite my efforts, I could not

find any place as these were booked in advance," added Sapna.

"Several units are operating from villages around Kasauli. These offer easy cancellation and options like payment after stay and have lower tariffs than hotels where cancellations invite certain penalty," said Rachna, another tourist from Delhi. As the NGT has imposed a ban on bursting crackers in Delhi where the air quality index is poor, tourists are thronging the hills at the Diwali weekend.

Tourists are preferring the units as these are not only located away from the hustle and bustle of the town, but also provided a quiet sojourn amid the salubrious environments. "Hotels cater to larger

crowds and are located along the main roads, while the homestay units cater to smaller groups of people," added Sapna.

CANCELLATION OF TRAINS

Due to operational reasons following Special Trains will remain temporarily cancelled on the dates shown against each :-

CANCELLATION OF TRAINS

Train No. & Train Name	Date from originating station
09612 Amritsar Jn. - Ajmer Special	12, 17 & 19.11.2020
09613 Ajmer - Amritsar Jn. Special	11, 16 & 18.11.2020

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WALK-IN-INTERVIEW

Walk-in-Interviews will be held at ICAR - NBAGR, Karnal (Haryana) for purely contractual positions as per following details:-

S. No.	Name & No. of Positions	Date & Time of Walk-in-Interview
1.	Research Associate-1 in DBT funded project - One	21.11.2020 Time 10.30 AM
2.	YP-II in CRP on AB Project - One	21.11.2020 Time 11:30 AM
3.	Senior Research Fellow in CRP on Genomics-One	21.11.2020 Time 12:30 PM

For detailed information regarding qualifications, emoluments, age limit and other details etc., the candidates must visit / announcement tab on www.nbagr.icar.gov.in.

Asstt. Administrative Officer

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PUBLIC NOTICE

On behalf of HP State Electricity Board Ltd., Vidyut Bhawan, Shimla it is brought to the notice of general public that the draft cost data for the year 2021-2022 in respect of E. H. V. lines and Sub-Stations has been prepared and is proposed to be submitted to Hon'ble HPERC, Shimla for approval. All the stake - holders i.e. IPH, HPPWD, and industry Department/commercial consumers are, therefore, requested to send their comments/ suggestions, if any, on the prepared draft cost data to this office by 18.11.2020. So that the same could be considered while finalizing the cost data before its submission to Hon'ble HPERC. Copy of the draft cost data for the year 2021-2022 is available on the HPSEBL website www.hpsbl.com.

(Er. Pritam Chandi),
Chief Engineer (ES),
HPSEBL, Hamirpur.

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E-Auction Notice

E-Auction is hereby Re-invited on behalf of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Chandigarh request for E-Auction for RDF lying at Solid Waste Plant, Sector 25 (W), Chandigarh.

- Note:-
1. Tender document along with terms and conditions are available w.e.f. 11.11.2020 at 9.00 A.M. on e-tendering official website <http://eauction.gov.in>.
 2. The tender shall be uploaded upto 19.11.2020 at 5.00 P.M.
 3. The Auction will be start on 26.11.2020 at 9.00 A.M. to 3.00 P.M.
 4. The bidder shall have to submit their bids on-line in Electronic Format with Digital Signatures for participation in the E-tendering process.

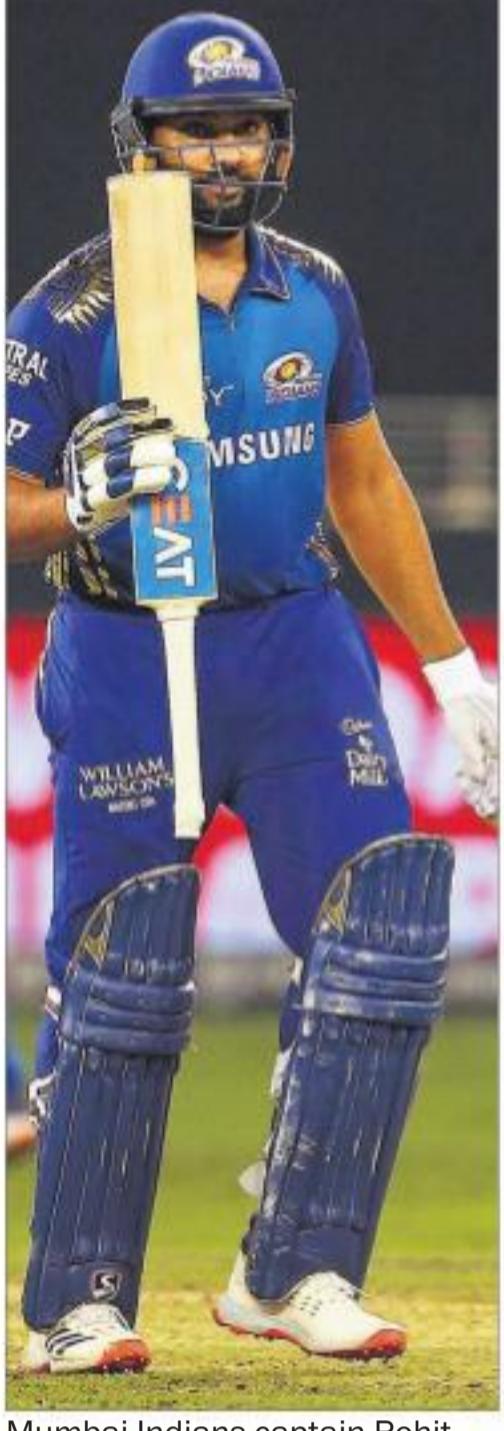
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SPORT

