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Bihar CM Nitish Kumar in Muzaffarpur district; and (right) RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav in Kaimur district of Bihar on Thursday. PTI

## BJP pledges free vaccine, Oppn calls it playing on voters' fears

VIBHA SHARMA  
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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22  
Led by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, the BJP today released its manifesto for the Bihar Assembly poll with a slew of promises, including 19 lakh jobs in the next five years, MSP regime for pulses and free Covid-19 vaccination.

Taking a swipe, the RJD said the vaccine belonged to the country, not to the BJP. The NDA's main rival and the CM face of the Mahagathbandhan, Tejashwi Yadav took a dig at Sitharaman releasing the vision document, terming it a clear case of lack of BJP leadership in Bihar.

Health state subject, govt free to take call: BJP



### TAMIL NADU CM FOLLOWS SUIT

Eye on Assembly poll next year, Tamil Nadu CM EK Palaniswami on Thursday assured free immunisation against coronavirus for all sections of people in the state as soon as a vaccine is made available.

The BJP's vaccine sop, which prompted the CM of Tamil Nadu to make a similar pledge, was met with widespread criticism from rivals. They accused the saffron party of playing on the "Covid fears of people".

Countering the criticism, BJP IT cell in charge Amit Malviya said the Centre would provide vaccines to states at a nominal cost and it was up to them to decide whether to give it for free or not since health was a state subject.

### Will EC take note, asks furious Cong

ADITI TANDON  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

Unprecedented furore followed the BJP's promise of free Covid vaccine for Bihar with the Opposition and health experts on Thursday questioning the ethics of politicising a "public good" in pandemic times. The RJD, Congress, SP, TMC, AAP, Shiv Sena and NC were among those that slammed the ruling BJP for seeking "political gains" from the issue even as health experts asked if it was

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## Twitter shows Leh in China, warned

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

The Union Government has conveyed its disappointment to the chief executive officer (CEO) of social media giant Twitter for incorrect location settings. Raising questions about its credibility and neutrality for showing Leh as part of China, officials said Twitter must respect India's integrity and sovereignty.

"This is unacceptable and Twitter must explain it. They

should also ensure that it never happens again. India is one of the countries with the maximum number of

Twitter users," said an official while referring to a letter to this effect sent to Twitter CEO James Dorsey by Union Electronics and IT Secretary Ajay Sawhney.

A Twitter spokesperson said the company remains committed to working with the government and that it respects the sensitivities involved. Twitter has acknowledged the letter from the government, the spokesperson added. — TNS

### IT'S UNACCEPTABLE

The social media giant has been reportedly told that "this is unacceptable and Twitter must explain it. They should also ensure that it never happens again".



## 26 trucks carrying paddy from UP intercepted

GS PAUL  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

AMRITSAR, OCTOBER 22

In the past 24 hours, at least 26 trucks carrying paddy from Uttar Pradesh have been intercepted by farmers protesting in Amritsar. It seems the paddy bags from Aligarh, Bulandshahr and Sitarganj were to be delivered to rice shellers in Amritsar and Tarn Taran.

The farmers got suspicious when one of the truck drivers stopped to enquire about a local mill, said Dilbagh Singh, the sarpanch of Rajewala village. "The police must book the suppliers as well as mill owners who ordered the consignment," he demanded.

Complaining that he had yet to find buyers for the 1500 variety of paddy lying at his

### Delhi riots 'worst' since '47, court junks bail pleas

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

The riots in northeast Delhi in February were the "worst communal riots since Partition" in the Capital, observed a local court while dismissing the bail pleas (in three cases) of former AAP councillor Tahir Hussain, who allegedly abused his power to foment communal violence.

Additional Sessions Judge Vinod Yadav said there was enough material on record to presume that Tahir was present at the crime spot and exhorted rioters of a community. He said the spread of riots on such a big scale was not possible without a "pre-meditated conspiracy". — PTI

The daily positivity rate has been less than 5% for three

## Gradual relief: Visa norms eased for bizmen, students

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) today announced graded relaxation in visa norms to allow Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) and Person of Indian Origin (PIO) cardholders and foreign nationals to enter India through air or sea route for any purpose, except tourism.

As per an order issued by the MHA, graded relaxation was made in visa and travel restrictions for more categories of Indian and foreign nationals who wished to enter or leave India.

The relaxations include flights operated under the Vande Bharat Mission, air transport bubble arrangement or by any non-scheduled commercial flights as allowed by the Ministry of

OCI, PIO cardholders can visit India for specific purposes



Foreign nationals will be allowed to come to India for purposes such as business, conferences, employment, studies, research, medical and a few others.

Civil Aviation. "All such travellers will have to strictly adhere to the guidelines of

the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare regarding quarantine and other Covid-19 matters," it said.

The order said: "The government has also decided to restore with immediate effect all existing visas (except electronic, tourist and medical). If the validity of such visas has expired, fresh visas of appropriate categories can be obtained. Foreign nationals intending to visit India for medical treatment can apply for a medical visa, including for their attendants."

While restrictions on visas were imposed following the outbreak of the pandemic in February, commercial flight operations were suspended when the nationwide lockdown came into effect on March 25. — TNS

US proposal on H-1B visas may hit Indians

WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 22  
The State Department has proposed not to issue temporary business visas for H-1B speciality occupations which allowed several companies to send their technology professionals for a short stay to complete jobs on site in the US, a move that could affect hundreds of Indians.

The measure, made public on Wednesday, less than two weeks ahead of the November 3 presidential election, is also likely to impact several Indian companies that send their technology professionals to the United States on B-1 visas for short durations. — PTI

## SAD rejects Punjab farm Bills

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CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 22  
Making a U-turn, the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) today rejected the Bills passed by the Punjab Assembly to block the Centre's farm laws, claiming that the legislators had been misled. The Akali MLAs had supported the Bills in the House and were part of the CM-led delegation that handed these over to the Governor.

The SAD had initially backed the Centre's farm ordinances, but later snapped ties with the BJP, saying the government had reneged on its promise to include the amendments suggested by it in the final draft.

Addressing the media after the party's core committee meeting here, SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal alleged that Capt Amarinder Singh had misled the Opposition while reading out a resolution that the Bills brought

### MILAs MISLED, CM BETRAYED HOUSE

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by his government "rejected" the Central laws. "Copies of the Bills were provided to the legislators just before the Bills were tabled in the Assembly. They had no time to read these carefully. We have now rejected the Bills after going through the

details," he said, adding that if voted to power, SAD would block the Centre's "anti-farmer" laws by declaring Punjab as Principal Market Area and repealing the APMC Act enacted by the Amarinder government. "The resolution, unanimously passed by the Vidhan Sabha, had outrightly rejected the Centre's farm laws.

It stated that the Punjab Government was committed to declaring the entire state as Principal Market Area. It also rejected the APMC Act of 2017. But the Bills subsequently brought by the Amarinder government carried none of these provisions. The CM has misled and betrayed the House," Sukhbir alleged.

Stressing that Punjab farmers were the backbone of the state, he said: "We have been demanding that the MSP regime must cover all 22 listed crops. When the SAD forms government, we will ensure that this is done."

## Positivity below 5%, 10 crore tested

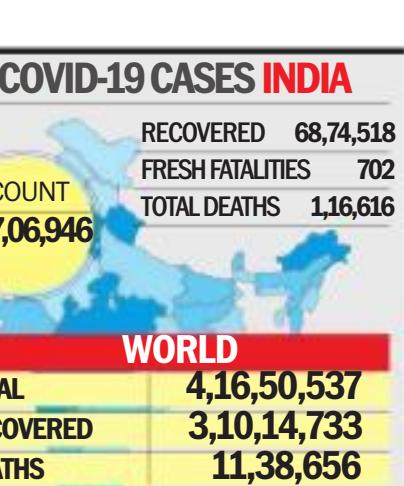
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

India today reported two milestones in its Covid management journey with the cumulative tests crossing 10 crore and daily positivity rate staying below 5% for the third straight day.

"The last five crore tests have been done in a record time of 45 days. Now, we have 2,000 Covid labs. The average testing has been over 10 lakh a day for the past 17 days," the ICMR said.

Till now, 74,000 tests per million people have been conducted, it said, allaying speculations that India's Covid load was dropping due to reduced testing.

The daily positivity rate has



### STEADY DECLINE FOR THIRD DAY

The daily positivity rate has been below 5% for three days. Of the 702 deaths in 24 hours, over 25% have occurred in Maharashtra. With 23 deaths, Punjab is among 10 states with top death burden. Other such states are Karnataka, Delhi, C'garh, WB, UP, TN, Andhra and Kerala.

days, indicating that the spread of infection is being contained, Health Ministry said. The daily positivity rate reported today was 3.8%.

Overall 68,74,518 have recovered, taking the recovery rate to 89.20%. The toll has climbed to 1,16,616 with 702 deaths in a day. — TNS

## 60% parents in Himachal favour regular classes

SHIMLA, OCTOBER 22  
Uncertainty looms over the commencement of regular classes for students in secondary and senior secondary schools in the state. A final decision will be taken after taking the consent of

the school managing committees (SMCs) and parents. The Higher Education Department held online parent-teacher meetings to elicit their opinion. Up to 60 per cent parents of the students of Classes IX to XII in some districts favoured the resumption of regular classes, sources said. INSIDE

ONLINE MEETINGS

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ing the city. The plan also includes widening of six major roads, improving connectivity around metro stations via non-motorised transport and introduction of a public bike sharing system.

A senior GMDA official said: "As per surveys, the city roads are not safe for pedestrians and cyclists. We had sought feedback from public. Residents want infrastructural changes to promote environment friendly transport."

## Mishap-prone Gurugram plans cycle tracks, footpaths

SUMEDHA SHARMA  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

GURUGRAM, OCTOBER 22

The Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) has chalked out a mobility plan to construct 800 km of cycle tracks and 400 km of footpaths in the city over the next two decades.

Set to be tabled before CM Manohar Lal Khattar and the Resident Advisory Committee, the Comprehensive Mobility Plan, 2041, stresses

### UNSAFE CITY: STUDY

■ As per a study, Gurugram is one of the most 'unsafe' cities for pedestrians

■ Over 60 per cent accident victims in the last five years were pedestrians

the need for pedestrian friendly and non-motorised mobility.

Besides checking accidents, the plan aims at significantly reducing pollution, one of the biggest issues ail-



# State drawing 2,000 MW from Central pool

'Rail roko' stir blocks coal supply to thermal plants, power production severely impacted

KULDIP BHATIA

LUDHIANA, OCTOBER 22  
Nearly a month-long 'rail roko' by farmers over the new farm laws has obstructed the coal supply to the state-owned and private thermal plants hence severely affecting power production in Punjab.

With the deadlock between the agitating farmers and government continuing, resumption of goods and passenger trains looks a remote possibility. However, the only saving grace is the drop in the demand for electricity from the agriculture and domestic sectors.

With the total demand dropping to around 6,200 MW today, the power generation from the state's own



sources stood at just about 1,700 MW, including 740 MW from the state-owned and private thermal plants, 450 MW from the hydel projects

and 500 MW from renewable energy sources. "The state is drawing nearly 2,000 MW from the Central pool from its allocation. The remain-

ing demand is being met by purchasing power," said DIS Grewal, Director Distribution, PSPCL.

He said of the three state-

## 'TRYING TO PREVENT CRISIS-LIKE SITUATION'

"We have directed the thermal plants to use coal judiciously since the state can't afford to shut all thermal power plants as it can create a crisis-like situation," Grewal said. Sources said private players and middlemen in the power purchase sector were also making the most of the situation as suddenly the rates of electricity purchased from other sources had been jacked up by 25 to 40 paise per unit.

"We are praying for the farmers' stir to end and for the restoration of rail traffic in the region," said a senior PSPCL official.

three private thermal plants at Rajpura, Talwandi Sabo and Goindwal, only one unit at Rajpura is generating some 335 MW power.

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Rajesh Aggarwal, Divisional Railway Manager, said: "Since farmers belonging to various outfits have lifted the blockade from 26 of 30 sites in the state, the decision to operate the goods trains has been taken."

The DRM added all tracks had been checked by the engineering department and even a drill had also been conducted by running a light engine

# Goods trains back on track from today

OUR CORRESPONDENT

FEROZEPUR, OCTOBER 22

Following the decision of the farmers' unions to allow the movement of goods train, around 12 trains will finally become operational from today in this division.

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However, Satnam Singh Pannu, president, Kisan Majdoor Sangharsh Committee, said their 'rail roko' stir would continue at Devi Dass Pura near Amritsar. VISHAL KUMAR

Farmers lift blockade from 26 of 30 sites

from depot station last night to ensure safe movement of these trains.

One goods train already moved from Ludhiana to Jammu today and the preparation for smooth operation of other trains is also complete.

However, Satnam Singh Pannu, president, Kisan Majdoor Sangharsh Committee, said their 'rail roko' stir would continue at Devi Dass Pura railway track in Amritsar till October 29. "We have lifted the blockade from Tankana Wali Basti Railway Crossing in Ferozepur," he said.

## Punsup official-trader chat exposes nexus to sell outside paddy

RUCHIKA M KHANNA

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- MODUS OPERANDI
- Paddy is bought at ₹1,100 per quintal from UP, Bihar and transported to Punjab
- Records are faked to show paddy procured from local farmers
- It is then sold to government agencies at MSP of ₹1,888 per quintal

## State agencies procure over 75 LMT paddy

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CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 22  
The Punjab Government has procured nearly 44.33 per cent of total paddy target so far across the state during the ongoing kharif marketing season amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

Food and Civil Supplies Minister Bharat Bhushan Ashu, in an official statement, said 75.35 lakh metric tonne (LMT) of the 76.35 LMT paddy that had arrived so far had been procured. The arrival of paddy in the grain markers had been staggered. A sum of Rs 9,921 crore had been released for the procurement, he said.

