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## India rejects China's 1959 claim line

Slams unilateral interpretation of border, says it flouts agreements

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29 India on Tuesday again rejected a Chinese statement affirming a "1959 claim line" as the border between the two countries in Ladakh and asked the neighbouring country to refrain from advancing an "untenable unilateral" interpretation of the de-facto border.

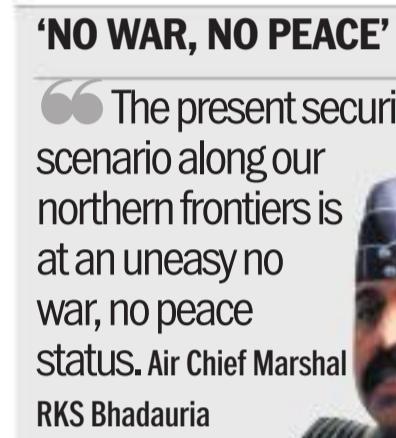
New Delhi has been consistently rejecting the Chinese offer to settle the border in Ladakh according to the line espoused by them Chinese Premier Chou en-Lai in 1959.

A Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson said India had never accepted the "so-called unilaterally defined 1959 Line of Actual Control (LAC)", a position that is consistent and well known, including to the Chinese side.

India also pointed out that the Chinese furtherance of the so-called 1959 line proposal ran counter to several agree-



An Army convoy moves towards Ladakh on the Manali-Leh highway.



**'NO WAR, NO PEACE'**

The present security scenario along our northern frontiers is at an uneasy no war, no peace status. Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria

**MEA PROTESTS GILGIT POLL**

New Delhi: India has protested Pakistan's plan to hold elections for the so-called "Gilgit-Baltistan legislative assembly" on November 15. The MEA said J&K and Ladakh, including the areas of Gilgit and Baltistan, were an integral part of India by virtue of its accession in 1947.

### TWISTS AND TURNS

- **1959:** Then Chinese Premier Chou en-Lai proposes a border line in Ladakh, but India says no
- **1993:** Pact on maintenance of peace is inked and efforts begin to confirm the LAC
- **2003:** Process stalled as Chinese side doesn't show willingness to pursue it
- **2017:** China again harps on 1959 line after troops scuffle along Pangong Lake in Aug



ments that were framed to reach a common understanding of the LAC alignment.

After engaging in an exercise to clarify and confirm the LAC, the process could not

proceed after 2003 as the Chinese side did not show a willingness to pursue it, the MEA regretted. It pointed out that at the last high-level meeting between the two Foreign Min-

isters in Moscow on September 10, China had reiterated its commitment to abide by all the existing agreements.

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EDIT: CHINESE DUPPLICITY AGAIN

**Don't recognise UT status for Ladakh: Beijing**

BEIJING, SEPTEMBER 29

China on Tuesday voiced its opposition to India undertaking infrastructure development for military purposes in the border areas of Ladakh. It said both countries should avoid any activity that might complicate the situation upsetting the consensus reached between them to ease the situation.

"China has not recognised Ladakh Union Territory (UT) 'illegally' set up by the Indian side," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin told a press briefing while replying to a question by a journalist that India was prioritising construction of high-altitude road network on its border with China in the Ladakh region.

"We are opposed to conducting infrastructure development for military purposes in the border area," Wang said. — PTI

Oppn wants middlemen, not farmers, to prosper: PM Modi

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CHECK ON BLACK MONEY

Congress leaders are peeved as the govt has plugged one more avenue to amass black money

Narendra Modi, PRIME MINISTER

**The Tribune INTERVIEW**

'EXPLORING ALL LEGAL OPTIONS'

Punjab CM Capt Amarinder Singh, in an exclusive interview with The Tribune, has said his government is exploring all legal avenues to oppose the contentious farm laws.

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said they wanted only the middlemen to thrive and referred to the burning of a tractor in Delhi by Congress workers as an insult to farmers.

"They are opposing the freedom of farmers and want their problems to continue forever. By torching farming equipment, which the agriculturists worship, these people are now insulting farmers," he said without naming the Congress. He said the government would not be deterred by the opposition and the reform process would continue.

Referring to the farm laws, he said they would emancipate the farmers. The MSP regime would remain.

Regarding the stir against the laws, he said the Congress leaders were peeved as the government had "plugged one more avenue to amass black money". The PM was speaking after inaugurating six sewage treatment plants in Uttarakhand.

## As Army gears up for long LAC winter, focus on water, bedding

AJAY BANERJEE  
TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

As New Delhi and Beijing brace for winter showdown along the Line of Actual Control in Ladakh, a review conducted by the Indian security establishment has found that sheltering troops in extreme cold and ensuring continued potable water supply are the two issues that require greater attention.

A list of immediate essentials has been shared with the Army headquarters as some 45,000 troops have to be accommodated compared to 10,000 in peacetime. Normally, patrolling is done as per fixed schedule while majority of troops are at fully furnished bases where heated accommodation with bunker-type beds exists.

With additional troops,

### TEMP ALREADY -5°C

- Some 45,000 troops have to be accommodated along the 826-km LAC in Ladakh
- The count is much higher compared to 10,000 troops stationed in peacetime
- Additional habitat is being created on a war footing; arctic tents are being provided
- Minimum temp has already touched -5°C and will plunge up to -20 in some days
- Potable water is an issue as most of the rivers freeze during winter months

habitat is being created on a war footing and arctic tents are being provided. Sources said the review was done to assess what all was needed.