Five-star Mumbai

MI beat Delhi to win fifth IPL title



Mumbai Indians captain Rohit Sharma celebrates his half-century during the final. PTI

DUBAI, NOVEMBER 10
Defending champions Mumbai Indians claimed their fifth Indian Premier League (IPL) title today, thrashing Delhi Capitals by five wickets in the final at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium.

Delhi skipper Shreyas Iyer and Rishabh Pant struck breezy fifties to help them overcome a top-order collapse, triggered by the bowling of Trent Boult (3/30), and post a competitive 156/7 after electing to bat.

Mumbai, who had beaten Delhi three times this season en route to the final, prevailed once again with eight balls to spare, dashing their opponents' hopes of winning their maiden IPL title.

Rohit Sharma smashed a fluent 68 off 51 balls and Ishan Kishan made 33 not out down the order as Mumbai cruised to victory. — Reuters

Brief scores: **Delhi Capitals:** 156/7 in 20 overs (Shreyas Iyer 65 not out, Rishabh Pant 56; Trent Boult 3/30, Nathan Coulter-Nile 2/29); **Mumbai Indians:** 157/5 in 18.4 overs (Rohit Sharma 68, Ishan Kishan 33; Anrich Nortje 2/25, Marcus Stoinis 1/23).

Kochhar in lead as Aadil slides

PANCHKULA, NOVEMBER 10
Karandeep Kochhar came with a brilliant 4-under 68 to rise to the top spot after the second round of the Tata Steel PGTI Players Championship. Playing at the Panchkula Golf Club, Kochhar made five birdies to climb one spot up from the overnight tied-2nd, taking his two-day total to a 10-under 134. The 21-year-old Kochhar, runner-up in the previous PGTI tournament last week, picked up five birdies in exchange of a lone bogey.

Delhi-based Arjun Prasad carded the day's joint lowest score of 67 to move up 10 spots to joint second at an 8-under 136. Mysuru's Yashas Chandra carded a 68 for a share of the second position, gaining four spots.

The halfway cut was applied at a 2-over, with 53 professionals making it to the money rounds.

Chandigarh's Akshay Sharma (68), the winner of the PGTI event last week, was in a four-way tie for fourth at a 7-under 137. Giving him company were with Gurugram's Veer Ahlawat (71), Chandigarh's Ranjit Singh (67), and Kolkata's Shankar Das (69). First-round leader Aadil Bedi of Chandigarh dropped to tied-8th after carding a 73 for a total of a 6-under 138. — TNS

FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2020

In order to clear extra rush of passengers during Deepawali and Chhath Puja Festivals, Northern Railway has planned to run the following fully reserved Festival Special Trains as per schedule given below:-