Reiterating the commitment of the state government to procure every single grain of farmers, Ashu said a smooth, hassle-free and safe procurement has been ensured in all grain markets.

the Chief Minister's residence in Chandigarh, with an aim to highlight the non-implementation of the SC Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme and harassment of a Dalit man in Fazilka.

BJP leaders had gathered at Surya Enclave, the site for its new party office, from where they were to head towards PAP Chowk and to Chandigarh.

## BJP leaders detained in Jalandhar

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JALANDHAR, OCTOBER 22  
Several BJP leaders, including Union Minister of State Som Parkash, BJP state president Ashwani Sharma, former state party chief Vijay Sampla and general secretary Subhash Sharma, were detained by the police here today.

The BJP had planned 'Rally for justice for SCs', which was supposed to start from here and culminate at

### Had planned rally over Dalit issues



BJP senior leader Vijay Sampla being detained in Jalandhar. PHOTO: MALKIAT SINGH

garh. However, as soon as leaders got on to vehicles to begin the rally, a huge posse of police personnel prevented them for proceeding. The BJP leaders raised slogans against the government and insisted they be allowed to move. The BJP leaders were ultimately detained and taken to Circuit House where they staged a dharna on the premises.

"Neither me nor my party would get intimidated by the government. The CM is not acting against his minister in the SC students' scholarship scam. Nor the Congress government is doing anything to prevent the increasing crime against the Dalit community. We will continue to raise our voice," Sharma said.

Congress Dalit leaders,

## It's arhtiyas, not farmers' protest: Nadda to CM

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

BJP president JP Nadda today slammed Capt Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh and those "instigating" farmers in Punjab.

He said the ongoing agitation in the state was "not of farmers but middlemen". "Farmers in Punjab are not even allowed to choose their 'arhtiyas', the BJP president said, addressing a group farmers from the Delhi region at the party headquarters.

"It is because of monopoly of some people in the 'mandis' that farmers have to sell their produce at a price lower than market rate," he said.

Slamming the Congress, which is leading the agitation in Punjab and has also passed three farm Bills, Nadda said a "well-educated" per-

### 'MSP IMPLEMENTED VIA EXECUTIVE ORDER'

Amarinder Singh ji, MSP is always implemented through an executive order.... why did your party not do so for the 55 years it was in power?

JP Nadda, BJP PRESIDENT

son like Amarinder Singh is saying that MSP should be mentioned in the Act whereas he knows very well that it is always implemented via an executive order.

Nadda accused the Congress of "fueling agitation in Punjab and has also passed three farm Bills, Nadda said a "well-educated" per-

## Ordinance to ensure fair price: Dhindsa

BATHINDA, OCTOBER 22

Lehra MLA and former Finance Minister Parminder Singh Dhindsa today said the three Bills passed by the Vidhan Sabha were only the amended forms of the Central farm laws and the state government needed to issue separate ordinances to facilitate fair prices for the agriculture produce.

Dhindsa said: "All parties were silent until farmers' agitation gained momentum. Sensing opportunity to score brownie points, all jumped on the bandwagon. There is barely any clarity of purpose or stand by political parties on the matter." —TNS

## Most farm fires in Amritsar, Tarn Taran

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Farmer burns stubble on the outskirts of Jalandhar. TRIBUNE PHOTO

AMRITSAR, OCTOBER 22  
The two districts in Majha region, Amritsar and Tarn Taran, have reported the maximum number of stubble burning incidents during the ongoing paddy harvesting season in the state at 1,657 and 2,086, respectively.

The figures clearly indicate at the extent of violation of the ban on burning crop residue in fields. However, officials reasoned that figures were high (in comparison to other districts) as harvesting of paddy began early in Majha as compared to Malwa and Doaba. They added that the final figures after the harvesting is over in the entire state would give a clear picture.

Employees of the Agriculture Department claimed that the ongoing protest against the farm Acts had emboldened the farmers. "The farmers know that it will be hard for the government to take strict action against them amid the ongo-

ing protest," said an official of the Agriculture Department.

Also, the figures bring attention to the fact that the government's endeavour of providing machines on subsidy to farmers as an alternative way to manage crop

residue seemed to have yielded no result.

Jagjit Singh, a farmer, said, "Despite the claims of the government, it is difficult for the farmers, especially vegetable growers, to prepare fields without burning the residue." He added that the farmers were reluctant because they would have to bear additional monetary burden if they went for alternative ways to manage crop residue.

Tarn Taran Chief Agriculture Officer Kuljot Singh Saini, who also holds an additional charge for Amritsar, said, "It's too early to say that the two districts have reported more fire incidents. In other districts, the harvesting is going at a slow pace as compared to Amritsar and Tarn Taran."

## 102-yr-old farmer lifts protesters' spirit

AAKANKSHA N BHARDWAJ

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JALANDHAR, OCTOBER 22  
Accompanied by his 70-year-old son Pritam Singh, 102-year-old Inder Singh regularly visits the protest site at a toll plaza near Mehtapur village to keep the farmers' morale high.

Though Inder Singh doesn't know much in detail, he understands one thing clearly that "something is not right for agriculture today and the fight is on to save the farming community in the country".

"My father has been a farmer his entire life. He visits such protest sites just to send out a message that farmers are not alone in their fight for their rights," Pritam Singh, son of Inder Singh, said.

Pritam Singh recently



Centenarian Inder Singh (left) at a protest site in Jalandhar.

underwent a surgery but that doesn't deter him to extend support to thousands of farmers who have been protesting day and night against the farm laws, besides fighting their own personal problems. Kirpal Singh from Moosa-

pur village has a paralysed wife and a 91-year-old mother at home, but he has not missed the protest even for a day. "I am the only one to look after my family. My attention is divided. I am concerned about my mother and wife and my fields. My son lives abroad as I never wanted him to take up farming because of the current scenario. But we will fight on till we secure our community's future," he says.

Manwinder Singh from a Hoshiarpur village is a young farmer, who received a phone call from his relatives a few days ago that his father had suffered a heart attack. He immediately left for his home. After meeting his father, he was back to protest the next day.

## Healthcare workers to be vaccinated first

Tribune News Service



A health worker collects a swab sample in Nawanshahr.

Tribune Photo

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 22 It will be healthcare workers who will be vaccinated against Covid-19 in the beginning in Punjab. The government has started a process to prepare a database of such workers.

In a communication, the Health Department has asked all districts to prepare a list of healthcare workers who are to be vaccinated.

It said the lists of all doctors, nurses, workers in government, private hospitals and nursing homes should be sent to state headquarters by Thursday evening.

The complete record has to be sent to the Centre, so that the vaccination programme can be started on time.

Meanwhile, the state reported 617 fresh Covid-19 cases and 12 deaths in the past 24 hours.

**617 fresh Covid-19 cases, 12 deaths in past 24 hours**

has declined to 4,446.

At present, 103 patients are on oxygen support and 47 on ventilator support.

As far as deaths are concerned, the state reported 12 fatalities in the past 24 hours. Among the districts, Hoshiarpur reported three deaths, followed by SAS Nagar, Ropar and Ferozepur (2 each), Amritsar, Gurdaspur and Jalandhar (1 each). The number of active cases

## Youth facing dozen criminal cases shot

Four armed men fire 15 rounds at victim in Malout

Tribune News Service

MUKTSAR, OCTOBER 22 Four armed men today shot a youngster, facing nearly a dozen criminal cases, at Aulakh village in Malout sub-district here today.

The victim, Ranjit Singh, alias Rana, along with his pregnant wife had gone to see a doctor when the four assailants, three of whom had followed him in a car, opened fire, killing him on the spot.

Sources said it was a pre-meditated attack as the assailants blocked the traffic with their car and sped away within 30 seconds of firing nearly 15 rounds at Rana, who was seated in his car.

Rana, a resident of Barkandi Road in Muktsar town, was said to be financier. He was a former kabaddi player.

Sources said in 2015, two cases were registered against Rana in the district, including that of looting a marble truck and planning to commit dacoity. His close aide, Ajmer Singh, alias Jimmy Sidhu, was killed in an encounter with the Faridkot police in May 2016.



Cops inspect the car of the deceased at Aulakh village.

### LINKED TO SOPU EX-PREZ KILLING?

- Unidentified person(s) in an FB post from account of SOPU ex-president Gurpal Brar, who was shot in Chandigarh on October 10, claimed responsibility for murdering Ranjit Singh, alias Rana
- The post said Rana played a role in Brar's murder. "You planned to take his (Brar's) place after killing him," it said, tagging gangster Lawrence Bishnoi

Sources said Jimmy and Rana were 'linked' to Jaipal Ferozepur's gang. Jaipal is the prime accused in gangster-turned-politician Jaswinder Singh Rocky's murder. At the time of Jimmy's killing, illicit liquor in huge quantity was recovered from Rana's house.

Further, Rana and gangster Jodha Kothaguru had spent some time in jail and were sent on police remand to the Bathinda CIA in June 2014.

SP(D) Rajpal Singh said: "We are investigating the killing from various angles. The deceased was facing 12 cases."

Sources said Rana was once considered close to some Akali leaders of Muktsar. However, he later became the poster boy of the Congress' student wing, NSUI.

## 2 held for minor's rape-murder

HOSHIARPUR, OCTOBER 22 The Tanda police have arrested a youth, Surpreet Singh, and his grandfather, Surjit Singh, both residents of Jalalpur village, for alleged rape-murder of a minor. A six-year-old girl's body was found from their cattle shed yesterday.

The victim's father, a labourer, had filed a complaint with the police alleging a village youth had taken his daughter away on the pretext to giving her biscuits on Wednesday afternoon. Later, her half-burnt body was found. — TNS

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## 2nd SIT to probe assault on Dalit

OUR CORRESPONDENT

### 'FORCED TO DRINK URINE'

- A Dalit youth, Gurnam Singh, was allegedly assaulted by some persons on the outskirts of Chak Janisar village on suspicion of being a thief on October 8.
- The victim was allegedly forced to drink urine
- Three suspects were booked under the SC/ST Act and arrested

present its report.

Gurnam was allegedly assaulted by some persons on the outskirts of the village on suspicion of being a thief. Three suspects were arrested by the police after booking them under stringent provisions, including those of the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

The Additional Deputy Commissioner (General), SP (Headquarters) and District Welfare Officer have been asked to conduct the probe.

Punjab State Safai Karamchari Commission chairman Geja Ram announced an SIT after meeting the victim, Gurnam Singh, alias Gora, at his residence today.

He has directed the SIT to present the report at the earliest after conducting a transparent investigation into the case.

Earlier, the Senior Superintendent of Police had constituted an SIT, headed by the SP (PBI), to probe the incident. It is yet to

present its report.

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## Day after roadside delivery, woman claims lack of care



Kuldeep Kaur with her family at Sheron village on Thursday.

TARN TARN, OCTOBER 22 A Shergon resident, who gave birth by the roadside near the local Civil Hospital after being allegedly denied admission on Wednesday, left the hospital today claiming lack of care and accusing the staff of attempting to gag her.

Bhag Singh, husband of Kuldeep Kaur (27), claimed they had gone to the hospital around 4 am yesterday but

### LEFT WITHOUT DOCTOR'S CONSENT

■ The patient left the hospital without doctor's consent. It was sheer negligence on her part as she was anaemic and newborn was underweight. Dr Rohit Mehta, SMO

the staff refused admission and asked them to go to Government Hospital, Amritsar.

While making arrangements for a vehicle, Kuldeep gave birth by the roadside.

After the delivery, the staff admitted her to the hospital. The patient today left the hospital, alleging lack of care and bid to gag her by the staff.

Bhag Singh told mediaper-

sons the staff allegedly misbehaved with his wife after admitting her. He said they chose to leave hospital but the staff refused to release her file.

