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GLOBE TROT



CALL OF DUTY: A soldier hugs his wife and kids at the 36th Infantry Division deployment ceremony in Texas. National Guard soldiers were sent to Southwest Asia for Operation Spartan Shield. AP/PTI

Indian-origin girl helps British man find wedding ring

LONDON: An 11-year-old Indian-origin girl, Priya Sahu, has made one Matt Eastley happy after she found his lost wedding ring on a UK beach and then tracked him down with the help of her mother to hand it back to him. Eastley said he had been splashing about in the sea before he realised the ring had slipped off his finger. "We thought someone must be devastated. Priya said it would be magical if we could actually find this person," said Aswita, Priya's mother. PTI

Pak court stays release of Daniel Pearl murder accused

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's Supreme Court on Monday barred the Sindh government from releasing British-born al-Qaeda leader Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh and his three aides — the main accused in the abduction and murder of US journalist Daniel Pearl in 2002. In April, a two-judge Sindh High Court bench commuted the death sentence of 46-year-old Sheikh, who was convicted in the abduction and murder of Pearl in 2002, to seven years. PTI

Merkel pays visit to Navalny in hospital

MOSCOW/BERLIN, SEPTEMBER 28 German Chancellor Angela Merkel paid a personal visit to Russian Opposition politician Alexei Navalny while he was undergoing treatment in a Berlin hospital for poisoning, her spokesman said on Monday. News of the meeting is likely to annoy Moscow, which rejects the finding of German, French and Swedish experts that Navalny was poisoned with a nerve agent in Russia last month. Russia has repeatedly criticised Germany over what it says is a failure to share information on the case.

"It was a personal visit to Navalny in hospital," Merkel's spokesman Steffen Seibert said. Germany still expects an explanation from Russia on the case, Seibert added.

Navalny wrote on Twitter that it was "a private meeting and conversation with the family". Navalny, a politician and corruption investigator who is Russian President Vladimir Putin's most visible opponent, was flown to Germany two days after falling ill on August 20 on a domestic flight in Russia. He spent two days in coma in an Omsk hospital, where doctors said they found no poison trace. — Agencies

As tension brews, China holds simultaneous drills in 4 seas

US, Beijing at loggerheads over Taiwan, trade and maritime issues



Chinese national flags installed in a Beijing street ahead of the national day celebrations that fall on October 1. REUTERS

COERCIVE TOOL: US

Washington: China is using its militarised outposts in the South China Sea as platforms of coercion to assert control over waters it has no lawful claim over, United States has said, demanding President Xi Jinping to honour his commitment that these maritime constructions "would not target or impact any country". China claims almost all of the 1.3 million square-mile South China Sea as its sovereign territory. PTI

AUSTRALIA ENHANCING INDO-PACIFIC COOPERATION WITH INDIA

Melbourne: Australia continues to enhance its engagement with like-minded countries, such as India, in support of a shared vision for a more secure, open, inclusive and prosperous Indo-Pacific, Defence Minister Linda Reynolds has said,

amid China flexing its muscles in the resource-rich region. Reynolds said the recently concluded India-Australia joint naval exercises in the Indian Ocean is a reflection of the strengthened relations as comprehensive strategic partners. PTI

and down to the disputed South China Sea, in what Chinese military experts said was a rare arrangement of drills.

The United States sent spy planes into a no-fly zone over Chinese live-fire military

drills last month. In response, China lodged "stern representations" with the US. China and the US have recently been at loggerheads over a range of issues from Taiwan to Covid to trade, human

rights and maritime issues. China has also held frequent military activities near Chinese-claimed Taiwan and has taken the usual step of declaring that such drills are directed at Taiwan. — Reuters

Trump paid only \$750 tax, says report; Prez denies



Trump at a news conference at the White House. AP/PTI

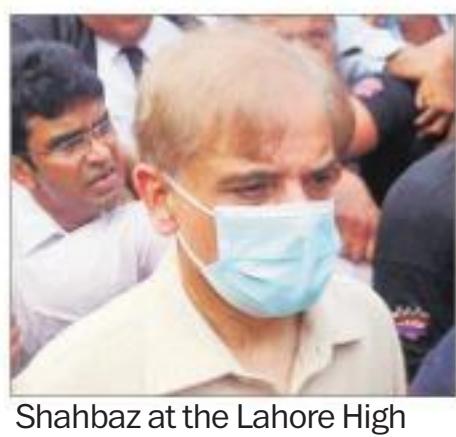
WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 28 Donald Trump paid just \$750 in federal income taxes in the year he was elected US President and also in his first year in the White House, according to a media report, which also said that he or his companies paid \$145,400 taxes in India in 2017.

The US President immediately dismissed the report as "totally fake news".

"Donald J Trump paid \$750 in federal income taxes the year he won the presidency. In his first year in the White House, he paid another \$750," the New York Times reported on Sunday, citing tax return data extending over 20 years. Trump paid no income taxes at all in 10 of the previous 15 years. United States presidents are not required by law to release details of their personal finances, but every one since Richard Nixon has done so. — PTI

Pak Oppn leader Shahbaz Sharif held

In another case, former President Zardari indicted for money-laundering



Shahbaz, the Leader of the Opposition and the younger brother of three-time former

PM Nawaz Sharif, was taken into custody from the Lahore High Court's premises, where a large number of the PML-N workers gathered ahead of the hearing in the Rs 700 crores (USD 41.9 million) money laundering case.

The Imran Khan government last week filed the money laundering case against 69-year-old Shahbaz, who served as the chief minister of Punjab province from 2008 to 2018, and his family.

Also, another anti-corruption court indicted former President Asif Ali Zardari and his sister Faryal Talpur in a money laundering case. They are said to have used fake accounts to launder "ill-gotten" wealth.

Reacting to the development, Pakistan People's Party Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari said "political victimisation of the opposition continues during a global pandemic". — PTI

8K new cases in Russia

MOSCOW, SEPTEMBER 28 Russia has reported over 8,000 new Covid cases for the first time since mid-June. The 8,135 new confirmed cases brought the country's total to nearly 1.16 million.

Meanwhile, in UK, people will be required by law from Monday to self-isolate if they test positive for Covid or face a 1,000-pound fine, which increases to 10,000 pounds for repeat offenders.

The government said the infection was spreading rapidly again and the measures

TRACKING VIRUS

NATIONS	DEATHS
US	2,09,521
BRAZIL	1,41,776
MEXICO	76,430
UK	42,001
PERU	32,262

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were aimed at ensuring compliance. — Agencies

Biden's bid to woo Sikhs

WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 28

The Biden campaign has launched an initiative to reach out to the Sikh community in the US and vowed to address the unique challenges, including xenophobia, being faced by the minority religious group in the country.

The Biden campaign, which launched the 'Sikh Americans for Biden', said it has plans for protecting Sikh-American youths in schools. Sikh-Americans experience bullying at rates twice the national average.

"The Biden campaign plans to highlight the specific plans and policies that Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden has outlined in his platform to address the unique challenges that the Sikh American community faces with regards to racism, xenophobia and discrimination," it said. Kiran Kaur Gill, a prominent civil rights activist, alleged that President Donald Trump not only turned a blind eye to discrimination, but also encouraged it. — PTI

BUSINESS

USD \$	Euro €	Pound £	JPY ¥	Yuan ₠	CAD \$	AUD \$	SGD \$	HKD \$
₹73.79	₹86.03	₹95.26	₹0.70	₹10.83	₹55.13	₹52.10	₹53.72	₹9.52

Anukool Bhatnagar takes over as CGM, SBI, Chandigarh Circle

Anukool Bhatnagar has taken over as Chief General Manager, SBI, Chandigarh Circle. The circle comprises bank's operations in Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and UTs of Chandigarh, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. Earlier, he was heading Nepal SBI Bank Ltd., Kathmandu, as its Managing Director.

Now, pre-book Apple's latest launches at Reliance Digital

Reliance Digital has started pre-booking of the new Apple Watch Series 6, Apple Watch SE and iPad 8th Gen at all Reliance Digital Stores, My Jio Stores and www.reliancedigital.in. It offers exclusive unlimited 5% cashback on leading banks' cards at till September 30. Retail sales for the Apple Watch Series 6 & Watch SE will begin on October 1.

Orient Electric unveils new range of water heaters

Orient Electric Ltd has launched a new range of water heaters with alluring designs in line with evolving market trends and changing consumer preferences. The range includes storage and instant water heaters and is priced at Rs 5,990 onwards.

Mehr Chand Polytechnic inks pact with Australian University

Mehr Chand Polytechnic, Jalandhar, has signed an MoU with Edith Cowan University, Australia, for exchange of technical education for three years. The MoU was signed by Prof Daryoush Habibi, executive dean, School of Engineering of the Edith Cowan University, and Dr Jagroop Singh, principal, Mehr Chand Polytechnic College, Jalandhar.

CII demands reopening of coaching centres

Coaching Foundation of India (CII) president Mrityunjay R Narayanan

and Delhi state secretary Shaikh Abdul Salam recently met Minister of State for Home Affairs Kishan Reddy and sought reopening of coaching classes across the country with restrictions of not allowing over 100 students at a time and following social distancing norms to facilitate the students of 9 to 12th grade.

CEAT signs Aamir Khan as brand ambassador

CEAT Tyres has signed Bollywood superstar Aamir Khan as its brand ambassador for two years. Khan will feature in two commercials during the course of the IPL 2020 to promote the company's SecureDrive range of premium car tyres.

Nature Conservancy India launches 'SiteRight' tool

The Nature Conservancy India has launched a tool for helping decision-makers, investors and financiers to make better choices in selecting land for solar and wind projects. A free and publicly accessible geospatial decision-support tool - SiteRight - can support siting of new renewable energy projects in places with viable resource potential but away from land areas rich in biodiversity and on which local communities depend.

Hartek Solar donates solar street lights

Hartek Solar has donated solar street lights to Shri Chamkaur Sahib as part of its CSR initiative. It is expected to benefit around 2,000 people. The project aims to improve the quality of people's life by fulfilling basic power amenities.

MG Motor India rolls out premium SUV Gloster

MG Motor India has introduced India's first Autonomous (Level 1) premium SUV, MG Gloster. The pre-booking is now live on the MG Motor India website as well as its 200+ centres across

the country. Customers can book the SUV for a booking price of Rs 1 lakh.

Jio marches ahead as No. 1 service provider in Punjab

Riding on its biggest, fastest and largest 4G network in Punjab, Reliance Jio added over 6 lakh subscribers in the first six months of 2020, as per the latest data released by TRAI. Jio is the only private telecom service provider in Punjab which has gained users.

Directorate of Tourism, Jammu, celebrates World Tourism Day

The Directorate of Tourism, Jammu, celebrated World Tourism Day on September 27. The Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, and Director Tourism, Jammu, flagged off "Garud seva open roof tourist luxury bus" with a slogan "Chalo Suchetgarh Border". The bus will run daily from Jammu to Suchetgarh Border for sightseeing.

Dr Aman Puri unveils coffee table book on Joyalukkas

Dr Aman Puri, Consul General of India in Dubai, recently launched 'A Glittering Success Story' — a coffee table book chronicling the history of Joyalukkas Group. The book pays homage to Alukka Joseph Varghese, father of Joy Alukkas who started business in 1956.

LG Electronics rolls out 8 new OLED TV models

LG has unveiled eight new OLED TV models led by two new series — GX Gallery series available in 77 and 65-inch class and the Real 8K 88-inch ZX series. Its unique self-LIT pixel technology makes it indispensable in the premium TV category. The price starts from Rs 14,990 and goes up to Rs 29,99,990.

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TERM OF THREE MEMBERS ENDED LAST MONTH

- The meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) — the interest rate-setting panel — was scheduled to be held from September 29 to October 1
- The four-year terms of three external members of MPC ended last month and they are yet to be replaced by the government
- Rules require at least four members to be present at the meeting, with at least one being the Governor or his deputy, who is a member of the committee

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It was expected that the MPC would hold interest rates at the upcoming meeting as inflation was still above the comfort zone.