LIST OF FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS ORIGINATING/TERMINATING IN NORTHERN RAILWAY

Spl. Train No.	Station From	Dept. Time	Station to	Arr. Time	Frequency / Day	Period
04998	Bathinda	20:50	Varanasi Junction	16:30	SUN	Up to 29.11.20
04997	Varanasi Junction	21:20	Bathinda	16:50	MON	Up to 30.11.20
04612	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	23:30	Varanasi Junction	23:35	SUN	Up to 29.11.20
04611	Varanasi Junction	06:35	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	06:50	TUE	Up to 01.12.20
04422	Anand Vihar Terminal	20:20	Lucknow	04:20	WED, FRI, SUN	22, 25, 27 & 29.11.20
04421	Lucknow	21:20	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:45	MON, THU, SAT	23, 26 & 28.11.20
04924	Chandigarh	23:15	Gorakhpur	16:00	THU	Up to 26.11.20
04923	Gorakhpur	22:10	Chandigarh	14:15	FRI	Up to 27.11.20
04090	Anand Vihar Terminal	16:55	Bhagalpur	11:00	MON, WED, FRI	Up to 30.11.20
04089	Bhagalpur	13:30	Anand Vihar Terminal	08:20	TUE, THU, SAT	Up to 01.12.20
04012	Anand Vihar Terminal	07:30	Jogbani	08:30	TUE, FRI	Up to 27.11.20
04011	Jogbani	20:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	21:00	WED, SAT	Up to 28.11.20
02237	Varanasi Junction	12:40	Jammu Tawi	11:05	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
02238	Jammu Tawi	14:00	Varanasi Junction	12:30		Up to 01.12.20
02231	Lucknow	22:25	Chandigarh	10:05	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
02232	Chandigarh	21:05	Lucknow	08:30		Up to 01.12.20
04092	New Delhi	09:20	Jaynagar	11:15	WED, SAT	Up to 28.11.20
04091	Jaynagar	15:30	New Delhi	19:30	THU, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
04030	Delhi Junction	13:45	Muzaffarpur Junction	08:00	WED, SAT	Up to 28.11.20
04029	Muzaffarpur Junction	15:30	Delhi Junction	10:30	THU, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
04624	Amritsar Junction	05:45	Saharsa Junction	10:30	WED, SAT	Up to 28.11.20
04623	Saharsa Junction	14:30	Amritsar Junction	19:45	THU, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
04656	Firozpur Cantt	19:00	Patna Junction	21:25	FRI	Up to 27.11.20
04655	Patna Junction	23:25	Firozpur Cantt	23:55	SAT	Up to 28.11.20
04084	Delhi Junction	23:00	Katihar Junction	22:00	FRI	Up to 27.11.20
04083	Katihar Junction	23:50	Delhi Junction	22:50	SAT	Up to 28.11.20
04401	New Delhi	23:50	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	11:35	MON, THU	23 & 26.11.20
04402	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	23:30	New Delhi	11:15	TUE, FRI	24, 27.11.20 & 01.12.20
04418	H. Nizamuddin	21:35	Pune	21:25	TUE	Up to 24.11.20
04417	Pune	05:15	H. Nizamuddin	05:35	THU	Up to 26.11.20
02422	Jammu Tawi	18:10	Ajmer Junction	12:20	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
02421	Ajmer Junction	14:05	Jammu Tawi	08:15		Up to 01.12.20
04041	Delhi Junction	22:25	Dehradun	08:25	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
04042	Dehradun	21:20	Delhi Junction	07:25		Up to 01.12.20
02448	H. Nizamuddin	20:10	Manikpur Junction	08:45	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
02447	Manikpur Junction	17:05	H. Nizamuddin	05:25		Up to 01.12.20
04515	Kalika	12:10	Shimla	17:20	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
04516	Shimla	10:40	Kalka	16:10		Up to 01.12.20
04854	Jodhpur Junction	09:10	Varanasi Junction	10:30	MON, THU, SAT	Up to 30.11.20
04853	Varanasi Junction	17:15	Jodhpur Junction	18:50	MON, WED, SAT	Up to 30.11.20
04864	Jodhpur Junction	09:10	Varanasi Junction	08:45	TUE, FRI, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
04863	Varanasi Junction	18:15	Jodhpur Junction	18:50	TUE, FRI, SUN	Up to 01.12.20
04866	Jodhpur Junction	09:10	Varanasi Junction	08:50	WED	Up to 25.11.20
04865	Varanasi Junction	18:15	Jodhpur Junction	18:50	THU	Up to 26.11.20
05115	Chhapra	11:15	Delhi Junction	11:20	SAT	Up to 28.11.20
05116	Delhi Junction	14:00	Chhapra	13:20	SUN	Up to 29.11.20
02581	Manduadih	22:30	New Delhi	12:15	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
02582	New Delhi	22:35	Manduadih	11:10		Up to 01.12.20
06229	Mysore Junction	07:20	Varanasi Junction	12:00	TUE, THU	Up to 26.11.20
06230	Varanasi Junction	21:05	Mysore Junction	02:35	THU, SAT	Up to 28.11.20
07323	Hubballi Junction	17:50	Varanasi Junction	12:00	FRI	Up to 27.11.20
07324	Varanasi Junction	21:05	Hubballi Junction	13:00	SUN	Up to 29.11.20
02587	Gorakhpur	14:20	Jammu Tawi	13:10	MON	Up to 23.11.20
02588	Jammu Tawi	22:45	Gorakhpur	20:30	SAT	Up to 28.11.20
05097	Bhagalpur	23:50	Jammu Tawi	13:10	THU	Up to 26.11.20
05098	Jammu Tawi	22:45	Bhagalpur	10:15	TUE	Up to 24.11.20
05251	Darbhanga Junction	03:25	Jalandhar City	05:10	SAT	Up to 28.11.20
05252	Jalandhar City	09:50	Darbhanga Junction	11:35	SUN	Up to 29.11.20
02397	Gaya	14:15	New Delhi	04:30	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
02398	New Delhi	12:10	Gaya	03:20		Up to 01.12.20
03255	Patliputra	20:35	Chandigarh	17:35	WED, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
03256	Chandigarh	21:30	Patliputra	18:50	MON, THU	Up to 30.11.20
02355	Patna Junction	07:25	Jammu Tawi	10:37	TUE, SAT	Up to 28.11.20
02356	Jammu Tawi	17:45	Patna Junction	20:55	WED, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
02595	Gorakhpur	20:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	08:50	MON, TUE, THU	Up to 30.11.20
02596	Anand Vihar Terminal	20:00	Gorakhpur	07:50	TUE, WED, FRI	Up to 01.12.20
02331	Howrah Junction	23:55	Jammu Tawi	13:10	TUE, FRI, SAT	Up to 28.11.20
02332	Jammu Tawi	22:45	Howrah Junction	11:30	MON, THU, SUN	Up to 30.11.20
02819	Bhubaneswar	15:40	Anand Vihar Terminal	20:50	WED, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
02820	Anand Vihar Terminal	07:05	Bhubaneswar	12:20	TUE, FRI	Up to 27.11.20
02549	Kamakhya	10:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	19:20	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
02550	Anand Vihar Terminal	06:45	Kamakhya	16:35		Up to 02.12.20
02530	Lucknow Jn	05:00	Patliputra Junction	14:50	Except-SUN, THU	Up to 30.11.20
02529	Patliputra Junction	15:50	Lucknow Jn	02:35	Except-SUN, THU	Up to 30.11.20
02033	Kanpur Central	06:00	New Delhi	11:20	Except-SUN	Up to 30.11.20
02034	New Delhi	15:50	Kanpur Central	20:45	Except-SUN	Up to 30.11.20
08215	Durg	09:00	Jammu Tawi	21:40	WED	Up to 25.11.20
08216	Jammu Tawi	05:00	Durg	19:10	FRI	Up to 27.11.20
02458	Bikaner Junction	22:30	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	06:10	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
02457	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	23:35	Bikaner Junction	07:30		Up to 30.11.20
02485	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	07:05	Jod			