SMO Dr Rohit Mehta said he had constituted a probe panel, which will submit its report on Friday. The SMO said as the village fell under Kairon block, the Community Health Centre, Kairon, had been directed to locate the woman.—OC

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I, Kulwant Singh s/o Saroop Singh village Bahia PO Garhiwala, Tehsil Dasuya Distt. Hoshiarpur (Pb), have changed my name Kulwant Singh to Kulwant Singh Bains. (CL20054090)

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I, Brahami Devi spouse of No. 108507 DFR Manohar Lal Vill. Bandpura PO Thona Distt. Mandy HP declare that I have corrected my date of birth 26.11.1970 to 12.12.1970. Vide Affidavit 16AA 379896. Please correct in husband Army record. (CL20054340)

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I, Bholi Devi spouse of No. JC153006X Hony Nb/Sub Nardev Singh s/o Sh. Jagrup Singh r/o Village Pardha, PO Manoh Sihal, Tehsil Fatehpur, Distt. Kangra (HP), declare that my son's name in my Army record wrongly entered as Neetish Mankotia. Whereas his correct name is Nitish Mankotia. Concerned note. (CL20054607)

I, Jasmit Kaur w/o Bhupinder Singh r/o PVO Dihana Tehsil Garhshankar Hoshiarpur declare that my daughter Gurleen Kaur has completed her 10th St. in Mount Carmel School Mehtiana Hoshiarpur. In the school certificates of my daughter my name is wrongly written as Jasmeet Kaur but my actual and correct name is Jasmit Kaur. (CL20054457)

I, No. JC-171727K Ex Sub Dildesh Raj s/o Sh. Natha Singh r/o Village Sarola, PO Darkati, Tehsil Jawali, Distt. Kangra (HP), declare that my daughter name and DOB wrongly entered as Mukesh Kumari, 18.09.1986, whereas her correct name and DOB is Kumari Mukesh, 10.10.1986. Concerned note. (CL20054609)

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BID No. ETENDER/EE/PWSSD/ROPAR/24/2020/Date: 22.10.2020 https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

On behalf of Chief Executive Officer, Pb. WS & Sew. Board Chandigarh, Executive Engineer, Pb. WS & Sew. Divn., Ropar invites bids from the eligible bidders as per DNIT conditions for the works detailed below:

Sr. No.	Name of the Work	Amount/Time Limit
1	Construction of Sump Well, Panel Room, Providing and fixing Pumping Machinery, Vertical Pipes near 10 MLD STP at Bara Havelli, Ropar	66.72 lac 4 months
2	Constr. of 1 Ng. OHSR of 0.50 lac gls. Capacity in W. No. 3, Dubeta at Nangal	Rs. L.S. 9 months
3	Constr. of 1 Ng. OHSR of 0.50 lac gls. Capacity in W. No. 10, at Nangal	Rs. L.S. 9 months

Closing Date & Time → 11.10.2020 up to 5.00 P.M.

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For & on behalf of the President of India, Chief Workshop Manager, N.Rly. C&W workshop, Jagadhri Workshop/Yamuna Nagar invites open e-tender for the following work:

1 Name of work	Retrofitment two parts Sliding doors in BCNHL Wagons to make them safer and user friendly. Drg No. WD-11043-S-01 Alt 2, WD-11043-S-02Alt 2, WD-06076-S-13 Alt. 5 & Latest alteration if any at N.Railway, Jagadhri Workshop.
2 Location	Northern Railway, Carriage & Wagon Repair Shop, Jagadhri Workshop, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana-135002
3 Cost of Work/Tender Value	Rs. 93820031.21
4 Quantity	600 BCNHL wagons
5 Cost of Tender form	NIL as per GCC July-2020
6 Earnest money amount	Rs. 6,19,100/-
7 Completion period of the work	12 months from the date of issuance of Letter of Acceptance
8 Date & Time for submission of tender form	20.11.2020 till 15:30 hrs.
9 Opening of tender	20.11.2020 till 15:35 hrs. Tender opening will be done any time after the tender closing time. The tenderers are not required to be present during the opening. Railway reserves the right to open the tender any time after closing of tender.
10 Website particulars	<a href="http://www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a>
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E-tender Notice No 4/W/Dy.CE/CJAT/02/2020-21 Dated: 22.10.2020

The Dy. Chief Engineer (Constr.), Northern Railway, Jammu Tawi and for on behalf of the President of India invites e-tender for the under noted work:-

1. Name of work and location:	Construction of Portal protection of P1 & P2(T-8 & P1/P2(T-10, Boundary wall over tunnel, T-8, & T-9 Drainage arrangement on both sides of portals and protection works to piers & abutment of Br. No. 32 (Banganga Bridge), including construction of retaining/wall/breast Stone pitching works & security huts, shelters including other allied works between Km. 25.000 to 30.000 on Katra-Reasi section of USBR Project.
2. Completion period of the work:	12 (Twelve Months)
3. Approx. Cost of work:	₹ 5,31,99,237/- (Five crore thirty one lacs ninety nine thousand two hundred thirty seven only)
4. Earnest Money amount (to be deposited Online)	₹ 4,16,000/- (Four lacs sixteen thousand only)
5. Date & Time for submission of E-tender and opening of tender	Tenders may be uploaded upto 11.30 hrs on date 26.11.2020 on IREPS web site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. In the bidders can participate in the e-tender, the tender will be opened soon after at 11.30 hrs on 26.11.2020.
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# Bills passed by Punjab anti-farmer, says CM

TREASURE NEWS SERVICE



ROHTAK, OCTOBER 22  
Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has termed the agricultural Bills passed by the Punjab Government two days ago as "anti-farmer", stating that these would harm farmers' interests.

He also targeted the state Congress by accusing it of misleading farmers on the three farm laws enacted by the Centre. "The three Central laws are in favour of farmers and will help them double their income," he told the media at the "Chai par charcha" event here on Thursday.

"The Centre procures paddy and wheat at the MSP, while state governments buy other crops. The Haryana Government procures mustard, millet (bajra), maize, gram and moong at the MSP. Peanuts have also been added to the list. The Punjab Government should also make a provision to procure crops other than paddy and wheat

at the MSP," the CM said. He further said, "The Bills passed by Punjab provides for three-year imprisonment for buying paddy and wheat below the MSP. This, in fact, will harm farmers' interests."

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## Turf war over probe

CBI's intervention in TRP case questionable

EVEN as the Mumbai police are investigating the alleged manipulation of Television Rating Points (TRPs) by news and entertainment channels, the CBI has landed on the scene in a curious way. On the recommendation of the Uttar Pradesh Government, the Central agency has taken over the probe into a complaint regarding the fudging of TRPs, registered recently by the Lucknow police. The complainant, purportedly a regional director in a media and advertising agency, has not named any channel or person involved in the dubious goings-on. No less suspicious is the feverish haste with which the BJP-ruled state has transferred the case to the CBI. In a counter-move, the Shiv Sena-led coalition government in Maharashtra has withdrawn general consent given to the agency to probe cases in the state. Now, the CBI can take up a case in Maharashtra only if it is ordered to do so by the Supreme Court or the High Court.

A similar script had played out in the Sushant Singh Rajput case a few months ago. The Bihar Police lodged an FIR even though the actor's death had occurred in Mumbai and was being investigated by the local cops. The two police authorities' slanging match over jurisdiction had ended only when the Supreme Court okayed the transfer of the case to the CBI.

There is a growing perception that the CBI, once infamously dubbed as a caged parrot by the judiciary, has been reduced to a tool unleashed by the ruling party at the Centre to fix its rivals. The Maharashtra Government has claimed that general consent was withdrawn to ensure that the Central agency was not misused for political purposes, even as it's too much to expect the state police to go about its job without any interference. A worthwhile investigation into major cases is ruled out unless various agencies work in close coordination rather than stepping on each other's toes. The CBI's apparent attempt to 'appropriate' a case raises doubts about its credibility. Such an intervention won't serve the cause of justice. Amid this politically motivated turf war, a free and fair probe is the prime casualty.

## Patchy uphill ride

Fixing cracks in HP highway widening

**A**SMOOTH, uninterrupted four-lane ride from Parwanoo to Shimla, that the highway widening project envisioned a long time ago, continues to be a difficult and tardy work in progress. Given the topographic and geological challenges involved, delays and cost-overruns were on expected lines. After enduring years of traffic jams and dusty drives in anticipation of the promised journey, what comes as a disappointment is the apparent ineptness in execution along the stretch uphill to Solan. Now, in an attempt to ensure the stability of the excavated slopes, a technical survey is being undertaken by geologists. Initiated by the National Highways Authority of India, the move follows recurring landslides at several places due to vertical cutting of slopes, and the resultant closure of one or the other lane.

The sight of newly-constructed stretches filled with boulders and closed for traffic is not only depressing, but also leads to questions about the efficacy of the technology and practices being adopted. Even road stability has emerged as a worrying factor in certain parts. The unpredictability quotient in hill engineering is without a doubt high, but failure of proven techniques — and that too repeatedly — is a lame excuse for a project of such magnitude and importance. Clearly, more diligence was called for. Does it not qualify as a waste of public expenditure? And should there not be a demand for accountability?

The survey is aimed at assessing the need to devise additional measures to ensure that the four-lane highway does not suffer from repeated landslides, especially during rains, after its completion, which is expected by March next year. Hopefully, lessons drawn from the experience on the Parwanoo-Solan section will be taken into consideration in future endeavours. The need to usher in development has to rely on technological prowess, not mere eagerness. Road construction activity demands huge sacrifices by those living and working in the vicinity and commuters alike. If the end result is a hack job, it is a great disservice.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

We have a disharmony in our natures. We cannot live together without injuring each other. — William Golding

## ON THIS DAY...50 YEARS AGO

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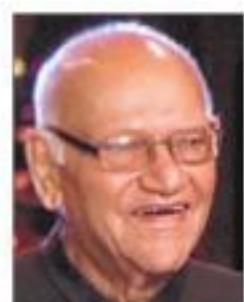
CHANDIGARH, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1970

## Watching Japan

JAPAN is evidently having second thoughts on its vow never to make nuclear weapons. Till now the world had been led to believe that even if the nation wanted or had the power to make the weapons, its constitutional commitment in this respect would come in the way. Now, the Japanese Government has issued a defence white paper — the first of its kind since the Second World War — with a new interpretation of the constitution to the effect that there is nothing in it to prevent the nation from possessing defensive nuclear arms if it were so inclined. The white paper, however, said for the record that the Government still stood by its principle of not going in for such weapons. The drift of Tokyo's mind is revealed in the statement that as long as Japan has no nuclear weapons of its own, its security tie-up with the United States should continue as "a semi-permanent feature" of the country's defence arrangement. This is a clever way of putting it across to the Japanese people that by making a fetish of the renunciatory principle, embodied in the constitution under the trauma of Hiroshima, they are only perpetuating the dependence on the Americans and that possession of nuclear arms of its own is the only way of making the nation militarily self-reliant and a big power in its own right. The phenomenal growth of Japan's economic strength and the rapid strides made by its technology have made life under the American umbrella galling to Japanese pride. Further, the constraints on the Nixon Administration due to the tide of domestic sentiments over getting involved in Asian affairs have created misgivings in Tokyo about the wisdom of absolute reliance on a foreign power for national security. The Japanese have become more defence-conscious than they ever were after the defeat in the war.

# Virus of communal hatred

Young India, not Titan, should assume the mantle of fighting the menace



TRYSTS AND TURNS

JULIO RIBEIRO



THE OTHER: Distrust and hate have seeped deep into the body politic.

**A**t a time when hate hangs heavy in the collective psyche of the citizenry, especially the poorly educated, Titan would have been well-advised to refrain from advocating social reforms. It would have been well-advised to look after its bottom line as all good commercial houses, like that of the Tatas, are committed to do.

It is true that after 2014 love and compassion have been shown the door. But the task of letting them in should be left to politicians and activists. These are not normal times. Distrust and hate have seeped deep into the body politic. In states where the saffron party holds sway, the police are less likely to interfere with right-wing extremists on the rampage. Even in opposition-ruled states, the police will be usually reluctant to confront thugs, for fear of escalating the communal content of the violence. Officers who have to take split-second decisions would find it difficult to decide to confront the rabble for fear of the situation getting out of hand during such charged and troubled times.

Titan, the Tata company that manufactures and sells watches and jewellery, was the subject of interest and dissection last week. To sell its jewellery during the festive Navratrias and Diwali season, it released an ad that featured a pregnant Hindu woman and her doting Muslim mother-in-law who arranged the baby shower ceremony according to Hindu customs in the Muslim household.

Incidentally, this could happen in sophisticated families where religion is not the sole purpose of existence. In middle class families, this is less likely! Islam, unlike the other

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Spurred on by this belief, it insists on the conversion of the non-Muslim partner to Islam and therein lies the rub.

The main Christian denomination, the Roman Catholic, has dropped this condition long ago. Husband and wife are free to worship their own God and follow their own beliefs without causing fuss or flutter in the matrimonial home, even if the arrangement ends in the partners turning indifferent to their respective faiths.

The bold truth is that after Hindutva came into its own in 2014, the extremist elements in the Hindu fold resent Hindu women being romantically involved with Muslim men, though I have not felt the same hostility if Hindu men married Muslim women!

Mixed marriages, in fact, are extremely rare in the India of today. Considering the massive mix of creeds, castes and cultures that define modern India, it is to be expected that boy-meets-girl will traverse religious and caste lines with greater frequency, especially in urban settings where religious differences matter less.

The Hindu right is drawn mainly from less sophisticated backgrounds.

The cry of 'love jihad' resounds with this class of the majority community. This fact must have been known to the advertisers. I would not be surprised if Titan's decision makers had anticipated this reaction and gone into the project with their eyes wide open. Earlier too, Titan had had a similar experience in Tamil Nadu, where an ad that appeared to show Tamil Brahmins in a better light had to be pulled down!

After the Tamil Nadu experience, Titan would normally not have ventured into an even bigger hazard in the north of the country, where Hindutva extremists lurk around corners. So, if they insisted on sailing with unshut eyes, like the great whales, it is because it brings them the attention that translates into

No commercial venture is.

The virus of communal hatred has to be controlled lest our progress is hampered beyond the damage demonetisation and now the pandemic have caused and are causing. This is for our youth to visualise and counter. Young India, not Titan, should assume this mantle of fighting this menace.

## The noise of subsistence

### NARINDER JIT KAUR

**T**HE Covid-generated lockdown changed our lives; it forced people to come up with new ideas to handle the unforeseen situation. If most of us came up with new ideas to manage household chores, and utilise surplus time, reviving old hobbies, family games, and culinary adventures; a section of society that was hard hit by the shutdown, grappled with the situation on a daily basis, devising new ways for their survival?

