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EQUITY MFs SEE FIRST OUTFLOW IN  
OVER FOUR YEARS IN JULY BUSINESS

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'MEDIA TRIAL' BACK PAGE



Pranab on ventilator  
after brain surgery

**NEW DELHI:** Ex-President Pranab Mukherjee is on ventilator support after undergoing a brain surgery at the Army Research and Referral Hospital, where he was admitted on Monday after testing positive for Covid. "I have tested positive for Covid-19. I request those who came in contact with me in the last week to self-isolate," he tweeted earlier. TNS

Bhasin to replace  
Isher Judge at ICRIER

**NEW DELHI:** The capital's leading economic think-tank, the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), has undergone a change of guard after 15 years. Noted economist Isher Judge Ahluwalia has stepped down and has been succeeded by Pramod Bhasin as its Chairman. TNS

Patanjali may bid  
for IPL sponsorship

**NEW DELHI:** Yoga guru Ramdev's Patanjali Ayurved is planning a bid for the title sponsorship of the upcoming Indian Premier League (IPL), said a company official. The slot of the title sponsorship for the IPL fell vacant after the Chinese handset maker Vivo decided to exit. A Patanjali spokesperson said, "We are considering this." PTI

## Raj crisis ends, prodigal Pilot returns after meeting Rahul

Rebels head back to Jaipur | 3-member panel to address grievances

ADITI TANDON  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10**  
The month-long crisis in the Rajasthan Congress ended on Monday with rebel Sachin Pilot calling a truce with the party and dissident MLAs heading home.

The state government was marked safe ahead of the August 14 Assembly session after Pilot, who had rebelled against Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, met Congress leader Rahul Gandhi here and buried the hatchet.

The Congress later said the two leaders had a "frank, open and conclusive discussion and Pilot committed to working in the interest of the Congress and the party government in Rajasthan". Party chief Sonia Gandhi spoke to Gehlot this evening and decided to set up a three-member panel comprising Priyanka Gandhi, Ahmed Patel and KC Venugopal to "address the issues raised by Pilot and the aggrieved MLAs". Pilot met the panel members late in the evening.

What was immediately clear was that CM Gehlot had succeeded in the battle of nerves with young Pilot, who ran out of options and decided to return.



Sachin leaves after meeting Priyanka Gandhi in New Delhi. PTI

**I have never craved for any post. Everyone worked to get Congress to power. Governance has to be participatory.** Sachin Pilot, FORMER DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER

### EX-DY CM MAY BE MOVED TO CENTRAL HIERARCHY

A top Congress leader ruled out reinstatement of Sachin Pilot as state Deputy CM and party chief. AICC sources, however, didn't discount the possibility of a central organisational role for the ex-Dy CM

As Pilot bought peace with the Congress, rebel party lawmakers began returning to Jaipur today and meeting Gehlot, who recently said he would do whatever the central leadership decided in respect of dissidents.

The first rebel to resurface in Jaipur late tonight after days of staying at a resort in

### SOME REBELS MAY BE ADJUSTED IN CABINET

As part of the Pilot-Congress truce, Rajasthan Congress will withdraw all cases against rebels and accommodate some in the state Cabinet should Gehlot agree to a Cabinet reshuffle

BJP-ruled Haryana was Bhanwar Lal Sharma.

Sharma's name figures in the FIR which the Rajasthan Congress recently lodged, alleging the MLA's presence in audio tapes, which also features one Gajendra Singh discussing horse-trading in the state. The Congress has been alleging that

Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat figured in the tapes, a charge the latter had rubbed.

This development paves the way for stability of the Gehlot-led Congress government in the state, with the party regaining the original strength of 107 MLAs in the 200-member House.

These 107 MLAs include six former BSP MLAs, who last year merged their legislative party with the Congress.

On the political front, the Congress scored two points by pushing Pilot to a corner and forcing him to return today. One, it prevented another young leader from going to the BJP; two, it sent out a message that dissidence won't be condoned.

Even as it played firm, the top Congress leadership had kept doors open for Pilot and his loyalists. Asked if Pilot, who was sacked as state Deputy CM and party chief after he missed two CLP meetings in Jaipur, would be reinstated, a top Congress functionary said "no". Pilot's previous demand to remove Gehlot stands buried with the CM emerging stronger in the fight with his rival.

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## 7 in 10 patients recover, death rate down to 2 pc

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**NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10**

With record 1.5 million recoveries, the national cure rate on Monday neared 70 per cent. The day saw 45,859 patients being discharged, the highest single-day recoveries so far, as against the 24-hour surge of 62,064 cases. The country's caseload has reached 22,15,074.

Nearly seven in 10 patients in the country have recovered, leaving the active cases at 28,66 per cent.

Recoveries today exceeded the number of active cases by nine lakh, with death rate falling to two per cent.

The number of deaths in the past one day, however, showed a record high of 1,007. The cumulative toll stands at 44,386 and recoveries have climbed to 15,35,743.

"Better ambulance services, focus on healthcare standards and use of non-invasive oxygen have led to desired results," said the ministry.

### COVID-19 CASES INDIA

COUNT	RECOVERED	FRESH FATALITIES	TOTAL DEATHS
22,15,074	1,29,85,162	1,007	44,386



K'taka CM BS Yediyurappa after being discharged from hospital.

### HARYANA SECOND IN RECOVERY RATE, DELHI ON TOP

With a recovery rate of 83.3%, Haryana stands second after Delhi (89.8%) in terms of people recovering from Covid. Jammu and Kashmir has a recovery rate of 68.3% and Punjab 64.9%. INSIDE

### THREE COVID +VE DOCTORS DIE IN KOLKATA IN A DAY

Such patients are coming to hospitals quite late, which limits their treatment options," said Dr Bhaskar. A sudden rise in cases has been seen in the state after mid-July. The first case in Punjab was reported on March 8 and the count reached 8,800 till July 15. However, the cases surged three-fold in the last 25 days and touched 25,000.

The same goes with fatalities as from March till July 15, the state reported 221 casualties. But over the next 25 days, the death toll shot up to 604.

## 10 days, 9K cases in Pb, 70% with no signs

VISHAV BHARTI

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 10**

More than a year after Haryana modified the list of Scheduled Castes in the state, the Punjab and Haryana High Court today stayed the operation of a notification in this regard. A Division Bench of the High Court

### HC stays Haryana notification on altered list of SCs

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What's worrying docs is late reporting of infection

### OUT OF CONTROL?

Month	Cases	Month	Cases
March	46	June	3,305
April	434	July	10,551
May	1,783	August*	8,719

\*FIRST 10 DAYS

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State had included 'Gadaria' in SC category last year

also stayed the operation of another notification, whereby the state and other respondents decided to issue Scheduled Caste certificates on the basis of earlier notification.

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The Supreme Court today decided to go ahead with criminal contempt proceedings against activist-lawyer Prashant Bhushan as it refused to accept his "regret" in connection with his 2009 statement, allegedly scandalising the judiciary.

"Before reaching to any finding whether the statement made as to 'corruption' would per se amount to contempt of court, the matter is required to be heard," a three-judge Bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra said in a brief order. The Bench posted the matter for further hearing on August 17.

Meanwhile, in the top court seeking recall of SCBA President Dusyant Dave's "senior" designation for his arguments in Bhushan's contempt case.

## Undersea optical fibre link for Andaman & Nicobar

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**NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today inaugurated an undersea optical fibre project for Andaman and Nicobar Islands that promises to provide high-speed broadband connectivity on a par with the service in the mainland.

PM Modi, who laid the foundation stone for this project on December 30, 2018, inaugurated the 2,300-

km submarine cable through video-conference that, he said, would now enable endless opportunities in the islands. The service began from Chennai to Port Blair and from there to Little Andaman and Swaraj Island, an official release said.

Admiring the execution of the project that included surveying in the deep sea, maintaining quality and laying the cable with specialised vessels as not an easy task, he said the

### HI-TECH CONNECTIVITY FOR ISLANDS

■ 2,300-km submarine optical fibre cable will link Chennai with Andaman and Nicobar Islands ■ 400 GB per second Internet speed for Port Blair; 200 GB per second for other areas ■ ₹1,224 cr spent on the project, which will provide high-speed broadband connectivity

project also had to overcome challenges such as high waves, storms and tough times due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Besides connecting the people inhabiting the islands

who can now reap all benefits of Digital India, he said, the service would improve online education, telemedicine, banking system, online trading and boost tourism.

He said Andaman and Nicobar Islands was important for the country's Economic-Strategic Cooperation. The area also plays an important role in the trade strategy for Indo-Pacific and developing stronger ties with countries in East Asia.

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Over the past one month, the party has lost five of its workers in militant attacks. Budgam district president Abdul Hamid Najar succumbed to injuries today, a day after he was targeted.

Ashok Koul, BJP general secretary (organisation) in Kashmir, said at least 70 workers had been shifted to hotels due to security reasons. He said the activists were from Anantnag.

Koul, who oversaw the arrangements at Pahalgam, attributed the select killings of BJP workers to "frustration in some quarters that had been unable to do anything worthwhile in the Valley".

Pahalgam is a famous tourist destination rich in forests and rivers, drawing domestic as well as international tourists.

The BJP has increased its

Facing terror threat, 70 from Anantnag shifted to Pahalgam

### BJP LEADER SUCCUMBS TO BULLET INJURIES

BJP leader Abdul Hamid Najar (38), who was critically injured in a militant attack at Budgam on Sunday, succumbed to his injuries on Monday morning. "Najar was under treatment at a Srinagar hospital where he succumbed to his bullet injuries this morning," an official said. INSIDE

Bureaucrat-turned-politician Shah Faesal today stepped down as the president of the J&K People's Movement (JKPM). Former minister Javed Mustafa Mir also resigned from the party.

The JKPM said Faesal had stepped down as he was "not in a position" to continue political activities.

"Dr Shah

Faesal's request to spare him from the organisational responsibilities was discussed. He had informed state executive members that he was not in a position to continue with political activities and wanted to be freed from the responsibilities. Keeping this in mind, his request has been accepted," a JKPM statement issued here said. — TNS

The CBI has registered an FIR on the orders of Punjab and Haryana High Court, which had termed the mall illegal. The HC had sought a separate investigation by the CBI to probe alleged illegal

actions, if any, and possible collusion between the builder and state authorities.

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activities in Kashmir in recent years, particularly after PM Narendra Modi assumed charge at the Centre in 2014. The party contested a significant number of seats in the 2014 Assembly poll in erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir, but could not secure even a single seat.

Meanwhile, the BJP national leadership, particularly president JP Nadda, has taken a serious note of the targeted killings of party workers in the Valley. He has brought it to the notice of the Union Home Ministry and sought effective steps to check the menace.

SATYA PRAKASH  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

about the steps taken to provide machines and equipment to small and marginal farmers, so as to dissuade them from burning stubble.

The Punjab Chief Secretary told the Bench that subsidy was being provided to small and marginal farmers, but the state was facing financial constraints due to the pandemic.

The court asked the Centre about the subsidy being given and the implementation of its orders in the case. It asked all stakeholders to give a detailed report on the issue

of stubble burning.

## Relationship status can't be hurdle in giving security: HC

SAURABH MALIK

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 10  
The society cannot determine how an individual should live life and social unacceptability of a relationship cannot be a disincentive for granting protection life and liberty, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has ruled in case of two women "intending to be in a live-in relationship".

Justice Alka Sarin added the Constitution guaranteed the right to life to every individual. The choice of a partner was an important facet of the right. Justice Sarin also observed the petitioner-women were major and had every right to live their lives as they desired within the four corners of the law.

"The social unacceptability of any relationships can in no manner be a deterrent to granting protection under Article 21 of the Constitution... The petitioner-girls may face ostracisation because of the nature of their relationship and are allegedly facing many hurdles and threats.

Says choice of partner important facet of right to life

"Despite people becoming more open about their sexuality, there are several who are having difficulty and the fear is still present to admit their sexual status in society," Justice Sarin observed, while adding the petitioners in the present case had taken a bold step and wished to lead their lives on their own terms.

Referring to a Supreme Court judgment, Justice Sarin added the Bench had no hesitation in holding that the petitioners were entitled to protection of life and liberty as envisaged under Article 21 of the Constitution.

Justice Sarin directed the Ludhiana Commissioner of Police to consider the petitioners' representation for protection. Till the decision on the representation, the state and other official respondents would ensure the safety and security of both the petitioners.

## Lizard skin, toxic chemicals 'used' in making illicit liquor

Deadly concoction made to add 'more kick' to the booze

AMAN SOOD

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PATIALA, AUGUST 10

Sewage, industrial waste, water from stagnant ponds and canals carrying heavy pollutants or chemicals are some of the adulterants which go into the making of illicit liquor in the state.

To add more kick to the illicit booze, bootleggers have also started adding lizard skin, Alprazolam tablets and muscle relaxant balms to make it a deadly concoction.

Highlighting the unhygienic condition under which such liquor is made, officials, who have conducted raids to bust such rackets, say, "Water collected from nearby sources is laced with chemicals and then filled in tyre-tubes, which are buried under hot sand for over a week."

A cop, who has been a part of over a dozen such raids, says, "Water used in brewing cheap liquor is compromised. During the raids, we were shocked to see dead lizards, sewage and even tyres floating in illicit liquor containers.



Recent raids reveal contaminated water was used by bootleggers. FILE

### HIGH COST BOOSTS ILLEGAL TRADE

It has come to light that to increase revenue, the Excise Department has raised the prices of Punjab Medium Liquor, which is mainly consumed by the labour class. "Daily wagers can't afford a drink priced at ₹150 per quarter. Therefore, they buy their daily quota from illegal suppliers, who charge them less than ₹40 for a quarter," an official said.

Usually, by the time seniors reach the spot, the recovered illicit liquor is either destroyed or filled in drums as case property. In most of the cases, ASIs deals with such recoveries while the SHOs hardly visit the spots. Following the recent deaths, things have changed."

Earlier, ingredients such

sugar mills, hardware industry and distilleries often end up in the hands of bootleggers, who add ingredients and sell it as a cheap liquor.

Methanol, along with denatured spirit that automatically emerges in the liquor distilleries, makes the bootlegging job easy and profitable.