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Telangana announces

₹50L relief for martyr's kin

Hyderabad: Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao on Tuesday announced Rs 50 lakh financial assistance for the family of Army jawan Ryada Mahesh, who was killed in an exchange of fire with militants in Kashmir on Sunday. The Chief Minister said Mahesh would be remembered in history as the one who sacrificed his life for the country. He said the state government would support the family. TNS

Hyderabad student falls to death from Toronto building

Hyderabad: A Hyderabad student lost his life after falling from a high-rise building in Toronto, Canada. A resident of Vanasthalipuram in Hyderabad, Panyam Akhil (19) died after he fell from the balcony of the 27th floor while talking on phone. His friends in Canada informed the family about the mishap, which took place on November 8. Akhil was doing a hotel management course in Canada. After completing the course's first year, he came home in March and returned to Canada after the lockdown eased. TNS



US Attorney General okays probe into vote 'irregularities'

WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 10

Attorney General William Barr has authorised federal prosecutors across the US to pursue "substantial allegations" of voting irregularities before the 2020 presidential election is certified, despite little evidence of fraud.

Barr's action comes days after Democrat Joe Biden defeated President Donald Trump and raises the prospect that Trump will use the Justice Department to try to challenge the outcome.

It gives prosecutors the ability to go around longstanding Justice Department policy that normally would prohibit such overt actions before the election is formally certified.