The lane I live in is closed on one side with a park entrance, making it a peaceful enclosed zone. As it's not a thoroughfare, no speedy bikes zoom past, and no cars take a shortcut. We, the residents of a handful of

houses, have the privilege of enjoying the calm and quiet mornings of this close-knit neighbourhood. During pre-Covid days, we could easily identify the regular morning sounds even from indoors — a milkman's motorbike honking at a neighbour's gate; sounds of different vehicles telling us who all were leaving for their workplace and a vegetable-seller on his daily rounds calling out at the top of his voice.

Post lockdown, the routine tried to drag itself back to its normal pace. The milkman's bike and the vegetable-seller were back, but a new unfamiliar sound could be heard — a dairyman in a three-wheeler, using a loudspeaker to sell his perishable dairy products in the streets. Though

appreciative of his thoughtfulness, I could sympathise with all those who have been forced to reorient their lives for subsistence.

Soon the vegetable-seller found his monopoly threatened by a few intruders. Those daily wagers who had been doing odd jobs, like carrying construction materials and other goods, found themselves jobless, and took up vegetable selling as a viable alternative to keep the wolf from the door. Within days, the mornings got strewn with four-five vendors trying to outdo one another to attract buyers.

A smart businessman is one who knows the tricks of the trade, keeps his eyes open, and never stops thinking of new plans. Faced with stiff competition on the one hand, and closed

gates on the other, these vendors took a cue from the dairyman and started using loudspeakers, announcing their arrival to their customers. We were not only amazed but also appreciated their smart move. If that was not enough, one of them got a motor affixed in his rickshaw-cart, aiming to cover large areas faster. The next day, all other vendors got the same.

For us, this has become the new normal and we are amused watching our lane, once a quiet and serene place, now resonating with a clamorous din of motorbikes, three-wheelers, motor-rickshaws and loudspeakers. If these voices and noises become a source of someone's bread and butter (rather *dal* and *roti*), these are more than welcome.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Must assure farmers

You cannot expect farmers to understand intricate laws and regulations. It is natural for people to be apprehensive as soon as the existing state of affairs is changed without any consultations. The Centre's new laws are an archetype of how lack of communication can cause misplaced apprehension and trust deficit among people. Farmers have been dependent on government subsidies and protectionist policies for decades. A sudden transition to a free market model, however good or advantageous that might be, will lead to concern. Therefore, the Centre must reach out to the farmers in order to allay their fears. Furthermore, it should work in tandem with the state governments for effective implementation of policies.

NISSIM AGGARWAL, CHANDIGARH

### Revive procurement price

Refer to 'Discord over MSP'; to reduce the distrust among farmers, we need to create a consensus on issues. Being concerned about the remunerative price, the Punjab Government should have revived the scheme of procurement price, which used to be more than the MSP. There is a need to be consumer-friendly, too, and reconsider the price of food grains. To convince the farmers is not a difficult task, which can be entrusted

to those who are sincere to their cause and without lip service by politicians who exploit their sentiments. The farmers may even be ready to pay tax if the remunerative price of their produce is ensured, as they work under conditions of uncertainties.

MM GOEL, KURUKSHETRA

### Save Punjab

Reference to 'Punjab's farm Bills'; economic recovery will surely be delayed due to the Centre-state tussle. The Centre has to take realistic decisions in the wider interest of peace in Punjab. The state's soil and water resources have already been used extensively to feed the nation in difficult times by adopting modern methods and technology in the Green Revolution era, and after. Insistence on MSP is the only weapon left with its farmers, in the absence of income from other diversified crops or allied vocations which have not been encouraged in right earnest. The state's small and marginal farmers did not get any Central scheme benefit, except a few big private milk chilling centres and agro produce units that have received large subsidies for new investments.

Farmers rightly fear corporates since globally they are eying profits from farming and agribusiness thus ruining and uprooting the farmer class.

BRUJ B GOYAL, LUDHIANA

### Police reforms

Refer to 'Reform police station, give it all it needs'; in retrospect, the Jat reservation agitation of 2016 that 'paralysed Haryana state for 10 days' is an abject reminder of the ineffectiveness of the government as well as the state police in safeguarding the life of citizens and property. According to many surveys, the public is most distrustful of the police, courts and the government. The success of a state depends on various factors, of which safety and dignity of human life are of paramount importance. But in our state, the thought of taking help from the police is often the last resort, pointing to the sorry state of affairs. The filing of an FIR is still dreaded upon and indeed a Herculean task for ordinary citizens. It is issued mostly under political pressure or extreme grievousness of the crime. It is high time the much-delayed police reforms are implemented by the government to rid the force of political or other undue interference in their day-to-day working, thereby making them efficient and accountable for any lapses.

RAMIT BAGGA, PANCHKUL

### Anti-student decision

Distance education is a hope for those students who can't get themselves enrolled in regular education due to various reasons. IGNOU is sales. Only Titan and market forces can eventually tell us if the gamble paid off, if indeed it was a gamble!

the sole Central open university in the country, with branches abroad. A big section of students who enrol themselves with it are working in the private sector, and want to study along with work. There are many administrative deficiencies in IGNOU that one gets to know only after admission. It used to give prescribed time limit to the learner for the completion of courses. It was five years in the case of a postgraduation degree. If anyone could not complete his/her degree during the time limit, he/she could go for registration after giving a nominal fee. But recently, IGNOU has stopped this facility, which is not in the interest of working students. It is an anti-student decision.

HITESH ARYA, BHIWANI

### Service above all

Apropos of "Service before self" far more than a motto", as stated by the Buddha, the world is transient and changes every second. Service remains unchanged. The Bible says, 'Let not your left hand know what your right hand gives'. So, in this material world, while we take care of our own needs, we must also bear in mind the meaning of service with no selfish motive — *Seva parmo dharma*.

JASHAN GOYAL, BATHINDA

# Let's carry on with the dignitarian agenda



ASHWANI KUMAR

EX-UNION MINISTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE

**O**N Global Dignity Day (October 21), India joined the world in celebrating human dignity, about which Thomas Paine has famously written: "...the sun never shined on a cause of greater worth."

Regrettably, more than seven decades after Independence, we face a legitimate interrogation about our faltering record in the advancement of a defining national aspiration. India stands at number 94 out of the 107 countries evaluated on the Global Hunger Index, with over 14 crore undernourished children.

Unabated instances of rape, encounter deaths, custodial torture, abuse of elders and children, deprivation of basic human rights and the resultant loss of dignity of the marginalised multitude, the suborning of fundamental freedoms by a muscular State and a fraying democracy mock the constitutional promise of fraternity, with individual dignity as its principal constituent. Even though the Supreme Court, as a designated guardian of the constitutional conscience, has declared that the right to life under Article 21, sans dignity, is like "a sound that is not heard..." (*Navtej Johar*, 2018), a continuing loss of dignity in its various manifestations remains a painful reality.

Recent events of far-reaching importance involving the executive and judiciary have raised concerns about the

institutional role and failure in advancing the Constitution's dignitarian promise. An unprecedented communication by the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh to the Chief Justice of India, complaining about interference by a senior Supreme Court judge in the administration of justice by certain judges of the Andhra Pradesh High Court, has compromised the institutional integrity and dignity of the higher judiciary. Making public his communication on a sensitive subject under consideration of the Chief Justice, the chief executive of the state has not done justice to his office either. While the judges concerned are obliged to defend their dignity and vindicate their oath of office, the CM also can't escape the burden of constitutional discipline and the high standards of rectitude expected of him.

Whether a criminal contempt action against the Chief Minister can alone redeem the prestige and dignity of higher judiciary is debatable. Judging from public response to the contempt proceedings in Prashant Bhushan's case, only an unanswerable case of criminal contempt founded on clear mala fides on the part of the Chief Minister would invest the punitive judicial remedy with credibility and a moral appeal.

Whether or not the case for contempt is 'clear and beyond reasonable doubt' (*Baradakanta Mishra*, 1974) will depend upon "a noetic look at the conspectus of the features and... a constellation of constitutional and other considerations..." (*Mulgaokar*, 1978).

A credible resolution of a complex situation will indeed test the wisdom of the wise and the inter-institutional capacity to advance constitutional justice. A restrained and sparing use of the unusual jurisdiction combining "the



FAILURE: Recent record of our liberal democracy suggests an institutional deficit in the advancement of the constitutional goals.

judge, jury and the hangman" (SCBA, 2008), in a spirit of 'majestic liberalism' adds to the legitimacy of contempt jurisdiction and, till recently, such has been the court's preferred approach (*Mulgaokar*, 1978; *Vijay Kurle*, 2020).

This is because the authority and dignity of the higher judiciary as custodian of the constitutional principle rests not on the coercive power of the judges but the deference and respect which is paid to them and their acts from an opinion of their justice and integrity" (*Baradakanta Mishra*).

Judicial dignity is clearly anchored in its moral rightness. The majesty of courts is located in the objectivity, consistency, and intellectual integrity of their judgments which must remain open to public scrutiny and fair comment.

Judicial dignity, in the final analysis, is a function of the community's responsive chord to its pronouncements based upon a shared sense of justice. Judicial

excessivism or judicial abdication, both are fatal to judicial prestige.

Unchecked media trials, especially on electronic and social media, which repeatedly transgress constitutional boundaries with a devastating infraction of the right to privacy and reputation, mock the promise of fair trial and legal due process under Article 21. Despite several binding interdicts by the highest court against parallel media trials at various stages adversely impacting the course of justice (*Mirajkar* 1965, *Sahara* 2012), the brazen illegality continues unrestrained under the gaze of the highest court. The Sushant Singh Rajput and Kangana Ranaut episodes are jarring illustrations. Instances of such trials still fresh in public memory include *Uma Khurana* (2007), *Aarushi Talwar* (2017), *Nambi Nayarwan* (2018), *Hadiya* (2018), *2G Spectrum* (2018), *P Chidambaram* (2019) and the ongoing *Sunanda Pushkar* and *Tarun Tejpal* cases.

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tional guarantee of fair trial has left unanswered questions about the abuse of freedom of expression and the impossibility of a just recompense for the loss of reputation and dignity of the accused.

The profound and poetic pronouncements by the SC in *M Nagaraj* (2017), *KS Puttaswamy* (2017), *Romila Thapar* (2018), *Nambi Narayan* (2018), *Navtej Johar* (2018), *Tehseen Poonawalla* (2018) et al, espousing human dignity as the foremost constitutional principle, remain no more than a pious declaration of constitutional intent. Questions about the apex court's vacillation and institutional incapacity to enforce its judgments — without which the declaration of law is meaningless — have diminished judicial prestige.

A seemingly resigned acceptance by the highest court of the routine and audacious negation of the legal principles of proportionality, neutralisation, necessity and postponement of publication enunciated by it (*R Rajagopal*,

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1962, and *Sahara*, 2012) in relation to media coverage of cases under trial is inexplicable. This is particularly so because in *Brahmajeet Singh Sharma* (2005), the court recognised presumption of innocence as a human right and declared unhesitatingly in *Sahara*, supra that the freedom of expression under Article 19 (1)(a) is subject to the requirement of fair trial (Article 21).

A welcome note of caution by Justice Chandrachud in his dissenting judgment in *Romila Thapar* is eloquent. "But lofty edicts in judicial pronouncements," declared the Judge, "can have no meaning to a citizen unless the constitutional quest for human liberty translates into securing justice for individuals.... [The Court]"...cannot be oblivious to the overriding constitutional concern to secure the dignity of the individual...."

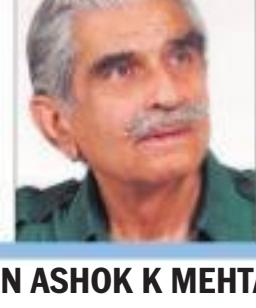
The highest court needs no reminder of its own law that "the right to declare law carries with it the obligation of enforcing obedience to it...." (*Baradakanta Mishra*).

It is hoped that in the several petitions pending before superior courts on the issue of media trials, an effective framework for the enforcement of law declared by the Supreme Court will be established.

Despite a robust dignitarian Constitution, whose custody is entrusted to the joint endeavours of the three branches of the government, the recent record of our liberal democracy suggests an institutional deficit in the advancement of the constitutional goals. But we need not give in to despair because we know that our dignity, like destiny, lies within ourselves. The failure of our representatives and democratic institutions to secure it cannot deter us from pursuing the dignitarian agenda as a purpose in perpetuity.