The government in 2016 appointed Chetan Ghate, a professor in Indian Statistical Institute; Pami Dua, director at Delhi School of Economics; and Ravindra Dholakia, professor at IIM Ahmedabad, as independent members of the MPC for four years. The external members can hold office for a period of four years and are not eligible for re-appointment. The other ex-officio members of the MPC are RBI Governor, Deputy Governor (in-charge of monetary policy) and one RBI officer to be appointed by the central board. — PTI

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of the committee will be headed by Meeta Makhan. On Friday, shareholders of LVB ousted seven directors, including its MD & CEO and auditors at the AGM. PTI

DHFL case: Auditor flags fraudulent transactions

New Delhi: Fraudulent transactions worth Rs 12,705.53 crore took place at debt-ridden mortgage firm DHFL during FY17 to FY19, according to transaction auditor Grant Thornton. According to the auditor's report, this pertains to certain irregularities in loan disbursements towards the development of two Slum Rehabilitation Authority (SRA) projects undertaken by the company in the past. Earlier this year, the administrator of Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited (DHFL), appointed under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), obtained assistance from Grant Thornton to conduct an investigation into the affairs of the mortgage firm. PTI

Indian economy to shrink by 11% in FY21, says Icra

New Delhi: Domestic rating agency Icra further revised down its GDP estimate for the country on Monday and now expects the Indian economy to contract by 11% in FY21. The agency, which was earlier estimating a contraction of 9.5%, said the revision has been done as the rate of new Covid-19 infections remains elevated. The RBI is yet to give its estimate on the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and has been maintaining that it will be contracting. The rating agency added that if the number for Q1FY21 gets revised down after data for the small businesses and less formal sectors becomes available, the overall GDP outcome for FY21 "could be even worse" than estimated by the 11% contraction. PTI

RBI okays three-member panel to run LVB operations

New Delhi: After shareholders ousted seven directors of the Board, the RBI has approved appointment of three-member Committee of Directors (CoD) to run the daily affairs of debt-ridden Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB). This CoD will exercise the discretionary powers of MD & CEO in the ad-interim, the bank said in a statement on Monday. The RBI on September 27 appointed the CoD composed of three independent directors Meeta Makhan, Shakti Sinha, and Satish Kumar Kalra, it said, adding that the committee will be headed by Meeta Makhan. On Friday, shareholders of LVB ousted seven directors, including its MD & CEO and auditors at the AGM. PTI

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Bring laws to negate farm legislations, Sonia instructs Congress-ruled states

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 28
Congress president Sonia Gandhi today asked her party-ruled states to negate the central farm laws by enacting their own legislations.

"The party president has advised the Congress-ruled states to explore the possibility of passing laws under Article 254(2) of the Constitution to negate the central laws that encroached upon states' jurisdiction," said KC Venugopal, AICC general secretary (organisation).

Party leader Jaairam Ramesh said, "Former Finance Minister Arun Jaitley had also got states to resort to Article 254(2) to override provisions of the 2013 land acquisition law, a law he had supported as the Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha."

He quoted relevant provision of the Constitution under which Jaitley had asked states to override the provisions of the 2013 land acquisition Bill.

"Where a law made by the legislature of a state with respect to one of the matters enumerated in the concurrent list contains any provision repugnant to the provisions of an earlier law made by Parliament, the law so made by the legislature of



CM Capt Amarinder Singh and other Congress leaders pay tribute to Bhagat Singh at Khatkar Kalan.

such state shall, if it has been reserved for the consideration of the President and has received his assent, prevail in that state. Provided that nothing in this clause shall prevent Parliament from enacting any law with respect to the same matter, including a law adding to, amending, varying or repealing the law so made by the state legislature."

Ramesh said, "The Congress feels it has a solid legal ground to go against the farm laws as agriculture, marketing and pricing are listed as state subjects in the seventh schedule of the Constitution. —TNS

Will consult lawyers, says Pb CM

To meet 31 farmer groups today | Signature drive from Oct 2

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KHATKAR KALAN, SEPTEMBER 28

Launching a campaign against the Centre over the new farm laws on the birth anniversary of Bhagat Singh at the martyr's native village, Punjab CM Capt Amarinder Singh today announced he would consult a team of lawyers on the "draconian" farm laws. The CM was accompanied by his wife Preneet Kaur,

MY FIGHT FOR POOR

My fight is for the 75% farmers with less than five acres of land who live from hand to mouth. Amarinder Singh

Punjab affairs in charge Harish Rawat, PPCC chief Sunil Jakhar, Speaker Rana KP, ministers, 45 MLAs and six MPs. Holding placards, they sat on a dharna near the

SIDHU HOLDS FUNCTION AT ANCESTRAL VILLAGE

Sangrur: Navjot Sidhu, MLA, held another function at his ancestral village Manwala in Sangrur. He asked the farmers to elect their 'own MLAs' to raise their voice effectively.

THRISSUR MP MOVES SC

New Delhi: Congress MP from Thrissur TN Prathapan moved the SC, challenging the validity of the Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement of Price Assurance and Farm Services Act. —TNS

MoD tweaks purchase rules, drops offset clause for deals

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 28

Less than a week after the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) slammed the existing offset policy for foreign military equipment makers, the Ministry of Defence has altered the policy for certain categories of purchases.

The "offset policy", introduced in 2005, required foreign suppliers to reinvest a certain percentage – usually 30 per cent – of the deal into the Indian market.

The new Defence Acquisition Policy (DAP-2020) announced on Monday removed the need for reinvesting for three types of purchases. The policy comes into force from October 1 and will apply to future deals.

Director General, Acquisitions, Apurva Chandra told mediapersons: "All government-to-government deals, Most deals with the US have been on this pattern

Decision comes after CAG flagged no transfer of technology by foreign vendors



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh releases the new acquisition policy. PTI

PURCHASES EXEMPT FROM OFFSET POLICY

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ments (IGAs). Purchase of 36 Rafale was an IGA deal

- Purchases made when there is a single vendor

gle vendor will be exempted from the offset policy."

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Not possible to defer exams, UPSC tells SC

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 28

The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), which conducts the civil services examinations for selection of IAS, IPS, IFS and allied central services, on Monday told the Supreme Court that it was not possible to defer the examinations any further.

"It's not possible to defer civil services exams," the counsel for the UPSC told a Bench headed by Justice AM Khanwilkar.

The commission's advocate sought to highlight the fact that the civil services exams had already been delayed by several months and the preliminary examination was scheduled to be held on October 4.

Asking the UPSC to file an affidavit, the top court posted the matter for further hearing on Wednesday.

Amid the growing number of Covid-19 cases, a group of 20 students had moved the Supreme Court last week

Civil Services prelims scheduled to be held on October 4

SC: DECIDE BY OCT 5 ON DEFERRED EMIS

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday gave time till October 5 to the Centre to inform it about the decision on charging interest on loan instalments deferred during the moratorium announced by the RBI due to Covid-19. —TNS

seeking postponement of civil services examinations by two-three months. The seven-hour-long offline civil services preliminary exam, 2020, on October 4 was expected to be taken by approximately six lakh aspirants at test centres spread over 72 cities across India. —TNS

SC: Clarity needed on larger Bench verdict

NEW DELHI: Raising questions over lack of clarity in a March 6 Constitution Bench verdict on land acquisition, a three-judge Bench of the Supreme Court on Monday said it created some confusion. "There are some questions in my mind. I want to discuss it with judges. The Constitution Bench judgement, I think, creates confusion," said a three-judge Bench led by Chief Justice of India SA Bobde. —TNS

Vaghela TRAI chief

NEW DELHI: PD Vaghela, a 1986-batch IAS officer of the Gujarat cadre, was on Monday appointed Chairman of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI). His tenure will be three years or till he attains the age of 65. Vaghela, who is currently the Secretary of Department of Pharmaceuticals, was due to retire on Wednesday. He will succeed RS Sharma, who completes his tenure on Wednesday. —PTI

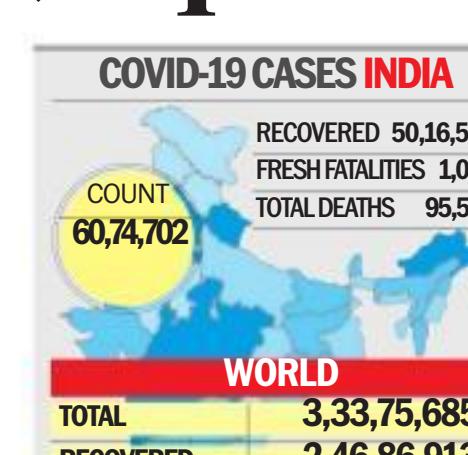
10L cases, equal recoveries in 11 days

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 28

India's Covid caseload surged well beyond 6 million on Monday topping 60,74,702, while recoveries crossed 5 million settling at 50,16,520 and pushing up the national case rate to 82.58 per cent.

The recent trend of daily new recoveries nearly matching daily new cases continued over the past few days with the country witnessing its last one million cases (50 lakh to 60 lakh) over 11 days and the last one million recoveries over the same period.

Medical experts say if the daily recoveries continue to



Covid graph may decline if trend persists: Experts

match new infections and outstrip these on days, as has been seen over the last week, the Covid graph

PORTAL FOR UPDATES ON VACCINE LAUNCHED

Health Minister Harsh Vardhan on Monday launched an ICMR vaccine portal, which will update the country on the vaccine-related progress, including the stages of development of various vaccine candidates at different stages of human trials.

could start plummeting. India's case fatality rate has declined to 1.57 per cent as against the global average of

over 3.1 per cent with the toll touching 95,542 after 1,039 deaths in the last 24 hours.

Current infections in India are 9,62,640 and recoveries are five times the active cases. As of the last 24 hours, the Health Ministry recorded 82,170 new cases and 74,893 recoveries.

India had crossed 20 lakh cases on August 7; 30 lakh on August 23; 40 lakh on September 5, 50 lakh on September 16 and 60 lakh on September 27. The country added the last 20 lakh cases over 22 days – 10 lakh each over 11 days. —TNS

FARIDKOT, SEPTEMBER 28

The SIT probing the Behbal Kalan police firing incident on Monday nominated then Punjab DGP Sumedh Singh Saini and IGP Paramraj Singh Umranangal as accused in the case. The SIT claimed that on the basis of documentary evidence and witnesses' account, both Saini and Umranangal had been prima facie found guilty.

Booked on basis of documentary evidence, witnesses' account: SIT

Former SSP Charanjit Singh Sharma, two SP-rank officers and many other police officials have already been named as accused in the case. A week after the killing of two Sikh protesters in police firing at Behbal Kalan on October 14, 2015, an FIR was registered under Section 302, 307, 34 of the IPC and 25, 27, 54, 59 of the Arms Act at Bajakhana police station in Faridkot.

Earlier last week, the District and Sessions Court in Faridkot granted permission to the SIT to make prime accused Inspector Pardeep Singh, then reader of former SSP Sharma, an approver in the case. Pardeep had told the court that Saini and Umranangal had issued instructions to the former SSP to act tough against protesters and get the dharna site cleared at any cost. —TNS

Lockdown-hit labour edgy as farm stir rages

AAKANKSHA N BHARDWAJ
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JALANDHAR, SEPTEMBER 28

Having suffered job loss due to the Covid-induced lockdown recently, a large number of factory workers, who had started working as farm labourers, are once again a harried lot.

Prakash and Ranju Devi, both natives of Bihar, had started working in the fields of BKU (Doaba) president Manjit Rai in Hoshiarpur after the factory they were employed with shut down the lockdown.

Now once again, they find themselves faced with a similar situation in view of the farmers' agitation against the

recently passed farm legislations. They feel if the farmers suffered, they would also have to face the consequences.

Disho (55) also lost her job as a peon in a school due to the lockdown and started working in the fields of Gurtej Singh of Shahkot block. "Employment worries are back to haunt her again. Yesterday, she asked me what would she do if farmers faced hardship," Singh said.

Mosapsur farmer and BKU (Doaba) member Kirpal Singh said, "The agitation is worrying labourers. They have started asking what they will do if it does not end."



Farm labourers Prakash and Ranju Devi work in a field in Hoshiarpur.

Delhi HC notice to govt on farm fires

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 28

The Delhi High Court on Monday sought the Centre's response on a plea seeking immediate steps to prevent stubble burning in Punjab and Haryana on the grounds it would aggravate Covid-related problems.

A Bench of Chief Justice DN Patel and Justice Prateek Jalan issued notice to the Centre on the plea contending stubble burning would drastically increase air pollution in Delhi and could aggravate the health problems among people in the city in view of the pandemic.

The petition, moved by advocate Sudhir Mishra,

urged the court that the Centre should be directed to coordinate a meeting between chief secretaries of Delhi,

Punjab, Haryana and UP to address the issue. The court listed the matter for hearing on October 22. —PTI

The notification also authorises the HREAT to get reim-

HP to use Hry tribunal for RERA appeals

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 28

The Haryana Real Estate Appellate Tribunal (HREAT), Karnal, will now hear appeals made against the directions or decision or order made by the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA), Himachal Pradesh, too.

The move comes following a request in this regard by the Himachal Pradesh Government to Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, who approved the draft notification here today.

The notification also authorises the HREAT to get reim-

bursement of charges on a quarterly basis.