Trump has not conceded the election and is instead claiming without evidence that there has been a widespread, multi-state conspiracy by Democrats to skew the vote tally in Biden's favour.

Biden holds a sizable lead in multiple battleground states and there has been no indication of enough improperly counted or illegally cast votes that would shift the outcome.

In fact, election officials from both political parties have publicly stated the election went well, though there

'Pursue substantial allegations'

■ William Barr has told prosecutors that "fanciful or far-fetched claims" should not be a basis for investigation. He, however, did say he was authorising prosecutors to "pursue substantial allegations" of irregularities of voting.

■ Biden's campaign said Barr was fueling Trump's allegations of fraud.

"Those are the very kind of claims that the President is making unsuccessfully every day," said Bob Bauer, a senior adviser to Biden.

WASN'T TRUMP'S YES-MAN: ESPER

■ US President Donald Trump said he had "terminated" Defence Secretary Mark Esper, signalling he may use his final months in office after defeat at the polls to settle scores within his administration.

■ Trump had split with Esper over a range of issues and was particularly angered by his public opposition to Trump's threats to use military forces to suppress street protests over racial injustice. Also, Esper in an interview had said he was not Trump's "yes-man".

have been minor issues that are typical in elections, including voting machines breaking and ballots that were miscast and lost.

In a memo to US attorneys, obtained by The Associated Press, Barr wrote that investigations "may be conducted if there are clear and apparently-credible allegations of irreg-

ularities that, if true, could potentially impact the outcome of a federal election in an individual State."

States have until December 8 to resolve election disputes, including recounts and court contests over the results. Members of the Electoral College meet December 14 to finalise the outcome. —AP

Although a few Republicans have urged Trump to concede, the President still held the support of prominent party leaders who had yet to congratulate Biden.

Trump's campaign on Monday filed a lawsuit to block Pennsylvania officials from certifying Biden's victory in the battleground state, where Biden led by more than 45,000 votes.

It alleged the state's mail-in voting system violated the US Constitution by creating "an illegal two-tiered voting system" where voting in person was subject to more oversight than voting by mail.

It was filed against Pennsylvania Secretary of State Kathy Boockvar and the boards of elections in Democratic-leaning counties that include Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. Boockvar's office did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

"The Trump campaign's latest filing is another attempt to throw out legal votes," Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro, a Democrat, said on Twitter. Pennsylvania state Representative Dawn Keefer on Tuesday planned to call for a legislative audit of the state's election results. —AP

SC to hear Arnab's bail petition today

Tribune News Service



NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10

Republic TV Editor-in-Chief Arnab Goswami on Tuesday moved the Supreme Court (SC) against the Bombay High Court's order denying him interim bail in a two-year-old abetment to suicide case.

In his petition filed in the top court, Goswami, currently lodged in the Taloja jail, has challenged the November 9 order of the HC that asked him to approach the sessions court for regular bail.

Goswami's petition has been listed before a Vacation Bench of Justice DY Chandrachud and Justice Indira Banerjee which will take it up at 10.30 am on Wednesday.

The HC had rejected the interim bail pleas of Goswami and two others — Feroze Shaikh and Nitish Sarda — in connection with the alleged abetment to suicide of an interior designer. Besides the Maharashtra Government, Goswami has made the Centre, Alibaug SHO, Mumbai Police Commissioner Param Bir Singh and Akshyata Anvay Naik as parties to his appeal.

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November 4 in connection with the suicide of architect-interior designer Anvay Naik and his mother in 2018. Meanwhile, SC Bar Association president Dushyant Dave has questioned the urgent listing of Arnab's plea by the Registry.

Riot videos of AAP ex-councillor not doctored: FSL

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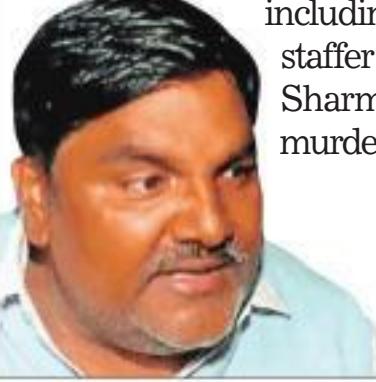
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10

The Delhi Police received a forensic report of the chemical bottles seized from the residence of suspended AAP councillor Tahir Hussain after the northeast Delhi riots, the police said. The chemical was found to be acidic and the videos of Hussain on the rooftop were also not doctored, the report said.