*Views are personal*

## Afghan peace process needs a neutral facilitator



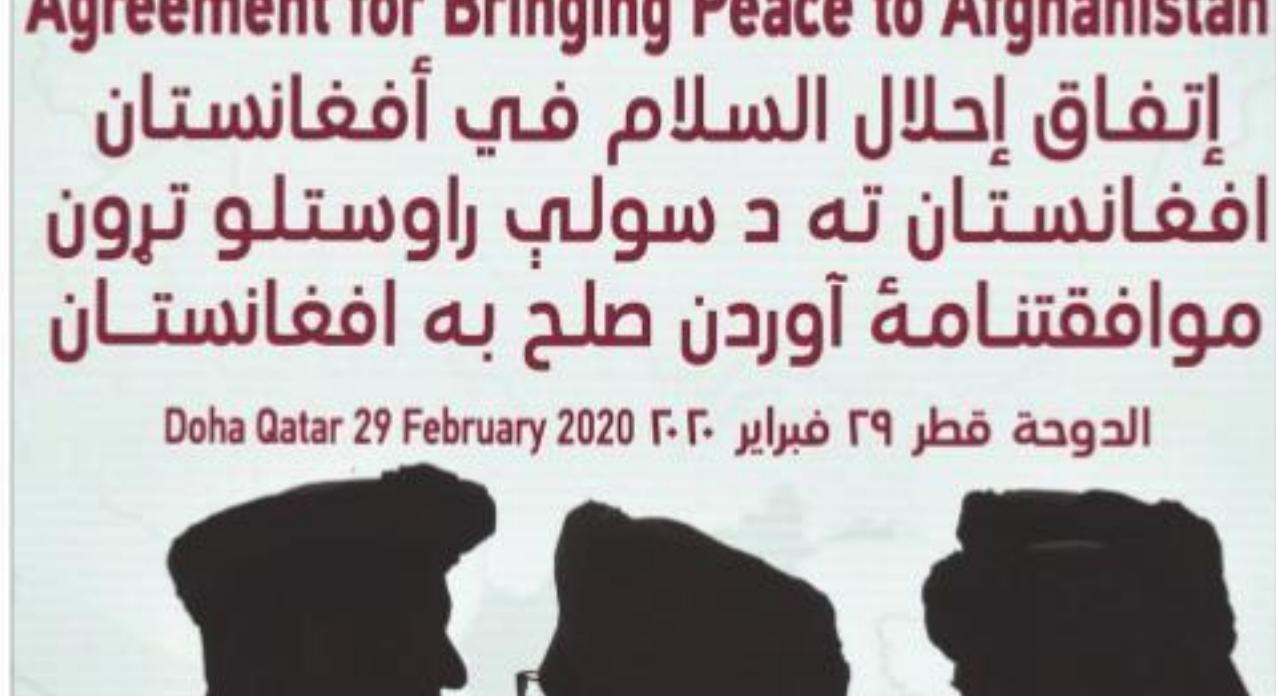
MAJ GEN ASHOK K MEHTA (RETD)

MILITARY COMMENTATOR

The peace process, woven around the US presidential election, is the most violent in the history of conflict resolution. Since the signing of the peace deal on February 29, 4,000 Afghans were killed and 15,000 wounded till July 30. Between September 12 and 20, 183 Afghan combatants were killed. How the Afghan security forces have coped with such attrition is as amazing as the Taliban's capacity to mount suicide attacks.

**A**FTER the controversial appearance of the Chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen Mark Milley, with President Trump outside the White House during the Black Lives Matter protests, his refusal to endorse his C-in-C's recent tweet of bringing home for Christmas US troops from Afghanistan, presumably as withdrawal, is condition-based, not election-driven. With the polls around the corner, the violence-stricken Afghanistan peace process (APP) has yet to take off despite the extraordinary concessions made by the US to the Taliban, enabling Trump to claim closure to an endless war. The truth is that the combined might of the US, NATO and Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) could not defeat the Taliban. Gen James Mattis, one of Trump's several NSAs that he has fired, charitably observed: "The US does not lose wars, it loses interest."

The APP was meant to start on March 1, but it began on September 12, having been delayed over prisoner release — 5,000 Taliban for 1,000 Afghan soldiers — and on agenda and code of conduct. Agreement over the 20 ground rules appears to have been clinched, though the agenda — the heart of the peace process — is being hammered out. The fundamental difference is over the Taliban's insistence on religion: Hanafi (Deoband) school of jurisprudence as the source of legislation and choice between Islamic Republic and Islamic Emirate sought by Talibas. A key donors' conference next month will determine the longevity of APP beyond 2022.



Though APP has been labelled as Kabul-owned and -controlled, it is US-driven. Multiple actors ensure their national interests are proportionate to the leverage they exercise. The US has sacrificed 2,400 troops and invested \$1 trillion. Taliban is the non-state actor which prevails on the battlefield. Its key weapon is violence, in which it is aided by Pakistan, which exercises influence over Taliban by providing its sanctuaries. The Afghan government and people, afflicted by 40 years of war, enjoy zero leverage. Why the sanctuaries in Pakistan were not targeted by the US remains a mystery.

It's ironical that the threat of the US forces exiting Afghanistan compelled Kabul to accept concessions Washington made to the Taliban and fear that the

forces will stay persuaded the Taliban to join APP. The Taliban used to say: "While Americans have the watches, we have the time." The US was unable to trade Taliban prisoner release for a cessation of hostilities, though the Taliban had demonstrated capacity for it through two Eid ceasefires.

Without Zalmay Khalilzad, a Pashtun Afghan-American who took over as Trump's Special Envoy in Afghanistan in 2018, the US-Taliban and US-Afghanistan package deals that culminated in APP would not have materialised. A former ambassador to Afghanistan and critic of Pakistan, Khalilzad, in his book *The Envoy: From Kabul to White House, My Journey Through a Turbulent World*, recom-

mended bombing of Taliban sanctuaries in Pakistan. Today, his appreciation for Pakistan, which Trump once called a country of lies and deceit, is fulsome: APP could not have succeeded without Pakistan's unconditional support.

Clearly, APP, the way it has been woven around a presidential election, is the most violent in the history of conflict resolution. Since the signing of the peace deal on February 29 and till July 30, 4,000 Afghans were killed and 15,000 wounded. Between September 12 and 20, 183 Afghan combatants were killed. EU Special Envoy to Afghanistan Roland Kobia, citing UN figures, said violence levels in August-September prior to the talks were the highest in the past five years. How the ANSF has coped with such attrition is as amazing as the Taliban's capacity to mount deadly suicide attacks. Dominance on the battlefield gives the Taliban a sense of entitlement. Relegating a ceasefire to a part of the final political settlement is ceding advantage to the Taliban.

Afghans rue that while the Taliban do not attack the foreign forces any more, they target fellow Afghans mercilessly.

India's role in APP has been exaggerated by the US and Afghan interlocutors,

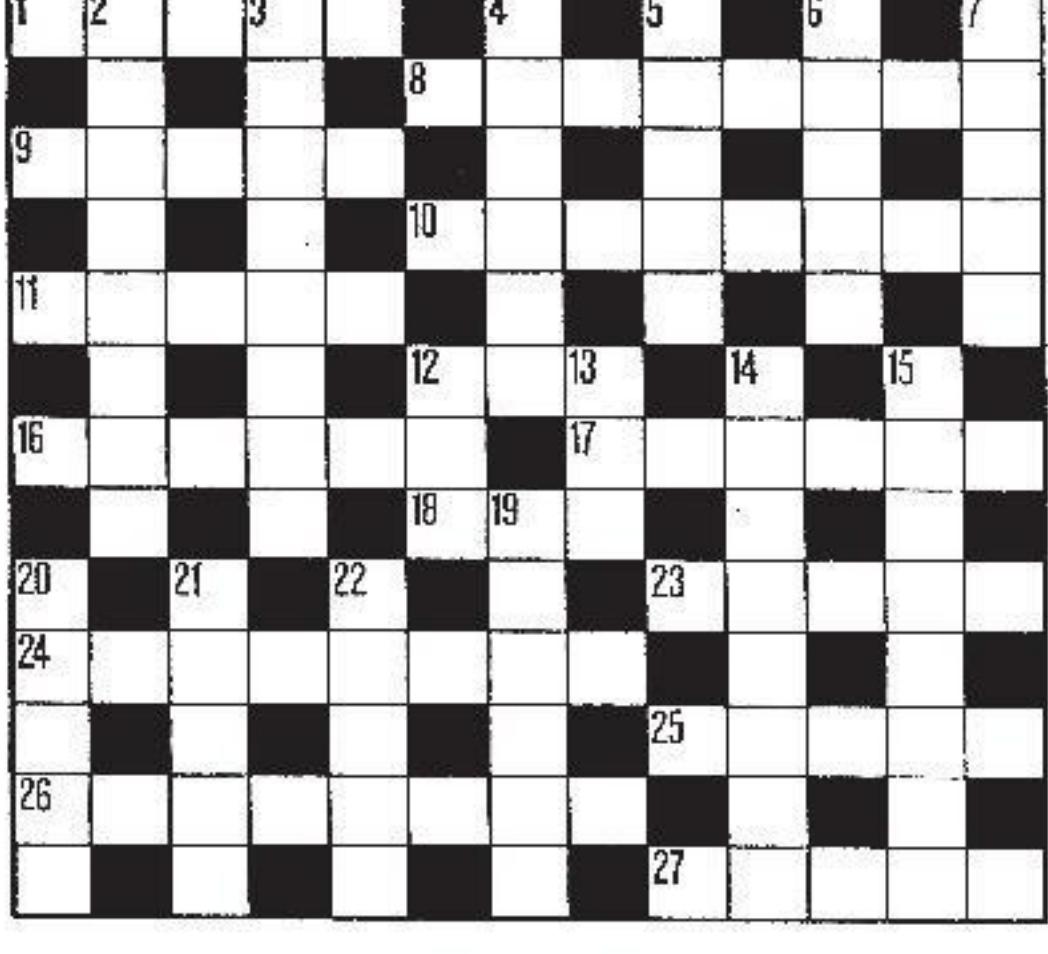
Khalilzad and Abdullah Abdulla, Chair of the High Peace Council on Reconciliation, have both suggested that India engage Taliban, whom it considers a terrorist organisation which includes the Haqqani network, which was once described by a former Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm Mike Mullen, as a veritable arm of Pakistan's ISI. After the peace deal ceremony in Doha, which

Foreign Minister S Jaishankar addressed virtually, the US Embassy in India issued a statement: 'Afghan sides (presumably Kabul and Taliban) should ensure their territory is not used against any other country.' The text of the agreement between the US and Taliban is different: "It will not allow use of its soil for Al Qaeda and its associates to attack US and its allies." India is not US ally.

India's record as the biggest regional donor (\$3 billion), a key development partner, the first country with which Afghanistan signed a Strategic Partnership Agreement and a trusted friend is unsurpassable. India's achievements are unmatched: 400 projects in all 34 provinces; providing 200 schools, 1,000 scholarships and sponsoring 16,000 students; supplying 75,000 tonnes of wheat this year; medical facilities, including Covid aid, construction of the parliamentary building and the Salma dam. At India's request, Afghanistan sacrificed its UN Security Council seat in 2021-22 to New Delhi. Washington and Kabul are assuring New Delhi that APP will not be detrimental to its national interest and it is the key in determining its success. It will certainly keep Pakistan on its toes.

APP is a complex challenge without borders, and in need of a neutral facilitator to help it fly. New Delhi, as an important regional player, can bring to the table its vast experience in internal conflict resolution, provide Deobandi clerics, engage Afghan political players and the Taliban, strengthen the ANSF, and, in time, appoint a special envoy. It is high time that India began shaping the end-state of APP.

### QUICK CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

**Across:** 1 Save the day, 6 Mass, 10 False, 11 Patronage, 12 Unctuous, 13 Piton, 15 Inexact, 17 Extract, 19 Turmoil, 21 Malaria, 22 Ensue, 24 Beccalmed, 27 Obedience, 28 Cable, 29 Dope, 30 On the scent.

**Down:** 1 Sofa, 2 Volunteer, 3 Treat, 4 Exploit, 5 Artist, 7 Await, 8 Seeing that, 9 Hospital, 14 Hit the road, 16 Alopecia, 18 Agreeable, 20 Lebanon, 21 Macbeth, 23 Steep, 25 Locks, 26 Bent.

### ACROSS

- 1 Moneylending at exorbitant rate (5)
- 8 Banter (8)
- 9 To erect (3,2)
- 10 In effect (2,4,2)
- 11 Primitive (5)
- 12 Play on words (3)
- 16 Deafend sound of (6)
- 17 Recently (2,4)
- 18 Small amount (3)
- 23 Weaken (5)
- 24 Native country (8)
- 25 Loathe (5)
- 26 Shipwrecked (8)
- 27 Express clearly (5)
- 2 Settle an account (6,2)
- 3 To complete neatly (5,3)
- 4 Capital of the Bahamas (6)
- 5 Obstinately opinionated person (5)
- 6 Conveniently near (5)
- 7 Smallest (5)
- 12 Favourite (3)
- 13 A sign of assent (3)
- 14 ABC (8)
- 15 Police surveillance (8)
- 19 Toughen (6)
- 20 Stupid (5)
- 21 Shatter (5)
- 22 Unpromising (5)

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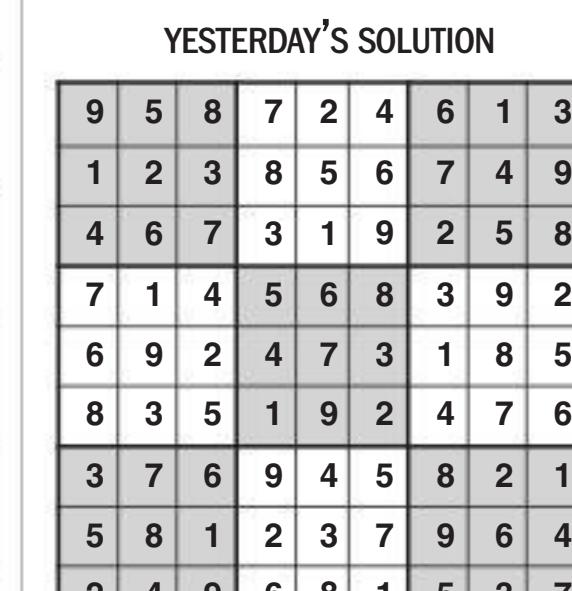
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### CALENDAR