The cold desert of Ladakh has military deployments at an altitude of 13,000 feet. In summer months, ample

water flows in Indus, Shyok, Galwan, Chang Chenmo and Chip-Chap rivers, but all barindus freeze in winter.

The drinking water in places like Siachen is sourced from natural snow. But unlike Siachen, eastern Ladakh doesn't have abundant snow.

Clothing and boots have been sourced in multiple pairs as these tend to get wet in snow. The other task is to feed the troops. The calorie intake has been calculated as per a study by the Defence Institute of Physiology and Allied Sciences. The daily per-person energy requirements in high altitude (over 12,000 feet) vary between 4,270 and 4,550 calories.

The ration list allows the battalion commander to get what his troops may like to eat as culinary tastes vary across India.

## Hathras rape victim's death sparks protests

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

In a grim reminder of the December 16, 2012, Delhi gang rape that shook the national conscience, a 19-year-old victim of brutal sexual assault at Hathras in UP died in a government hospital here this morning, sparking protests across the Capital.

The girl, first admitted to Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College and Hospital, Aligarh, after the gang rape on September 14, was brought to Safdarjung Hospital last night with spinal injuries, paraparesis and cuts in the tongue. She died at 3 am, according to the Hathras



Congress activists participate in a candlelight march to protest the death of the Hathras gang-rape victim, in New Delhi on Tuesday. PTI

Political leaders target Yogi government over 'poor' law and order

police. Although the four men identified for the crime have been arrested, civil society activists and political leaders cutting across party lines attacked the BJP government over the "lax" law and order situation in the state and sought justice for the victim.

The protests were held outside the hospital as well as at Vijay Chowk. — TNS

EDIT: ANOTHER REPRESHIBBLE RAPe

## How long will you detain Mehbooba, SC asks J&K

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

With PDP leader and former J&K Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti remaining under continued detention for almost 14 months, the Supreme Court on Tuesday sought to know from the government how long it wanted to keep her under preventive detention.

"How long do you propose to continue the detention," a Bench headed by Justice SK Kaul asked Solicitor General Tushar Mehta. Noting that detention could not be forever, the Bench said "some via media" should be explored. It sought to know the maximum period for which a person could be detained.

The stringent Public Safety Act (PSA) had been slapped on former Chief Ministers Farooq Abdullah, Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti and former IAS officer



Mehbooba Mufti

### SHOPIAN CASE: 4 ARMY MEN PRIMA FACIE GUILTY

Srinagar: Four Army men, including an officer, have been prima facie found guilty of exceeding powers vested under the AFSPA in the controversial Shopian "encounter", a top defence official said. INSIDE

and Jammu and Kashmir People's Movement leader Shah Faesal and several others. Abdulla and Faesal have been released. — TNS

## 1st in a month: Cases below 75K, deaths 1K

ADITI TANDON

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29

In a positive sign for India's Covid-19 response, daily new cases dropped below 75,000 and daily new deaths below 1,000 for the first time in a month.

Besides, 24-hour recoveries outstripped 24-hour infections on all days barring two since September 19.

On Tuesday, the country reported 70,589 new cases and 84,877 new recoveries, with the national caseload reaching 61,45,291. The recovery rate rose to 83.01 per cent. Daily new deaths fell below 1,000 to 776.

Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said India's recoveries of more than 51 lakh were the highest and deaths per million (70) the lowest. "Daily recoveries are now outnumbering daily new cases despite high levels of testing. We hope this trend will hold," Bhushan said.

The government, however, warned people against laxity and asked everyone to wear masks in the festive and winter seasons, which would present fertile conditions for the Covid spread. The warning followed ICMR's launch of the second sero survey findings that estimate around 6.6 per cent of people over 10 years (one in 15 people) had likely been exposed to the virus by August. "Disease prevalence in 18 years plus population is estimated at 7.1 per cent, up from 0.73 per cent in the first survey," ICMR chief Balram Bhargava said.

### SERO SURVEY FINDS ANTIBODIES IN 6.6% PEOPLE

15.6% INFECTED IN URBAN SLUMS

8.2% IN URBAN NON-SLUMS

4.4% IN RURAL AREAS

90% PEOPLE STILL VULNERABLE

29,082 BLOOD SAMPLES COLLECTED

70 DISTS IN 21 STATES COVERED

'HAVE FUNDS FOR VACCINE COST'

Countering Serum Institute, Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said: "We do not agree with the ₹80,000 crore vaccine math, but the government has funds."

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Covid-19 CASES INDIA

RECOVERED 51,01,397

FRESH FATALITIES 776

TOTAL DEATHS 96,318

COUNT 61,45,291

WORLD

TOTAL 3,36,43,548

RECOVERED 2,49,51,119

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## Punjab sees 600 farm fires in 10 days