Illicit liquor manufacturers allow it to undergo high boiling temperature and vaporisation. "Instead of discarding the initial liquid collected through condensation, it is allowed to be mixed in liquor. Further, the impurities and chemicals worsen its quality," says Kahan Singh Pannu, Director, Mission Taran Taran Punjab.

Excise and Taxation Principal Secretary A Venu Prasad said stock checking of distilleries would continue to ascertain if any chemical, including ENA, was pilfered.

"Bootleggers use many harmful chemicals and excise officials in the field have been warned against any laxity," he stated.

Similarly, an excise team along with the police also

## 1.33L litres of lahan seized in three districts

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CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 10

Joint teams of the Excise Department and the police on Monday destroyed 1.33 lakh litres of lahan in Tarn Taran, Ferozepur and Fazilka districts.

A spokesperson for the Excise Department said the joint teams destroyed 1,33,500 litres of lahan in a major operation in the three districts.

Approximately 1,25,000 litres of lahan was seized and destroyed in Ferozepur and Tarn Taran districts.

Around 6,500 litres lahan was seized from Mahalma in Jalalabad of Fazilka district and 2,000 litres from Ferozepur district.

The spokesperson said a raid was conducted in the enclaves of confluence of the Sutlej and Beas at Harike.

Around 1.25 lakh litres of lahan was recovered along with 26 plastic tarpaulins and 10 iron drums.

The raiding team destroyed the lahan and got an FIR registered at the Harike police station.

Similarly, an excise team along with the police also



The material seized from a village in Fazilka. TRIBUNE PHOTO

conducted a raid at Mahalma village (Jalalabad) and seized 70 bottles of illicit liquor along with 6,500 litres of lahan. The team destroyed the lahan in the fields.

The spokesperson further said that a joint operation was also held in Ferozepur. A team conducted a raid at Dhan Dariya Wali village and seized 2,000 litres of lahan. Subsequently, the team destroyed the lahan in the fields and started the process of registering the case. "Action against illegal liquor will continue in the coming days till the state is not made free from this scourge," added the spokesperson.

## Channi launches MRSPTU portal

BATHINDA, AUGUST 10

Technical Education and Industrial Training Minister Charan Singh Channi today launched the portal of Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University (MRSPTU) to provide online services to students in the presence of Anurag Verma, Principal Secretary, Technical Education and Industrial Training.

The students would be able to raise application requests online for availing various services such as provisional degree certificate, transcript, documents/degree/ detailed marks card, correction, attestation, etc. Besides online fee payment, they can receive document copies. — TNS

## Stuck in Pakistan, 83 Indians return

AMRITSAR, AUGUST 10

As many as 83 Indian nationals, who had got stranded in Pakistan in the wake of the Covid-19 outbreak, were today repatriated through Attari-Wagah border. The returnees belonged to Punjab, Jammu and Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh, New Delhi, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Haryana, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.

Protocol Officer Arun Pal Singh said a total of 118 Indian nationals were supposed to return. "As of now, we have details of only 83 Indians who crossed over," he said.

He said as the lockdown has been relaxed, around 495 Pakistanis were repatriated.

As they reached at the joint check post at Attari, medical teams examined them. After completing customs and immigration formalities, they were ferried in special buses.

SDM-2 Shiv Raj Singh Bal said those from Punjab were quarantined in Amritsar and neighbouring districts. — TNS

## Kahneke resigns from Akali Dal

MANSA, AUGUST 10

Master Mithu Singh Kahneke, senior Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leader and SGPC member from Mansa, has resigned from the party's primary membership.

He said differences had developed between him and the party leadership on the issue of the Centre's ordinances and reforms in education system of the SGPC.

After sending his resignation to SAD chief Sukhbir Singh Badal, Kahneke said the Akalis had diverted from its panthic and Punjab related principals. He said the SAD had remained silent over the issue of missing "saroop". — TNS

## Tragedy victim's kids refuse aid, say won't leave native place

GS PAUL

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

AMRITSAR, AUGUST 10

Four children, who lost their parents in the Tarn Taran spurious liquor tragedy, have turned down actor Sonu Sood's offer to take care of them. Despite several constraints, they chose to stay at their native Pandori Takhatmal village with their paternal uncles.

District Child Protection Unit officials said the children's wish would always be the prime consideration while deciding their future.

Sonu Sood had extended a helping hand to these children after he learnt about their story. Through his

friend Karan Gilhotra, a couple of children's home were shortlisted for their stay and education. A rickshaw-puller Sukhdev Singh (34), father of the children — Karanbir (13), Gurpreet (11), Arshpreet (9) and Sandeep (5) — had died after consuming chemical-laced cheap liquor on August 1. On learning about his death, his wife Jyoti (32) died of shock the same day.

Her brother-in-law Mewa Singh said he was a trained mechanic and earned a reasonable income by repairing farm machinery.

"We are grateful that Sonu Sood spared a thought for our children, but they do not want to



The three children with their uncle Mewa Singh and his family at their house in Pandori Takhatmal, Tarn Taran. TRIBUNE PHOTO

leave us. Arshpreet and Sandeep will stay at my house. Right from the beginning, they have been addressing me 'daddy'. I

only have a daughter (7) who studies in Class 1. Now, the God has fulfilled my wish and gave me not one, but two sons", he said.

He said his brother Satnam Singh too had volunteered to contribute towards the upbringing of the other two siblings.

CM Capt Amarinder Singh has announced a compensation of Rs 5 lakh each to the victims' kin. The amount of Rs 5 lakh would be fixed deposited on behalf of the children under the supervision of the child protection wing.

District Child Protection Officer Rajesh Kumar said a meeting had been scheduled with the family and children tomorrow. "Under the law, it would be mandatory to take the child's consent at first place if he or she is 5 years or above. The children were reluctant to leave their family and native place. The paternal

side relatives would be their first guardians. Taking all aspects into consideration, the decision will be taken", he said.

About the utilisation of ex gratia amount, he said, "The amount of Rs 5 lakh would be fixed deposited on behalf of the children under the supervision of the child protection wing. Each and every penny would be used only for their welfare," he said.

SDM Rajneesh Arora said these children would be given benefit under the state government's child welfare schemes, be it education, boarding and lodging, applicable under such circumstances.

## Debt waiver sought for women



■ Seeking debt waiver for women, the CPI (ML) Liberation, Mazdoor Mukti Morcha and Punjab Kisan Union (PKU) staged a protest at the Bathinda grain market on Monday.

■ They took out a march till the DC office and gave a memorandum to the tehsildar. Morcha state president Bhagwant Samai, PKU chief Ruldu Singh Mansa among others were present. Pawan Sharma

## Minister wants 'kisan rail' for kinnow growers

BATHINDA, AUGUST 10

Union Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal today urged Railways Minister Piyush Goyal to start a dedicated "kisan rail" with refrigerated bogies from Abohar to Bangalore and Abohar to Kolkata during the harvest season between December and March to benefit growers of Punjab, Rajasthan and Haryana.

She said due to the highly perishable nature of the fruit only 35 to 40 per cent of the harvest reached the end consumers. "The remaining gets wasted due to high temperature during road transport," she added. — TNS

The CM said while his government would never deny security to any person genuinely in need, it could not afford to spare police personnel unnecessarily, particularly when the force was under severe constraints and stress amid the Covid pandemic.

Pointing out that his government was providing secu-

## Trimming of MP's security a routine exercise, says CM

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 10

Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Monday rejected Congress Rajya Sabha MP Partap Singh Bajwa's charges of " vindictiveness" in the withdrawal of his state police security, saying it was a "routine exercise" based on a periodic review of his threat assessment.

Bajwa had charged the Chief Minister for hitting "below the belt" by withdrawing the security.

The CM said while his government would never deny security to any person genuinely in need, it could not afford to spare police personnel unnecessarily, particularly when the force was under severe constraints and stress amid the Covid pandemic.

Capt Amarinder Singh, CM

gance showing that he was not facing any specific terrorist or militant threat, Bajwa was only entitled to security cover as a Member of Parliament, he added.

He said the Congress MP continued to have a security detail of 14 persons, with one escort Gypsy with driver, as on March 23, 2020, when some of the personnel were withdrawn for Covid duty.

Post March 23, 2020, Bajwa continued to have six security persons and one escort vehicle with a driver.

He pointed out that all pro-

tectionists and VIPs in the state lost some of their security as 6,500 police personnel were withdrawn for district and Covid duty.

Their security had actually been reduced, unlike Bajwa who, in fact, now had a bigger security team than he had earlier, he added.

## Class XII pupils to get cellphones tomorrow

BALWANT GARG

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FARIDKOT, AUGUST 10  
Smartphones will be distributed among Class XII students of government schools in the state on August 12, the International Youth Day.

For the first phase of smartphones distribution, Krishan Kumar, Secretary, School Education Department, has asked deputy commissioners to organise small functions following the Covid safety measures.

Not all students would get phones on the first day due to the pandemic, said Vimal Setia, DC, Faridkot.

The rest would be given mobile phones at school level, said Parminder Singh

## State govt using farm funds on Covid: SAD

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ing 23,500 straw management machines to fight the pandemic.

"The Punjab Government seems to have misled the apex court as it has not utilised the disaster management funds lying with it. The Congress government has also admitted that it has not utilised Rs 60 crore accumulated with it as part of the CM Relief Fund meant to fight the pandemic," said Dr Cheema.

He said: "Besides, Central funds have been received by Punjab under various heads to fight the pandemic. The government is yet to exhaust this money and submit the utilisation certificate for the same."

With Punjab Police intelli-

gency

to the Badals in view of the specific inputs indicating a threat to their security, Captain Amarinder said Bajwa's complaint on this account was "petty and frivolous", and not based on facts.

Ratol was supporting non-Congress sarpanches, thus creating problems in developmental work. In February, a video of Ratol firing in the air had gone viral.

It is really surprising that

Ratol has openly been claiming himself to be the MLA of Dirba. It amounts to impersonation. I have written to senior police authorities for legal action against Ratol," said Cheema, who had defeated Ratol in the 2017 Assembly elections.

## Action sought as Cong man claims to be MLA

PARVESH SHARMA



Activists of the BKU Sidhpur stage a protest outside the DC office in Bathinda on Monday. PAWAN SHARMA

## Farmers refuse to relent, hold statewide protests

Seek rollback of ordinances | Curbs no deterrent

## TREASURE REPORTERS

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 10

Farmers across the state took out rallies by heading towards the houses of Congress and SAD-BJP leaders in protest against the three farm ordinances.

Protests were held in all districts, except Mohali. While the Akali-BJP leaders were urged to raise their voices against the ordinances in Delhi, the Congress leaders were reminded by the farmers to call a special session of the Vidhan Sabha immediately and announced their decision not to implement these ordinances in Punjab.

As many as 10 farmer organisations had participated in these protests. Darshan Pal, convener of the All-India

Kisan Sangharsh Coordination Committee, said the farmers in different districts handed over memorandums to 100 political representatives. "We have issued them a warning that if they failed to act, they will have to face the ire of the farmers," he said.

In Bathinda, more than 200 activists of the BKU Sidhpur gathered outside the deputy commissioner's office and courted arrest. Kaka Singh Kotra, state secretary, BKU Sidhpur, said, "These ordinances will ruin the farmers as the Centre is planning to scrap the MSP system."

Ashwant Singh, DSP (City), said, "Around 250 farmers have been detained so far. Further talks are on with them."

In another protest, farmers took out a bike rally to

Finance Minister Manpreet Singh Badal's office in the city, but the police halted their march. Later, they went to AAP MLA Rupinder Kaur Ruby's house to stage a protest. However, Ruby took the memorandum from them and assured her full support.

In Muktsar, farmers staged protests and met SAD chief Sukhbir Singh Badal at his Badal village residence. They also staged a protest outside the residence of Gidderbaha MLA Amrinder Singh Raja Warring and handed over him a memorandum demanding that the Vidhan Sabha should pass a resolution against these ordinances.

Meanwhile, farmers blocked Kotkapura-Bathinda bypass road along the district administrative complex.

## No threat to MSP, free power: SAD

BATHINDA, AUGUST 10

Shiromani Akali Dal president Sukhbir Singh Badal today said he was ready to make "any personal or political sacrifice" in the fight to preserve, safeguard and promote the cause of the peasantry in Punjab.

The SAD president was talking to a delegation of the All India (Kul Hind) Kisan Sangharsh Coordination Committee at his residence this morning. "Be it the issue of any threat, present or future, to the MSP regime with assured marketing of the crop or to free power facility for the farmers introduced by the SAD-BJP. We will never allow anyone to rob the already beleaguered peasantry through fanciful new ideas," he said. On the alleged confusion on the intricacies of the ordinances, Sukhbir said:

"As farmers, we are simple and straight-forward people and we want everything put in simple and straight words.

I have already conveyed to the Union Government that neither the MSP regime with assured marketing nor the free power facility in Punjab can be allowed to be withdrawn under any pretext."

In response to a question from leader of the delegation on assured marketing under the MSP regime, the SAD president said he had thoroughly studied the three ordinances issued by the Union Government and found nothing in them which might imply that the government would withdraw from the market.

TNS

## 'Illegal' mining under judicial scanner

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CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 10

Alleged illegal mining in Pathankot, Hoshiarpur and Gurdaspur districts today came under judicial scanner with the filing of a petition in public interest on the issue before the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

In his petition against the state of Punjab and other respondents, Karan Singh through counsel Saurav Bhatia sought directions for a thorough probe and a complete stop on illegal mining. Describing it as illegal, unjust and arbitrary, Bhatia submitted that it was also endangering the agricultural process in the nearby villages, besides putting the environment in danger.

He added that illegal



The next date of hearing is on August 24

mining was being carried out at enormous scale despite the lockdown after taking benefit of "lesser public scrutiny". He said the auction of these sites had not taken place and illegal mining was being undertaken by the sand mafia. Taking up the petition, the Bench of Chief Justice Ravi Shanker Jha and Justice Arun Palli fixed August 24 as the next date of hearing in the matter.