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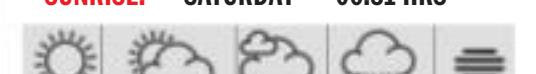
■ Vikrami Samvat	2077
■ Shaka Samvat	1942
■ Kartik Shaka	1
■ Kartik Parvishite	7
■ Hijri	1442
■ Shukla Paksha Tithi 7, up to 6:57 am	
■ Dhriti Yoga up to 1:22 am	
■ Ultrashadha Nakshatra up to 1:28 am	
■ Moon enters Capricorn sign 7:02 am	
■ Shri Durgashtami	

### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



### FORECAST

SUNSET: FRIDAY SATURDAY 17:42 HRS 06:31 HRS



Sunny Partly Cloudy Cloudy Rainy Foggy

CITY	MAX	MIN
Chandigarh	33	18
New Delhi	34	16
Amritsar	32	15
Bathinda	34	16
Jalandhar	32	15
Ludhiana	34	16
Bhiwani	35	18
Hisar	35	16
Sirsia	34	17
Dharamsala	23	12
Manali	21	06
Shimla	21	10
Srinagar	24	03
Jammu	32	16
Kargil	12	01
Leh	20	-05
Dehradun	31	15
Mussorie	21	11

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Online Recruitment Applications (ORA) are invited from desirous and eligible candidates for recruitment to the following posts through ORA, which shall be available on the Commission's website [www.hppsc.ho.gov.in/hppsc](http://www.hppsc.ho.gov.in/hppsc) up to 18.11.2020 till 11:59 P.M., thereafter link will be disabled (\*by using official website [www.hppsc.ho.gov.in/hppsc](http://www.hppsc.ho.gov.in/hppsc))

Department	Post	Pay Scale	Category wise No. of Post(s)
MEDICAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH	MEDICAL PHYSICIST	Rs. 10,300 - 34,800+(GP 5400)	Total Posts=04 (UR=03, SC=01) (IGMC Shimla=UR=01, SC=01) & (SLBSCMC Ner Chowk, Mandi=UR=02)
MEDICAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH	RADIATION SAFETY OFFICER (RADIO THERAPY)	Rs. 10,300 - 34,800+(GP 5400)	Total Posts=02 (One each at IGMC Shimla and SLBSCMC Ner Chowk, Mandi)

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### Annexure-III

Sr. No.	Service Level Benchmark of Sanitation			
	ULBs where is Partial Sewer/No Sewer/Septic Tank Toilets/Double pit system		Status	
	Indicators	Sub Indicators	Target (2019-2020)	Status (2019-2020)
1	Coverage of adequate sanitation system	% of Household toilets connected with sewer	NA	NA
		% of Household toilets connected with septic tank	100%	70%
		% of Household toilets connected with double pit system	-	30%
2	Collection efficiency of sanitation system	% sewage collected from Households toilets connected with sewer	NA	NA
		% of Sludge collected from Household toilets connected with septic tank	100%	100%
		% of Sludge collected from Household toilets connected with double pit system	-	100%
3	Adequacy of treatment capacity sanitation system	% of treatment capacity of Sewage/Sludge collected from sewer/septic tank/double pit system	100%	100%
4	Quality of treatment sanitation system	% quality of treatment of sewage/sludge from sewer/septic tank/double pit system	100%	100%
5	Extent of reuse and recycling in sanitation system	% usage of treated water	100%	70%
		% usage of treated sewage/sludge in form of compost/manure	100%	70%

Sd/- Executive Officer, Nagar Panchayat, Bilga.

DPR/Pb/93650

### HIMACHAL PRADESH

### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

#### E-Procurement Notice

#### INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

1. The Executive Engineer HPPWD Division, Kotla Behar, Distt. Kangra H.P. on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the online bids on item rate, in electronic tendering system, in 2 Cover System for the under mentioned works from the eligible and approved contractors/Firms registered with HPPWD Department.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	EMD (Rs)	Form Cost	Starting date	Deadline for submission of bid	Eligible class of Contractor	Time Limit
1	CIO Combind office Building at Rakkar-Tehsil Rekkar, Distt. Kangra H.P. (SH- Construction of building portion of including water supply & sanitary installation septic Tank along with soak Pit and Rain water harvesting Tank and site development	27542917	308000	5000	30-10-2020 10.00 HRS	13-11-2020 11.00 HRS	Class-A	18 Months
2	CIO Combind office Building at Dada Siba; Distt. Kangra H.P. (SH- Construction of building portion of including water supply & sanitary installation septic Tank along with soak Pit and Rain water harvesting Tank)	26284175	295400	5000	30-10-2020 10.00 HRS	13-11-2020 11.00 HRS	Class-A	18 Months
3	Construction of 50 Bedded Hospital at Dada Siba; Distt. Kangra H.P. (SH- Construction of building portion of including water supply & sanitary installation septic Tank with soak Pit and Rain water harvesting Tank)	26976853	302300	5000	30-10-2020 10.00 HRS	13-11-2020 11.00 HRS	Class-A	18 Months
4	Construction of Central Level -11 Building at Barhi, Tehsil Jaswan, Distt. Kangra (H.P.) (SUB HEAD: Site Development work, Construction of building portion I/C WS & SI, Septic tank and Rain Water Harvesting System)	4022215	67900	1500	30-10-2020 10.00 HRS	13-11-2020 11.00 HRS	Class-B&C	One Year

The Bidders are advised to note other details of tender form the department website [www.hptenders.gov.in](http://www.hptenders.gov.in)

On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh

Executive Engineer,  
HPPWD Division, Kotla Behar,

Distt. Kangra H.P.

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### CANCELLATION / PARTIAL CANCELLATION /SHORT TERMINATION/ SHORT ORIGINATION/RESCHEDULING/DIVERSION OF TRAINS

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

#### CANCELLATION OF MAIL / EXPRESS TRAINS

Train No. & Name	Date of cancellation (from the Originating Station)
02425/02426 New Delhi-Jammu Tawi-New Delhi Rajdhani Special	Upto 04.11.2020
02504/2053 Amritsar-Hardwar-Amritsar Janshatabdi Express	Upto 04.11.2020
22439/22440 New Delhi-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-New Delhi Vande Bharat Exp.	Upto 04.11.2020
02462/20461 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-New Delhi-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express	Upto 04.11.2020
02011/02012 New Delhi-Kalka-New Delhi Shatabdi Express	Upto 04.11.2020
02029/2030 New Delhi-Amritsar-New Delhi Shatabdi Express	Upto 04.11.2020
04642 Amritsar-Saharsa Express	Upto 04.11.2020
04623 Saharsa-Amritsar Express	Upto 05.11.2020
04656 Firozpur-Patna Junction Express	23.10.2020 & 30.10.2020
04655 Patna Junction-Firozpur Express	24.10.2020 & 31.10.2020
05251 Darbhanga-Jalandhar City Express	24.10.2020 & 31.10.2020
05252 Jalandhar City-Darbhanga Express	25.10.2020 & 01.11.2020

#### CANCELLATION OF FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS

Train No. & Name	Date of cancellation (from the Originating Station)
02422 Jammu Tawi-Ajmer Express	Upto 04.11.2020
02421 Ajmer-Jammu Tawi Express	23.10.2020 to 05.11.2020
02231 Lucknow - Chandigarh Express	Upto 04.11.2020
02232 Chandigarh-Lucknow Express	23.10.2020 to 05.11.2020
04888 Barmer - Rishikesh Express	Upto 04.11.2020
04887 Rishikesh - Barmer Express	23.10.2020 to 05.11.2020
04520/04519 Bhathinda-Delhi Jn.-Bhathinda Express	Upto 04.11.2020
02471/02472 Shri Ganganagar - Delhi Jn. - Shri Ganganagar Express	23.10.2020 to 04.11.2020
04998 Bhatinda-Varanasi Express	25.10.2020 & 01.11.2020
04997 Varanasi-Bhatinda Express	26.10.2020 & 02.11.2020
04612 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-Varanasi Express	25.10.2020 & 01.11.2020
04611 Varanasi-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express	27.10.2020 & 03.11.2020
04401 New Delhi-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express	Upto 04.11.2020
04402 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-New Delhi Express	23.10.2020 to 05.11.2020
04924 Chandigarh-Gorakhpur Express	29.10.2020
04923 Gorakhpur-Chandigarh Express	23.10.2020 & 30.10.2020
02587 Gorakhpur-Jammu Tawi Express	26.10.2020 & 02.11.2020
02588 Jammu Tawi-Gorakhpur Express	24.10.2020
05098 Jammu Tawi-Bhagarpur Express	27.10.2020 & 03.11.2020
05097 Bhagarpur-Jammu Tawi Express	29.10.2020
03255 Patliputra-Chandigarh Express	25.10.2020 to 04.11.2020
03256 Chandigarh-Patliputra Express	Upto 05.11.2020
09027 Bandra Terminus-Jammu Tawi Express	24.10.2020 & 31.10.2020
09028 Jammu Tawi-Bandra Terminus Express	26.10.2020 & 02.11.2020
09612/09611 Amritsar-Ajmer-Amritsar Express	Upto 05.11.2020
09613 Ajmer-Amritsar Express	Upto 04.11.2020
09614 Amritsar-Ajmer Express	Upto 06.11.2020
02331 Howrah-Jammu Tawi Festival Special	23.10.2020 to 03.11.2020
02332 Jammu Tawi-Howrah Festival Special	25.10.2020 to 05.11.2020

#### PARTIAL CANCELLATION OF SPECIAL TRAINS

Train No. & Name	Short Terminate at/ Short originate from	Partially Cancelled between Stations	Date of cancellation (from the Originating Station)
02903 Golden Temple Mail	at Ambala Cantt.	Ambala Cantt.-Amritsar	20.03.2020 to 03.11.2020
02904 Golden Temple Mail	from Ambala Cantt.	Amritsar-Ambala Cantt.	22.03.2020 to 05.11.2020
02925 Bandra Terminus-Amritsar Special Express	at Ambala Cantt.	Ambala Cantt.-Amritsar	21.10.2020 to 03.11.2020
02926 Amritsar-Bandra Terminus Special Exp.	from Ambala Cantt.	Amritsar-Ambala Cantt.	23.10.2020 to 05.11.2020
02715 Sachkhand Express	at New Delhi	New Delhi-Amritsar	21.10.2020 to 03.11.2020
02716 Sachkhand Express	from New Delhi	Amritsar-New Delhi	23.10.2020 to 05.11.2020
03307 Dhanbad-Firozpur Exp.	at Ambala Cantt.	Ambala Cantt.-Firozpur	20.10.2020 to 03.11.2020
03308 Firozpur-Dhanbad Exp.	from Ambala Cantt.	Firozpur-Ambala Cantt.	22.10.2020 to 05.11.2020
04649/04673 Jaynagar-Amritsar Sarya Yamuna Exp.	at Ambala Cantt.	Amritsar Cantt.-	22.10.2020 to 03.11.2020
04650/04674 Jaynagar-Amritsar Sarya Yamuna Exp.	from Ambala Cantt.	Amritsar Cantt.-	23.10.2020 to 04.11.2020
02057 New Delhi-Una Himachal Janshatabdi			



# Bill passed, sweeping powers for Lanka Prez

COLOMBO, OCTOBER 22



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa (right) with his brother Mahinda. FILE

## CONTENTIOUS 20th AMENDMENT

The 20th Amendment to the Constitution proposes to restore full legal immunity to the Sri Lankan President, removing the provisions made in 19A to take legal action against him.

With their dominant majority in the assembly, the Rajapaksa have made it clear that they would amend the Constitution to bolster the powers of the President, reversing the work of the previous government to introduce more checks and balances and enhance the role of Parliament.

Activists, already alarmed by the diminishing space for dissent in the island nation, fear that the latest amendment to the Constitution may lead to authoritarianism.

The Bill was presented in Parliament on Wednesday for a two-day debate following which the vote took place on Thursday. The amendment

will become part of the country's basic law after Assembly Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena signs it.

The government on September 2 gazetted 20A to replace the 19th Amendment introduced in 2015 that curtailed the powers of the President and strengthened the role of Parliament.

20A is meant to annul 19A, which was seen as a pro-democracy, good governance amendment and called for checks and balances in the presidential system while making Parliament more powerful. The 20A proposes to restore full legal immunity to the President. — PTI

**Sri Lanka opposes delisting of LTTE as terror group**

COLOMBO, OCTOBER 22

Sri Lanka has appealed against a judgement from Britain's Prescribed Organisations Appeal Commission, which has delisted the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) as a proscribed terrorist organisation.

A foreign ministry statement issued here said Sri Lanka had been made aware of the Open Judgement by the Commission on Wednesday.

It said the decision of the commission arose from an appeal filed in May 2019 by an LTTE front organisation challenging a decision of the British Secretary of State for Home Affairs. — PTI

## Down to Earth



Anatoly Ivanishin after landing at Zhezkazgan, Kazakhstan. REUTERS

■ Soyuz MS-16 carrying NASA astronaut Chris Cassidy, and Roscosmos' Anatoly Ivanishin and Ivan Vagner landed in Kazakhstan. AP

## Covid deaths: UK to study impact on Indians

LONDON, OCTOBER 22



NATIONS	DEATHS
US	227,516
BRAZIL	155,459
MEXICO	87,415
UK	44,158
PERU	33,937

WORLDOMETER TILL OCT 22, 10 PM

### Germany issues travel warnings for ski regions

"Today's report marks an important first step in our journey to understand and tackle the disproportionate impact of Covid," said Badenoch. — PTI

## For 3rd time, Pak asks UK to deport Sharif

ISLAMABAD, OCTOBER 22

Pakistan has requested the UK for the third time to deport former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif from London to serve his prison term in the country after being sentenced in corruption cases.