An official spokesman said here today the approval of the state government had been conveyed to the HP Government to authorise HREAT, Karnal, to hear appeals made against the orders of RERA, Himachal, and to perform other functions prescribed under the Real Estate (Regulations and Development) Act, 2016, in respect of Himachal by bearing 10 per cent of the annual budget of HREAT on a quarterly reimbursement basis. —TNS

In utter disrepair, Aut tunnel nightmare for Manali tourists

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MANDI, SEPTEMBER 28

Even as Himachal Pradesh gears up for the October 3 inauguration of the strategic Manali-Leh Aut tunnel, another tunnel en route to Manali from Chandigarh in Aut has been crying for maintenance. Ill-equipped to handle heavy traffic, the tunnel

lacks a road divider and the pedestrian path is in a pitiable condition too.

The ventilation is poor and dust accumulates inside, causing low visibility. This along with inadequate lighting are considered the main reasons for fatal mishaps. In August last year, a Muktsar man had died following a collision between two vehicles. Anil Kant Sharma of Kullu

says the tunnel gets flooded during monsoon, which makes travel even riskier. Since speed-breakers are lacking, overspeeding is another reason for accidents, he asserts.

"As the traffic mostly goes unregulated, long traffic jams become a routine during tourist season. The tunnel gets choked—both in terms of traffic and ventilation," says Budhi Prakash, another Kullu resident.

At times, even stray cattle enter inside, adding to the woes of commuters. "Since its opening, no effort has been made to address any of the problems. It also lacks fire-fighting arrangements," adds Prakash. Inaugurated in 2006, the 2.8-km-long double-lane tunnel was built by the state electricity board as

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A Muktsar man had died in a collision in Aug 2019



Congress leader Navjot Singh Sidhu during a rally in Sangrur. PTI

Sidhu asks farmers to elect 'own MLAs'

SANGRUR, SEPTEMBER 28

On a day Capt Amarinder Singh kickstarted a campaign against the Centre on the farm Acts in Jalandhar, his former Cabinet colleague Navjot Sidhu today held a rally at his ancestral Manwala village where he asked farmers to join politics and elect their own MLAs to raise their voice effectively.

"The MSP has not seen the requisite hike for the past many years, but the salaries of government staff had increased manifold. When the country was dying of starvation, our farmers pro-

Holds rally at ancestral village

duced crops, but now when it has sufficient food, the Centre has passed black Acts to end the MSP," he said.

He urged farmers to unite under slogan "Punjab ekta, kisan ekta" to oppose the Centre. "Farmers should elect their own 10-12 MLAs to raise their voice effectively in the Assembly. I will share this idea in each village to make farmers aware about their power," said the former minister. — TNS

Capt trying to defame farmers' struggle: SAD

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AMRITSAR/CHANDIGARH, SEPT 28

Addressing a gathering of farmers and party workers at Gurdaspur and Amritsar, SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal called upon the BJP's Punjab unit and other political parties to join hands to put up a united fight for the farming community.

He dared Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh to issue an ordinance to declare Punjab a notified principal market area meant for establishing agriculture mandi to thwart the implementation of the farm Acts.

Taking a dig at the CM's apprehension over farmers' struggle in Punjab turning violent and weakening the peaceful movement, Badal said, "His statement defamed the farmers' struggle. If he is honest about his concerns, he should call in his Advocate General and prepare the draft of the ordinance to declare the state a notified principal market area. We have been demanding it for so long."



SAD chief Sukhbir Singh Badal at a meeting in Amritsar. TRIBUNE PHOTO

'SHOULD HAVE DECLARED STATE MARKET YARD'

Before going to Khatkar Kalan, Captain should have issued an ordinance declaring the state an agricultural market to render the Centre's Acts invalid. **Sukhbir Singh Badal, SAD PRESIDENT**

He also asked the CM to immediately convene a special session of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha to repeal the Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) Act implemented in 2017 during the Congress regime. "The APMC Act enacted by the Congress government provides provision for open market for private players, identical to what the Centre's farm Acts described. This state Act must be scrapped," he said.

Members asked to quit posts held in Delhi civic bodies
New Delhi: The SAD has now asked its members to resign from the posts held by them in the three municipal corporations (MC) of Delhi, ruled by its former ally. The party has decided to give up all posts it jointly held with the BJP in any organisation, including the MCs, the president of the Delhi unit of SAD, Harmeet Singh Kalka, said at a press conference on Monday. — PTI

Centre failed to read situation: Harsimrat

The Tribune Exclusive

SANJEEV SINGH BARIANA

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 28

The fact that the BJP did not reach out to farmers even when the RSS and the Rashtriya Kisan Sangh opposed the farm Bills tells how the Centre misread the ground situation, said former Union Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal while talking to *The Tribune* here today.

"I was given to understand that between the promulgation of the ordinances and before being tabled in Parliament all points of friction would be resolved. Farmers wanted the MSP and government purchase for wheat and rice. Farmers felt that the Bills did not have a single assurance for them. Following this, the nation saw a huge trust deficit between the farmers and the Central Government," she said.

The former minister said: "It is unfortunate that the alliance nurtured by Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Parkash Singh Badal for 23 years has fallen apart." Harsimrat said this was not



'DIDN'T PAY HEED'

• The alliance broke because the BJP did not listen to its oldest ally and refused to address the apprehensions of the annadaata.

Harsimrat Kaur Badal, EX-UNION MINISTER

the first time she had expressed differences with the Centre. "We felt that Punjabi, which had been removed as an official language in the new J&K Official Languages Bill, should be restored. Our demand was not acceded to and the Bill was passed. I, on my part, could not raise an objection to this proposed legislation in the Cabinet as I could not attend the particular meeting as Badal village had been declared a containment zone," she said.

Farming will be 'taken over' by big houses

OUR CORRESPONDENT

FATEHGHAR SAHIB, SEPTEMBER 28 Farmers and farm labourers, owing allegiance to various farmer unions, today took out a tractor rally in protest against the farm Acts and demanded their immediate revocation.

Farmer leaders Kamaldeep Singh and Gurpreet Singh feared the new laws would oust many from the agriculture-related activities as the corporate houses would take over the entire sector.

Sunam panchayats pass resolutions against new laws

Besides the withdrawal of the three Acts, the farmer leaders demanded the implementation of the Swaminathan Commission's report in toto, adding 50 per cent of the profit over the expenses while deciding the MSP, pension of Rs 10,000 to farmers and labourers, and free education and employment guarantee for farmers' children. They urged the villagers not to allow BJP leaders to enter the villages.

Crop purchased in only 10 Jalandhar mandis

AJAY JOSHI
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JALANDHAR, SEPTEMBER 28

Amid intensifying farmers' agitation, the Centre, which today allowed all states to commence rice/paddy procurement operations in the Kharif Marketing Season (KMS), said 5,637 MT of paddy worth Rs 10.53 crore at MSP of Rs 1,868 per quintal has been procured from 390 farmers of Haryana and Punjab, where purchase started on September 26.

The state governments have been asked to ensure wide publicity of uniform specifications among farmers to ensure they get due price for their produce and any rejection of the stocks is completely avoided. The Food Corporation of India and state procurement agencies have also been directed to "ensure hassle-free procurement and minimum support price (MSP) payments to farmers," according to the statement.

The cotton procurement for 2020-21 will commence from October 1.—TNS



A farmer checks his paddy crop at a grain market in Jalandhar on Monday. PHOTO: SARABJIT SINGH

FCI procures 100 MT of paddy, Pungrain purchases 600 MT

it for Rs 600 to Rs 1,000."

Avtar Singh, who had come from Nandanpur village, hailed the government's decision to advance the procurement this year,

but rued that the hike in the MSP was not sufficient. "The MSP will not give us any profit this year as due to labour shortage, the sowing process made a big hole in our pockets. Last year the labour cost was around Rs 2,400-2,600, but this season the cost was between Rs 4,000 and Rs 5,000. Considering this loss the MSP should have been over Rs 2,000."

In Malwa, cotton selling below MSP

SUKHMEET BHASIN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

BATHINDA, SEPTEMBER 28

Cotton is being sold below the MSP in the Malwa region as the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) is yet to start its procurement. The MSP for cotton is between Rs 5,515 and Rs 5,725 per quintal, but is being sold as low as Rs 4,600 per quintal. However, traders have cited excess moisture content in the fibre crop as the reason for paying less.

Many farmers are averse to selling their produce to the CCI due to the government agency's condition of direct purchase. They said they could not break ties with arthiyas even if they had to sell their produce at a lesser price.

Randhir Singh of Jodhpur Romana village in Bathinda said, "We have been dealing with arthiyas for years now and we cannot think of snapping our ties with them. They are the ones who hold our hand in the hour of crisis. They do not think twice before handing



Farmers with their produce at a market in Bathinda. PAWAN SHARMA

CCI YET TO START PROCUREMENT, FARMERS SUFFER

• Since CCI hasn't started the procurement, I sold six quintals of good quality crop at a rate of ₹4,960 per quintal, which is way below the MSP.

Jagmeet Singh, MANSA FARMER

over advance payments to us whenever we need it."

Jagmeet Singh, a farmer from Tibbi Hari Singh village in Mansa district, said, "I had sold six quintals of crops at a rate of Rs 4,960 per quintal, which is way below the MSP. The quality was rich, but with the CCI yet to start procurement and moisture content in the crop fell within permissible limits of 8-12 per cent."

"If we do not sell the crop at a lower price to private purchasers, who will finance us for the next sowing season?" asked Gurmee Singh, another farmer. Market analysts said rates would stabilise once the CCI started procurement and moisture content in the crop fell within permissible limits of 8-12 per cent.

Corporates feel farmers' heat

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BATHINDA, SEPTEMBER 28

Corporates have started feeling farmers' heat in the state over the three agriculture Acts with a protest being held outside a Reliance petrol pump in Talwandi Sabo in the district.

The Bharatiya Kisan Union (Ekta Ugrahan) has announced that they would gherao petrol pumps, malls and toll plazas of Reliance and other MNCs across the state in the coming days. Besides, messages are being circulated among farmers on social media, appealing for the boycott of Reliance fuel and Jio SIM cards.

"The Acts framed on the pretext of 'one nation, one mandi' is a bid to give control to the private players. Ambanis and Adani have a big hand in getting the farm legislations through. These will impact the farmers adversely



A defaced wall of Adani Group's silo at Dagru village in Moga after the AAP staged a protest against corporate houses in the district. TRIBUNE PHOTO

ly," alleged Resham Singh Tungwali, a farmer leader.

He threatened if the Acts were not revoked by the Union Government, they would gherao Guru Gobind Singh Refinery at Rama Mandi.

Farmers also claimed that the government had left them at the mercy of corporates. "It is preposterous to believe that farmers who have small land

holdings will have any bargaining power over private players," they said.

Shingara Singh Mann of BKU (Ekta Ugrahan) said: "Our target now will be PM Narendra Modi, BJP and corporate houses, such as Ambani and Adani groups. We will meet tomorrow to decide on the gherao of Reliance petrol pumps and malls."

Make MSP a legal right: Cong to Centre

AMRITSAR, SEPTEMBER 28

Terming the three agriculture laws a grave mistake by the Central Government, two senior Congress leaders Partap Singh Bajwa and Shamsher Singh Dullo today demanded that the MSP be made a legal right to prevent private corporations from purchasing agricultural goods below this price.

Urging all to unite for the repeal of the "draconian laws" against farmers, they said: "Today is the 113th birth anniversary of great martyr Shaheed Bhagat Singh and on this day we believe it is important to reiterate our support for our protesting farmers who were braving the heat and the Covid-19 pandemic." They



'CAN'T TRUST NDA'

• How can we trust the NDA government when they have even refused to pay the state almost ₹7,000 crore in GST compensation.

Partap Singh Bajwa, CONGRESS MP

added: "The farmers of Punjab and Haryana have ensured India became the food surplus nation. The Centre has forgotten their sacrifices." — TNS

Cong MLAs to boycott meet chaired by Deol

GURDASPUR, SEPTEMBER 28

The political storm kicked up by MP Sunny Deol's recent tweet praising the farm Acts is failing to calm down with the Congress MLAs of Pathankot and Gurdaspur, which form an integral part of the actor's parliamentary constituency, now deciding to stay away from meetings scheduled to be held to monitor the Central Government's flagship schemes.