Rising air pollution to adversely affect Covid patients, claim experts

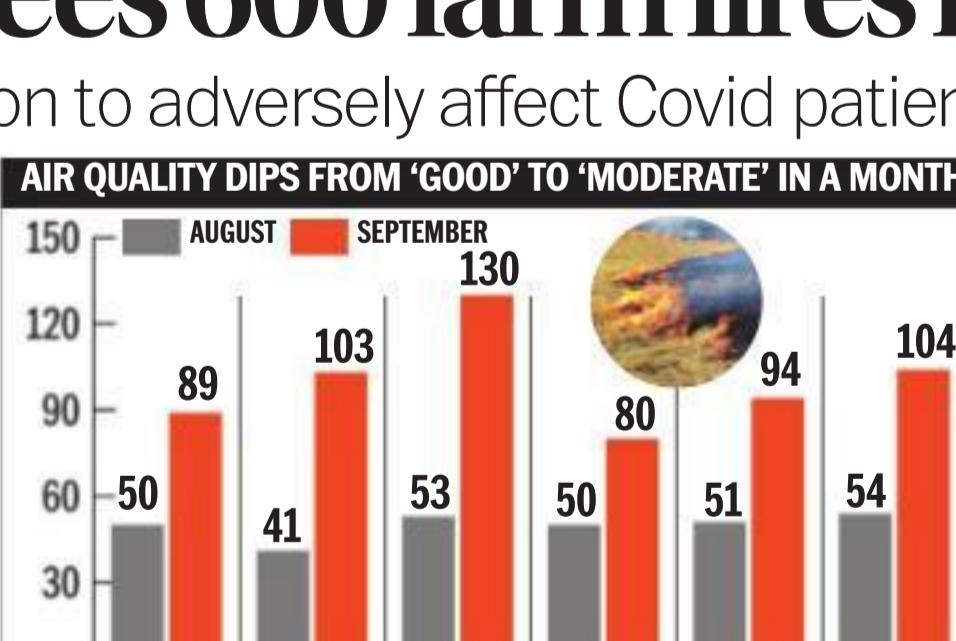
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TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PATIALA, SEPTEMBER 29 The health authorities in Punjab are a worried lot. Over 600 cases of stubble burning in the last 10 days have adversely affected the air quality in the state.

Officials are concerned about its impact on Covid patients since the virus attacks lungs and leads to breathing problem.

Sources say if immediate steps are not taken, the smoke from Punjab would soon reach the neighbouring



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## Rahul may visit state on Oct 2

**CHANDIGARH:** On Gandhi Jayanti, former Congress president Rahul Gandhi is likely to be part of tractor rallies in the Malwa and Majha regions, in support of protesting farmers.

A party functionary said since Punjab farmers had been leading the agitation against the agriculture laws, the party would kick-start its national campaign from Punjab. Sources in the party said Rahul could spend a day each in Malwa and Majha. The Punjab Congress had already planned tractor rallies in support of the farmers' agitation.

The rallies will be part of the party's two-month nationwide agitation against the three laws. —TNS

## Protest at BJP MLA's residence

**ABOHAL:** Members of the Punjab Youth Farmers' Association on Tuesday staged a sit-in outside the residence of BJP legislator Arun Narang against the three farm laws passed by the Union Government in Parliament.

Raising slogans against the Central Government, protesters said the BJP-led NDA government had brought the Acts to destroy the farmers of Punjab. The Acts were not only against the farmers, but also against the farm workers, labourers and traders, so we all have to fight together against it. Narang met the youth amidst tight police security. He urged farmers to through the laws that the Centre had enacted. If they really do any harm, he wouldn't hesitate in supporting the stir. —OC



Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh at a meeting with representatives of various farmer unions in Chandigarh on Tuesday. PTI

## Farm unions join hands to take on corporate houses

Urge Capt to enact law to circumvent Central agriculture laws

Tribune News Service

### FOUR-PRONGED STRATEGY

- Protests outside residences of all BJP leaders and their social boycott
- Gherao of businesses owned by MNCs across state
- Rail roko across the state
- Gram panchayats to pass resolutions against farm laws



state; and exhorting the gram panchayats to pass resolutions against the farm laws.

Before meeting the Chief Minister, the representatives of farmer unions assembled at Kisan Bhawan here this morning. The farmer leaders were unanimous in their opinion that a special session of the Vidhan Sabha should be convened by the CM to come up with an Act that could circumvent the farm laws.

Chairing a meeting with representatives of 31 farmer unions to take their views on the matter, the Chief Minister assured of all possible legal help to fight the farm legislations, including a special session of the Vidhan Sabha to discuss and decide the way forward. The Chief Minister said he would be discussing the issue with his legal team later today to finalise the next steps, includ-

ing challenging the farm laws in the Supreme Court.

Buta Singh Burjill of the BKU (Dakunda) said the CM-led delegation expressed apprehension that even if a resolution or law was passed by the Assembly, the Punjab Governor, who is a BJP nominee, could withhold it. "We assured them that we will exercise our democratic rights to ensure that the Governor sent the Acts to the President," he said.

Captain Amarinder slammed the Akalis for pawning off farmers' interests to large corporates to promote their petty political interests. All panchayats in the state would be requested to pass resolutions against the agriculture Acts, and the same would be sent to the Union Government, he said.

**C HIEF MINISTER**  
Capt Amarinder Singh says his government is exploring all avenues to fight the new farm Acts legally. In his interaction with Sanjeev Singh Bariana, he spells out his future course of action.

■ **Former Union minister Harsimrat Badal claims the Congress had, in its manifesto, promised privatisation of 'mandis' among other provisions that the new laws contain? Harsimrat can't be trusted. For that matter, even Sukhbir Harsimrat first claimed that the farm ordinances would benefit the farmers, then she said farmers felt those were dangerous. And, the SAD's former alliance partner BJP claims it had left the job of convincing the farmers to the Akali leadership. As far as the Punjab Congress manifesto is concerned, I want everyone, especially the media, to go by facts instead of taking Harsimrat at face value.**

■ **The Opposition is alleging that the state government was in the know and that Finance Minister Manpreet Badal had endorsed farm reforms at a NITI Aayog meeting?**

There is no question of Manpreet or any other Punjab representative endorsing something that never came up for discussion. These are all lies that the Union Government has been propagating, beginning with the claims made by a Union minister in Parliament. That's what the Badals did before the 2017 elections.