Sharif, the 70-year-old supremo of the Pakistan Muslim League (Nawaz) who was ousted from power in 2017 by the Supreme Court on corruption charges, is in London for medical treatment. A letter for the deportation of the three-time Prime Minister was handed over personally to the British High Commissioner here some three weeks ago.

In the letter, the Pakistan Government asked the British authorities to consider cancelling Sharif's visit visa, which has allowed him to live in London on medical grounds since November.

The letter has cited Britain's own immigration laws of 1974 under which any person sentenced to imprisonment of more than four years had to be deported to the country of his/her origin. — PTI

## BUSINESS

USD \$	EURO €	POUND £	JPY ¥	YUAN ₠	CAD \$	AUD \$	SGD \$	HKD \$	BSE ₹	NSE ₹	GOLD ₹	SILVER ₹
₹73.54	₹86.95	₹96.34	₹0.70	₹11.03	₹56.02	₹52.18	₹54.18	₹9.51	40,558.49	11,896.45	₹50,828 Mumbai	₹62,684 Mumbai

## ONGC wins 7 oil blocks, OIL 4 in latest bid round

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22



### OPEN ACREAGE LICENSING POLICY

- The government had offered 11 blocks for exploration and production of oil and gas in the fifth bid round under the Open Acreage Licensing Policy (OLAP).
- A total of 12 bids — seven by ONGC and four by Oil India Ltd (OIL) — were received for the 11 blocks on offer at the close of bidding on June 30.
- ONGC won all six blocks where it was the sole bidder and also the one block where Invenire Petrodyne had bid

sole bidder for six blocks, OIL was the lone bidder in all the four blocks it bid for. ONGC won all six blocks where it was the sole bidder and also the one block where Invenire Petrodyne had bid.

The previous bid round, OALP-IV, too had seen just eight bids coming in for seven blocks on offer. While ONGC was the

## FII hike stake in Reliance to record 27.2%

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

Foreign investor holding in billionaire Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries (RIL) has increased to a record high of 27.2% in the quarter ended September 30, according to a regulatory filing by the company.

RIL on Thursday filed a statement showing the shareholding pattern for the quarter ended September 30. The statement showed foreign portfolio investors holding 165.8 crore shares or 25.2% of the total shareholding. In the previous quarter ended June 30, foreign investors held 163.07 crore shares or 24.72%.

Besides, qualified institutional buyers (QIBs) held another 2.05% stake at the end of September 30, 2020, taking the total to 27.2%. In an investor note, JP Morgan said, "FII ownership of RIL hit new highs and stood at 27.2%, up 60 bps quarter-on-quarter." — PTI

## Govt revises base yr for CPI-IW to 2016

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22 The government on Thursday revised the base year for computing Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (CPI-IW) from the present 2001 to 2016 after a gap of 15 years.

As per the norm, the base year of price index numbers should be revised at frequent intervals, generally not exceeding 10 years to reflect the changes that take place in the consumption pattern of consumers.

The CPI-IW is used primarily for measuring the dearness allowance (DA) payable to workers in the organised sector, including PSUs, banks and insurance companies, besides government employees.

It also provides inputs to government in macro policy planning.

Unveiling the report on

The CPI-IW is used for calculating DA payable to workers

base revision of CPI-IW to 2016=100 from existing 2001=100, Union Labour Minister Santosh Kumar Gangwar said the base revision will be done every five years in future.

"The new series is more representative in character and reflects the latest consumption pattern of the industrial workers," he said.

He also released the maiden index with base year 2016 for the month of September.

The All India index for the month of September stands at the level of 118 and linking factor for the conversion of new series index to previous series on base 2001=100 is 2.88.

## SEBI disposes of proceedings against Bharti Telecom, Mittal

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

Markets regulator SEBI on Thursday disposed of proceedings against four entities, including Bharti Telecom Ltd and Sunil Bharti Mittal, in a matter related to alleged violation of insider trading norms while dealing in Bharti Airtel's scrip.

The order follows a probe conducted by SEBI in respect of trading of certain entities in the scrip of Bharat

## India sees record smartphone shipments in Q3 Chinese firms capture 76% share, says report

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

Smartphone segment in India rebounded after the lockdown to touch an all-time high of 50 million units in September quarter with Chinese companies collectively holding 76% market share, according to research firm Canalys.

All the top five smartphone brands — Xiaomi, Samsung, Vivo, Realme and Oppo — saw their shipment grow in the third quarter compared to the

year-ago period.

"Smartphone shipments in India recovered in Q3 2020, posting 8% growth to 50 million units (from 46.2 million units in the year-ago period). This is an all-time record for smartphone shipments in a single quarter in India," Canalys said.

Collectively, Chinese vendors comprised 76% of total smartphone shipments this quarter, which has grown from 74% a year ago, Canalys said. — PTI



- Xiaomi remained the market leader with 26.1% share, followed by Samsung (20.4%).
- Vivo had 17.6% share followed by Realme (17.4%) and Oppo (12.1%). Apple shipped 8 lakh units.



OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, HOSHAIKUR, Dhadkan Nager Nigam, Hoshaiikur, Jalandhar. Date of issue: 28.10.2020. Last date of sale of tender form from divisional office: 28.10.2020 up to 1.30 p.m. The tender shall be received on dated 29.10.2020 till 3.00 p.m. and shall be opened on the same day at 3.30 p.m. in presence of tenderer or their authorized representative. The tender detailed conditions can be obtained from the website www.hphip.org and tender form from office of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division Mandi, Dhadkan Nager Nigam, Hoshaiikur, Jalandhar. Terms and conditions Note: Following documents are required at the time of submission of tender forms, tenders received without following documents will summarily be rejected.

- Copy of Enlistment/renewal of contractor in appropriate class with Jal Shakti Vibhag.
  - The earnest money in shape of Demand Draft or NSC in any post office of H.P. or FDR or any Nationalized Bank duly pledged in favour of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division Mandi, Dhadkan Nager Nigam, Hoshaiikur, Jalandhar.
  - Copy of GST Registration certificate.
  - Copy of PAN No.
  - The contractors/Firm must quote their rates in words as well as in figures.
  - Telegram, emailed or tenders through Fax shall not be accepted.
- Executive Engineer  
Jal Shakti Division Mandi.

## BRIEFLY

SYDNEY

## India given all-clear to quarantine in Sydney: report

Cricket Australia (CA) has been given the all-clear for the India squad to quarantine in Sydney ahead of their blockbuster Test series around the New Year, the Sydney Morning Herald reported today. The tourists had been scheduled to arrive in Brisbane and undergo quarantine there before playing six short-form internationals in Queensland and moving on to Adelaide for the first Test in early December. With time running out and negotiations with Queensland health officials stalling, CA started exploring other options. The Sydney Morning Herald said the New South Wales government had approved CA's plans only 72 hours after they were lodged, clearing the way for the tourists to arrive in Sydney and play the short-form matches there and in Canberra.

LONDON

## Evidence of doppelgangers providing samples: WADA

A three-year investigation into the International Weightlifting Federation has uncovered cases of suspected urine substitution and "doppelgangers" being used to impersonate athletes, the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) said. Eighteen weightlifters from six countries are suspected of giving manipulated samples, WADA said.

NEW DELHI

## Badminton's World Junior Championship cancelled

The World Junior Badminton Championship, which was supposed to be held in New Zealand in January next year, was today cancelled due to the restrictions and uncertainty resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic. The competition was originally planned for September-October this year but was pushed to January. AGENCIES

## TODAY ON TV

IPL  
CHENNAI VS MUMBAI  
STAR SPORTS 7:30PM

EPL  
ASTON VILLA VS LEEDS  
STAR SPORTS 00:30AM  
(SATURDAY)

## Stars must speak on equality, racism: Rabada

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 22

South African fast bowler Kagiso Rabada has said that sportspersons should speak out in order to spread the message of equality among races. His comments came after Jason Holder of West Indies expressed disappointment that no IPL team had shown solidarity with the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement. "To be honest, I haven't had one conversation up here (IPL) around it (BLM). Sometimes it seems it has gone unnoticed, which is a sad thing," Holder, who is in the UAE as part of the Sunrisers Hyderabad squad, said.

Clearly, black people feel much more strongly than others about the BLM movement, and it hurts the black cricketers in the IPL that no one has taken the initiative to show solidarity with them on this burning issue.

## Right message

Rabada said today that it is important to spread the right message. "It is important for people not to feel inferior. Liberation of mind is the most important thing," he said. "I think this is the message you want to spread,

No BLM solidarity at IPL, but Indian players anyway keep off hot topics

 It is important for people not to feel inferior. I think this is the message you want to spread, especially as a sportsman when you do have a platform to express this. Kagiso Rabada  
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especially as a sportsman when you do have a platform to express this. Lot of people follow what you do, because that is the nature of sportsman... I am on a stage where people can now listen to me."

"It is your responsibility at times to keep reminding that fighting for the right causes is important," he said.

## Indian problem

Indian cricketers rarely talk about discrimination or divisive issues in our society. Some of them have spo-

ken about individual cases of injustice or violence, but no one dares to talk about discrimination or violence against specific groups. A few months ago, former West Indies captain Darren Sammy revealed that his teammates at IPL team Sunrisers Hyderabad used to call him "Kalu". Neither the team nor his teammates apologised to him.

One teammate of his, Irfan Pathan, spoke publicly on the issue but insisted that he was "not aware of any such



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incident". Pathan's claim is difficult to believe because

Sammy's name was quite public in that team — another teammate, Ishant Sharma, listed Sammy as "Kalu" under a photo he shared on social media in 2014.

Chris Gayle had reacted thus to Sammy's revelation about Indian players: "They smile with you but yet they are against you/race!! It's never too late to stand up for what is right! Asian, where's your support in racism?"

Rabada is right — it's important for role models such as our cricketers to speak out on matters that really matter.

But India is in denial about

## Sunrisers beat Royals

DUBAI: Manish Pandey and Vijay Shankar shared an unbeaten 140-run partnership to guide Sunrisers Hyderabad to an eight-wicket win over Rajasthan Royals in the IPL here today. **Brief scores:** RR: 154/6 (Samson 36, Stokes 30; Holder 3/33, Rashid 1/20); SRH: 156/2 in 18.1 overs (Pandey 83\*, Shankar 52\*, Archer 2/21). PTI

## IPL STANDINGS

Team	P	W	L	Pts
Delhi	10	7	3	14
Bangalore	10	7	3	14
Mumbai	9	6	3	12
Kolkata	10	5	5	10
Hyderabad	10	4	6	8
Punjab	10	4	6	8
Rajasthan	11	4	7	8
Chennai	10	3	7	6

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

**नोटिस**  
जन स्वास्थ्य अभियांत्रिकी विभाग, मंडल नं. 3, नारनौल सचित किया जाता है कि जल जीवन मिशन के तहत गैर-सरकारी संस्थाओं का चयन सहायक संस्थाओं (ISA) के तौर पर किया जाना सुनिश्चित किया गया है जो कि जल जीवन मिशन से संबंधित सभी गतिविधियां (IEC & HRD) करेंगी। गैर सरकारी संस्थाओं का पंजीकरण दर्पण पोर्टल व नीति आयोग में होना अनिवार्य है। संबंधित संस्थाएं अपने दस्तावेज़ के साथ जन स्वास्थ्य अभियांत्रिकी मंडल नं. 3, नारनौल में आकर नियम व शर्तों से संबंधित दस्तावेज़ प्राप्त कर सकते हैं। आवेदन की अंतिम तिथि 26 अक्टूबर, 2020 है।

कार्यक्रम अधिकारी अभियांत्रिकी, मंडल नं. 3, नारनौल।

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Whereas, an issue was raised in Hon'ble National Green Tribunal regarding the need for regulatory regime to check the acidic activities involved in the testing of Gold vide OA No. 568/2019, titled as 'James Jose, MD, CGR Hallmarkers Pvt Ltd., Vs Government of India'; Whereas, Hon'ble Tribunal, vide its order dated 18.11.2019, directed the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) to notify the guidelines for Gold Assaying and Hallmarking Centres in the country; and, Whereas, CPCB, in compliance of the above directions of Hon'ble Tribunal has issued guidelines in October 2020, which are available in the website of CPCB (<https://cpcb.nic.in>) and Haryana State Pollution Control Board (HSPCB) ([hspcb.gov.in](https://hspcb.gov.in)); Therefore, it is hereby directed that all the operators engaged in Gold Assaying and Hallmarking Centres to comply with the guidelines issued by CPCB, failing which action will be initiated under the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, against the violators.  
**(S. Narayanan) Member Secretary, HSPCE**

PRDH-83339

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## Coman dazzling in Bayern's 4-0 win

MUNICH, OCTOBER 22

Winger Kingsley Coman scored twice and set up another goal as holders Bayern Munich crushed Atletico Madrid 4-0 in the Champions League Group A opener on Wednesday to stretch their winning run in the competition to 12 games. The France international put the hosts ahead with a fine effort in the 28th minute and then set up Leon Goretzka to fire in their second in the 41st.

Fellow France international Corentin Tolisso killed off any Spanish hopes of a comeback with a sensational shot in the 66th minute before Coman twice shook off defender Felipe to bag his second goal of the evening six minutes later. Bayern had won all 11 of their games en route to the Champions League title last season.