## Ex-sarpanch booked for cheating villager

DINANAGAR (GURDASPUR), AUG 10

Two youths fired at a wine shop employee near Sibghowal village after an altercation. Senior Superintendent of Police Rajinder Singh Sohal along with his team rushed to the spot.

Eye witnesses claimed that the employee was shot in his stomach. He was rushed to the Gurdaspur Civil Hospital from where doctors referred him to Amritsar.

Sources said the miscreants came on a motorcycle and purchased liquor. The quarrel started when the youth asked the employee to return remaining amount. "We have gone through CCTV footage and accused will be nabbed soon," said Sohal. — TNS

It is alleged that Harcharan Singh, former sarpanch of Arianwala village, had taken Rs 4 lakh from Pipli resident Baljit Singh after his son's name figured in an FIR.

In a complaint, Baljit alleged Harcharan Singh took money from him, assuring a clean chit to his son in the case. Baljit said his son's name had figured in the case that was registered after a clash between some residents of Arian Wala and Pipli villages on April 24. — TNS

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1	UHBVN ROHTAK	58/CCR/2019-20 (2020_HBC_11716_1)	CONSTRUCTION OF ALLIED CIVIL WORKS AT OLD 33KV S/STN. UHBVN BAHDURGARH (TENDER CANCELLED DUE TO ADMINISTRATIVE REASONS)	<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	xenciviluhbvnrohtak@gmail.com
2	UHBVN PANCHKULA	15/2020-21	EXTENSION OF SWITCH HOUSE BUILDING AT 33 KV S/STN. ISMAILABAD (TENDER CANCELLED DUE TO ADMINISTRATIVE REASON)	<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	9356063248 xenciviluhbvpanchkula@gmail.com
3	UHBVN PANCHKULA	16/2020-2	SHIFTING OF BOUNDARY WALL AT 33 KV S/STN. KACHHWA (TENDER CANCELLED DUE TO ADMINISTRATIVE REASON)	<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	9356063248 xenciviluhbvpanchkula@gmail.com
4	HVPNL, GURUGRAM	E-TENDER ENQUIRY NO. 09/CGW/2019-20 DATED:16.01.2020 (ONLINE TENDER ID: 2020_HBC_115324_1)	CORRIGENDUM NO.09 DATE OF BID SUBMISSION: 18.08.2020 AT 01:00 PM: OPENING 21.08.2020 AT 01:00 PM	<a href="http://hvnpn.org.in">www.hvnpn.org.in</a>	0172-2583789 pro@hvnpn.org.in
5	UHBVN	46/CCR/2019-20 (2020_HBC_116012_1)	CONSTRUCTION OF 4'6" HT B/WALL AT 33KV S/STN. DHARAMGARH (PANIPAT) BALANCE WORK (TENDER CANCELLED DUE TO ADMINISTRATIVE REASONS)	<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	xenciviluhbvnrohtak@gmail.com
6	UHBVN	51/CCR/2019-20 (2020_HBC_116045_1)	CONSTRUCTION OF 7FT HEIGHT BOUNDARY WALL AT 33KV S/STN. JALLALPUR (TENDER CANCELLED DUE TO ADMINISTRATIVE REASONS)	<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	xenciviluhbvnrohtak@gmail.com
7	UHBVN	55/CCR/2019-20 (2020_HBC_117087_1)	CONSTRUCTION OF 7FT B/WALL IN PLACE OF ALREADY EXISTING RUSTED AND DAMAGED U-FENCING AT 33KV S/STN. SUGAR MILL SONEPAT (TENDER CANCELLED DUE TO ADMINISTRATIVE REASONS)	<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	xenciviluhbvnrohtak@gmail.com
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9	THE AMBALA DISTT. COOP MILK PRODUCERS UNION LTD	MUA/ADMN/2020/3496-3500/ 61	THE LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION WAS 06.08.2020 AT 16:00 HRS IS FURTHER EXTENDED UP TO 14.08.2020 AT 16:00 HRS.	<a href="http://vitaindia.etenders.hry.nic.in">http://vitaindia.etenders.hry.nic.in</a> <a href="http://www.vitaindia.org.in">www.vitaindia.org.in</a>	9729875323 milkplant@vitambala.com

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1	PWD B&R, AMBALA	BALANCE WORK FOR UP-GRADATION OF KURUKSHETRA DHAND ROAD KM 0.00 TO 15.00 (MDR 119) - ROAD ID 8036 - UPTO DISTRICT BOUNDARY KURUKSHETRA (RE-INVITED).	06.08.2020 28.08.2020	790.00 LACS	<a href="http://etenders.hry.nic.in">http://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	9729017798 pwd-eepd1-kurukshetra@hry.nic.in
2	PWD B&R GURUGRAM	SPECIAL REPAIR WORK OF CIVIL HOSPITAL RESIDENCE STAFF QUARTER AT SOHNA IN GURUGRAM DISTT. (RE-INVITED)	CLOSING DATE 21.08.2020	46.89 LACS	<a href="http://etenders.hry.nic.in">http://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	01242322424 pwd-eepd1gurgaon@hry.nic.in
3	PWD B&R, JIND	SPECIAL REPAIR OF 13 NOS. RESIDENCES OF 1130 SFT AREA IN OFFICERS COLONY AT JIND IN JIND DISTT.	CLOSING DATE 31.08.2020	35.34 LACS	<a href="http://etenders.hry.nic.in">http://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	01681-249416 pwd-eepd-jind@hry.nic.in
4	PWD B&R, REWARI	SPECIAL REPAIR OF GOVT. POLYTECHNIC AT LISANA AT REWARI IN REWARI DISTT. (BOYS HOSTEL) + 1 OTHER WORK	11.08.2020 01.09.2020	42.63 LACS	<a href="http://etenders.hry.nic.in">http://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	01274-253703 pwd-eepd-rewari@hry.nic.in
5	PWD B&R, HISAR	PDG. MGP & ALLIED WORK IN CIVIL HOSPITAL AT BHIWANI + 7 OTHER WORKS	13.08.2020 28.08.2020	3.73 CRORE	<a href="http://etenders.hry.nic.in">http://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	01662-225651 pwd-eepd-hisar@hry.nic.in
6	IRRIGATION AND WR DEPTT. REWARI	SPECIAL REPAIR / REWINDING OF 1 NO. 325 HP HT BHEL MAKE MOTOR SR. NO. 4000661-02-03 AT PUMP HOUSE JR-1. + 6 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 19.08.2020	EMD 28300	<a href="http://etenders.hry.nic.in">www.etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	xenmech@yahoo.com
7	IRRIGATION & W.R. DEPARTMENT HARYANA PANCHKULA	PURCHASE OF INSTRUMENTS UNDER NHP	10.08.2020 24.08.2020	END RS-NIL BID SECURING DECLARATION IS REQUIRED	<a href="http://etenders.hry.nic.in">http://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	xen.hrg@gmail.com 0172-25



# Two Covid deaths; 81 cases take tally to 3,452

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**STATE TRACKER**

Samples tested	166,342
Recovered	2,195
Active cases	1,215
<b>Positive cases</b>	<b>3,452</b>
<b>Deaths</b>	<b>15</b>

**DISTRICT-WISE COUNT**

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Una	278	-
Solan	853	-
Kangra	533	3
Chamba	216	-
Hamirpur	369	4
Sirmaur	423	1
Mandi	270	4
Bilaspur	148	-
Shimla	207	3
Kullu	103	-
Kinnaur	48	-
Lahaul & Spiti	4	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,452</b>	<b>15</b>

Hospital, Katha, five persons in Nalagarh and 11 in Baddi also tested positive.

**20 catch virus in Mandi**

As many as 20 coronavirus cases were reported in Seraj, Dharampur, Mandi Sadar and a few other parts of the district. Four members of a family tested positive in Mandi town. According to the district health authorities, most of the cases were the primary contacts of Covid patients, and a few of them were in quarantine.

**9 positive in Sirmaur**

Nine persons in Nahan, two in Paonta Sahib, and one each in Shillai and Banor tested positive in Sirmaur.

**Four cases in Kangra**

Four persons tested positive for coronavirus in Kangra district on Monday. A 38-year-old man from Sapralu village, near Jawalamukhi, with travel history of Delhi, a 53-year-old man from Sidhbali village, near Dharamsala, with travel history of Delhi, a 40-year-old man from Bharwara village, near Dehra, with travel history of Leh, and a 38-year-old man from Panzara village, near Nurpur, were also found infected.

A doctor from the ESI

17 in the Baddi-Barotiwala-Nalagarh (BBN) industrial belt, a doctor, two expectant mothers and a policeman, tested Covid-positive in Solan district on Monday.

Five cases were reported from Arki. A policeman, who is a direct contact of a Covid patient, also tested positive. A couple, whose son had earlier tested positive, an expectant mother and two others were also found infected.

The police rushed to the spot. Dinesh Kumar, ASP Kangra, said the police would take action if some negligence was found in the post-mortem examination. — OC

Neeraj Thakur, MD of the private hospital, said the woman had delivered baby and she had no post-operative complications. "She developed some cardiac problems last night which was confirmed from her ECG report. When she was shifted to the ICU, she collapsed," he said.

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## Woman's death triggers protest in Nurpur

NURPUR, AUGUST 10

Tension prevailed in Raja Ka Talab, near here, when angry relatives of a woman, who died under mysterious circumstances in a hospital last night, gheraoed the hospital and its staff and staged a protest against doctors for the alleged negligence that led to the sudden collapse of the woman in the ICU.

Ramna Kumari (32), wife of Raj Kumar of Jeor Harnota (Jawali), who was pregnant, was admitted to the hospital on August 7 night and delivered a baby. She was shifted to a hospital ward but developed some problem late last evening and died. Her relatives thronged the hospital, alleging the negligence of doctors led to the death.

Neeraj Thakur, MD of the private hospital, said the woman had delivered baby and she had no post-operative complications. "She developed some cardiac problems last night which was confirmed from her ECG report. When she was shifted to the ICU, she collapsed," he said.

The police rushed to the spot. Dinesh Kumar, ASP Kangra, said the police would take action if some negligence was found in the post-mortem examination. — OC

## Minister's office staffer tests +ve

DHARAMSALA, AUGUST 10

A member of the official staff of Forest Minister Rakesh Pathania today tested positive. The minister on his social media page has appealed to those who had met Jatinder in his office at Nurpur to be home quarantined. — TNS

**63 from Jammu to visit Manimahesh**

■ The DC of Doda has allowed only 63 devotees to visit Manimahesh on the fortnight-long pilgrimage, which starts on Janmashtami every year

■ Chamba DC Vivek Bhaitia said today that on the basis of permission given by the Doda Deputy Commissioner, the district administration had allowed the devotees to undertake the traditional religious pilgrimage of Manimahesh, as per the Covid-19 norms

■ The DC said that complying with Covid-19 directions, these devotees have been kept in isolated facilities and being sent directly to Bharmour batch-wise instead of staying at Chamba

ny at Dhaulan Kaun. The driver of Baldev Tomar, Vice-Chairman of Food and Civil Supplies Corporation, who was staying at a PWD guesthouse at Paonta Sahib, also tested positive.

A 43-year-old contractor, who hails from Girinagar village, had attended the minister's welcome ceremony

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The concrete part of the foundation pillars on the left side of the bridge was washed away during the monsoon last year but the state agencies did not bother to repair the pillars or construct a retaining wall to protect the bridge.

The bridge was constructed 40 years ago to connect around 24 villages in the Kandi and Sukeri areas of Palampur which earlier remained cut off from Palampur for months during the monsoon. However, later with the efforts of former Chief Minister Shanta Kumar, a new bridge was constructed adjoining this bridge over the river and since then it is in the state of neglect.

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## Boost for defence industry

Import embargo presents huge opportunity, challenge

THE phased embargo on the import of 101 weapons and military platforms marks a major reform initiative to boost the domestic industry. The Ministry of Defence's 'negative import list' includes artillery guns, assault rifles, warships, sonar systems, transport aircraft, light combat helicopters and radars. Contracts worth almost Rs 4 lakh crore are expected to be placed within the next five to seven years. A separate budget head has been created with an outlay of Rs 52,000 crore for domestic capital procurement in the current financial year. India Inc has been quick to describe the decisions as path-breaking. A clear signal has been sent to the indigenous industry of a commitment, and not just intent as in the past, from the armed forces on procuring 'made in India' defence items.

The list follows elaborate consultations with all the stakeholders — the Army, Air Force, Navy, Defence Research and Development Organisation, the Defence Public Sector Undertakings, Ordnance Factory Board as well as the private sector. A huge opportunity has been provided to the defence producers to step up, and that too quickly. Execution would remain a key monitorable. Handholding cannot replace technological capability, capacity and advancement. Competing against the best in the world would require those best equipped to take on the task, not fly-by-night operators. The key challenges would be getting enough orders to make the production line economical, and an assurance that the item would be bought even if the cost is more than that of an imported one — at least at the inception stage.

The defence procurement procedure, adopted in 2016, requires import as a last resort. The new list goes a step further as it takes away the option of importing the items. Boosting local manufacturing and reducing reliance on imports has not paid much dividends despite the noise around it for years. Indian manufacturers have a point to prove. The linkage with institutes of repute and focused research and development can be game-changers.

## Post-harvest losses

Infra push welcome, but do ensure robust MSP regime

AGRICULTURE is the backbone of Indian economy, a fact reaffirmed by the exceptional performance of this sector since the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic. The bumper harvest and record procurement despite the lockdown restrictions have been among the few bright spots amid the gloom. Thanks to the farmers' toil, the Centre has taken on the onerous task of providing free ration to about 80 crore people for eight months (April to November). The government has now set out to address a much-neglected issue: post-harvest losses. On Sunday, PM Narendra Modi launched a financing facility of Rs 1 lakh crore under the Agri-Infra Fund with the purpose of improving post-harvest infrastructure in villages and boosting farmers' income.