“The Centre needs to rethink these legislations and scrap them or at least defer their implementation till the time the concerns of all stakeholders, including farmers, are addressed.

weak that anyone can take over their right. The fact is that it is a matter of concern for entire Punjab. That's why I had convened an all-party meeting to reach a consensus on the issue. The BJP and the SAD had aggressively defended the ordinances then, ignoring the interests of the state and its farmers.

■ **Can Punjab consider ensuring MSP on 20 other crops besides wheat, paddy and cotton under the proposed legislation?**

We are considering all legal options and taking advice to see what can be done to protect the interests of our farmers. Assured MSP on all crops is something we have been consistently fighting for. But instead of considering our demand, the Union Government is bent on doing away with the MSP altogether.

■ **What policy should the Centre pursue to avert confrontation with the farming community?**

The Centre needs to rethink these legislations and scrap them or at least put them in abeyance and defer their implementation, till the time they can discuss their implications with all stakeholders, including the farmers and state governments. Also, as I have maintained repeatedly, the anger of the farmers will provide Pakistan and its ISI the platform for exploiting this opportunity to foment trouble in Punjab, which will cause serious problems for India.

I don't think farmers are so

## Unite for farmers' cause: Sukhbir to workers

KULWINDER SANDHU  
Tribune News Service



SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal in Moga on Tuesday.

### ACCUSES CM OF HAVING DOUBLE STANDARDS

- SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal said Parkash Singh Badal used to make every political decision by consulting his NDA partners, but the BJP government did not consult the SAD.
- He accused CM Capt Amarinder Singh of having double standards. He did not forward the Assembly resolution, rejecting the three erstwhile farm ordinances, to the Centre.

every political decision by consulting his NDA partners, but the BJP-led NDA government did not consult the SAD.

Sukhbir accused Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh of having double standards. He did not forward the Assembly resolution, rejecting the three erstwhile farm ordinances to the Union Government.

"In the meantime, not only were the ordinances taken up as Bills and ratified by Parliament, but they also became Acts after receiving the approval of the President," he added.

He asked the Chief Minister to tell farmers why he got the resolution passed in a special session if he did not have any intention to forward it to the Union Government and Parliament.

"You are talking about fighting for the cause of farmers, but you are missing from action. I request farmer organisations to tell Capt Amarinder to come out of hiding first," he said.

### SAD to move privilege motion against govt

AMRITSAR, SEPTEMBER 29

The Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) has declared to move a privilege motion against the state government for the agrarian crisis in the state.

SAD leader Bikram Singh Majithia asked Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh to abrogate the state Agriculture Produce Market Committee Act and declare the entire state as a principal market area.

"If Capt Amarinder doesn't pay heed to our demand, which is in fact the demand of farmers, the SAD will gherao his residence," said Majithia. He lashed out at the CM for "playing a friendly match" with those in the Centre to "fool and mislead" farmers. He never did anything concrete to thwart the Acts, the SAD leader said. —TNS

## Black flags shown to Sukhbir



■ Holding black flags, members of various Sikh organisations tried to stop the cavalcade of SAD chief Sukhbir Badal in Sangrur.

■ "SAD leaders are responsible for the disappearance of Saroops," alleged Bachitar Singh, district president of Sikh Sadbhawna Dal.

■ Members of the Ragi Granthi Sabha, Guru Granth Sahib Satkar Committee and Damdami Taksaal also joined the protest.



Farmers block gates of the district administrative complex in Bathinda on Tuesday. PAWAN SHARMA

## Farmers seek cancellation of FIRs

**BATHINDA, SEPTEMBER 29** Farmers under the banner of BKU (Sidhpur) today blocked all gates of the district administrative complex (DAC), demanding the cancellation of all FIRs.

However, the protesters allowed women employees to go back. The district administration has held

various meetings to resolve the issue, but has failed to get any breakthrough. Irked over the non-fulfilment of demands, the activists have been staging a protest against the state government for the last many days outside the DAC. The union leader, Kaka

Singh Kotra, said: "We are protesting against the decision of turning Mandikalan nagar panchayat into gram panchayat. Our demand is cancellation of all the cases registered against farmers for stubble burning and removal of red entries in their revenue records for burning farm residue." —TNS

## Beware of CM's promises: AAP to farm groups

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 29

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) senior leader and Leader of Opposition Harpal Singh Cheema urged the people of Punjab, especially the farmer associations, to be aware of the statements being made by Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on agriculture Acts. He termed calling a legal team from Delhi to fight the agriculture laws a drama.

Addressing a press conference, Cheema said when the Assembly session was convened on August 28, the Punjab Government had passed a resolution to repeal the agriculture ordinances. The resolution was to be sent to the Union Government, but the Chief Minister did not send it to the Centre, which showed that he was non-serious about the issues. —TNS

## Give compensation, else will burn stubble: Farmers' body

Says 'rail roko' agitation to be intensified from Oct 1

KULDIP BHATIA

LUDHIANA, SEPTEMBER 29

The BKU Lakhawal has said farmers would be forced to burn stubble if the government failed to either give a bonus of Rs 100 per quintal on paddy crop or a compensation of Rs 2,500 per acre.