Going by the ministry's 'warrant of precedence', Union Minister Som Parkash is DISHA chairman in Gurdaspur while Deol is its co-chairman. In Pathankot, Deol himself is the chairman. All six MLAs of Gurdaspur, five of whom owe allegiance to the Congress, and three of Pathankot, out of which two are Congressmen, are ex-officio members. — TNS

Post ordinances, debt pushed 65 farmers to suicide

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 28

As many as 65 farmers have committed suicide across Punjab ever since the three agriculture Acts were first announced as ordinances by the Modi government, shows data compiled by farmer unions on farm suicides in the agrarian state.

Against Rs 714 crore last year, only Rs 577 crore has been allocated for the management of gurdwaras in 2020-21. The budget was bifurcated into three parts — general board fund, trust funds and education funds. For 2020-21, the general board funds have been curtailed from Rs 75 crore to Rs 57 crore, a reduc-

Farmers are blaming the high rate of suicides in the state on high rural indebtedness owing to poor remuneration they receive for their produce.

Data provided by the unions shows though the average monthly income of farmers in Punjab was Rs 12,481 — higher than most other states — the average income generated from each hectare of land was much lower at Rs 3,448 (in Kerala it is Rs 34,910). No wonder any Act that has the possibility of tinkering with the farm economics is met with caution.

"The Farmers Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion

Last year, 501 farmers ended their lives in the state, shows the data compiled by Bhartiya Kisan Union (Ekta Ugrahan).

For the past many years, the BKU has been collecting data on farm suicides through the ones reported in newspapers and the police cases registered after such suicides. In 2018, the number of suicides by agriculturists was 536. "Though the number of suicides during the period of lockdown was less — just 12-13 per month before the lockdown, the number has again gone up. The 65 suicides have been recorded between June 24-September 1," says Dharminder Pishor, who compiles the data for BKU.

CM moves court,
ED fails to inspect
tax case files

LUDHIANA, SEPTEMBER 28
Enforcement Directorate (ED) officials had to return empty handed today as Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh and his son Raninder Singh moved separate applications in the court of Judicial Magistrate Navjot Kaur seeking to restrain them from inspecting their income tax files in connection with its pending investigation under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA).

In the application, it was pleaded one such order of allowing inspection of Raninder's file had already been stayed by the Additional Sessions Judge and the matter was due in court on October 1. — OC

HC lists five rules to curb child marriage

SAURABH MALIK
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 28
Nearly 14 years after the enactment of the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has issued five commands to prevent minors from tying the knot.

These include modification of the marriage certificate and directions to heads of all religious places in Punjab, Haryana and Chandigarh to maintain a proper register of weddings. Periodic checking of records by the police has also been ordered.



Marriage certificate to be modified, religious place heads to keep a register

Once the directions are in place, the certificate, apart from the couple's photograph, will "strictly" carry the description of supporting documents such as Aadhaar card,

voter's ID, matriculation certificate and birth certificate.

The directions came after Justice Arvind Singh Sangwan, while taking up a protection matter filed by a runaway couple, took cognisance of a "large number" of religious places holding child marriages without maintaining record. It ordered heads to produce the register with counter file every three months/quarters of year before the SHO concerned. It would be returned after verification of age. The SHO would be liable for disciplinary action in case of any violation of the directions.

HC agrees to make Parminder Singh Pinki respondent in case

owed allegiance to the Akalis and supported the party in the local election. In order to settle a score with the petitioner and his family, Pinki started harassing them through the police.

Rahela referred to certain documents to contend the petitioner was arrested from his house without any FIR against him on that day. "The petitioner is being harassed at the asking of said local MLA," he added. The case will now come up on September 30. — TNS

'Involve gurdwaras' in Covid war

Centre tells state to start awareness drive to counter pandemic

VISHAV BHARTI
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CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 28
The Centre has asked the state government to involve gurdwaras in the fight against Covid-19.

After a virtual meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh, the Union Health Secretary wrote to Punjab's Chief Secretary Vini Mahajan that delay in patients reaching hospitals was a big reason for most of the deaths due to Covid in the state.

The communication said the state must start an intensive awareness campaign to tackle the challenge. "The state can involve gurdwaras and other social organisations in promoting usage of masks and other Covid appropriate behaviour."

Specific issues like delay in patients reaching hospitals

COVID CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS	DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Ludhiana	17,615	723	Moga	2,197	66
Jalandhar	12,742	381	Fatehgarh Sahib	1,864	80
Amritsar	9,724	351	Tarn Taran	1,600	63
Patiala	11,399	318	Kapurthala	3,137	136
Sangrur	3,497	143	Fazilka	2,299	34
SAS Nagar	10,116	179	SBS Nagar	1,582	42
Gurdaspur	5,767	134	Faridkot	2,687	42
Bathinda	5,747	107	Barnala	1,810	39
Hoshiarpur	4,384	146	Ropar	2,022	70
Ferozepur	3,638	93	Muktsar	2,416	36
Pathankot	3,582	71	Mansa	1,550	30
Total	11,135	3,284			

State records 1,271 cases, 46 deaths in a day

tals were also discussed.

The Prime Minister exhorted all chief ministers to reassess the efficacy of local lockdowns of one-two days in controlling the spread of the virus.

As per the letter, the PM also urged the chief ministers to focus on 60 districts with a high caseload and make a weekly plan to personally review the preparedness with block and tehsil-level officials.

as essential medical supplies was of utmost importance, the letter said.

After the minister had objected to the report submitted by the ACS, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh had directed the Chief Secretary to probe the matter. The CS had deputed a three-member panel of IAS officers Jaspal Singh, KAP Sinha and Vivek Partap Singh to hold an inquiry. — TNS

Had exposed ₹55-cr SC scholarship scam

mal Husbandry Department.

The officer had claimed Social Welfare Minister Sadhu Singh Dharamot had been protecting department officials allegedly involved in the wrong disbursal of funds.

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Online applications are invited w.e.f. 01.10.2020 to 20.10.2020 from eligible candidates through University website for the recruitment of 598 posts of STAFF NURSE under Department of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Punjab. For details/ updates/ eligibility/ no. of posts/ terms & conditions visit website www.bfuhs.ac.in

Court notice to MLA over harassment

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 28

Taking up a petition alleging harassment at the behest of Ferozepur City MLA Parminder Singh Pinki, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has made him a respondent in the matter before putting him on notice.

The notice by Justice Jitendra Chauhan came on a contempt petition filed against a police official by Sukhwinder Singh through counsel KB Raheja. The petitioner contended his brother Iqbal Singh Mallan was the senior vice-president of the SAD, while Pinki was elected on the Congress ticket.

Pinki was inimical with the petitioner's family as they

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APPENDIX-IV A

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/Mortgagor and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of IFCI Ltd. (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "As is where is"; "As is what is"; and "Whatever there is" on 19/10/2020, for recovery of Rs. 141,88,24,930/- as on 14/09/2020 together with further interest at the contractual rate of e.f. 15/09/2020 along with cost, charges, expenses & other debts, due to the IFCI Ltd. (Secured Creditor) from Kwality Ltd. (Borrower), JTPL Pvt. Ltd. (Mortgagor/Corporate Guarantor) and Shri Sanjay Dhiraj (Guarantor). The consolidated reserve price (Lot 1, Lot 2 & Lot 3) will be Rs.73,48,00,000/- (Rupees Seventy Three Crore and Forty Eight Lakh Only) and the earnest money deposit (EMD) will be Rs.7,34,80,000/- (Rupees Seven Crore Thirty Four Lakh Eighty Thousand Only).

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Lot No.	Reserve Price	EMD
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2	52,42,00,000/-	5,24,20,00/-
3	6,25,00,000/-	62,50,00/-

Description of the Immovable Property

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Lot No.	Area admeasuring	Khasra No.	Situated in
1	16 Kanal 17 Marla	26/11/1, 26/12/1, 26/9/2, 16/10/1, 18/1, 18/2	Village Sante Majra, Tehsil Kharar, District Mohali (Punjab)
2	55 Kanal 2 Marla	27/6/7, 13/14, 15/16, 17/18/1, 18/2	Village Sante Majra, Tehsil Kharar, District Mohali (Punjab)
3	17 Kanal 5.71 Marla	10/16(6-16) 12896/13600 share, 10/124/1(0-4), 24/2(1-19), 25(7-18), 11/21(0-1), 13/5/1(0-18) its 59/72 share	Village Khuni Majra, Tehsil Kharar, District Mohali (Punjab)

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Trust deficit

Discord over farm legislations should not take a divisive turn

THE Shiromani Akali Dal's decision to part ways with the Bharatiya Janata Party over the farm reform legislations has set Punjab's politics adrift in choppy waters. For the Akalis, the prospect of loss of face and festering anger of the party's core constituents left it with little choice. The BJP has put up a brave face that the breakup finally offers it a chance to invest its ideological capital in the state, but the longstanding coalition offered more than just political dividends. Its delicate chemistry ensured that the discourse seldom strayed into issues that had the potential to reignite communal friction. As the contentious legislations force former partners to take antithetical positions, both need to keep a leash on the vocabulary of discord. In this is a message for all the parties in the state: protest, but vehemently guard against a divisive agenda and violence.

Coalition dharma has for long been considered the Congress' weak spot; now, the BJP is being questioned for its commitment to the craft that it mastered and showcased. First the Shiv Sena, then the SAD, the oldest partners have deserted the NDA ship. Resplendent in its over-arching presence, the BJP does not seem much perturbed, but allowing dismantling of a platform for contesting ideas only suppresses voices that confident rulers should not be wary of listening to, and gaining from. In the absence of a collaborative arrangement, the polity is the loser.

Even as the farmers' agitation gains momentum, the President has been quick in according assent to the Bills. The Prime Minister, in his 'Mann Ki Baat', has given no indication of any rethink or reshaping of the legislations. The haste shown to push these through, without any convincing attempt to address the concerns or try to evolve a broad consensus on the need and efficacy of change, is unlikely to result in any quick resolution. The sight of farmers, the intended beneficiaries, protesting on the streets and railway tracks only widens the trust deficit. That helps no one's cause.

Curbing farm fires

Punjab, Haryana should gear up to minimise incidents

UNDER fire from the Supreme Court over the years, Punjab and Haryana face the uphill task of paddy straw management during the harvest season that began mid-September. Punjab has deployed 8,000 nodal officers to keep a vigil on the farms and farmers for incidents of stubble burning. The officers face their first test in the Majha area as it has already become a hotspot, with plumes of smoke arising from some fields. Their mandate, which is a mix of facilitation and penalty envisioned by the government, should goad more peasants to shun this undesirable practice. With over 23,000 more agri-machines — an increase of nearly 50 per cent from last year — to be made available to the peasants, along with the stick of red entries in the land records of the offenders, a further dip in the number of blazing instances is expected. It would be a boost to the encouraging, though slow, trend of reduced instances witnessed since the practice of setting fire to paddy straw to prepare the land for the next sowing was banned.

Likewise, on the basis of crop residue-burning instances last year, Haryana's Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Department has identified red, orange and green zones and the state is ready with a multi-crore-rupee plan to aid small farmers in getting access to agricultural implements. No doubt, with wide-scale awareness campaigns, punitive measures as also amenities provided, farmers of the northwest region are coming around to the advantages of adopting scientific methods of disposal, but the cost factor remains the major hurdle to making a perceptible difference on the ground.

Though, as per the Economic Survey of 2019-20, various efforts led to a 'significant reduction' last winter in the total number of farm fires recorded, they have not been effective enough. Serious concerns continue to be raised about the rising air pollution, with the lethal particulates-laden hazy cover extending up to the National Capital Region. They continue to trigger various health issues as people in the affected areas gasp for clean air; their respiratory systems compromised. With its attendant lung issues, the Covid-19 pandemic this time necessitates a stricter vigil and action.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The very essence of leadership is that you have to have vision. You can't blow an uncertain trumpet. — Theodore M Hesburgh

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

LAHORE, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1920

Non-Co-Operation in Assam.

WHATEVER one may think of the non-co-operation programme, as it was adopted by the Congress, there will be but one opinion regarding the following resolution which was adopted by the Surma Valley Conference in pursuance of that programme: In view of the fact that the Assam Administration has in spite of repeated protests against oppressions and outrages by planters failed to adopt effective measures to put a stop to such misdeeds and in view of the fact that the Administration has identified itself with the interests of European merchants and planters, this Conference is of the opinion that complete non-violent non-co-operation with the said merchants and planters is the only measure to guard against the continuance of such actions and as a first step this Conference urges the people to adopt the following programme:— (1) To refuse to take service under European planters and merchants and the gradual withdrawal of those already under such service, (2) Non-acceptance of briefs by lawyers from such planters and merchants, (3) Refusal on the part of the people to grant fresh leases or to renew old ones, and (4) To abstain from attending any function to which such non-official Europeans are invited. The above has all the characteristics of a resolution which is necessary, desirable as well as practicable. To begin with, the preamble makes out a complete case for the action which the Conference recommends. Secondly, the object of the resolution is clear. Thirdly, every single step can be carried out without putting too great a strain upon men's power of suffering and sacrifice.