There have been umpteen cases of foodgrains worth crores of rupees rotting in the open due to improper storage in Punjab and other states. Desperate growers dumping their produce on the road after a crash in prices is also a common sight. Once harvesting is over, losses occur due to several reasons: poor storage facilities, transportation problems, defective packaging, unfair marketing practices, flawed policies etc. The government claims that the 'One Nation, One Mandi' initiative, which promises farmers myriad options to sell their produce without the intervention of middlemen, is on the right track. The challenge is to ensure that farmers get the MSP (minimum support price) for their crop and they don't have to face the ignominy of distress sale. In 2015, the Shanta Kumar Committee's report had mentioned that barely six per cent of India's agricultural households had benefited directly from selling wheat and rice to any procurement agency at the MSP. This alarmingly low figure shows that the majority of the farmers have been left to fend for themselves by successive governments.

Apart from initiating reforms in the farm sector, the Centre needs to dispel fears that the tried-and-tested MSP regime would be done away with to clear the field for private players. Farmgate sales, whereby farmers sell their produce directly to the buyers, should be promoted so as to reduce storage and transportation costs. A food-secure nation owes it to those who make the granaries overflow.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

If you think education is expensive, try ignorance. — Andy McIntyre

### ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

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### Mr. Montagu's Duty and Position.

So far as Mr. Montagu himself is concerned, and we have now had it from Mr. Lloyd George that he retains the support of his colleagues, the position is even clearer. In his recent speech, he definitely declared himself against the continuance of certain measures. Let us once again quote his words—"it is no use one session passing a great Act of Parliament, which, whatever its merits or demerits, proceeded on the principle of partnership for India in the British Commonwealth, and then allowing your administration to depend upon terrorism. You have got to act in every department, civil and military, upon a desire to recognise India as a partner in your Commonwealth. You have got to safeguard your administration on that order passed by the British Parliament. You have got to discard any obsolete ordinance or law which infringes the principles of liberty which you have inculcated into the educated classes in India." It is impossible to think of a stronger, more definite or more unmistakable pronouncement. We have here not merely a general declaration in favour of the abandonment of repressive and coercive legislation. What India asks and has a right to ask is, when this pledge is going to be given effect to. That is the question which the Congress is going to ask, and somebody ought to be in a position to answer the question directly. Now that Parliament as well as His Majesty's Government have got into the habit of doing Indian things with at least one of their eyes fixed on "the big meeting in Christmas," we put it to them that they cannot ignore this question without allowing judgement to go against them by default, and thus swelling the volume and increasing the intensity of the discontent in India.

# Imposing NEP on states

It is doubtful if they can commit to greater investment in education



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**W**HEN a group of wise people — especially picked for their expertise and experience — spends two years reflecting and conferring on problems and possibilities in education, one would naturally expect them to come up with a well-articulated and well-intentioned vision of education. However, it does not by itself constitute a national policy. To make it one, requires the government to engage with the vision and distil out of it a core set of elements around which a consensus is sought, based on political acceptability, realism and feasibility.

In the case of National Policy on Education (NPE) 1986, a document called *Challenge of Education: A Policy Perspective* (1985) that was developed within the government and subsequently withdrawn ostensibly because it turned out to be a bit too self-critical, was the basis of a draft policy that was then taken to Parliament for deliberation, prior to the approval by the union Cabinet. NPE 1968 had been distilled out of the recommendations of the Education Commission (1964-66) that was then scrutinised by a committee of MPs before it was taken to Parliament prior to the Cabinet approval. In the case of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the report of the committee appointed by the government was pruned, tweaked and processed within the government before it was released after the approval.

How far is NEP 2020 a 'national' policy? Or is it only a policy of the union government? This question merits some reflection since it emanates from the way the policy has



TOUGH TASK: The NEP is silent on where additional resources come from.

NPE 1968 talked of assisting the states and NPE 1986 spoke of partnership. But NEP 2020 takes the states' concurrence for granted when making a major financial commitment on their behalf.

been processed before promulgation. Education is on the Concurrent List. The Sarkaria Commission has recommended that the Centre should consult the states before making a law on a subject of the Concurrent List.

Admittedly, a policy is not a law, and therefore, there is no legal requirement that it should go through Parliament. However, in a sector like education where the bulk of the operations is within the domain of the states and 75-80% of the total public expenditure is incurred by the states (Jha, J. and Rao, M. 2019, 'India's education budget cannot fund proposed new education policy.' *IndiaSpend*). Any union government, if it is serious about its policy, may want to ensure that it has the legitimacy, at least a symbolic one, of having gone through the scrutiny of Parliament. Yet, deviating from the precedent set by the earlier national policies, the present policy was approved by the union Cabinet, bypassing Parliament altogether. By this, one would wonder whether the acceptability of the policy by the states has been compro-

mised, and more importantly, whether Parliament, and, indeed, the spirit of constitutional federalism have been undermined.

It is only in meaningful partnership with the state governments that the union government can translate the NEP into reality. At the time when NPE 1968 was promulgated, education was still on the State List. All the same, the policy acknowledged the importance of such a partnership by stating explicitly that the union government would 'in addition to undertaking programmes in the central sector, assist the state governments for the development of programmes of national importance where coordinated action on the part of the states and the Centre (was) called for'. NPE 1986, however, came a decade after the 42nd Amendment to the Constitution that moved education from the State List to the Concurrent. The policy was alive to the new roles vested in the Centre, consequential to the amendment. Yet, it clarified that 'concurrence' signifies a partnership, which is at once meaningful and

challenging; the national policy will be oriented towards giving effect to it in letter and spirit'. NEP 2020 invokes the states only in the context of increase in investment in education: the 'policy unequivocally endorses and envisions a substantial increase in public investment in education by both the Central government and all state governments. The Centre and the states will work together to increase the public investment in education sector to reach 6% of the GDP at the earliest'. There is a significant difference in tone between the three policies on the matter of the states. NPE 1968 talked of its intention to 'assist' the states while NPE 1986 highlighted a 'partnership' with them. NEP 2020, on the other hand, talks of neither of these; instead it takes the states' concurrence for granted when making a major financial commitment on their behalf. The fall in the fortunes of the states between 1968 and 2020 could not have been more evident.

It is doubtful whether the states have the capacity to honour the commitment for greater investment in education made on their behalf by the Centre. They can be persuaded to adopt the policy only if the Centre supports a sizeable chunk of the additional outlay that they have to arrange for. But, has the Centre the ability and the willingness to do this? The Centre's own record of spending on education has been dismal. The current public spending on education by the Centre and the states is around 4.43% of the GDP, of which the Centre's share has been only about 1% (based on Jha and Rao, op.cit.) Further, the Centre's spending on education has shown a steady decline during 2014-20, as a proportion of the total government spending as well as of the GDP. The education cess is no solution since it has already been meeting about 70% of the expenditure on education since 2015. So, where are the additional resources going to come from? The policy gives us no clue. Therefore, we will be well advised not to count our chickens before they hatch.

## Loss of fufaji's exalted prestige!

PRIYA S TANDON

**W**EDDINGS in the times of Covid have become small affairs. The proverbial 'big fat Indian wedding' is passe. One of our friends solemnised their daughter's wedding during the lockdown.

Having got movement passes for just the immediate family, the aunts and uncles were not invited. Guess who got bugged? It seems *fufaji* (*bua's* husband) felt insulted! Why couldn't the wedding be postponed? How could they have a wedding without us? Have they forgotten that I am the eldest son-in-law of the family?

This reminded me of my Dad, who had a great sense of humour. He used to say that it's very common for the

son-in-law's ego to get bruised and create a scene at family weddings. Traditionally, the son-in-law of the house or the *jamai raja* was supposed to be the super VIP of the house.

Daddy would often joke that on all auspicious occasions, we do *navagrah puja*; thereafter we should honour the son-in-law as the *dashamrah* (10th planet), because if the son-in-law is in a bad mood, the celebrations would be marred by tension. So it's best to placate him before attending to other guests. This was, of course, said in jest.

When a girl gets married, her husband is called *jamai* — short form of *jam-jam-aayi*, meaning come again and again; you are welcome to our house. So the son-in-law is treated as a *farishta* and is inundated with love and

respect. He is fed on the choicest of delicacies, seated on the best sofa, given the best room to sleep in, listened to with awe, etc. The son-in-law naturally gets used to being treated as a demigod. But as time passes, things change.

After some years, the other children of the family grow up. The elder son-in-law is now respectfully referred to as *jijaji*. His frequent coming and going into the house may not be much appreciated, but all the smirks and quirks are undercover. Now, everyone continues with their thing, while *jijaji* sits in a corner, waiting for someone to find time to listen to his wisecracks.

*Jijaji* translates to *jee aye te aa; jee aye te jaa*, meaning come if you feel like, and go if you wish to. The under-

tone says that we are busy doing our own thing. You can come and go as you please, but we can't leave everything to attend to your highness!

Some years hence, the next generation gets married and the status of our man is upgraded to *fufa*. In Punjabi they say 'he has a lot of *foofaan* (hot air in head)!' The *foofaan* then walks around in his *foofaan*, trying to garner the attention that was once his rightful privilege. He is still full of ego, but now no one bothers!

Hearing about the *fufaji* whose feathers got ruffled by not being invited to the Covid wedding made me laugh. If you are a *jamai, jija* or *fufa* — or have either of them visiting you — just enjoy and share the hilarity. Because everyone deserves to laugh!

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Taking on China

As China is involved in a bitter economic and power struggle with the US, it does not tolerate India's burgeoning strategic relations with the latter, and wants to run down New Delhi's national interest (editorial 'Taking China head-on', Aug 7). The recent intrusions in Ladakh are symbolic of China's long-term strategy of capturing the DBO-Karakoram pass and help Pakistan capture the Siachen glacier for the successful operation of its flagship CPEC project.

India has boldly refused to move back its forces. Knowing that a stubborn China will negotiate hard and long, India should be cautious. It should counter China diplomatically, economically and militarily. For that, we should revamp our intelligence and border infrastructure, enhance military potential and protect against any possible cyber attacks.

DS KANG, HOSHARPUR

**Defence manufacturing**  
Reference to 'MoD trims import list, bans 101 items' (Aug 10); this is a commendable step because the people of India will become fully self-reliant only when the government becomes self-sufficient. India will then move towards 'atmanirbhar-harta'. We used to depend on other countries for defence equipment

and machines, but now we will manufacture it. It will help develop industrial skill, which will make India a source of defence equipment for other nations. It will also increase employment opportunities and save foreign exchange.

NEHA, KHARAR

**Basmati GI tag**  
Refer to 'Rice exporters oppose MP basmati rice in GI tagging' (Aug 8); the controversy on the legal status of the GI tag, granted to aromatic rice varieties grown in the sub-Himalayan region of India, Pakistan, Nepal etc is unwarranted. Basmati has been grown in the Indo-Gangetic plains since ages. India is the largest producer and exporter of rice in the world, with major exports to the Gulf countries accounting for over Rs 25,000 crore annually due to the international recognition of Indian basmati. India, as a member of the WTO, enacted the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration & Protection) Act, 1999, which came into force in 2003. In order to function as a GI, a sign must identify a product as originating in a given place. In addition, the qualities, characteristics or reputation of the product should be essentially due to the place of origin. Since the qualities depend on the geographical place of production, there is a clear

link between the product and its original place of production. The proposed inclusion of aromatic rice varieties grown in non-GI region (MP, etc) will legally weaken the basmati GI status of India, which won the GI tag case in 2001 against the US patent of Texmati aromatic rice obtained by RiceTec company at the international level.

VIRENDER SINGH LATHER, KARNAL

#### Murder charge apt

Apropos of 'Slap murder charge on accused, says CM' (Aug 6), many innocent lives were lost due to the consumption of illicit liquor in the state. This clearly points towards the mentality of the violators behind this serious crime. They have no fear of law and couldn't care less about the repercussions on human lives for their own selfish motive. The CM has announced stringent steps, including booking the accused under Section 302 (murder charge) under the IPC. At least there is a ray of hope for the family of the victims who are waiting for justice.

HARPREET SANDHU, LUDHIANA

#### Illicit liquor trade

'Desi tharra' is a household word in Punjab. Illicit liquor is available in every nook and corner of the state. And the recent tragic death of a hundred people reveals that the

administration has been caught on the wrong foot ('Punjab govt in the dock', Aug 3). Drug trade and booze are the biggest money spinners in Punjab. The police and bigwigs in the administration provide protection, and, in turn, get a share in the booty. Nothing can happen without the power cover. That is why both products are readily available. The government is a little worried about the widows and orphans who are left to fend for themselves after such hooch tragedies. If our government is sincere and dedicated, there is no reason why the illicit liquor trade can't be rooted out in Punjab.

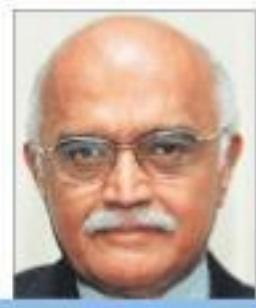
KARNAIL SINGH, KHARAR

#### Heritage Street an eyesore

Refer to the deplorable condition of the inundated Heritage Street of Amritsar. This is a routine affair after a rainfall of just half an hour. This Rs 250-crore project, instead of providing a soothing effect, has become an eyesore for the people. Under the smart city scheme, a free Wi-Fi project is in the pipeline in this area. What is the use of having free Wi-Fi in an area where people can't even walk easily? The same IAS officer is occupying the post of the MC Commissioner and CEO of the smart city project.

NARESH JOHAR, AMRITSAR

# Matching China through self-reliance tough



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**O**N August 6, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar published an essay 'India and the emerging world' in a national daily. Despite the title which seemed more on India's future diplomatic trajectory, the emphasis was on the global impact of China's rise. 'But for two decades, China had been winning without fighting, while the US was fighting without winning.' Jaishankar foresees that a strongly bipolar world is not likely to emerge even if the China-West ties take a more adversarial character. While the US 'may have weakened, China's rise is still far from maturing.' As the world is moving towards greater 'plurilateralism', 'India must address this challenge of forging more contemporary ties on every major account.'

It would have been beneficial had Jaishankar also spelt out clearly his government's strategy to tackle China which is sitting on our land. That is the prime focus of our country. Also, in his Fourth Rammath Goenka Lecture on November 14, 2019, he had claimed that India had succeeded in foreign policy goals when it took unilateral steps: 'The lack of response to 26/11 is so different from the Uri and Balakot operations.' However, he seems to contradict this with this sentence in his essay: 'A more nationalist approach to international rela-

tions will undeniably weaken multilateral rules in many domains.' Is he revising his stand on a nationalist oriented foreign policy?