Talking to mediapersons here today, BKU general secretary Harinder Singh Lakhawal said the apex court had issued directions to the government last year that since farmers were not in a position to bear the additional cost of straw management, the government ought to lend financial assistance to them if it wanted that stubble burning should stop.

He said even last year a large number of farmers

ers who followed the government instructions of direct sowing of next crop without stubble burning had to incur extra expenditure on pesticides and farm chemicals to deal with attack of rats and pests and had to put in larger quantity of fertilisers also. The only way to stop stubble burning is to provide assured financial assistance in the form of bonus on crop or lump sum grants on the basis of land holding," Lakhawal said.

On the rail roko agitation, the BKU leader said the farmers were geared up to intensify the agitation from October 1 and their protest would continue till the state government adopts a resolution in the state Assembly against the farm Acts and the Centre scraps these laws.

"Not only this, those farm-

## Combines sans straw system to be impounded

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 29

In order to effectively curb the menace of stubble burning during ensuing paddy harvesting season, the Punjab Pollution Control Board has ordered that combine harvester machines functioning without super straw management system (SMS) will be impounded.

Additional Chief Secretary, Development, Anirudh Tewari has urged the combine harvester operators to get the Super SMS fitted on their machines. No harvester combine shall be allowed to harvest paddy without functional Super Straw Management System.

Environmental compensation shall be imposed by the PPCB on defaulters. This fine would be of Rs. 50,000, Rs 75,000 and Rs 100,000 for first, second and third violation, respectively, and Rs 100,000 on each violation subsequent to the third violation. —TNS



Farmers are just burning stubble, the pollution is from politicians!

SANDEEP JOSHI



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# Anurag Aggarwal is new ACS, Home

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 29

The Punjab Government today posted Anurag Aggarwal as Additional Chief Secretary Home Affairs in place of Satish Chandra.

Aggarwal has got the Home Affairs charge after despite criticism from the Congress ministers who prevailed upon the Chief Minister to shift him from the Health Department.

The Home Secretary looks after Home Affairs and Justice, which covers the police

department. He has been posted in place of Satish Chandra who superannuates tomorrow.

In other orders, Anirudh Tiwari has been given additional charge of Governance Reforms and Public Grievances. Rahul Tiwary is given additional charge of Secretary, Home Affairs.

**I. Shri Bahadur Singh Legally dependent father of No. JC 283680L Subedar Arman Singh presently residing at Vill. Puremadari, Post Begumganj The Tarabganj, Distt. Gonda (UP) PIN — 271402 do hereby declare that I have changed my date of birth from 16.12.1945 to 19.12.1937 due to wrongly mentioned in part II order of service records. Now, I am applying for correction. Objection, if any, may be conveyed to concerned authorities.** DI-10671-5

**I. Shrimati Shakti Devi Legally mother of No. JC 283680L Subedar Arman Singh presently residing at Vill. Puremadari, Post Begumganj The Tarabganj, Distt. Gonda (UP) PIN — 271402 do hereby declare that I have changed my date of birth from 16.12.1947 to 01.01.1945 due to wrongly mentioned in part II order of service records. Now, I am applying for correction. Objection, if any, may be conveyed to concerned authorities.** DI-10671-3

**I. Babli Legally wedded spouse of JC 276532 X Ram SUB (SKT) Ranpal presently residing at Vill. Garhi Novabadd, Teh. Badhna, Distt. Muzaffarnagar (UP) PIN — 251309 do hereby declare that want to change my date of birth from 17 March 1972 (date of birth of spouse as per NOK in record) to 01 Dec 1971 due to wrong published in Part II order (reason for change) and my D.O.B. is 01 Dec 1971 vide affadavit No. BZ 209699 dt 23 Sep 2020. Now, I am applying for correction. Objection, if any, may be conveyed to concerned authorities.** DI-10671-2

**I. Anjana Singh Legally wedded spouse of No. JC 283680L Subedar Arman Singh presently residing at Vill. Puremadari, Post Begumganj The Tarabganj, Distt. Gonda (UP) PIN — 271402 do hereby declare that I have changed my date of birth from 09.06.1977 to 01.07.1976 due to wrongly mentioned in part II order of service records. Now, I am applying for correction. Objection, if any, may be conveyed to concerned authorities.** DI-10671-4

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Sd/- Commandant,  
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# This monsoon, state received 16 per cent below normal rain