US in a changing order

It will be a world where neither America nor China can set the terms



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As the US reaches the last phase of its presidential election campaign, it may be time to reflect what an American approach to the world without Trump may be like, and what it would be, were he to return.

His departure would remove the sharper edges of Trumpism, but they will not be gone. Because Trump represents a strong political trend in the US which feels that global commitments have impoverished the US and that the world has, somehow, exploited American generosity. The policy towards China, for example, has now developed a bipartisan edge and, in fact, minus Trump it may even become more effective, given his penchant for personalised decision-making, as evident in the case of the reprieve he gave ZTE in 2018, or the handling of TikTok this year.

Given Covid, it is easy to forget that Trump had just struck a huge trade deal with China in January, one that would have sharply enhanced the US-China engagement had it run its course. Instead, Trump has veered off and now leads a campaign to isolate and humble China. The only explanation for this radical change is that he needed to attack China to cover up his own monumental failure to control the outbreak.

Speaking at the virtual UN General Assembly session last week, Trump's message outlined his perspective. Where the UN embodied the notions of world government, and required nations to shed some of their sovereignty for the common interest, Trump declared, 'We reject



BROADER VISION: No matter who leads, the Americans need to be more humble.

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the ideology of globalism and accept the doctrine of patriotism.' His unabashed assertion of sovereignty goes against the very charter of the United Nations. A second Trump term would most certainly mean the end of the world order as we have known it till now. The US has already pulled out of the WHO and the chances are that it could also do so from other bodies like the WTO and, perhaps, even the UN itself.

More than anything, the Trump administration's handling of the pandemic has bewildered the world. Instead of assuming the leadership of what is clearly a global challenge, the US retreated into itself. With its huge scientific and monetary resources, it is likely to come up with a vaccine against the virus sooner than later. But Trump's Operation Warp Speed to hasten the development of a vaccine, funded by billions of dollars, has been aimed at the US electorate, rather than the world community.

The US has bluntly declared that it will not join the Covid-19 Vaccines Global Access (COVAX) facility, a global effort by 170 countries to develop, manufacture and equitably distribute a vaccine. The main reason is that COVAX is aimed at ensuring that the poor and backward countries do not get left out of the vaccine distribution. It does not sit well with the 'America First' trope of the Trump administration since the US believes that it will 'win' the vaccine race and make decisions based on its own national interest.

Meanwhile, the world will not stand still. Like it or not, China would still be around, perhaps more resilient and self-contained, but an equally daunting but different kind of challenge to the world order. With Trump, there would be no certainty of a coherent response. This would encourage countries to sit on the fence for fear of alienating either power.

On the other hand, a Biden administration would strengthen ties with Japan, South Korea and Europe, and this could yield a coordinated and possibly more effective policy

towards China and Russia, one that would not necessarily be a zero-sum game. But no one would be able to turn the clock back, either on China, or with regard to America's sceptical allies and friends.

In some ways, the Trump administration's America First notion is only a more extreme manifestation of the mainstream US foreign policy which has never quite gotten used to working with partners, and is more comfortable with allies who know their place in the system. The US policy till now has not been very different from that of China, which openly advocates differing perspectives towards the small and weak and the rich and powerful.

But the world Trump or Biden would face in 2021 would be one which has been thoroughly shaken up by the Covid experience. All the old verities about 'American leadership' would have been proved wrong. The US will be as much shaping, as being shaped by what is happening around the world. It will be a world where neither the US nor China can set the terms. The Americans, whether under Trump or Biden, would need to have a much humbler approach to the world than they have had till now.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, a votary of close ties with the US, has taken great care in recent months to nuance the contours of India's foreign policy. In his speeches and in his recent book, he has asserted that India will not be part of any alliance system, presumably one led by the US.

Instead, he has been advocating a multipolar approach which involves building coalitions with 'middle powers' like Japan, Australia and the EU. In July, addressing the US India Business Council's Ideas summit, Jaishankar noted that 'the US really has to learn to work... with a more multipolar world, with more plurilateral arrangements, go beyond alliances with which really it has grown up over the last two generations.'

Lost in time, chasing memories

ANAHAT KHEHRA

MY grandmother had Alzheimer's, a fatal brain-wasting disease for which there is no cure. It is the gradual loss of one's memory. No medicine helps. The only panacea is treating the patient with love, kindness and respect. And lots of patience. One of the earliest warning signs is difficulty in recalling recent events. My grandmother could not remember what she had just eaten for breakfast, but she did realise that she had started forgetting little things. Her elder sister, too, had been afflicted with this disease.

As her brain cells deteriorated, her ability to remember, think, and reason diminished. She was perpet-

ually confused and irritated, and often became aggressive. Wouldn't you be if you didn't recognise anyone around you? If you didn't remember where you were, much less figure out why? Gradually, she lost her long-term memory and stopped recognising her family completely. The vacant stare in her eyes as she gazed at us would tug at our hearts. Her inability to see the tears and agony in our eyes made the situation as frustrating for us as it was for her.

Watching her struggle to relate with anyone of us was excruciatingly painful. As for her, she no longer even seemed to know what pain was. My grandmother just plodded on, going on living with a brain all muddled up, lost in a maze of memories only she

could make sense of. Alienated from even herself, unable to recognise her children, existing in her made-up world; yet hanging on determinedly, refusing to let go of what she thought her life was, so stubbornly insisting on having her way always. So like her, but still so changed.

She would get annoyed that we didn't understand what she wanted because we couldn't always relate to the memories she was caught up in. But we tried. We had to, because she wouldn't take no for an answer. She would storm around the house tirelessly to get what she wanted. So, we cooked up stories that would satisfy her questions. We became relatives that we had heard about in stories of her childhood. We even pretended to chase after runaway

cows. That was all we could do to help her deal with her disease.

We became adept liars in our efforts to appease her. After all, in her mind, she was right. Who were we to tell her that she was a grandmother when she wasn't even married? How could she believe us when she had no memory of it? It was as if the last 45 years of her life had been completely erased from memory. And we, her family, could do nothing but pretend to help her make sense of everything. So, it was always easier to give in to her. All the more so because we knew that soon it would be another memory she would be reliving, even though it was always the same old struggle for us. She was loved.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UN reforms

Reference to the editorial 'India's place in UN' (Sept 28), given the archaic veto-wielding powers of the permanent members of the Security Council, where China is not favourably disposed towards us, India will have to focus more on reforms for empowering the UNGA to override the veto power. While doing so, it will have to remain conscious of and sensitive to the concerns of the members.

The mandate of the UN is to encourage 'liberal democracy' in the world. Therefore, disregard of Parliament, rule of law and civil society is not well received by it. Pakistan has consistently opposed India's quest for a permanent seat on the grounds that it will manoeuvre UN resolutions on Kashmir. The world is watching India. The present situation in the country on account of the CAA, farmers' agitation, disregard of parliamentary institutions and treatment being meted out to members of the civil society etc, is not conducive to the realisation of India's aspirations at the world forum. Furthermore, India will have to strengthen its diplomatic corps to avail of the benefits of multilateralism of UN institutions.

LT COL GS BEDI (RETD), MOHALI

Modi at UN

Apropos of 'India's place in UN', hats off to PM Modi for daring to put his viewpoint strongly enough and asking for UN's performance and role. Asking for a more prominent role in the UN certainly establishes the global statesmanship which Modi has, and is required in today's leaders. And urging the world leaders to join hands in fighting the pandemic reveals India's humane attitude.

PANKAJ MADAN, ZIRAKPUR

Bihar set for polls

Apropos of 'Poll-bound Bihar', exceptional circumstances will make these elections challenging. This will be the first Assembly election since Covid disrupted normal life. The performance of the government on the health and economic front will be a poll issue. The BJP is defensive on the question of border security, economic stagnation and farmers' backlash. These issues should serve as easy pickings for any rival party, but the RJD-Congress alliance has not been able to raise them convincingly so far.

YASH PAL RALHAN, JALANDHAR

Not what teachers do

Refer to 'Vehicles torched, property

vandalised in Dungarpur' (Sept 28); all this is being done by candidates who wish to be teachers! Is this the behaviour we expect from teachers? What will they teach students? Burning, damaging private and public property and creating violence is not a teacher-like quality. The Rajasthan government is also to blame. Why is there so much delay in announcing the results?

RAVINDER KWATRA, SHAHABAD MARKANDA

Worthy of admiration

Paying tributes to a departed public figure is customary. Praises are showered by the President, PM, leaders of the Opposition etc, which are routine. But the real honour is the one which comes from an unknown source ('A soldier-statesman departs'). The piece reveals his humility and humane nature. He always remained a soldier. Though I do not subscribe to the BJP's ideology, more so of the present dispensation, but every party has some admirable persons. Like Vajpayee and Sushma, Jaswant Singh was a shining star of Indian politics.

GURDEV SINGH, MOHALI

Burning stubble

The decision by the Punjab government to appoint nodal officers to

check stubble burning in rural areas is not practical. It will not control stubble burning, as some of them may be corrupt. Moreover, farmers often protest in large numbers in case of the filing of any case against them, thereby forcing the government to take back the action. The government should come out with a permanent solution, or deal with such cases with an iron hand, by ignoring vote-bank politics.

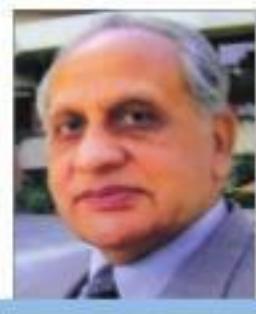
NAVNEET SETH, DHURI

New education policy

Apropos of NEP-2020, instead of pushing forward blindly the agenda of reforms, the policy should have suggested the action plan to rectify the aberration of the old system of education. Lightening and lowering of the cognitive load would be a step in the wrong direction, at a time when students need to compete with technically proficient foreign peers like those in the US and China. Instead of promoting high-profile philosophic practices of ancient period, the focus should have been on promoting knowledge and skills to handle heights of technology of the modern times, so that the future generation may not miss the opportunity of being on a par with anybody else in every field or anywhere else.

ASHOK PRASHAR, AMRITSAR

Repeal of archaic laws doesn't affect reform



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THE statute book of India has been overcrowded with outdated laws, some of them being over a century old. Having outlived their objects and utility, they needed to be repealed as per the worldwide practice of weeding out 'spent' laws. Since the 1990s, three state-appointed bodies — the PC Jain Committee, the Law Commission of India and the Ramanujam Committee — identified such laws. On the basis of their recommendations, Parliament enacted six Acts one after the other during 2015-19 to repeal a large number of outdated Acts. Each of them, however, clarified beyond doubt that such repeal of any old Act would not undo the legal reform it had made.

Among the hundreds of laws so repealed were a few family law statutes, including the Caste Disabilities Removal Act of 1850. Its repeal has created confusion in certain sections of society, especially among the law students, which needs to be effectively dispelled.

Under the religious laws of all communities, conversion by a person to a different religion would result in loss of family and succession rights. In the early years of the 19th century, the British rulers had decided to deactivate such provisions of personal laws, for which they had the support of the Brahmo

Samaj. In 1832, a Bengal Presidency Regulation proclaimed that the laws of Hindu and Muslim "religions shall not be permitted to operate to deprive such party or parties of any property to which, but for the operation of such laws, they would have been entitled."

After the establishment of a Central legislature in 1833, the government decided to extend the proclamation referred to above, in general terms, to the whole of British India. As among various castes and sub-castes of the Hindu community, excommunication — expulsion of a person from his or her caste by birth under orders of caste organisations — also resulted in the loss of family and succession rights, the Brahmo Samaj leaders prompted the government to also address this social evil under the newly proposed Central law. Eventually, a law for both these purposes was enacted in 1850. It had, like several other laws of the time, no short title. The Indian Short Titles Act of 1897 later titled it as the Caste Disabilities Removal Act.

The Act had declared that "so much of any law or usage now in force within India as inflicts on any person forfeiture of rights or property, or may be held in any way to impair or affect any right of inheritance, by reason of his or her renouncing, or having been excluded from the communion of, any religion, or being deprived of caste, shall cease to be enforced as law in any court."