## Real left shellshocked

**Madrid:** Shakhtar Donetsk pulled off a shock 3-2 win away to 13-time winners Real Madrid in their Group B opener, despite the Ukrainian side missing 10 players due to injuries and Covid-19. Shakhtar raced into a 3-0 lead after a whirlwind first half.

Luka Modric and substitute Vinicius Jr reduced the deficit to one goal. Federico Valverde thought he had equalised in added time with a heavily deflected shot but the goal was ruled out for offside as Vinicius was blocking the vision of the goalkeeper.

Meanwhile, Manchester City came from behind to make a winning start in Group C with a 3-1 victory over Porto at home.—Reuters

**RESULTS (GROUP STAGE)**

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**Corrigendum-1 dated 20.10.2020**

In reference to E-Tender No. FRISKING/BSEH/2020/01\_HRY\_147439, 1 floated for Empannelment of Vendors for Frisking with Metal Detector. The following amendments have been incorporated in the tender may be read as follows:-

Sr. No.	Page No.	Old	New
1.	06 T. & C. Point No. 08	The successful service provider shall have to enter into an agreement in the prescribed form on a non-judicial Stamp Paper of Rs. 10/- along with Performance Security equal to 10% of the work order value within a week's time from the date of placement of the order and in case of failure to do so, the Chairman of the Board shall have right to cancel the order and forfeit the Earnest Money.	The successful service provider shall have to enter into an agreement in the prescribed form on a non-judicial Stamp Paper of Rs. 10/- along with Performance Security equal to 10% of the work order value within a week's time from the date of placement of the order and in case of failure to do so, then penalty @ Rs. 1000/- per day will be imposed.
2.	13	As per BoQ only one rate provision is there	Bidders are required to fill in the Description after the name of firm as mentioned below: (Per centre per shift + Per centre per day) = Total. Total to be mention in BoQ. L-1 will be decided on total rates.

Accordingly, all prospective bidder(s) are requested to submit their e-bid as per revised eligibility criteria/conditions of tender document. All other terms & conditions will remain same as per tender document.

Letter No. 31-2020

Sd/- Secretary  
PRDH-83340

**1 Personal Assistant 1 Post**  
**2 Senior Scale Stenographer 2 Posts**

Accordingly, the persons who retired from Haryana State Govt., or from Himachal Pradesh State Govt. or from Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh or from U.T. Chandigarh Administration, Chandigarh and Boards/Corporation of Haryana Govt. from the posts mentioned as above or equivalent or from higher posts are invited for walk-in interview for filling up of above said posts purely on contract basis for the period of one year at first instance from the date they assume the charge as such or till their services are required by Lokayukta Organization, Haryana, whichever is earlier. However, this term is extendable on year to year basis or the time the incumbent attains the Maximum age of 65 years whichever is earlier at the discretion of competent authority.

The above said engagement shall be made under the Outsourcing Policy (Part-II) issued by the State Govt. vide letter No. 6/7/2015-IGS II dated 06.04.2015, letter No. 16/7/2015-3GS II dated 06.06.2016 and letter No. 16/7/2015-3GS II dated 11.09.2017 for a period of one year at first instance. It is also made clear that such engagement will be purely on contract basis and can be terminated at any time without assigning any reason or prior notice and the person so engaged shall have no right to claim any benefit of such engagement for any purpose in the office as contained in the above said Outsourcing Policy.

The persons desirous of applying for the post of Personal Assistant and Senior Scale Stenographer are directed to visit this office on 06.11.2020 at 11.00 a.m. for shorthand test/ Computer Eligibility Test in Room No. 401, 4th, Floor, New Secretariat Haryana Building, Sector-17, Chandigarh along with application with recent photograph, complete Bio-data, Date & Post at the time of retirement and all Testimonials duly attested.

Sd/- Satish Kumar Singla,  
HCS Secretary O/o Lokayukta, Haryana,  
New Secretariat Building Haryana,  
Sector 17, Chandigarh.

PRDH-83344

## HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION

Bays No. 67-70, Sec.-2, Panchkula – 134154

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

Final Result (Remaining) for the post of CLERK For

Various Boards/Corporation and Departments, Haryana Against

Advt. No. 05/2019, Cat. No. 01

In continuation of earlier final result notice dated 03.09.2020 and on the basis of Written Examination, Scrutiny of Documents and Socio-economic criteria for the post of Clerk, various Boards/Corporations and Departments, Haryana Against Advt. No. 05/2019, Category No. 01, the Commission has finalised and declared the result of ESP Category. The result has been shown Roll No. wise and category wise and the marks secured by the last selected candidate in each category have been shown in the bracket.

Advt. No. 05/2019, Clerk (Total 4798 Posts)

ESP GEN (76 Posts)

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# Navy commissions indigenously built stealth corvette Kavaratti

Naval Chief reviews sea combat readiness



INS Kavaratti parked at a dockyard during its commissioning into the Navy in Visakhapatnam. PTI

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

## WOMEN PILOTS GET OPERATIONAL DUTIES

The first batch of women Navy pilots have been put on operational duties on Dornier Aircraft by Southern Naval Command at Kochi. The three women pilots, Lieutenant Divya Sharma, Shubhangi Swaroop and



witnessed weapon firings, air-to-air combat operations, anti-submarine drills and fleet manoeuvres under realistic conditions.

Meanwhile, Army Chief General MM Naravane commissioned the anti-subma-

rine warfare warship, INS Kavaratti, at Visakhapatnam on the eastern seaboard. Designed by the Navy and built at Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd, Kolkata, the ship is the last of the four such vessels built.

## Anti-tank guided missile Nag passes final trial

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

India-built anti-tank guided missile (ATGM) named "Nag" underwent its final user trial at Pokhran desert in Rajasthan today, in a significant milestone that paves the way for deployment of the weapon in strategically sensitive sectors.

The missile, classified as 3rd generation ATGM, was integrated with the actual warhead and a tank target was kept at designated range, said the Defence Ministry (MoD).

"The missile hit the target accurately," the MoD said. The ATGM has been developed by the DRDO to engage fortified enemy tanks in day and night conditions. The missile has "Fire & Forget" and "Top Attack" capabilities with passive homing guidance.

The missile will be produced by Defence PSU Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL). Defence Minister Rajnath Singh congratulated the DRDO and Indian Army for the successful trial of the NAG missile.

Last year, even as the Army was awaiting the "Nag" to fructify and prove itself, the Israeli "Spike LR" ATGM was inducted in small numbers. Spike LR is a fourth generation missile, a generation up from the "Nag". — TNS

# PM reaffirms commitment to women safety, empowerment

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

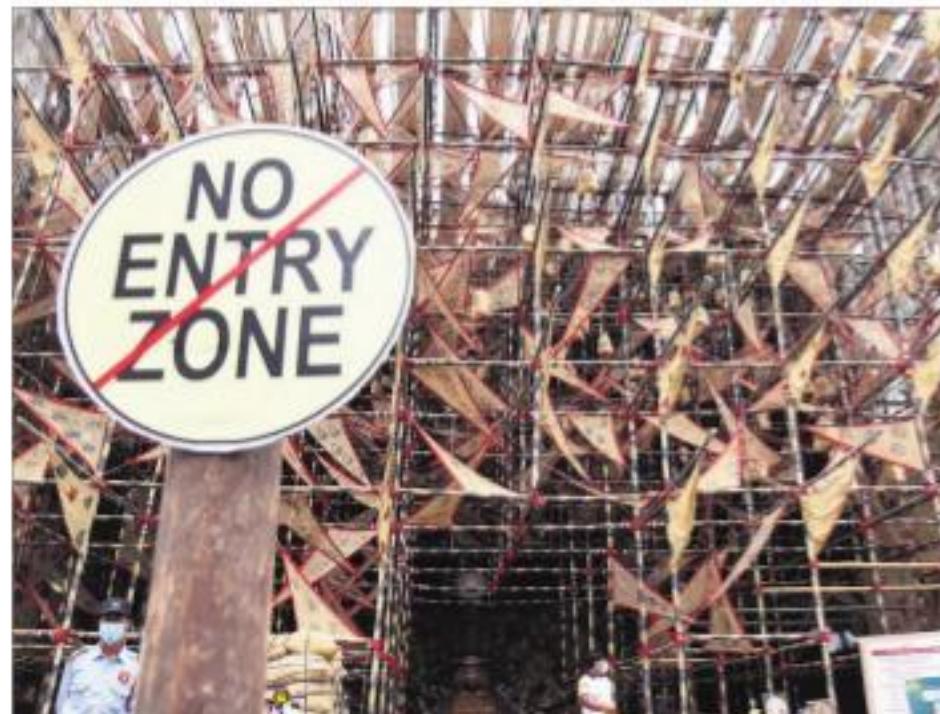
KOLKATA, OCTOBER 22

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said women were strong characters and the BJP believed in extending support to them in an organised manner. He reaffirmed his government's irrevocable commitment to women's empowerment and safety.

Drawing a parallel from mythology, Modi said while only a fraction of her own strength would have been enough to kill the demon "Mahishasura", Goddess Durga was helped by various other divine characters who formed what was akin to an organisation to help her defeat the adversary.

The PM was addressing an audience in West Bengal from New Delhi through video-conferencing on the occasion of the "Mahashashti" day of Bengal's famous Durga Puja.

While the speech was meant primarily for the Durga Puja at Eastern Zonal Cul-



A notice hangs outside a closed 'pandal' on the first day of Durga Puja amid the spread of Covid-19 in Kolkata on Thursday. REUTERS

tural Centre in Kolkata organised by the state BJP's women wing, the live footage was also beamed to various other places of the state.

"From opening Jan Dhan accounts for 22 crore women, giving soft loans to them under Mudra Yojana, to launching Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao initiative, granting permanent commission to women in the armed forces

and extending maternity leave from 12 to 26 weeks, we have taken a number of steps for their empowerment," he said. In an attempt to connect with the masses ahead of next year's Assembly elections, he listed out various development projects that the Centre has launched for Bengal.

He complimented people for showing restraint in view of the prevailing pandemic. — TNS

T'gana scribe's son abducted, killed

HYDERABAD: A journalist's nine-year-old son, who was allegedly abducted on Sunday, was found murdered on the outskirts of the town on Thursday. The boy's body was burnt. The accused and a close relative of the boy have been arrested. The police said the accused called up the boy's family and demanded Rs 45 lakh as ransom. Kusuma Deekshith (9), son of Ranjith Reddy, of Krishna Colony went missing when he was playing with friends outside his house. — TNS

## Chargesheet against 4 for illegal transactions

NEW DELHI: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Thursday said it had filed a prosecution complaint under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act against Raj Kumar Goenka, Ashok Kumar Goenka, Ratan Kumar Goenka of Muzaffarpur (Bihar) and Pankaj Agrawal of Kolkata in a case relating to misuse of banking channels for suspicious huge amount of illegal cash transaction post demonetisation. — TNS

# Rescinded order to ensure CBI not misused: Maha minister

Decision will not impact ongoing cases: Agency sources

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## Maha among 5 states to withdraw consent

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

A day after the state government withdrew "general consent" given to the Central

Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to probe cases in the state, Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh said the step was taken to ensure that the Central agency was not misused for political purpose.

"The CBI will need Maharashtra Government's permission henceforth (to operate in the state). It can't carry out investigation here in Mumbai till we issue permission," the minister said today.

The Maharashtra Government on Wednesday withdrew general consent given to the agency to probe cases in the state, a day after the CBI took over a case registered by the UP Police against "unknown" channels and persons over alleged fudging of TRPs.

Agency sources, however, said the Maharashtra Home Department's decision would have no impact on the cases that the CBI has already been investigating in the state. "Even in cases where courts order probe by the CBI, there

will be no impact of this order," a senior official said.

It would be interesting here to note that in the recent past several opposition-ruled states, including West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and more recently, Rajasthan, had withdrawn general consent, effectively creating hurdle for the CBI to enter their territories.

Incidentally, the Maharashtra Government's move is also seen in the backdrop of the CBI filing a case to investigate the TV ratings scam on the basis of a complaint filed in BJP-ruled Uttar Pradesh.

"Earlier, the CBI had taken up the investigation in some cases. We are concerned about use of CBI to intervene in the ongoing TRP scam and hence Maharashtra decided to withdraw its permission," the minister said.

Deshmukh said a Supreme Court judge had a few years ago described CBI as the "government's parrot". "We want to avoid it happening now," the minister said.

(With inputs from PTI)

## Will EC take note: Cong

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moral to promise mass allocation of a vaccine that would be in short supply to start with.

"The GoI just announced India's Covid vaccine access strategy. Kindly refer to the state-wise election schedule to know when you will get it along with a hoard of false promises," Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said. His colleague Shashi Tharoor too

posted a caustic tweet attack-

## India-US talks have their own dynamics: MEA

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

"Diplomatic calendars have their logic. The last two meetings were also held towards the end of the year," said Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Anurag Srivastava during a media briefing on Thursday.

Srivastava was attempting to dispel the impression that the timing of the India-US two-plus-two on October 27 close on the heels of the Quad Foreign Ministers' meeting was meant to contain China.

India has not gone public with the China threat during bilateral interactions with the US and its allies, preferring to keep within closed doors the strategising on the People's Liberation Army's aggression

in the maritime and land domains. The previous two India-US two-plus-two dialogues were held in New Delhi in September 2018 and in Washington in December 2019, pointed out Srivastava.

He said previous rounds of talks have enabled both sides to further progress the bilateral relationship. In this respect, the MEA enumerated six areas — political, security and defence, economic, commercial, technology and people-to-people contacts. — TNS

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