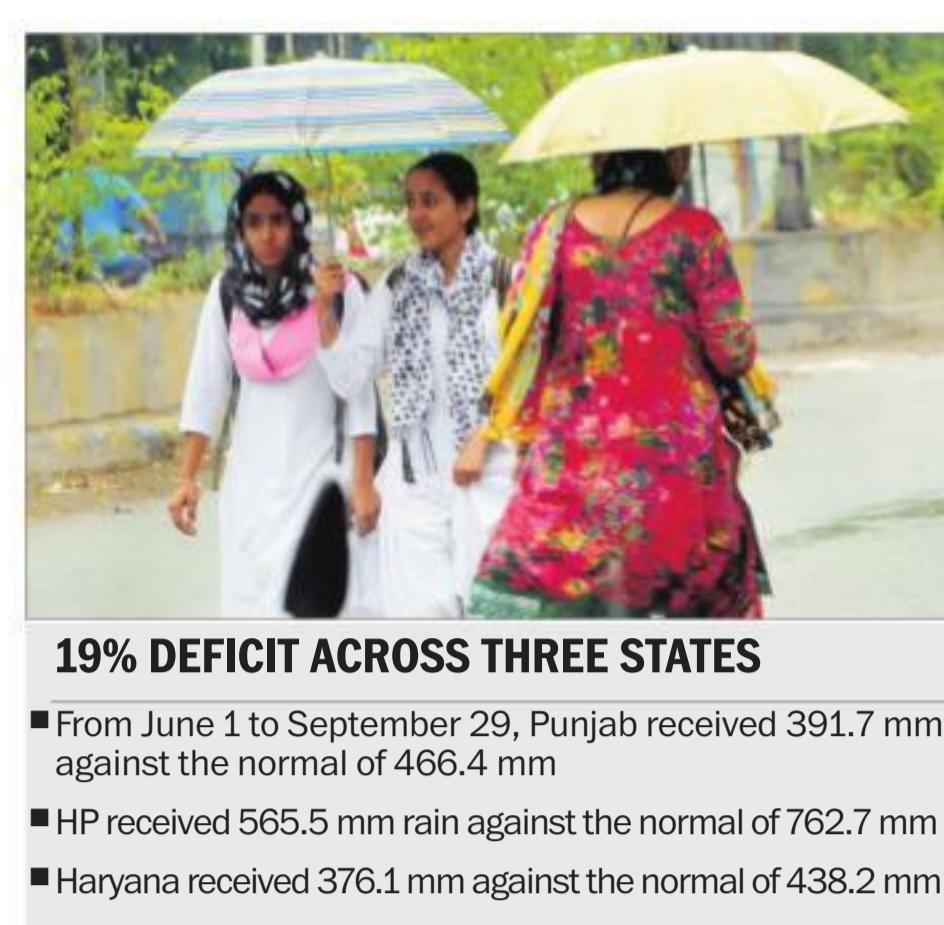
Vijay Mohan  
Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 29

As the monsoon retreats for this year, it has left behind below normal rain in the region. While the country, as a whole, experienced slightly surplus rain, with the monsoon being the wettest since 1994, the average shortfall in the three largely agrarian states of north India amounted to almost 19 per cent.

The deficiency in the region was the highest in Himachal Pradesh, where the rainfall this season was 26 per cent below the long period average.

From June 1 to September 29, Himachal received 391.7 mm

**19% DEFICIT ACROSS THREE STATES**

- From June 1 to September 29, Punjab received 391.7 mm against the normal of 466.4 mm
- HP received 565.5 mm rain against the normal of 762.7 mm
- Haryana received 376.1 mm against the normal of 438.2 mm

received 376.1 mm against the normal of 438.2 mm during this period.

As per the weather experts, the monsoon withdrawal was underway and it had already retreated from many parts of Punjab and

Rajasthan. It is expected to withdraw completely from north India this week. Conditions are becoming favourable for further withdrawal of the southwest monsoon from some more parts of Rajasthan and Punjab and

some parts of Haryana, Chandigarh and Delhi during the next two or three days, IMD forecast states.

As per the Consensus Statement on the Forecast for the 2020 October to December, which was issued during the 17th session of the South Asian Climate Outlook Forum, below normal rainfall was likely during the season over the northwestern and northern parts of South Asia, including some areas along the foothills of the Himalayas.

According to the forum's statement, circulated by the IMD, weak La Nina conditions are prevailing in the tropical Pacific Ocean and neutral Indian Ocean Dip

## Dushyant lists out farm laws' benefits

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KARNAL, SEPTEMBER 29

Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala on Tuesday lauded the Centre over the passage of the three farm Acts and spoke on their benefits.

He said the Acts would allow farmers to sell their produce anywhere in the country at the best prices. Some youths raised slogans against him and showed a placard on ensuring MSP for farmers' produce.

"The Acts are farmer-friendly and are for the benefit of farmers. They can sell their produce across the country as per their choice," he said.

He claimed that the Congress was misleading people

on the issue. He said contractual farming would benefit farmers.

He said paddy procurement had begun in five districts and would commence elsewhere in the state from October 1. He said every grain would be procured on MSP.

He said cotton would also be procured on MSP. "The government is making efforts for doubling the income of farmers and their produce will be procured on MSP," he said.

Asked about farmers from other states not being allowed to sell in grain markets of Haryana, he said all farmers would have to get themselves registered on their behalf, a condition made mandatory for farmers to sell their produce.

In case government agencies procure paddy, arthiyas ask, what provisions have been made for lifting and storing the produce.

Officially, paddy procurement has started. But there is no clarity on two points: who will procure the produce and where will paddy be stored. The government claims to procure the produce, but it's been four days that farmers have been waiting for the government to honour its word," said Rajnish Chaudhary, president, Karnal Arthiyas Association.

Arthiyas are also demanding a revision in the limit on bringing the produce to the

## Farmers, agencies in tizzy as arthiyas boycott procurement

PARVEEN ARORA  
TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KARNAL, SEPTEMBER 29

With arthiyas boycotting the paddy procurement, farmers and procurement agencies are in a bind.

Their primary concern is who would procure paddy as rice millers have not registered themselves with the Food and Civil Supplies Department. Paddy is sold only to registered rice millers.

On Monday, the arthiyas had announced that they would not register PR paddy with the market committee on their behalf, a condition made mandatory for farmers to sell their produce.