Would our steps in May 2020 be in tandem with America like recommending Taiwan's participation in the World Health Assembly or our BJP MPs congratulating President Tsai Ing-wen's inauguration? Should they be counted as 'steps to forge contemporary ties to enhance our standing?' In this, we seem to be following US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo who had congratulated President Tsai Ing-wen on May 20. Pompeo also said on August 6 that he had spoken to 'Foreign Minister Jaishankar a number of times' on resisting China. Some sections in the Indian media have been articulating closer ties with Taiwan and a more active role in the South China Sea disputes, apart from the 'Quad' as a counterpoise to Beijing.

Unfortunately, only India seems to be following Pompeo's policy which has only managed to irritate China rather than causing any damage. It is significant that ASEAN countries, which are directly affected by China's South China Sea policy, have shown disinterest in confronting China. An example is the statement by the Philippines President Duterte on July 27. Even Australian Foreign Minister Marise Payne had echoed Duterte's opinion earlier on July 23 on the ground that they have 'strong engagement' with China.

Who is responsible for China's rise? History records that Taiwan and America were primarily responsible by transferring production lines to China on cost considerations since 1979. This was after Deng Xiaoping's 'charm offensive' to the West after discarding the Maoist command econ-



AMBIGUITY IN STAND: Jaishankar, seen here with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, has not spelt out clearly his government's strategy to tackle China, which is sitting on our land.

omy by decentralising and diversifying development into four coastal economic zones with free market reforms and tariff reduction.

As a result, Western countries gathered an impression that Deng was moving away from the ideology-oriented secretive communist model into a more open, institution-driven decision-making system. Echoing this, the US National Intelligence Council (NIC) meeting on September 29, 1999, recommended that the 'WTO membership for China is strongly in our interest.' Thus, China became a WTO member in December 2001.

None in the West understood what Deng had in mind. As French journalist Roger Faligot had recorded, none

knew that Deng was an old intelligence operative in Europe in the 1920s under Zhou Enlai for covert technology adaptation. In January 1979, Deng took Ling Yun, his new spy chief, during his successful visit to the US. During that time, Chinese intelligence (Guoanbu's 12th Bureau) started liaison with the CIA and others in Europe.

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In May 1979, US President Jimmy Carter sent CIA Director Stansfield Turner to meet Deng to set up telemetry stations at Qitai and Korla (Xinjiang) for monitoring Soviet nuclear and missile tests. Deng agreed on the condition that only the Chinese would do its installation with Western training in December 1979. These facilities, along with others, became the nucleus of the present colossal Chinese capability for cyber warfare.

The 1989 Tiananmen riots divided American policy analysts into 'Engagers' like Henry Kissinger or

'Containers' like George Will. Some like Jacob Heilbrunn felt that China would implode. However, unseen by all of them, total China-US trade jumped from \$5 billion in 1980 to \$660 billion in 2018.

The total volume of Taiwan-China trade is not known officially. Since 2002, China has accounted for more than two-third of Taiwan's approved annual outbound FDI. In early 2003, Taiwan's Central Bank reported \$67 billion invested in China. According to Peterson Institute for International Economics, this should have been \$130-150 billion by 2008.

*Wall Street Journal* (August 7) revealed a security dimension in China's control over essential pharmaceutical production. It quoted a March 2020 Xinhua op-ed piece by Huang Sheng, described as a nationalist book author, that China could use strategic weapons on export of medical products to America if the latter persisted with sanctions. The paper also quotes Christopher Priest, Deputy Assistant Director at the US Defence Health Agency's Operations Directorate that national security risks of Chinese dominance cannot be overstated.

Although officially denied, it is of concern that 80% of global supply of crucial pharmaceutical ingredients like the blood anti-coagulant Heparin, is made in China. China makes 70% of Acetaminophen used in America. The report particularly mentions India depending on China for 80% of its supply of active pharmaceutical ingredients (API). Overall, China makes half of the planet's API, according to Britain's Medicine and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency and Pharmaceutical Analysts. How long will India take to produce these through *Atmanirbharta*?

## Preparing for a disaster-resilient nation



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**T**HE supercyclonic storm Amphan recently caused widespread damage in eastern India, especially West Bengal, and the subsequent floods wreaked havoc in Assam, Bihar and Gujarat. India is vulnerable, in varying degrees, to disasters. Over 58.6% of the landmass is prone to earthquakes; over 12% of the land is prone to floods; nearly 5,700 km of the 7,516-km-long coastline is prone to cyclones and tsunamis and 68% of the cultivable area is vulnerable to droughts. The hilly areas are at risk from landslides and avalanches and the threat of chemical, biological and nuclear emergencies has increased.

Earlier, we had no real set-up to respond to disasters. While India was celebrating Republic Day in 2001, an earthquake shook the Kutch area, causing massive devastation. The tremors lasted just two minutes, but left nearly 20,000 people dead and around 1.67 lakh injured with over a million structures destroyed. The ancient city of Bhuj was flattened. This earthquake changed India's response to the disaster. The Herculean reconstruction efforts put in by the state government, then headed by Narendra Modi, helped rebuild Gujarat. The state made disaster risk protection its priority and set up institutions like the Gujarat State Disaster Management Authority (GSDMA), the Institute of Seismological Research and the Gujarat Institute of Disaster Management. A round-the-clock network of seismic stations was set up to measure tremors, and now the threat of an earth-



SAFETY FIRST: Disasters leave a trail of destruction and need Herculean efforts to rebuild.

quake can be determined in less than two minutes. The GSDMA developed the hazard risk and vulnerability atlas, the first of its kind in the country, to assess the vulnerability to natural disasters as well as chemical and industrial hazards.

In a short period, Gujarat became one of the least risk-investment destinations in the country in terms of disaster preparedness. The Gujarat model served as a paradigm for building a national response to variegated calamities. The government crafted a multi-dimensional and multi-sector approach by taking measures to strengthen the legal, financial and institutional mechanisms for disaster risk reduction and to build capacity for response, relief, reconstruction and recovery across sectors.

India was quick to adopt and align its priorities with Hyogo Framework for action that re-emphasises the need to build resilience of the community to disasters. The National Disaster Management Act was enacted in 2005 and the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) was formed. The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) was set up in 2006. This purely humanitarian force has responded promptly and professionally in saving lives and livelihood and sensitising and preparing communities through the National Capacity Building programmes. In the past five years, early warning, information management and weather forecasting systems have been evolved by the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Service which sends constant alerts and

advisory services. The Indian Meteorological Department has revolutionised weather monitoring with the help of remote sensing techniques. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has evolved a comprehensive space-based disaster management system. Community-based disaster risk management programmes, for millions residing in remote and high-risk areas to tackle the onslaught of calamities, have been organised, leading to a transformational reduction in loss of life. The same trigger has been applied at the national, state and district levels. Vulnerable public buildings have been retrofitted and evacuation plans are in place with a mission to reduce the loss of property and lives. The NDMA has done yeoman's work in coordinating enforcement and policy implementation with the states and all stakeholders.

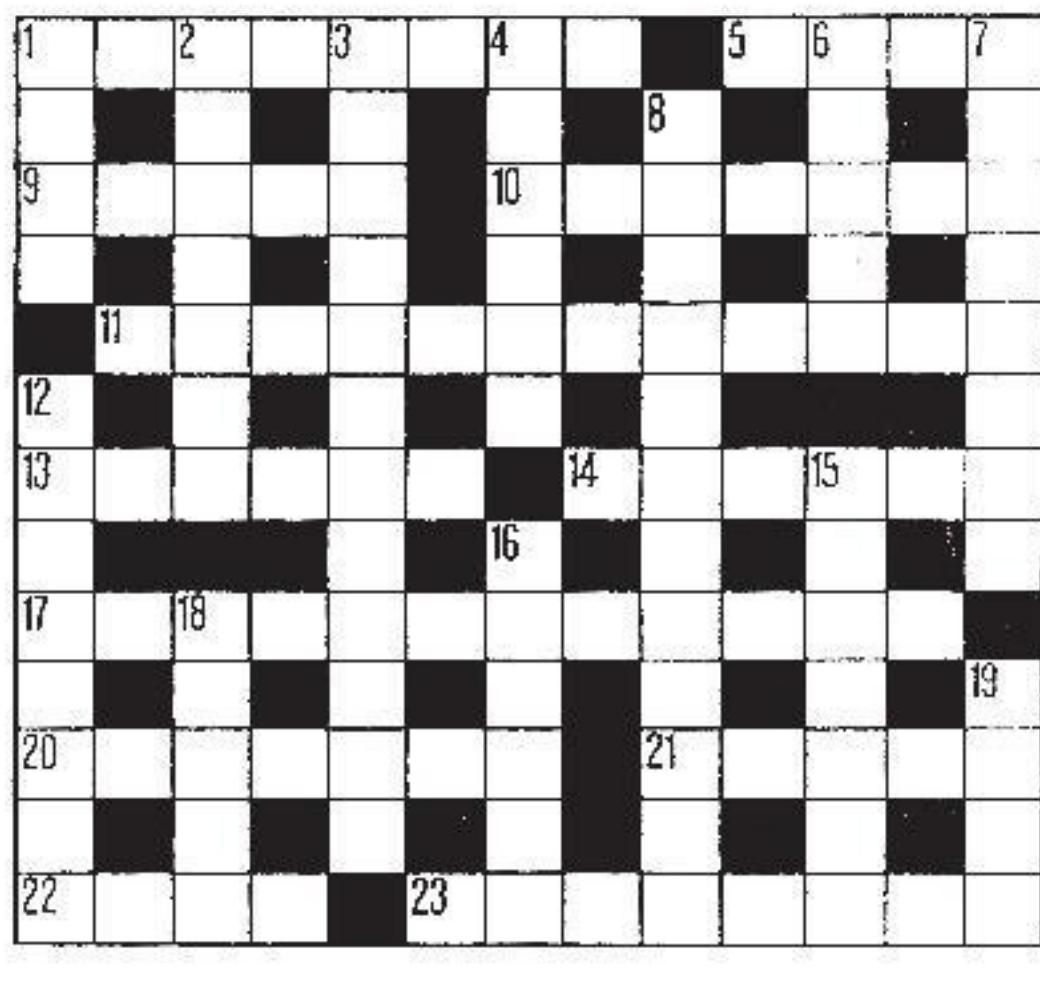
The challenges today are geo-climatic changes, increased frequency and magnitude of disasters and new challenges in the form of urban flooding, borewell deaths, colliery collapses, forest fires, uncontrolled urban development, growing deforestation and rapid industrialisation leading to chemical and radiological accidents. India now has a sound disaster management plan, aligned to the Sendai Framework, and has built a robust disaster resilience and response architecture. In the past five years, India has set the way forward by strengthening early warning systems, proper vulnerability mapping, preparing and sensitising the communities as a force multiplier, enforcing bylaws in building

safety, inclusion of disaster response, risk deduction and management in school curriculums, capacity building to rescue animals, adopting standard operating procedures (SOPs) for the differently abled and following good practices of other countries. The government responded promptly to the earthquake in Nepal in 2015, extending immediate help. The NDRF was the first international rescue force to reach Nepal.

In the Asia-Pacific region, India has taken the lead on several fronts. Conventions on disaster risk reduction and response for SAARC, BRICS, BIMSTEC, ASEAN, SCO and the south Pacific island nations have been regularly either hosted by or organised at the behest of India to institutionalise inter-country coordination, synergy for regional cooperation, sharing best practices, conducting joint exercises, policy for risk assessment, disaster-resilient infrastructure and early warning besides collaboration in research.

It was at the Asian Ministerial Conference that PM Modi unveiled the 10-point agenda on disaster risk reduction and proposed a 'Coalition on disaster-resilient infrastructure' among partner countries. The plan will achieve the vision, not only of a disaster-resilient nation, but also a disaster-prepared neighbourhood. Seeing the efforts made in recent years, India, the world's second most populous country, is rapidly building a sustainable and integrated resilient structure by making disaster risk reduction part of its development planning.

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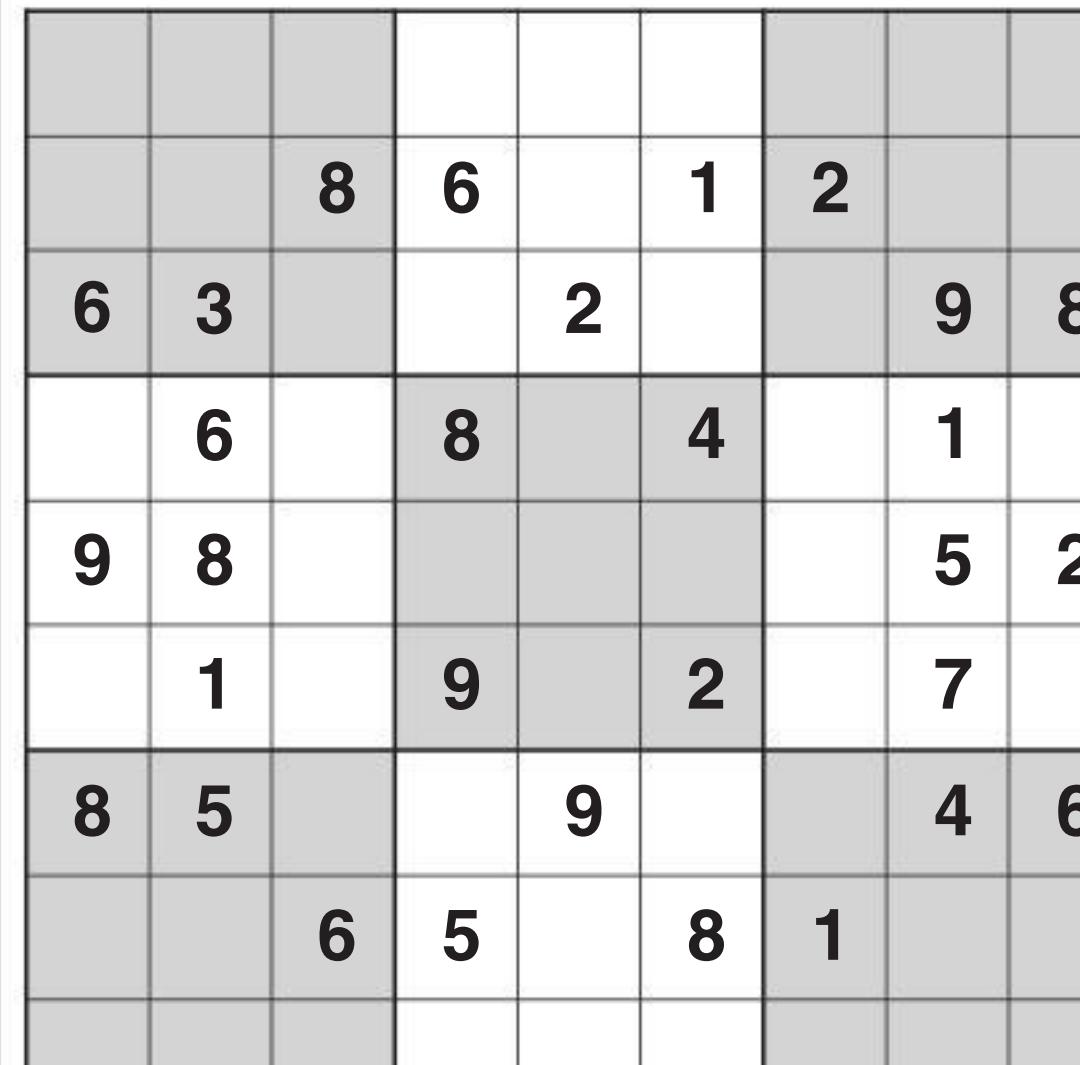


#### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

**Across:** 1 Shameless, 8 Prowl, 9 Produce, 10 Crunch, 11 Cellar, 12 At random, 15 In the end, 18 Condor, 20 Finite, 21 Nomadic, 22 Noise, 23 Reasoning.