Judicial opinion was divided on the issue if the Act of 1850 under reference protected the rights of both the converts and their descendants or only the former — various High Courts in British India taking different views. In a case decided in 1888, the Allahabad High Court decided that the Act also covered the descendants of persons changing their religion. The Madras High Court gave a contrary decision in 1917, holding that



under which the customary excommunication from a caste or sub-caste would have a similar effect.

only actual converts were protected by the Act. In an appeal against a decision of the Chief Court of Oudh, which had followed the Madras viewpoint, the Privy Council upheld the Chief Court's decision. Since then, the law was that the Act of 1850 under reference was applicable only to persons changing religion and not to their children or future generations.

The Act was in force at the time of the advent of independence and remained in force in accordance with the provision of Article 372 of the Constitution protecting pre-

independence laws unless repealed by a competent authority. Its interpretation by the Privy Council cited above may have been in the minds of the framers of the Hindu Succession Act of 1956 when they laid down in it that children born to a convert from the Hindu religion after his conversion will not inherit property from their Hindu relatives.

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seeded. Its provision saying that a person's conversion to a different religion, or excommunication from a caste, will not deprive him of his family and property rights fully remains in force. The misimpression that the repeal of this Act means restoration of the rules of any religious law or custom under which conversion results in loss of family rights strikes at the root of the recent Repealing Acts cited above, none of which intended to put the clock back by undoing a well-established legal reform of the past.

Fight against Covid-19 needs renewed thrust

THE Covid-19 pandemic has devastated the world in the past nine months. Many countries in Europe are witnessing a recurrence and the numbers are still not showing a downward trend in the US. In India, we are seeing a continuous surge. Recently, there were reports of shortage of oxygen supplies in some states. The country has fought the virus bravely with one of the lowest case fatality rates in the world. The deaths per million of population has been a cause of some solace, but the caseload has breached the 60-lakh mark.

The spate of new cases in September has been a worrying trend with about 13 lakh patients being added in the first fortnight. A study at the Hyderabad campus of BITS-Pilani has projected 70 lakh cases by early October.

In the absence of a definite treatment for the novel coronavirus, the WHO advocated containment and preventive measures. As part of these, India also imposed a lockdown which helped prevent the initial spread. It also gave time to improve the health infrastructure, increase ICU beds and add more ventilators. From a stage of importing PPE kits, we have reached a stage of exporting them. Similarly, testing for Covid-19 has been ramped up with over 11 lakh tests being conducted every day. Testing remains one of the mainstays of containment as positive individuals need to be isolated. In the field setting at the community level, a check is also possible with rapid antigen test which is cost-effective.



CHECK THE SPREAD: There have been instances of patients and attendants in healthcare institutions testing positive for Covid-19, turning them into hotspots.

tive and takes around 30 minutes. In a hospital setting, rapid antigen testing is proposed for patients requiring admission to ICU or Emergency. Those testing positive can be triaged early and the negative cases need to be reconfirmed with RT-PCR. We believe flattening the curve is possible by testing, treating and tracing.

The medical fraternity has also learnt how to treat the disease better. There being no effective antiviral drugs, treatment is primarily supportive. We have learnt that hydroxychloroquine is not useful, the role of plasma therapy is not yet established, that the use of anti-coagulants and steroids is helpful in specific stages of the disease, and drugs like Tocilizum-

ab and Remdesivir help some and that ventilator is not the panacea it was thought to be. The ICMR has updated its proposed algorithm of treatment. Resultantly, more patients can be effectively treated if the guidelines are followed.

A vaccine for Covid-19 has been in the offing for some time now. Despite over 200 candidate vaccines, only a few have reached the stage of clinical trial, including two from India. It is projected that though one or more vaccines may be cleared for use by the end of 2020, it will be only in the first quarter of 2021 that they can be available for mass usage. This implies that for the next many months, we have to rely on measures other than vaccines

to prevent the virus from spreading. That brings us back to the three basic tenets of fighting Covid-19 — use of a mask, social distancing and hand hygiene, besides isolating those testing positive. Unfortunately, the emphasis on this basic protocol has been getting diluted. With a rapid upsurge in cases, it is time to reiterate these measures strongly. Most people feel they need not wear a mask with their friends as it would be safe, or with relatives because they would be non-infective or even with colleagues, for the same reason. For our own and others' safety, each one of us should wear a mask. A group of researchers in the US has suggested that wearing a mask even helps in building immunity against the virus.

The mask scales down the viral particles filtered out of it, reducing the inoculum. Thus, the low viral load transmitted to the other person acts akin to a live vaccine. Notwithstanding this hypothesis, wearing a mask definitely protects the wearer. In that sense, a triple layer mask is the best, but a home-made cloth mask is also quite effective, provided it is washed daily. Masks like N-95 are to be used by high-risk individuals like healthcare workers. Wearing a handkerchief or a bandana-type wrap is not that effective, and in fact, they have been shown to be counterproductive.

The importance of social distancing is easy to understand, but often ignored. There are instances of attendees in marriages turning positive. Similarly, attending meetings has been followed by a spread of the virus. It is time for us to pause and think of how best we can fight the pandemic.

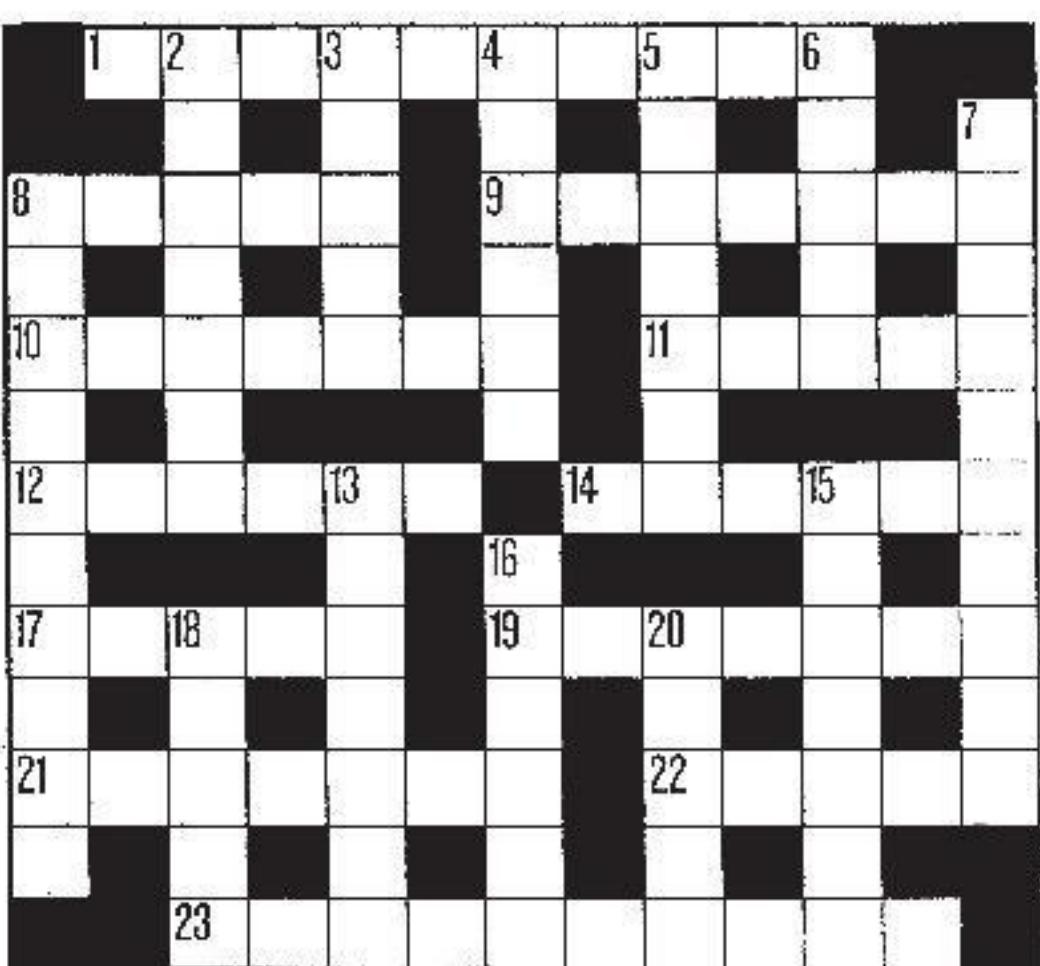
A few months back, many officials in the health department of Madhya Pradesh got infected from a single employee who had tested positive. When the lockdown was lifted, most people observed the two-metre-distance norm quite regularly, but not anymore. We cannot ignore the fact that Covid-19 spreads through close contact and proximity. Hand hygiene is the other preventive measure.

One issue, which has been ignored, is the role of healthcare facilities. In May this year, many Mumbai hospitals had been shut down, as they had become hotspots for the spread of infection. As tricity hospitals get a lot of patients from the neighbouring states, it is imperative to test the patients. There have been instances of the spread of virus in healthcare facilities linked to the attendants. At many hospitals, including government institutes, only those attendants are allowed who have tested negative.

We have to fight Covid-19 with renewed vigour. The State and the individual must pool in for this purpose. Social and religious organisations also need to step forward. There has been a fatigue of sorts among all of us in the past six months, which needs to be shed. Even the print media has pushed the Covid news to obscure corners and the TV news does not highlight the gravity of the situation adequately. People should be warned through various measures like hoardings, announcements and proper vigil at busy public places.

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QUICK CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Across: 1 Put off, 4 Tremor, 9 Nonstop, 10 Plumb, 11 Sprig, 12 Nonplus, 13 Case in point, 18 Impetus, 20 Swarm, 22 Glint, 23 Unequal, 24 Return, 25 Heresy.
Down: 1 Punish, 2 Tenor, 3 Fatigue, 5 Ripen, 6 Maudlin, 7 Robust, 8 Open-and-shut, 14 Appear, 15 Obscene, 16 Linger, 17 Employ, 19 Tutor, 21 Acute.

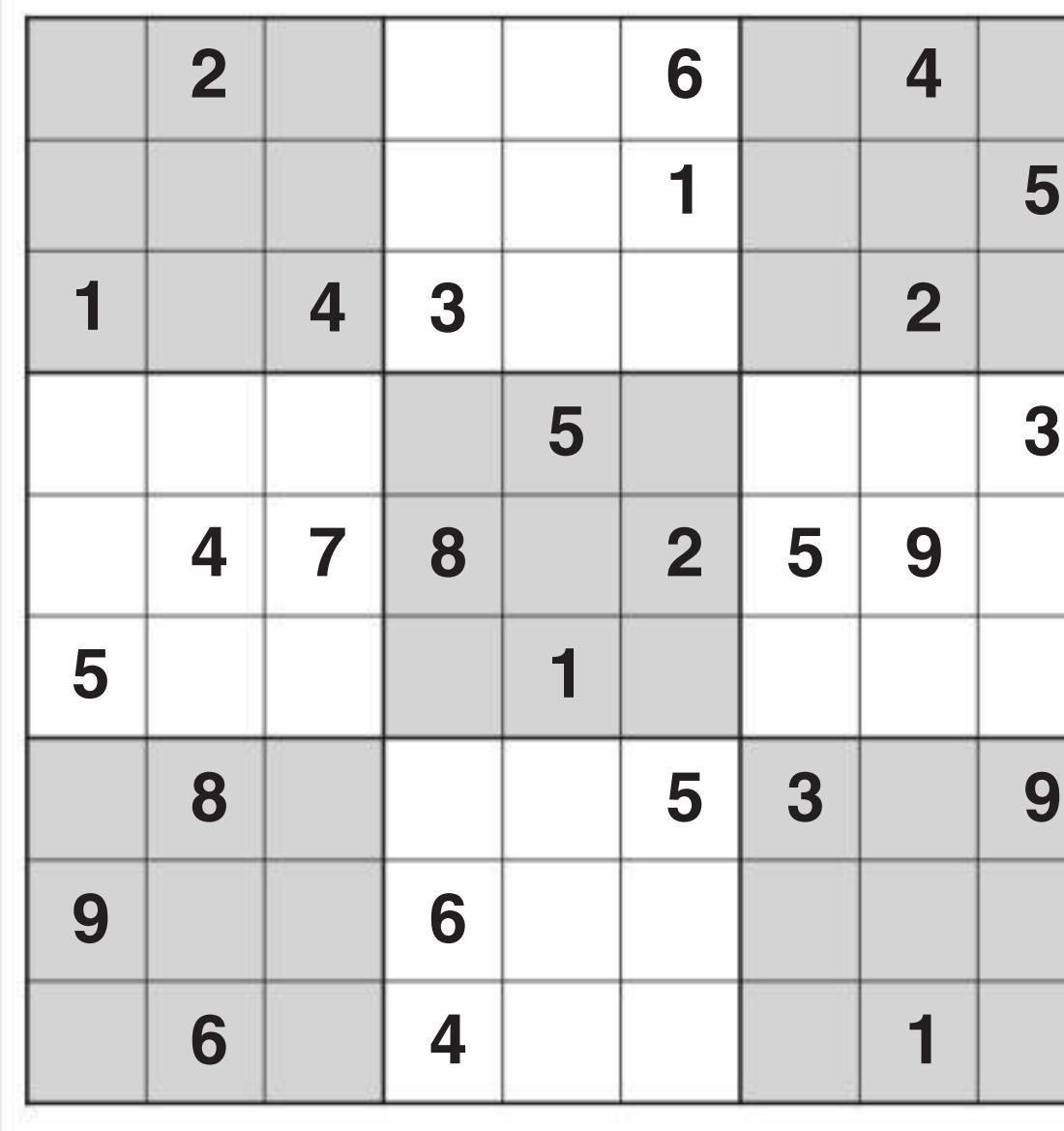
ACROSS

- 1 Equally (5,3,2)
- 8 Ready to sleep (5)
- 9 Rise from launch pad (4,3)
- 10 Incident in narrative (7)
- 11 Strangely frightening (5)
- 12 Needing food (6)
- 14 Inexperienced (6)
- 17 English romantic poet (5)
- 19 Novice (7)
- 21 Currently in progress (7)
- 22 Fit of depression (5)
- 23 Have unhappy outcome (3,2,5)