The videos of Hussain on the rooftop were also not doctored, the police said, referring to the report.

In the report, it is mentioned that the chemical substances sent to lab were acidic and lethal for human body, sources in Delhi police said, adding that the mobile clips in which Hussain was seen leading a group involved in riots from his terrace were also sent to the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL). The FSL reports find the clips were not doctored, they said.

Hussain has been arrested in several cases, including IB staffer Ankit Sharma's murder case.

**RELIEF UNLIKELY**

■ 22% stubble burning share in Delhi's Tuesday pollution.
■ PM2.5 level 644 µg/m³ at 12 noon, 11 times higher than the safe limit of 60 µg/m³.

DELHI	FARIDABAD	GHAZIABAD	NOIDA	GREATER NOIDA	GURUGRAM
476	474	476	490	467	469



Vehicles ply on a road amid low visibility due to heavy smog in New Delhi on Tuesday. MANAS RANJAN BHUI

Delhi's air quality remains severe

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10

While strict directions of the NGT and the newly-appointed Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) are expected to bring some relief to the Delhi-NCR residents struggling with the toxic smog, meteorologists are not expecting any immediate relief in the next seven to 10 days. Rather, they fear the situation may worsen with winds changing direction in next couple of days.

Skymet's Mahesh Palawat says, "The first strong West-

ern Disturbance is expected around November 12. This will lead to formation of a cyclonic circulation over northern plains (Punjab and Haryana) and change in direction of winds from northwest to southeast,

adding more humidity in the air and existing smog-conducive factors like light winds and pollutants."

There is a possibility of rain in Delhi-NCR around November 15 and 16. If it is moderate to intense, pollutants will be washed away.

Light rain will add to factors building pollution, he says. The CAQM in the NCR and the adjoining areas listed out 10 immediate measures while stressing the need to strictly enforce standard operating procedures to minimise pollution on.

Hooda loyalist...

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the last election and the JJP, then contesting on its own, 32,000 votes. However, the Baroda byelection was contested jointly by the two parties but Dutt got 50,070 votes.

The votes moved away from the BJP-JJP and went into the Congress kitty.

The verdict has come as a shot in the arm for the Congress, and more importantly for Hooda, who fought the election as his own and pulled off an impressive win for loyalist Narwal. The INLD, pushed to the fourth spot behind the LSP, a non-entity in Haryana politics, has suffered a setback to its image.

Respect India's...

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for the social and financial after effects of the pandemic.

The SCO summit host, Putin, as well as Xi Jinping spoke against the "numerous attempts to directly interfere in the internal affairs" of SCO member countries, in a reference to the regime change agenda often pursued in countries around their periphery. The PM also underlined India's strong cultural and historical connect with the SCO region and reiterated India's firm commitment towards strengthening connectivity in the region.

WINNERS

Congress questions reliability of EVMs

EVMs ABSOLUTELY ROBUST AND TAMPER-PROOF: EC

■ Responding to doubts being raised by some politicians, Deputy Election Commissioner in-charge of EVMs Sudip Jain said the machines are absolutely robust and tamper-proof.

■ "It has been clarified time and again that EVMs are tamper-proof. Even the Supreme Court has upheld their integrity," he said.



Karti Chidambaram, said the electronic voting machine (EVM) system is robust, accurate and dependable. "This has always been my view. I stand by it. There have been doubters of the EVM from across political parties, partic-

ularly when the results don't go in their favour. Till now, no one has demonstrated scientifically their claims. Whatever be the outcome of any election, it's time to stop blaming the EVM. In my experience, the EVM system is robust,

"It has been clarified time and again that EVMs are absolutely robust and tamper-proof. Even the Supreme Court has upheld their integrity more than once," he said.

Jain recalled that in 2017, the commission had offered an "EVM challenge" to political parties. "The integrity of EVMs is absolutely without any doubts and merits no other clarification," he said. — PTI

AIMIM: Those calling us vote-cutter got 'befitting' reply

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Asaduddin Owaisi-led All India Majlis-e-Ittehad-ul-Muslimeen, which was given tags like "vote cutter" and spoiler in the Bihar Assembly polls, appeared set to win five Muslim-dominated seats on Tuesday and said its critics have got a befitting reply from the people.

With the election results on a knife's edge, the AIMIM could play a key role in the formation of the next government in case there is a hung Assembly. —PTI



A supporter of the RJD flashes a victory sign in Patna. PTI

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