**Down:** 2 Horde, 3 Muddle, 4 Lacerate, 5 Sparta, 6 Tornado, 7 Ill humour, 11 Cut it fine, 13 Red cross, 14 Stand-in, 16 Either, 17 In vain, 19 Orion.

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### CALENDAR

AUGUST 11, 2020, TUESDAY

■ Vikrami Samvat	2077
■ Shaka Samvat	1942
■ Shravan Shaka	20
■ Shravan Parvishite	27
■ Hijri	1441
■ Krishna Paksha Tithi 7, up to 9:07 am	
■ Gand Yoga up to 8:39 am	
■ Bharni Nakshatra up to 12:57 am	
■ Moon in Aries sign	
■ Shri Krishna Janmashtami (Smarta)	

## YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

4	5	3	9	7	2	6	8	1
8	9	2	1	5	6	4	3	7
7	6	1	4	8	3	9	2	5
5	7	8	3	2	9	1	6	4
9	3	4	6	1	8	5	7	2
1	2	6	5	4	7	8	9	3
3	4	7	8	6	5	2	1	9
2	8	5	7	9	1	3	4	6
6	1	9	2	3	4	7	5	8

### FORECAST

SUNSET: TUESDAY 19:09 HRS

SUNRISE: WEDNESDAY 05:47 HRS

Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy	Rainy	Foggy

CITY	MAX	MIN
Chandigarh	33	27
New Delhi	34	26
Amritsar	33	27
Bathinda	35	27
Jalandhar	33	27
Ludhiana	33	27
Bhiwani	35	26
Hisar	33	25
Sirsia	34	27
Dharamsala	27	19
Manali	23	16
Shimla	23	19
Srinagar	32	19
Jammu	33	26
Kargil	25	15
Leh	32	16
Dehradun	31	24
Mussoorie	24	16

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### MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 30th July, 2020

S.O. 2537(E).—In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.), maintenance, management and operation of NH70 in the stretch of land from Km 163 to Km224 (Sub Divisional Officer (Civil) Sarkaghat Distt Kangra, Himachal Pradesh) in the district of MANDI in the state of HIMACHAL PRADESH, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section(1) of section 3C of the said Act.

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, Sub Divisional Officer (Civil) Sarkaghat in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.

## SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling NH70 in the stretch of land from NH70 (Sub- Divisional Officer (Civil) Sarkaghat Distt Kangra, Himachal Pradesh) in the district of MANDI in the state of HIMACHAL PRADESH

State: HIMACHAL PRADESH District: MANDI					
Sr. No.	Survey / Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area (in Hectare)
<b>Taluk: Dharmpur</b>					
1	2419/2244/1	Private	baarani avval , gair mumkin bid	0.0432000(Hectare )	0.0432000
<b>Village: Bhataur (119)</b>					
1	474	Private	gair Mumkin Sadak	0.0094000(Hectare )	0.0094000
2	475	Private	Gair Mumkin Sadak	0.0330000(Hectare )	0.0330000
3	622/1	Private	baarani avval	0.0257000(Hectare )	0.0257000
4	623/1	Private	baarani avval	0.0094000(Hectare )	0.0094000
5	624/1	Private	baarani avval gair mumkin mkaan , Gair Mumkin Sadak , gair Mumkin Bid	0.0485000(Hectare )	0.0485000
6	625/1	Private	Khadetar	0.0012000(Hectare )	0.0012000
7	632/1	Private	baarani avval gair mumkin bid	0.0965000(Hectare )	0.0965000
<b>Village: Kalwhan/127</b>					
1	981/1	Private	banjar kaable kaast	0.0007000(Hectare )	0.0007000
<b>Village: Khaylag/155</b>					
1	1072/1	Government	charaghah draktan	0.0066000(Hectare )	0.0066000
2	1079/1	Government	charaghah draktan	0.0255000(Hectare )	0.0255000
3	1083/1	Private	Banjar	0.0020000(Hectare )	0.0020000
4	1143/1	Private	baarani aval	0.0024000(Hectare )	0.0024000
5	1167/1	Private	baarani aval	0.0030000(Hectare )	0.0030000
6	1349/1069/1	Government	charaghah draktan	0.0048000(Hectare )	0.0048000
7	575/1	Private	baarani aval	0.0055000(Hectare )	0.0055000
8	581/1	Private	baarani aval	0.0052000(Hectare )	0.0052000
9	582/1	Private	baarani aval	0.0141000(Hectare )	0.0141000
10	586/2	Private	gair mumkin Makan v Dukaan	0.0003000(Hectare )	0.0003000
11	601/1	Private	Banjar	0.0005000(Hectare )	0.0005000
12	602/1	Private	Banjar	0.0214000(Hectare )	0.0214000
13	603/1	Private	Banjar	0.0034000(Hectare )	0.0034000
14	615/1	Private	baarani aval	0.0012000(Hectare )	0.0012000
15	616/1	Private	baarani aval	0.0084000(Hectare )	0.0084000
16	621/1	Private	baarani aval	0.0020000(Hectare )	0.0020000
17	623/1	Private	baarani aval	0.0062000(Hectare )	0.0062000
18	624/1	Private	baarani aval	0.0030000(Hectare )	0.0030000
19	631/1	Private	baarani aval	0.0137000(Hectare )	0.0137000
20	635	Private	Banjar	0.0066000(Hectare )	0.0066000
21	636/1	Private	Banjar	0.0054000(Hectare )	0.0054000
22	637/1	Private	Banjar	0.0009000(Hectare )	0.0009000
23	640/1	Private	Banjar	0.0055000(Hectare )	0.0055000
24	641/1	Private	Banjar	0.0016000(Hectare )	0.0016000
25	642/1	Private	Banjar	0.0036000(Hectare )	0.0036000
26	826/1	Private	baarani aval	0.0030000(Hectare )	0.0030000
27	827/1	Private	baarani aval	0.0030000(Hectare )	0.0030000
28	828/1	Private	banjar	0.0035000(Hectare )	0.0035000
29	829	Private	baarani aval	0.0104000(Hectare )	0.0104000
30	830/1	Private	Banjar	0.0035000(Hectare )	0.0035000
31	831/1	Private	baarani aval	0.0072000(Hectare )	0.0072000
32	832/1	Private	baarani aval	0.0011000(Hectare )	0.0011000
33	833/1	Private	baarani aval	0.0016000(Hectare )	0.0016000
34	834/1	Private	baarani aval	0.0008000(Hectare )	0.0008000
35	835	Private	baarani aval	0.0078000(Hectare )	0.0078000
36	837	Private	baarani aval	0.0066000(Hectare )	0.0066000
37	838	Private	baarani aval	0.0078000(Hectare )	0.0078000
38	839/1	Private	baarani aval	0.0085000(Hectare )	0.0085000
39	842/1	Private	baarani aval	0.0102000(Hectare )	0.0102000
40	843/1	Private	baarani aval	0.0049000(Hectare )	0.0049000
41	864	Government	baarani aval	0.0166000(Hectare )	0.0166000
<b>Village: Kumaharda/118</b>					
1	2043/1	Private	baarani avval	0.0153000(Hectare )	0.0153000
2	2866/1	Private	baarani avval	0.0014000(Hectare )	0.0014000
3	2880/1	Private	gair mumkin gavaayan	0.0036000(Hectare )	0.0036000
<b>Village: Thana (128)</b>					
1	1168/1	Government	charaghah vila draktan	0.0010000(Hectare )	0.0010000
2	1168/2	Government	charaghah vila draktan	0.0032000(Hectare )	0.0032000
3	1175/1	Private	baarani doyam	0.0574000(Hectare )	0.0574000
4	1179/1	Government	charaghah vila draktan	0.0154000(Hectare )	0.0154000
5	1180/1	Government	charaghah vila draktan	0.0078000(Hectare )	0.0078000
6	124/1	Government	gair mumkin nala	0.0134000(Hectare )	0.0134000
7	1289/125/1	Government	charaghah vila draktan	0.2282000(Hectare )	0.2282000
8	1350/1181/1	Government	charaghah vila draktan	0.0182000(Hectare )	0.0182000
9	1389/120/1	Private	baarani aval	0.0030000(Hectare )	0.0030000
10	146/1	Private	baarani aval	0.0009000(Hectare )	0.0009000
11	147/1	Private	baarani aval	0.0204000(Hectare )	0.0204000
12	153/1/1	Private	Banjar	0.0033000(Hectare )	0.0033000
13	153/2/1	Private	Banjar	0.0024000(Hectare )	0.0024000
14	153/3/1	Private	Banjar	0.0015000(Hectare )	0.0015000
15	153/4/1	Private	Banjar	0.0012000(Hectare )	0.0012000
16	155/1	Private	baarani aval	0.0161000(Hectare )	0.0161000
17	190/1/1	Private	baarani aval	0.0059000(Hectare )	0.0059000
18	190/2/1	Private	baarani aval	0.0055000(Hectare )	0.0055000
19	870/1/1	Private	baarani aval	0.0022000(Hectare )	0.0022000
20	870/2/1	Private	baarani aval	0.0016000(Hectare )	0.0016000

Sr. No.	Survey / Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area (in Hectare)
21	870/2/2	Private	baarani avval	0.0008000(Hectare )	0.0008000
22	875/1/1	Private	baarani avval	0.0010000(Hectare )	0.0010000
<b>Taluk: Sarkaghat</b>					



The UT police rehearse march-past ahead of the Independence Day in Jammu on Monday. PTI

## I-Day to be a low-key affair

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, AUGUST 10

The Independence Day celebrations would be a low-key affair in the Jammu region, with the administration planning to invite only a limited and select gathering of around 300 persons for the main event at the Parade ground here.

"In view of the Covid spread, we have made all arrangements according-

ly. We request the people to celebrate Independence Day at their residences while maintaining social distancing. This time around, we are inviting only 200-300 persons for the main function, but the administration has decided to have a live telecast of the function," Shridhar Patil, SSP, Jammu, said while briefing about the arrangements being made for this

year's celebrations.

Against the backdrop of the repeated infiltration bids from across the border, special teams had been constituted, while additional quick response teams (QRTs) had been deployed to deal with any situation. The manpower had been strengthened with the deployment of paramilitary jawans in addition to the J&K Police personnel, Patil said.

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, AUGUST 10

As J&K recorded 470 new positive cases — 102 from the Jammu division and 368 from the Kashmir province — during the last 24 hours, Covid-19 count in the UT reached 25,367.

However, six deaths, all from the Kashmir division, have been reported during the same period. As many as 372 more Covid-19 patients have recovered and discharged from various hospitals — 90 from the Jammu division and 282 from the Kashmir valley.

According to the official bulletin issued on Monday evening, out of 25,367 positive cases, 7,514 are active, 17,375 have recovered and 478 have died — 35 in the Jammu division and 443 in the Kashmir province.

According to the bulletin, of the total 25,367 positive cases in J&K, 5,047 have been reported as travellers, while 20,320 as others.

Meanwhile, the J&K Government has evacuated about 2,99,540 residents, stranded in other parts of the country due to the Covid lockdown, via

## COVID-19 PANDEMIC



### UT TRACKER

Total persons under surveillance	3,95,216
Persons completing surveillance	2,97,576
Samples tested	7,25,542
Negative results	7,00,175
<b>Positive cases</b>	<b>25,367</b>
<b>Patients cured</b>	<b>17,375</b>
<b>Total deaths</b>	<b>478</b>

Lakhanpur and through special trains and buses till date amid strict observance of all necessary guidelines and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).

As per the official data, the Jammu and Kashmir Administration has received 110 special trains

### COVID-19 CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Bandipora	1,101	18
Srinagar	6,263	154
Anantnag	1,569	33
Baramulla	2,187	82
Shopian	1,534	24
Kupwara	1,273	27
Budgam	1,568	35
Jammu	1,613	24
Udhampur	625	02
Ganderbal	689	08
Kulgam	1,619	31
Pulwama	1,860	31
Samba	522	01
Rajouri	763	03
Kishtwar	165	00
Kathua	602	01
Ramban	605	01
Reasi	228	00
Poonch	275	01
Doda	315	02
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,367</b>	<b>478</b>

at the Jammu and Udhampur railway stations from different states and UTs, so far, with 92,299 passengers. As many as 2,07,241 persons from other states and UTs, including 906 from abroad, have been evacuated by the government through Lakhanpur till date.