DOWN

- 2 Interpretation (7)
- 3 Wireless (5)
- 4 Religious conviction (6)
- 5 Fine lustrous silk (7)
- 6 Clean by hard rubbing (5)
- 7 Taciturn (2,3,5)
- 8 Get married (3,3,4)
- 13 Cancel (7)
- 15 Lack of energy (7)
- 16 Watchword (6)
- 18 Corner (5)
- 20 An easy pace (5)

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CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 29, 2020, TUESDAY

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■ Shaka Samvat	1942
■ Ashwin Shaka	7
■ Ashwin Parvishite	14
■ Hijari	1442
■ Shukla Paksha Tithi 13, up to 10.34 pm	
■ Shoola Yoga up to 7.24 pm	
■ Shatbhisha Nakshatra up to 12.48 am	
■ Moon in Aquarius sign	

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SUNRISE: WEDNESDAY 06:15 HRS

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Amritsar	35	22
Bathinda	37	23
Jalandhar	35	22
Ludhiana	35	22
Bhiwani	38	24
Hisar	38	21
Sirsia	38	24
Dharamsala	27	18
Manali	23	06
Shimla	24	15
Srinagar	27	08
Jammu	35	20
Kargil	18	06
Leh	22	04
Dehradun	32	20
Mussorie	23	14

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Battery-powered masks to help Indian athletes train

VINAYAK PADMADEO
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 28

In its efforts to help athletes resume training in full earnest, the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) is procuring battery-powered face masks for them. IOA has tied up with a renowned university that has designed an athlete-specific mask with two big valves to regulate breathing.

IOA plans to hand out these masks to around 10-15 athletes on a trial basis.

"I am told this is safe and some athletes will be given this mask on a trial basis. If we get a satisfactory response, it will be supplied to all Olympics-qualified athletes," he added.

told *The Tribune*. "So we have to come up with solutions to keep our athletes safe and at the same time see to it that their training is not affected. This mask hopefully will be of great help."

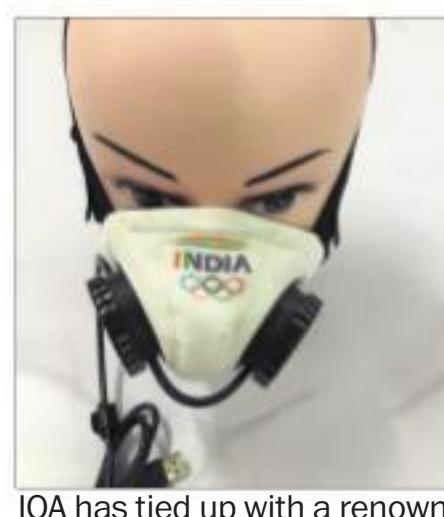
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'May not work'

While Mehta expects and hopes the mask would work, sports science experts are unsure about it. Sumit Arora, a sports science expert associated with the Manav Rachna Sports Science Cen-

tre, says that athletes training with a mask on may not be the right solution.

"We do have examples like the elevation masks or



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that there always is air resistance," Arora explained.

"As you breathe out, you exhale carbon dioxide but some amount stays inside the mask and there is always the danger of someone going into a shock while training," he added. "Having said that, we need to first have a closer look, break down its working and then make a firmer view about the mask that will be supplied to our athletes."

SOPs

The Sports Authority of India has come out with detailed 48-page Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to keep the training environment safe for athletes in various national camps.

Astroturf gift to hockey in Ferozepur; new annual tournament announced

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

FEROZEPUR, SEPTEMBER 28

The government has decided to lay hockey astroturf in the Shaheed Bhagat Singh Stadium here. The cost of the project would be Rs.5.5 crore and an inter-state tournament, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Hockey Cup, would be held here every year.

Punjab Sports Minister Ranbir Gurmit Singh Sodhi disclosed this today on the 113th birth anniversary of Shaheed Bhagat Singh.

"This astroturf would be of great benefit to the Ferozepur region as well as the adjacent cities of Faridkot,

City to host annual Shaheed Bhagat Singh Hockey Cup

Moga and Tarn Taran, which are considered a stronghold of hockey," Sodhi said.

Hockey has been very popular in the region and a single family from Ferozepur city has produced countless hockey players, including great hockey Olympians Harmeet Singh, Ajit Singh and Gagan Ajit Singh. Faridkot city has produced renowned players like the

Saini sisters, Rajinder Singh (Sr), Chand Singh and Rupinderpal Singh. Moga and Tarn Taran districts too have contributed a lot in the field of hockey.

Sodhi said the state government was making all-out efforts to promote sports. "The sports policy of the government is a right step towards this direction as it provides jobs and emphasises not only enhancing the prize money for various national and international tournaments, but also ensuring top-notch sports infrastructure in Punjab aimed at producing champions," he added.

BRIEFLY

BARCELONA

Messi scores in dream start for Koeman

Lionel Messi was back in scoring business for Barcelona, leading them to a resounding 4-0 win at home against Villarreal in a near-perfect La Liga opener for the Catalans under new coach Ronald Koeman. Teenage forward Ansu Fati was in inspirational form for Barca, scoring two goals.

ROME

Ronaldo salvages draw for Juventus at Roma

Even on a night when Juventus were outplayed for long stretches, the nine-time defending Serie A champions managed to salvage a point in a 2-2 draw at Roma. Cristiano Ronaldo scored twice, including a second-half equaliser with a towering header after Juventus had been reduced to 10 men, while Jordan Veretout had a brace for Roma. AGENCIES

TODAY ON TV

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STAR SPORTS 7:30PM

TENNIS

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STAR SPORTS 2:30PM



RCB beat MI in Super Over

DUBAI: Royal Challengers Bangalore beat Mumbai Indians in a Super Over thriller in the IPL here today. Needing eight to win, AB de Villiers scored a crucial boundary before skipper Virat Kohli scored the winning runs. Earlier, Ishan Kishan scored a 58-ball 99 to help MI reach 201/5 and take the game into the Super Over. Bangalore had scored 201/3. Brief scores: RCB 201/3 (de Villiers 55*, Padikkal 54, Finch 52; Boult 2/34); MI 201/5 (Kishan 99, Pollard 60; Udane 2/45); Super Over: MI 7/1; RCB: 11/0. PTI



AB de Villiers hit four sixes and four fours. PTI

CANCELLATION / PARTIAL CANCELLATION / SHORT TERMINATION / SHORT ORIGINATION OF TRAINS

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

CANCELLATION OF SPECIAL TRAINS

Train No. & Name	Date of cancellation (from the Originating Station)
02053 Haridwar - Amritsar Jan Shatabdi Special Express	29.09.2020
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PARTIAL CANCELLATION OF SPECIAL TRAINS

Train No. & Name	Short Terminate at/ Short originate from	Partially Cancelled between Station	Date of cancellation (from the Originating Station)
02903 Mumbai Central-Amritsar Golden Temple Mail	at Ambala Cantt.	Ambala Cantt.-Amritsar	of 27.09.2020
02904 Amritsar-Mumbai Central Golden Temple Mail	From Ambala Cantt.	Amritsar-Ambala Cantt.	29.09.2020
02925 Bandra Terminus-Amritsar Express	at Ambala Cantt.	Ambala Cantt.-Amritsar	of 28.09.2020
02926 Amritsar-Bandra Terminus Express	from Ambala Cantt.	Amritsar-Ambala Cantt.	30.09.2020
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09026 Amritsar-Bandra Terminus Express	from Ambala Cantt.	Amritsar-Ambala Cantt.	30.09.2020
02715 Nanded-Amritsar Sachkhand Express	at New Delhi	New Delhi-Amritsar	of 28.09.2020
02716 Amritsar-Nanded Sachkhand Express	From New Delhi	Amritsar-New Delhi	30.09.2020
04673 Jaynagar-Amritsar Shaheed Express	at Ambala Cantt.	Ambala Cantt.-Amritsar	of 28.09.2020
04674 Amritsar-Jaynagar Shaheed Express	From Ambala Cantt.	Amritsar-Ambala Cantt.	29.09.2020
03307 Dhanbad-Firozpur Exp.	at Ambala Cantt.	Ambala Cantt.-Amritsar	of 27.09.2020
03308 Firozpur-Dhanbad Exp.	from Ambala Cantt.	Amritsar-Ambala Cantt.	29.09.2020
02057 New Delhi-Uma Himachal Express	at Chandigarh	Chandigarh-Uma Himachal	of 28.09.2020
02058 Una Himachal-New Delhi Express	From Chandigarh	Una Himachal-Chandigarh	of 29.09.2020
04654 Amritsar-New Jalpaiguri Humsafar Express	From Saharanpur	Amritsar-Saharanpur	30.09.2020

SHORT TERMINATION/ORIGINATION OF PARCEL EXPRESS TRAINS

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00901 Bandra Terminus-Jammu Tawi Express	At Ambala	Ambala-Jammu Tawi	of 27.09.2020
00902 Jammu Tawi-Bandra Terminus Express	From Ambala	Jammu Tawi-Ambala	29.09.2020

Note: For any kind of information passengers are requested to contact Railway Enquiry No. 139 or visit Indian Railways website: www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in



CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION : EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE DISABLED STUDENTS PURSUING GENERAL, TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION IN CHANDIGARH FROM CLASS 9TH ONWARDS FOR THE YEAR 2020-21

The Govt. of India, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), New Delhi has been awarding Scholarship to the Disabled Students pursuing General, Technical and Professional Education in Chandigarh from Class 9th onwards who are permanent resident of UT, Chandigarh under the Govt. of India Scheme.

The major conditions of eligibility for filling up of online application can be seen under the link to the site made in the website of the Ministry i.e. www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in and FAQs with regards to various activities relating to submission of application form is available at www.scholarships.gov.in.

TIME-LINE

Activities	Scheme	Last Date for Submission of Application	How to apply
Last Date for submission of online application for fresh scholarship (first time applicant) and Renewal scholarship (applicant who has got scholarship during 2019-20) by students.	Pre Matric Scholarship for Students with Disabilities.	31st October, 2020	These three scholarship schemes are being implemented through National Scholarship Portal. Apply online on National Scholarship Portal (www.scholarship.gov.in)
Post Matric Scholarship for Students with Disabilities.	Post Matric Scholarship for Students with Disabilities.		
Scholarship for Top Class Education for Students with Disabilities	Scholarship for Top Class Education for Students with Disabilities		

Applicants are advised to take print-outs of the duly filled-in application forms, through National Scholarship web portal and to submit the same along with all supporting documents (i.e. residence proof, annual fee receipt, last class pass certificate, Aadhar No., Bank Account in the name of applicant, income proof, Disability Certificate) in their respective institutes.

**State Liaison Officer,
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CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION : EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

AWARD OF POST MATRIC SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE STUDENTS BELONGING TO SCHEDULED CASTE, OTHER BACKWARD CLASS, ECONOMICALLY BACKWARD CLASS AND TRANSGENDER FOR THE YEAR 2020-21

Education Department, Chandigarh Administration has decided to award Post Matric Scholarships to Scheduled Caste, Other Backward Class, Economically Backward Class and Transgender who are permanent resident of UT, Chandigarh for studies in India under the Govt. of India Scheme. The scholarship will be open to Indian nationals belonging to Scheduled Caste, Other Backward Class, Economically Backward Class and Transgender as notified by the Central Govt./State Govt./UT Administration.