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Farmers wait for the procurement of their produce at Karnal grain market on Tuesday. SAYEED AHMED

### PROTESTS IN INDRI, GHARAUNDA

- Farmers and arthiyas protested in Indri and Gharaunda in Karnal district and Jadola in Kaithal district, demanding smooth procurement of paddy and speedy lifting
- They blocked the Karnal-Ladwa state highway for an hour after Indri SDM Sumit Sihag assured protesters of hassle-free procurement, they lifted the blockade
- In the Gharaunda grain market, farmers and arthiyas closed the gate of the market committee and raised slogans against the state government

grain market. At present, a farmer can bring 25 quintals per acre to a grain market.

Arthiyas, however, are demanding the limit be raised up to 40 quintals.

Their third demand concerns Uttar Pradesh farmers,

who have been stopped from bringing their produce to the grain markets of Karnal district.

"Farmers from UP have borrowed money from us. So they should be allowed entry in grain markets of the district," Chaudhary said.

Meanwhile, only 120 quintals of paddy was procured by the Food and Civil Supplies Department on Tuesday.

"Not a single grain of my produce has been procured in the past three days. The arthiyas' decision not to register paddy has added to farmers' woes," said Jasmer Singh, a farmer sitting beside the heap of his unsold paddy in the grain market here.

Another farmer Arjun Singh pleaded with the state government to start procurement in reality, and not on paper.

Sunder Singh Kamboj, secretary, market committee, assured farmers of procuring their produce. "They need not worry," he said.

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Hisar: The CM's flying squad has seized 210 bottles of liquor being smuggled from Bhiwani to Gujarat, a dry state. A resident of Rajasthan has been arrested after the registration of a case. The flying team got a tip-off a Tata Safari vehicle was being loaded with English wine at a godown in Bhiwani. TNS

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## Chinese duplicity again

1959 LAC claim line makes mockery of 5-point pact

**A**FTER the meeting on September 11 of the foreign ministers of India and China, S Jaishankar and Wang Yi, some Indian officials had informally claimed that the purpose of the talks — objectives and principles of disengagement — was achieved. But sceptics had insisted not to prematurely hail the five-point agreement struck at the SCO meet in Moscow, while warning India of Chinese duplicity and their policy of 'fighting and talking'. This new *Panchsheel* had, without even once referring to the term Line of Actual Control (LAC), promised to abide by existing border protocols to avoid escalatory tension, to disengage quickly to ease tension, and had also assured to work towards new confidence-building measures.

Now, the Chinese have yet again proven why their promises and agreements cannot be taken at face value. In a statement, written in Mandarin and offered to the Beijing correspondent of an Indian daily, the Chinese foreign ministry has reiterated its 1959 claim line as LAC, making a unilateral assertion which it knows is anathema to India. Worse, it has blamed the border standoff, tension and clashes entirely on the India Army, making a mockery of the dialogue process. Yet, this statement is important because it finally, after decades, makes the Chinese recalcitrance on the border issue its officially declared policy.

The then PM Narasimha Rao ought to be blamed for accepting the term LAC with no mutually agreed definition in 1993 during his Beijing visit when the two sides signed the Agreement on the Maintenance of Peace and Tranquillity along the LAC. Now, the Chinese have gone back to Zhou Enlai's letter of November 7, 1959, to highlight and underline the claims that they have made all along without exchanging maps to scale. For the Chinese, it is 'a traditional, customary line'; but it is only a 'disconnected series of points that could be joined up in many ways', as former National Security Adviser Shivshankar Menon explained in his book. Now, the Modi government can quote Jawaharlal Nehru to reject the 1959 claim, asking the Chinese whether it is something that they created by aggression.

## Another reprehensible rape

UP cops notorious for caste and gender prejudices

**A**s yet another girl of an Uttar Pradesh village succumbs to the brutal physical torture that she was subjected to following her gang-rape in a field where she was working, it is clear that there is a long road still ahead towards purging our culture and psyche of the deeply embedded toxicity of male dominance. The case mirrors a typical caste-ridden patriarchal setup that bestows a sense of entitlement on a certain section of men and engenders the objectification of women. The horrific act is characterised by the age-old features: upper-caste youths assaulting a Dalit woman and inflicting fatal injuries on her. Equally archetypal is the fact that the delay in the arrest of the beastly perpetrators of the crime, who brazenly threaten the victim's family against speaking out. That the authorities jailed them only five days later — after the shocking case sparked public outrage — flies in the face of the much-tom-tommed laws for the prevention of sexual assault on women that were tightened after the 2012 Nirbhaya rape-murder.

When the convicts in the Nirbhaya case were hanged to death as an exemplary punishment in March this year, her mother's reaction was: 'Women now will feel safe.' Sadly, the string of cases since then bears out that our daughters remain vulnerable to violence as ever, as sexual offenders and predators are not deterred enough. The two separate incidents of violent sexual assault on two adolescent girls, followed by the killing of one of them in mid-August in Uttar Pradesh, are fresh in memory.

Clearly, a two-pronged approach is needed to take on this reprehensible evil. Foremost, the boys have to be sensitised towards respecting girls as equal partners and with agency of their own, both at home and in school. Secondly, the law enforcement system, particularly in UP, must be made accountable by punishing cops for dragging their feet. The government had last September proposed to set up over 1,000 fast-track special courts to dispose of the nearly 1.66 lakh pending cases of crime against women and children. Till the social prejudice that devalues women is not rooted out, it is not quite a country for women.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Every reform movement has a lunatic fringe.