## Injured Budgam BJP leader succumbs

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 10  
BJP leader Abdul Hamid Najar (38), who was critically injured in a militant attack at Budgam yesterday, succumbed to his injuries this morning.

Hours after the incident, the BJP asked its activists "not to venture out of their homes without security clearance".

Party's OBC Morcha district president, Budgam, Najar was shot at by militants at Ompora in Budgam on Sunday morning. "He was shifted to a Srinagar hospital where he succumbed to his injuries this morning," an official said.

There have been three militant attacks on BJP leaders over the past one week. The latest attacks followed the killing of BJP's Bandipora unit ex-president Wasim Bari, his father Bashir Ahmad and brother Umar Bari last month.

In the wake of series of militant attacks, BJP spokesman Altaf Thakur said they had told their members not to venture out of their homes without security clearance.



Abdul Hamid Najar

### GRENADE LOBBED AT PDP PANCH'S HOUSE

- **Srinagar:** Suspected militants this evening lobbed a grenade towards the residence of the PDP panch at Diver Trai in Pulwama district, the police said.
- Cops said the grenade was aimed at the PDP panch Bhupinder Singh's house, which exploded without causing any damage.
- "There was no report of any injury in the attack. Both the protected person and his family are safe," a senior police official said. — TNS

## Murder case: Ex-SSP, SHO acquitted after 11 years

DINESH MANHOTRA

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, AUGUST 10

Newly-appointed Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Manoj Sinha on Monday met Union Minister Jitendra Singh and discussed with him future plans and public outreach programmes to be undertaken in the UT in the coming months.

During the two-hour-long one-on-one meeting, Singh, the Union Minister of State for the PMO, gave Sinha an update about some of the newly-launched development projects of national importance in Jammu and Kashmir.

Singh said while most of the mega projects related to power and irrigation had been cleared during the past one year, the Ralte project, held up for six years, would also be cleared soon. Appreciating Sinha's decision to visit the Covid wards in Srinagar hospitals soon after taking over the charge as the L-G, the Union minister said on the advice of the UT administration, a provision of oxygen tanks had been made in all major hospitals in Srinagar and Jammu. — PTI

The court, in its 178-page verdict, held that Jatinder Singh and another suspect Royal Singh guilty of the

murder. Raja died under mysterious circumstances in the Udhampur jail in 2017 while the case was still being tried.

The court, however, criticised the investigation conducted in the case, saying the prosecution case suffered from "factual gaps, loopholes and missing links".

The court observed that the prosecution miserably failed to prove the allegation of swapping the

weapon of offense and changing the bullet to screen the main accused.

The court gave the benefit of doubt to the accused, namely Nagar Singh, Jagar Singh, Rakesh Singh, Manohar Singh, Sultan Mehmod Mirza and SH Bukhari. "Resistantly, the challan against these accused fails and is accordingly dismissed so far it pertains to these accused persons," the court said.

## Jammu residents resent installation of gates

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, AUGUST 10

Residents of the Mubarak Mandi and Pacci Dhaki localities in Jammu city are up in arms against the recent decision of the Mubarak Mandi Jammu Heritage Society (MMJHS) to install iron gates at the two entrances to the historic complex to restrict the free movement of public.

The decision has sparked protests in the area, with angry locals demanding the immediate removal of the gates, alleging the decision had been taken to "harass" them in the name of the preservation of the historic complex.

"We have been caged in our own localities. The passage was never blocked even during the Maharaja's rule. The MMJHS has resorted to sheer dictatorship which will not be tolerated at any cost. The authorities owe an explanation as to what promoted them to install iron gates and deface her-



Residents of the Mubarak Mandi locality stage a protest in Jammu. PTI

itage structure," said Pushpa Devi, an 82-year-old woman of the locality.

"Thousands of people have been suffering, but the UT administration has unfortunately turned a blind eye to the issue, indicating that the administration is bent on shielding corrupt practices of the MMJHS," she alleged.

Vaibhav Sharma, another resident of Pacci Dhaki,

the past 12 years, while substandard work is being executed without any audit," he alleged.

The Congress has also jumped into the controversy and decided that a common strategy would be chalked out by involving locals. It has threatened that an indefinite fast would be initiated in order to get the demands of these residents met.

Sr. No	Survey / Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area (in Hectare)
71	61/1	Private	baarani aval	0.0014000(Hectare )	0.0014000
72	62/1	Government	charagh draktan	0.0130000(Hectare )	0.0130000
73	893/1	Private	baarani aval	0.0086000(Hectare )	0.0086000
74	893/1/1	Private	baarani aval	0.0246000(Hectare )	0.0246000
75	899/1	Government	gair mumkin rasta	0.0056000(Hectare )	0.0056000
76	901/1	Private	baarani aval	0.0090000(Hectare )	0.0090000
77	902/1	Private	baarani aval	0.0104000(Hectare )	0.0104000
78	902/1/1	Government	baarani aval	0.0040000(Hectare )	0.0040000
79	903/1	Private	baarani aval	0.0106000(Hectare )	0.0106000
80	903/1/1	Private	baarani aval	0.0050000(Hectare )	0.0050000
81	904/1	Private	baarani aval	0.0083000(Hectare )	0.0083000
82	983/1	Private	khdetar	0.0129000(Hectare )	0.0129000
<b>Village: Saroan (249)</b>					
1	2401/1	Private	gair mumkin Makan	0.0015000(Hectare )	0.0015000
2	2402/1	Government	charagh vila draktan	0.0181000(Hectare )	0.0181000
3	2404/1	Government	charagh vila draktan	0.0040000(Hectare )	0.0040000
4	2412/1	Government	charagh vila draktan	0.0040000(Hectare )	0.0040000
5	2413/1	Government	charagh vila draktan	0.0034000(Hectare )	0.0034000
6	2414/1	Private	gair mumkin khalwada	0.0003000(Hectare )	0.0003000
7	3235/1	Private	baarani aval	0.0015000(Hectare )	0.0015000
8	3236/1	Private	gair mumkin khalwada	0.0045000(Hectare )	0.0045000
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# HK media mogul arrested under new security law

Accused of colluding with foreign powers | Newsroom searched

HONG KONG, AUGUST 10

The Hong Kong authorities broadened their enforcement of a new national security law on Monday, arresting media tycoon Jimmy Lai, searching the headquarters of his Next Digital Group and carting away boxes of what they said was evidence.

Two days after Chinese and Hong Kong officials shrugged off sanctions imposed on them by the US, the move showed China's determination to enforce the new law and curb dissent in the semi-autonomous city after months of massive pro-democracy demonstrations last year.

The police action stoked fears that the authorities are suppressing press freedom. Next Digital operates Apple Daily, a feisty pro-democracy tabloid, often condemns China's Communist Party government. Last year, the newspaper frequently urged readers to take part in anti-government protests.



Jimmy Lai detained by the national security unit in Hong Kong. REUTERS

## SAW IT COMING, SAYS JIMMY LAI

“I have always thought I might one day be sent to jail for my publications or for my calls for democracy in Hong Kong. But for a few tweets, and because they are said to threaten China's national security? That's a new one, even for me.”

## BRITAIN: CHINA MISUSING LAW

Britain accused China of using a national security law as a pretext to silence opposition after the Hong Kong media tycoon, Jimmy Lai, became the highest-profile person arrested under the new rule.

## DEEPLY TROUBLED BY ARREST: US

WASHINGTON: US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said on Monday he was “deeply troubled” by the arrest of Jimmy Lai “under the security law”.

## Volcano erupts



Mount Sinabung spews volcanic ash at Karo, Indonesia. REUTERS

Rumbling Mount Sinabung on Indonesia's Sumatra island erupted on Monday, sending a column of volcanic materials as high as 5,000 m into the sky

There were no fatalities or injuries due to the eruption. The volcano was dormant for four centuries before exploding in 2010, killing two persons

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## NORTHERN RAILWAY

### E-Tender Notice

Sr. DME/O&F/UUMB acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tender against Tender No. 221-S4/2/E-check/Cummins/KLK/M4 Closing date and time 28.08.2020 up to 11:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Information regarding this tender is available on web site [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) on internet & can be seen/download. The tenderers/bidders who will have to make payment towards tender document cost and Earnest Money against this tender through online payment modes like Net banking, Debit/Credit Cards etc. available on IRPS portal. Manual/Offline mode of payment through Demand Draft, Banker's cheque, Cash Deposit receipts etc. are not permitted.

Name of Work	Major Maintenance schedule E-Check of Cummins power pack VTA-28 L fitted with 700 series Locomotives of NG DSL shed Kaika.		
Tender Type	Single	Bidding System	Single packet System
Tender Closing Date	28.08.2020 11:00	Date Time of uploading Tender	05.08.2020 16:58
Pre-Bid required	No	Pre-bid query till date	Not Applicable
Advertised Value	Rs. 3036475.15	Tendering Section	O&F
Earnest Money	Rs. 60700/-	Validity of offer	45 days
Tender document cost	Rs.3000/-	Period of Completion	09 Months
Bidding Start Date	14.08.2020	Tender open & time	28.08.2020 11:15
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## NOTICE INVITING QUOTATIONS FOR REPAIR & MAINTENANCE OF COMPUTERS & PRINTERS

Sealed quotations are invited from approved suppliers for executing the work of repair & maintenance of computers & printers installed in the office of Bathinda Development Authority. Those interested may submit their quotations along with earnest money amounting to Rs. 15,000/- (Rs. Fifteen thousand only) up to 12.00 noon on 19.08.2020. Quotations received shall be opened on same day & time in Meeting Hall in the premises of Bathinda Development Authority in presence of suppliers or their authorized representatives who may like to remain present. Earnest money has to be deposited in shape of demand draft favouring Estate Officer, BDA payable at Bathinda. Terms & conditions can be obtained from Caretaker, Room No. 111, BDA Complex, Bathinda on any working day.

Chief Administrator

## BATHINDA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

BDA Complex, Bhag Road, Bathinda

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## TENDER NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

Online tenders on item rate/percentage rate basis (above or below or at par the DNIT amount) for the below mentioned work are invited from the eligible contractor as per eligibility criteria mentioned in tender documents.

Name of the Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money
Providing estate water supply, tubewell of size 12"x8" upto 168 mtr B.G.L, submersible pumping set and pump chamber of size 10'x12' in J.P. Farm, J.P.Farm-I, J.P.Farm-II, J.P.Farm-III, J.P.Farm-IV, Sidhwani Canal Road, Ludhiana	Rs. 55.94 Lacs	Rs. 1,12,000/-

Tender Processing Fee : As per Website | Period of Completion : 03 Months

Online availability of tender for bidding	Last date & time for submission of online bids	Date & time of opening of tender in O/o Superintending Engineer (PH), Room No. 403, 3rd Floor, GLADA Complex, Ludhiana
From 11.08.2020 at 11:00 AM	To 25.08.2020 upto 1:00 PM	25.08.2020 at 2:00 PM Shall be announced later on website

1. For detailed terms and conditions refer to our website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

2. For any clarification/difficulty regarding e-tendering process contact 0172-2970263, 2970284. Divisional Engineer (PH)

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## SECTION-I

## ELECTRICITY WING OF ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

### E-TENDER NOTICE

The Executive Engineer, Elect. OP Division No. 2, Chandigarh on behalf of President of India invites item rate-e-tenders from reputed, experienced and eligible PSUs, CPSUs, Govt. Department and Private Firms meeting with eligibility criteria of RFP. All the Agencies/Firms are to be registered on the e-tender web portal and must possess compatible digital signature certificate of Class II or III for E-Tendering. The website for online bidding is [www.etenders.chd.nic.in/nicgep/app](http://www.etenders.chd.nic.in/nicgep/app).

Milestone dates of Electronic Tendering

1. Tender No. EE/OP/2/2020-21/17	Appointment of Consultant as Project Development and Management Agency (PDMA) for Smart Grid Project for whole city Chandigarh.
2. Earnest Money to be submitted online (EMD shall be exempted for PSUs/CPSUs/ Govt. Department)	Rs.60 lacs Start on dated 06.08.2020 at 06:00 P.M. End dated 13.08.2020 up to 02:00 P.M.
3. Time Limit	18 Months for the implementation phase and 24 Months for post implementation hand holding/capacity building and Vendor Management Support.
4. Downloading of e-Tender documents	Start on dated 06.08.2020 at 06:00 P.M. End dated 13.08.2020 up to 02:00 P.M.
5. Pre-Bid meeting for the Bidders seeking, any clarifications in the notice of bidding. (To be held in the office of SE, Elect. OP Circle, Sector 9, U.T., Chandigarh)	N.A.
6. Date of submission of e-Tender	Start on dated 06.08.2020 at 06:00 P.M. End dated 13.08.2020 up to 02:00 P.M.
7. Opening of EMD/Technical Bid (online)	13.08.2020 at 04:00 P.M.
8. Opening of Financial Bid (online)	To be intimated to technically qualified bidders later on

Bid documents consisting of the set of terms and conditions of contract and other necessary documents can be downloaded free of cost/seen at the website of Chandigarh Administration [www.etenders.chd.nic.in/nicgep/app](http://www.etenders.chd.nic.in/nicgep/app).

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DPR/Pb/6255531, E-mail: elop2-chd@nic.in

## Corporate broadband

### Toyota forays into compact SUV segment



Toyota Kirloskar Motor has announced its much-awaited entry into the compact SUV segment in India with the all-new Toyota Urban Cruiser — Toyota's youngest SUV. It exudes an 'Urban Standout Appeal' for those who love to 'Travel in Style'. The company will launch the compact SUV in its India line-up during the festive season to cater to the growing demand.

### NFL's sale reaches all-time high in April-July

NFL's fertiliser sale has touched a new high of 18.79 lakh MT in April-July 2020, recording a growth of over 20% than the previous best of 15.64 LMT recorded during the same period last year. This includes the sale of urea, DAP, MoP, NPK, SSP, and bentonite sulphur during the period under review. Out of this, the sale of company's core product — urea — has registered a sale of 15.87 lakh MT, up 17% in corresponding period last year.