The guidelines/conditions of eligibility for filling up of online application is available at <http://socialjustice.nic.in> and [www.cheducation.gov.in](http://cheducation.gov.in).

TIME-LINE

Sr. No.	Scheme Name	Last Date for submission of application by students	Last Date for verification of application by Institutes
1.	Post Matric Scholarship to Scheduled Caste Students		
2.	Post Matric Scholarship to Other Backward Class Students		
3.	Dr. Ambedkar Post Matric Scholarship to EBC Students	10th November, 2020	15th November, 2020
4.	Post Matric Scholarship to Transgender Students		

The eligible candidates may apply through online on the website of common National Scholarship Portal of Govt. of India under URL [https://scholarships.gov.in](http://scholarships.gov.in).

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Domestic flights at T2 to resume from Oct 1

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TAKING OFF AGAIN			
96	48	180	27
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and GoAir will operate all their flights from T2, it said, adding 27 counters — 16 for IndiGo and 11 for GoAir — had been created.

India resumed scheduled

domestic passenger flights from May 25, but in a curtailed manner. The airlines are currently allowed to operate not more than 60 per cent of pre-Covid period flights.

FROM PAGE 1

Will consult lawyers: Capt

Tewari said his colleague had tested positive for Covid-19, so he had decided to keep away.

Later in Chandigarh, the CM announced that a campaign would be launched on October 2 to get the signatures of two crore farmers against the contentious laws that would be submitted to the President on

November 14. Capt Amarinder said he had called a meeting of 31 farmers' groups tomorrow to discuss the way forward. He accused the Centre of usurping powers granted to states under the Constitution. The CM asked why Harsimrat did not quit the Cabinet when farm ordinances were issued.

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Aut tunnel a nightmare for Manali tourists

part of the Larji power project. It is horse-shoe shaped, 10.5 metres in diameter and had incurred a cost of Rs 43 crore.

In 2017, the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) took its control after work started on the Kiratpur-Manali four-laning project.

Naveen Mishra, NHAI project director, says another tunnel is being built at Aut. "The heavy traffic inside the tunnel makes its maintenance difficult. It will be repaired once the new tunnel is completed," he maintains.

India inks 1st green pact with Denmark

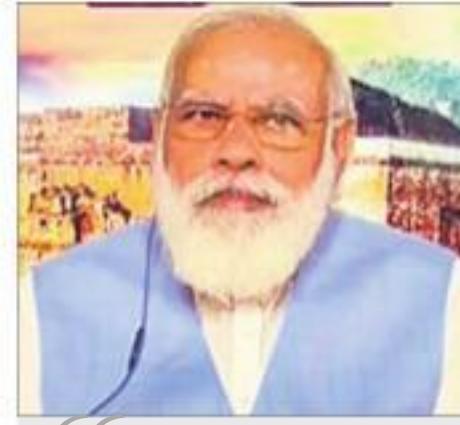
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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 28

India and Denmark on Monday decided to elevate their bilateral ties to a "green strategic partnership", the first of its kind, during a virtual summit between Prime Ministers Narendra Modi and Mette Frederiksen.

Niche pollution control solutions being offered by Denmark include those to curb stubble burning. "Danish companies are already talking to Indian companies to take it forward," said MEA's Joint Secretary (Central Europe).

PM Modi in his address indicated that Indian expectations from Denmark went well beyond pollution control initiatives and partnerships. Mentioning the extensive reforms in the manufacturing, labour, regulatory and taxation



The Covid-19 pandemic showed the risk involved in excessive dependence of the global supply chain on any single source. — Narendra Modi, PM



India & Denmark have agreed to collaborate in several sectors on basis of an action plan that will set targets for next few years. — Mette Frederiksen, DENMARK PM

sectors, he recalled Denmark's constant attendance at the Vibrant Gujarat Summit since 2009 and cautioned against the risks of overdependence on a single source.

The PM then spoke of virtual conferences with India, Japan,

Australia and France to diversify supply chains and invited other like-minded democracies to join this endeavour.

PM Modi observed that India and Denmark could set up energy parks where a large number of Danish companies

HC orders 24X7 security to witness in '84 riots case

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 28

The Delhi High Court on Monday directed the police to continue providing three security personnel round the clock to controversial arms dealer Abhishek Verma, a witness in a 1984 anti-Sikh riots case, as he was receiving threats.

Justice Yogesh Khanna said the HC's September 27, 2017, order directing the DCP (South) to provide in three security personnel to Verma and his family members be continued till further orders.

The HC asked the CBI and the Delhi Police to file replies to Verma's petition seeking directions to the authorities for the cover till he was examined in the trials before the trial court. — PTI

No conclusion reached in SSR death case: CBI

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 28

Amid reports of it going slow in probing actor Sushant Singh Rajput's death case, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) today said, "No conclusion has yet been reached in the matter under probe and all aspects of it are under investigation."

According to an official statement issued here, agency spokesperson RK Gaur said, "The CBI is conducting professional investigation related to Sushant's death in which all aspects are being looked at and no aspect has been ruled out as of date."

The CBI had taken over the probe from the Bihar Police into the alleged abet-



ment to suicide case filed by the actor's father KK Singh in Patna against Rajput's girlfriend Rhea Chakraborty and her family.

Last week, Singh's lawyer Vikas Singh had expressed "helplessness" over the slow pace of the CBI probe in the Rajput's death case. — TNS

MoD tweaks..

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The CAG in its report on September 23 had said "it did not find a single case where the foreign vendor had transferred high technology to the Indian industry. Thus, the objectives of the offset policy remain largely unachieved".

The new DAP will also allow the armed forces to take military equipment from global or Indian suppliers on lease. "This opens new avenues and will meet operational requirements and save huge capital investment," Chandra said. Also, the parameters of buying new equipment called "staff qualitative requirement" will be made more realistic after seeing what all is available globally and domestically. The DAP has been aligned with the Atmanirbhar Bharat vision, the Ministry of Defence said. — TNS

India Gate protest



■ At least 15 Indian Youth Congress activists from Punjab set a tractor on fire at India Gate on Monday to protest against the newly enacted farm laws.
■ Two fire tenders were rushed to the spot and the blaze was doused. Deputy Commissioner of Police Eish Singh said five persons had been detained in this regard. — TNS

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

EOI No.: PEDA/2020-21/21

PEDA invites Online Expression of Interest (EOI) on prescribed form from experienced Agencies for Capacity Building Training Programmes on AgDSM & MuDSM through Webinars.

Name of work	EMD (Rs.)	Date of start of downloading EOI document	Sale of bid document	Last date & time for submission of Techno-commercial & Financial bids	Date & time of opening of Techno-commercial bids
Capacity building training programmes on AgDSM & MuDSM as per the scope of work to the satisfaction of PEDA	1,00,000/-	28.09.2020 upto 1:00 PM	19.10.2020 upto 03:00 PM	19.10.2020 upto 03:00 PM	20.10.2020 at 11:30 AM
Bid Document Fees	Non-refundable EOI Document fee Rs. 5,000/- through on-line				
E-Processing Fee	Non-refundable e-processing fee as per govt. norms through on-line				
Earnest Money Deposit	Earnest Money as mentioned shall be deposited through on-line				

- Eligibility criteria and other terms & conditions for the work are given in the EOI Document which can be downloaded from e-procurement-portal of Punjab Government.
- Bidders shall have to get themselves registered with e-procurement-portal of Punjab Government.
- Digital Signature, mandatory to participate in the e-tendering process. For any clarification/difficulty regarding e-tendering process flow, please contact PEDA at 98156-04399, 0172-2663328, 2663328, or 0172-3934667, 92572-09340, 80546-28821.

DIRECTOR

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

By CEE/JUDW acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No. 56/W/Elect/19-20/T/04/GSW. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Information regarding this tender is available on website www.ireps.gov.in on internet & can be seen/downloaded. The tenderers/bidders will have to make payment towards Tender document cost and Earnest Money against this tender through online payment modes like Net Banking, debit/credit cards etc. available on IREPS portal. Manual/ offline mode of payment through Demand Draft, Banker's cheque, Cash Deposit receipts etc. are not permitted.

Name of work	Lighting and Wiring arrangement of Stores Depot, JUDW to be developed as Model Depot.
Tender Type	Open
Tender Sale Closing Date	28.10.2020 at 15:30 hrs.
Pre-Bid Required	No
Advertisement Value	₹47,09,477/- including all taxes GST etc.
Earnest Money	₹94,190/-
Tender Document Cost	₹3,000/-
Bidding Start Date	15 Days before opening of tender as per IREPS provisions
Tender Opening date & Time	Any time thereafter 15:35 hrs. on dt. 28.10.2020. The tenders are not required to be present during the opening Railway reserves the right to open the tender at any time after closing of tender.

No.: 56-W/Elect/19-20/T/04/GSW Dated: 26.09.2020 2089/20 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED



(Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala)

OFFICE OF CHIEF ENGINEER/TRANSMISSION SYSTEM, B-1, Shakti Vihar, Patiala

Corporate Identity Number (CIN) U40109PB2010SGC033813

Dated: 25.09.2020

NOTIFICATION NO. 78/TSN-207/Vol-IX

It is hereby notified that Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd. (here-in-after called the PSPCL) proposes to undertake the following schemes/transmission works necessary for the dispersal/distribution of power for the improvement of the transmission and distribution system of the Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.

66KV TRANSMISSION WORKS FOR THE YEAR 2020-21

Sr. No.	Name of Work indicating the villages/localities over which the line is to pass	APPROX. LENGTH OF LINE IN KMS.	SIZE OF CONDUCTOR CABLE (SQ. MM)	APPROX. COST (RS. IN LACS)
1.	66 KV Line from Soosan to M/s Bhogpur Sugar Mills (TL No. 21 to 23) in the land of Advocate Amrik Singh S/o Smt. Harbhajan Kaur (Re-revised) (Village - Behram Sarita).	0.356 Ckt KM	200 sq. mm	8
2.	Shifting/Raising of 3 Nos. 66 KV Rail pole line from Railway track between Batala - Qadian Railway Station (Deposit work of Railway) (Locality-Railway track between Batala-Qadian Railway station)	0.685 Ckt KM	594 Ckt KM	200 sq. mm
3.	1. Wadala Granthis - Batala Radial RP line at TP No. 3/8-3/9 2. Batala Radial - Chahar Kalan RP line at TP No. 3/3-3/5 3. Batala Radial - Batala City RP line at KM No. 2/9-3/0	0.514 Ckt KM	200 sq. mm	55
4.	66 KV line from 220 KV S/Rehana Jattan to Panchta DC on DC towers between TL No. 5.6 & crossing of 220 KV Nakodar-Rehana Jattan between TL No. 113-114 (Village - Rehana Jattan)	0.465 Ckt KM	420 sq. mm	19
5.	Orientation of 66 KV Bays of exist. 66 KV Line from 220 KV Karpur to 66 KV Spur and Surgical Complex Jalandhar with prop. 66 KV line from 220 KV Focal Point and Magsoodpur S/Stn. (Locality) - Near 220 S/Stn. Karpur).	0.208 Ckt KM	420 sq. mm	36
6.	66 KV SC/DC line from 132 KV G/S/Muktsar - 66 KV G/S/Lubaniwali replacement of rail pole line. (Village-Muktsar Sabh, Kotli, Bura Gujjar, Marhi Mall, Lubaniwali).	12,571 Ckt KM	200 sq. mm	284
7.	Shifting/Raising of existing line 66 KV SC line from Abohar-Kalar Khera and 66 KV P-Line from Abohar-Khuan Sevar within land of Sahil S/o Shri Roshan Lal, Smt. Renu W/o Late Sh. Roshan Lal and Veena Devi D/o Ami Chand. (Locality - Site land near Abohar-Hanumangarh Bye Pass).	0.306 Ckt KM	284 Ckt KM	200 sq. mm
8.	66 KV DC line on DC tower from Sandwan - Kokpura-TL No. 23 to 25 (Single span, TL No. 24 does not exist) (Re-revised). (Locality-Focal point Kotkappa).	0.295 Ckt KM	200 sq. mm	8

It is hereby notified that the PSPCL is undertaking and executing the sanctioned scheme and shall have the powers for placing of any Towers, Wires, Poles, Stay, Apparatus and Appliances for the Transmission and Distribution of Electricity or for Transmission of telegraphic or telephonic communications necessary for proper coordination of the works of PSPCL for the areas indicated above which the telegraph authority possess under Part-III of the Telegraphs Act, 1885 (XII of 1885) in respect of telegraphs established or maintained and the provisions of section 164 of the Indian Electricity Act 2003 shall not apply to the same and therefore no separate notice of the scheme