### Dr Bhanwala is Capital India Finance chief

Capital India Finance Ltd has announced the appointment of Dr Harsh Kumar Bhanwala, an industry veteran and former Nabard chairman, as the executive chairman of the Board with effect from August 6. Prior to this, he was the Nabard chairman and executive director of India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd. (IIFCL). He also served as its chairman and managing director from 2012 to 2013.

### Paras Hospital holds awareness campaign



To create awareness about the rising trend of liver disease in the region, a team of doctors from Paras Hospital, Panchkula, recently held a conference. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Gaurav Maheshwari, consultant gastroenterologist, said, "Nearly 1.3 million deaths occur annually due to hepatitis worldwide every year. In India, 40 million people are chronically infected with hepatitis B and about 12 million with hepatitis C." He said there has been a paradigm shift in the diagnosis of liver cirrhosis and about 10 lakh new patients are diagnosed every year in India.

## BUSINESS

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## Equity MFs see first outflow in over four years in July

Profit-booking by retail investors to blame

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10

Equity mutual funds (MFs) witnessed an outflow of Rs 2,480 crore in July, making it the first withdrawal in more than four years, primarily on profit-booking by investors.

Overall, the mutual fund industry witnessed a net inflow of Rs 89,8



Peace talks with Nagagroups resume today

**NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10**  
Notwithstanding the complaints made to the Prime Minister by a few civil society groups, Nagaland Governor and Centre's interlocutor RN Ravi is set to arrive here tomorrow to take forward negotiations with the NSCN (IM) and NNPGs (Naga National Political Groups) leadership. The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) has set a September deadline to conclude the process.

Sources said complaints by fringe Naga groups were made only to derail the peace process, as insurgency in Nagaland serves their economic purposes, of which Ravi has taken a "stern view" and measures had been taken to curb insurgent groups' practice of collecting "extra-constitutional levies" from business entities in the state.

The sources said the Governor was coming to the national capital to resume negotiations in view of the health issues being faced by 86-year-old NSCN (IM) general secretary Thuingaleng Muivah, who is undergoing treatment at a hospital in New Delhi. —TNS

# Kremlin renews push for Modi-Xi-Putin trilateral

China backs Russia's offer to minimise tension, India yet to respond

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**NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10**

Moscow is again pushing for a three-way summit meeting that will involve Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping besides Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov had stated on July 23 that the proposal to hold a Russia-India-China (RIC) summit on the sidelines of the G-20 summit was discussed last month during the "virtual" meeting of the three foreign ministers, their first after the Galwan Valley clash of July 15.

India has so far not reacted to the proposal. Had tensions not cropped up at the Line of Actual Control (LAC), a RIC summit during a G-20 heads of government (HoGs) meeting would not have been out-of-the-ordinary because the previous two G-20 meets had also



seen RIC summits that were unremarkable footnotes from the diplomatic point of view.

Lavrov said the July RIC Foreign Ministers' meet had also touched on expanding the format to include trilaterals among Defence Ministers.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has kept its cards close to the chest in the matter. It had chosen not to respond to Lavrov's initial call to hold a RIC summit. It publicly acquiesced

to a RIC Foreign Ministers' meet as the event served as an ice-breaker after the Galwan Valley clash.

While Russia's intention is to keep alive its project of a trilateral of Eurasian powers, China has backed its proposals for such arrangement in order to minimise the damage to its economic interests in India after the LAC clash.

Speaking to the media last week, MEA official

## THE MIDDLE PATH

- Russia was the first country India turned to after the Galwan Valley clash for additional military platforms
- But Russia believes India and China have enough mechanisms to sort out their differences bilaterally

<< PM Narendra Modi with Russian and Chinese Presidents Vladimir Putin and Xi Jinping.

spokesperson Anurag Srivastava had spoken of a "full calendar" of events with Russia, including several multilateral meetings.

These include the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) and BRICS Foreign Ministers' meetings in which both Russia and China are also present.

India has already borrowed nearly \$3 billion from China-led banks to combat the Covid pandemic.

**UNGA head snubs Pak over Kashmir**

**NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10**

Pakistan courted disappointment in its attempt to internationalise the Kashmir issue during the visit of UN General Assembly's President Volkan Bozkir for the forthcoming session. In measured remarks, Bozkir said in Islamabad that UN's position was based on its charter.

"There is also the 1972 Simla agreement between India and Pakistan which states that final status of Jammu and Kashmir should be settled by peaceful means under the UN charter," he said, indicating bilateralism as the basis for dispute settlement.

Elected President of the 75th UNGA, the Turkish diplomat was to visit Pakistan last month, but called off his visit due to flight-related difficulties. Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi had then said he hoped to discuss Kashmir. —TNS

# Degrees invalid if no exams held: UGC

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**NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10**

The University Grants Commission (UGC) on Monday questioned before the Supreme Court the decisions taken by governments of Maharashtra and Delhi to cancel final-year examinations of state universities in view of Covid-19, saying they went against the rules.

"Not holding examinations will not be in students' interest as their degrees may not be recognised if the states would act unilaterally and cancel final-year examinations in violation of UGC norms," Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, representing the UGC's directive to conduct university examinations by September 30 for further hearing on August 14.

Petitioners contended the July 6 UGC guideline for holding final-year examinations were illegal.

Refuses to relent on Sept 30 deadline; further hearing in SC on August 14

that the UGC was the only body that could prescribe rules for conferring a degree and the state governments could not change the rules. The top court had earlier already refused to stay the UGC's decision.

As Mehta said UGC would like to respond to the affidavits filed by Delhi and Maharashtra, the Bench posted the petitions challenging the UGC's directive to conduct university examinations by September 30 for further hearing on August 14.

Petitioners contended the July 6 UGC guideline for holding final-year examinations were illegal.

## Soon, housing complex for RS staff

**NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10**

Rajya Sabha Chairman Venkaiah Naidu today laid the foundation stone of a long-awaited housing complex project worth Rs 46 crore here for Rajya Sabha secretariat employees.



Rajya Sabha Chairman Venkaiah Naidu on Monday said a long period of 17 years had been taken for launching the housing project, resulting in avoidable costs for the Rajya Sabha Secretariat.

Naidu said, referring to the social-economic-legislative cobwebs that resulted in non-utilisation of precious land resource. He held several rounds of meetings with several authorities, including Puri, over the past two years. —TNS

## Rhea moves SC over 'media trial'

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**NEW DELHI, AUGUST 10**

Actor Rhea Chakraborty on Monday filed an affidavit in the Supreme Court accusing the media of sensationalising the death of Sushant Singh Rajput and conducting a parallel media trial.

"The issue has been blown out of proportion in the media. Media channels are examining and cross-examining all the witnesses in the case," Rhea submitted. She is being investigated by the CBI as an accused and the ED too has interrogated her.

Alleging that the issue was being exploited for political mileage in the Bihar poll due in November, she told the top court that "she should be protected and not be made scapegoat of political agendas".

"The sad incident of the death of Sushant, who hailed



Actress Rhea Chakraborty and her brother Showik leave the ED office in Mumbai on Monday. PTI

from Bihar, unfortunately occurred just before the elections in Bihar. This has led to the issue being blown out of proportion. Actors Ashutosh Bhakre (32) and Sameer Sharma (44) also reportedly committed suicide, yet no whisper about the same in power corridors. In Sushant's case, the

Bihar Chief Minister is reported to be responsible for registration of FIR in Patna," she said. The affidavit has been filed ahead of the hearing of her petition seeking transfer of an FIR registered in Patna against her to Mumbai later this week.

Rhea said, "The petitioner (she) is already convicted by

the media even before a foul play in the Sushant's death is established." Rhea also complained of violation of her right to privacy.

The Enforcement Directorate, meanwhile, began a fresh round of questioning of Rhea and her family members in the laundering case.

## CBI raids

**FROM PAGE 1**

Lagoon Island Residential Complex was reduced to 7.9 acres with a commercial complex erected on the remaining land. They had alleged that such violation of the builder-buyer agreement and provisions of the Haryana Development and Regulation of Urban Area Act, 1975, could not have been possible without the collusion of officials and builders.

The Ambience Group runs malls in NCR and luxury hotel The Leela Ambience Convention Centre.

## Stubbleburning

**FROM PAGE 1**

The top court, which is seized of a PIL on air pollution in the NCR, directed the Delhi Chief Secretary to file an affidavit on the present status of 13 pollution hotspots in the national capital and steps taken to control air pollution.

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## BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT UNITS (BDUs)

**TO ENCOURAGE NON-TRADITIONAL CARGOES**

In order to increase the share of rail transportation in non-traditional cargoes exclusive Business Development Units have been set up in the zonal headquarter and in all five divisions i.e. (Delhi, Ambala, Lucknow, Moradabad and Firozpur).

These units have been mandated with interacting various industries and trading entities and offer suitable rail transportation solutions to find mutually beneficial ways and to facilitate shift to rail.

One major initiative being planned by Northern Railway in this regard is the running of time-tabled freight trains for less than full train load consignments. These services have been named as "TEEVRA Services" (Timetabled Efficient and Economically Viable Railway Services) and would be offering timetabled freight transportation services between different Origin - Destination combinations. Freight customers would be able to book up to wagon basis.

This initiative of Northern Railway is aimed at providing affordable timetabled freight services for MSME and other small industries and units.

Interested business entities may contact the following nodal coordinators of the Business Development Units (BDUs) for any enquiry, suggestions or assistance.

SN	Name of Officer	Office	Contact Number
01	Chief Freight Transportation Manager/NR	Northern Railway, Headquarters Office, Baroda House, New Delhi.	011-23387643, 9717630903
02	Senior Divisional Operations Manager/New Delhi	Delhi Division, DRM Office, New Delhi.	011-23743352, 9717631900
03	Senior Divisional Operations Manager, Lucknow	Lucknow Division, DRM Office, Lucknow.	0522-2234520, 9794833900
04	Senior Divisional Operations Manager, Moradabad	Moradabad Division, DRM Office, Moradabad.	0591-2412012, 9760534900
05	Senior Divisional Operations Manager, Ambala	Ambala Division, DRM Office, Ambala	0171-2610553, 9729539900
06	Senior Divisional Operations Manager, Firozpur	Firozpur Division, DRM Office, Firozpur	01632-24448, 9779232900

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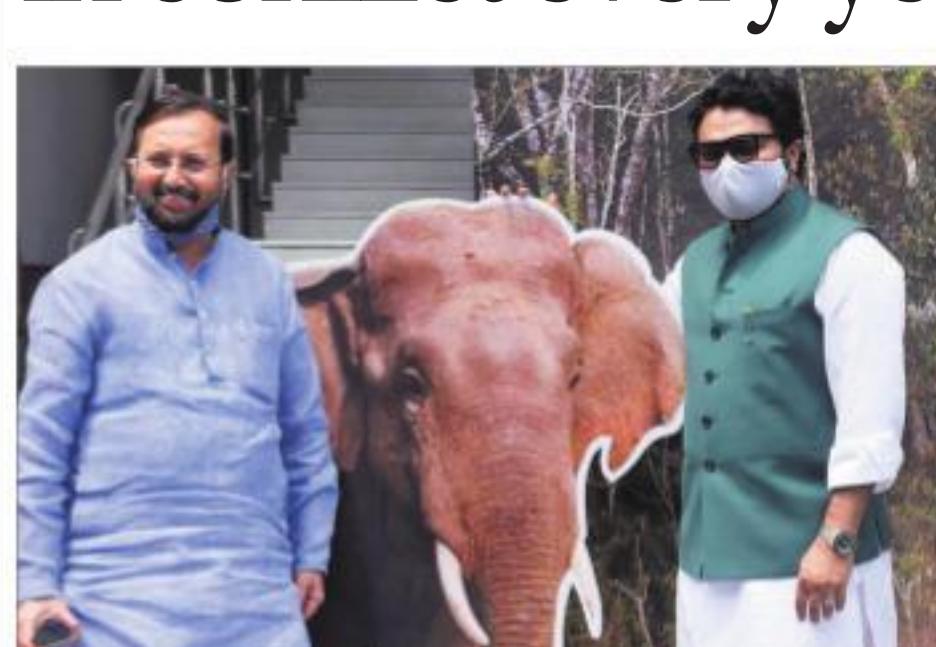
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## HC stays Hry notification

**Vijay Kumar Jindal and Akshay Kumar Jindal. The Bench was told the list of SCs and OBCs in Haryana was issued by the Centre under Article 341 of the Constitution. While "Sansi" and some other castes were on the SC list, another caste "Gadaria" was mentioned under the OBC category. But the Haryana Government on July 5 last year issued the notification under challenge, whereby**

Also, rebel MLAs had started to dither of late and some were in touch with Gehlot as nothing concrete was coming their way after Pilot's original plan to secure the support of 30 rebel MLAs fell flat. "I told you I won't join the BJP. My stand has been vindicated today," said Pilot.

It remains to be seen now as to how Pilot reconciles with Gehlot, who called him "nikamma, nakaara" in public. AICC sources didn't rule out a central organisational role for Pilot. As part of the Pilot-Congress truce, the Rajasthan Congress will withdraw all cases against rebels and accommodate some should Gehlot agree to a state Cabinet reshuffle later.



Union Minister Prakash Javadekar and Minister of State Babul Supriyo on the eve of World Elephant Day in New Delhi. MANAS RANJAN BHU

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World Elephant Day.

Every year, human-elephant conflicts result in the death of around 500 humans, damage to thousands of houses and millions of hectares of crops. Over 100 elephants die due to human-related activities like poaching for ivory or meat, poisoning, electrocution and collision with trains, according to the report. A reminder of such a conflict came recently when a pregnant wild elephant died after eating a fruit stuffed with firecrackers, leading to public outrage.

The minister said India was taking up the ambitious fodder and water augmentation in jungle areas using the LiDAR-based survey technology. The work will start in December, following which next year there would be plenty of food and water available and reduction in human-animal conflict.

Haryana came out with another notification on July 7, whereby directions were passed for issuance of SC certificate to members of "Gadaria" caste. Senior advocate Jindal contended the state of Haryana lacked legislative competence to amend the list.