— Theodore Roosevelt

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

# The Tribune.

LAHORE, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1920

### A Curious Position.

SEVERAL of our contemporaries have taken up a somewhat curious position in regard to the nationalist minority at the recent special session of the Congress. They find fault with this minority on the ground that their attitude towards the majority and the Congress is substantially the same as that of the moderates two years ago; they warn the minority against following the example of the moderates, whom they had hitherto twitted with their undemocratic disinclination to accept the rule of the majority, and going out of the Congress; and they wind up by asking the minority to loyally carry out the wishes of the majority. The position is curious because the first part of it is based on an amazing misconception, while the second and the third are, to say the least, mutually destructive. Between the attitude taken up by certain moderate leaders and that of the nationalist minority, there is absolutely nothing in common. Unlike the moderate leaders, not a single member of this minority has declared that the differences between the two wings of the nationalist party are fundamental and, therefore, they must part company; nor have they said that because the majority have passed a resolution in the teeth of their protest, therefore, the minority must cut itself off from the parent body. The second and the third parts are incompatible, one with the other, because if anything can bring about a split, it is only an undue insistence on the mandatory character of the resolution, while the only way of avoiding a split is to hold the resolution to be either advisory or only morally binding, as it is held by some of those who can speak with the greatest authority on the subject, by Pandit Malaviya, perhaps the oldest Congress leader who is still an active member of that body, by Lala Lajpat Rai, the President of the Special session, and above all by Mr. Gandhi.

# Caught in farm 'reforms'

An alternative platform to sell is neither alluring nor comforting to the farmer



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SENIOR JOURNALIST



AGITATED: Farmers fear that they may be subject to the vagaries of a corporate-dominated market.

**P**MI Modi never thought twice about biting the bullet when political and economic exigencies demanded. Demonetisation, GST, and redrawing the map of J&K were among the hard decisions he took. Ending the legal tender, days before the BJP faced state elections that included UP, and rolling in the GST little over a year before the General Election, defied political logic. The BJP won most of the post-democratisation polls and UP spectacularly so, although by 2018, it paid a price in another set of state polls. By then, the DeMo gamble froze the economy.

The BJP overrode the projected adverse fallout of the GST regime in 2019, but the effects were felt belatedly. The 'reforms-oriented' package of farm Bills fell in Modi's daredevil slot.

Perhaps, some of the end objectives were long awaited to shake up the agricultural order but the devil lies in the fine print. The Bills provoked conflicting views in the political spectrum and gave the Opposition and farmers' representatives a handle to abase the government.

Demo and the GST primarily irked traders and industrialists but they rarely, if ever, hit the streets. Their instinct tells them to be on the right side of the establishment. If the traders caviled these decisions and sounded as though they would reconsider voting the BJP, in the end they rooted for Modi, with Hindutva as a validation.

Farmers are a different piece of business. They take a comprehensive look at policies and know what hurts and helps their interests. If a section paints them as 'anti-reforms' and 'change-resistant', they would probably say so be it. The rural-urban divide remains deep and they are sceptical of big business that hopes that the new

laws will unshackle the vast agrarian economy from an anti-competitive ecosystem and take it out of state-enabled stasis. Business looks at a Southeast Asian model that will lift productivity and propel urbanisation.

Farmers perceive the laws differently. The government believes that they will have the 'freedom of choice' to sell to anyone in the country, instead of confining themselves to APMC mandis.

Farmers fear that as private players gain an edge,

APMCs may become defunct. Will the government phase out buying their produce? Will they be subject to the vagaries of a corporate-dominated market?

The law does not state that the current MSP system will end

or the state-regulated APMC mandis are about to close. The prospect of an

alternative platform to sell is neither

alluring nor comforting to the farmer.

Once parts of India, notably Punjab, Haryana and Karnataka, erupted in protests, the government's initial optimism waned. It hiked wheat MSP by Rs 50 per quintal, ostensibly to encourage its cultivation, but the Agriculture Minister let it slip when he alluded to the decision as a counter to defang the Opposition's 'false' propaganda.

What are the arguments in the

BJP's stockpile? Modi's political sense usually never lets him down, but this time, he might not have got the finger on the farmers' pulse.

Modi succeeded in the endeavour in Gujarat. As CM, he hiked power tariffs for farmers and punished those who owed a backlog of unpaid bills to private power vendors.

The crackdown that sent peasant leaders to jail became an issue in the 2007 polls but the BJP overcame the dissent. The rationale was Gujarat was 'forward-looking' and prepared to take a dose of penalty if the changes meant long-term rewards.

Does India share Gujarat's mind space?

The BJP lost the SAD on the altar of envisaged reforms, while a new partner, the Janayak Janta Party, is being pressured from the ground to pull out of the Haryana coalition government.

The political costs cannot be ignored by the BJP.

When Modi addressed BJP workers on the birth anniversary of Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, the first general secretary of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh, the BJP's precursor, he accused the Opposition of ensnaring farmers in a jumbled web of

promises and laws'. He packaged the laws as reforms that would equip farmers to be in tune with the 21st century. However, the operative point was that the farmers would come out of the stranglehold of the *bicholiye* (middlemen) who navigated the marketplace on their terms. The *bicholiye* will frustrate farmers' efforts to get a price higher than the MSP. The trouble with this argument is most farmers think of the *arhiya* (many of who are big farmers) as vital components of the same agri-system, who, like them, feared that the dismantling of the APMC would render all redundant.

The break in the clouds for the BJP and the Centre is that the agitation has not spread far and wide. For example, western UP has roughly the same landholding patterns as Punjab and Haryana, saw sporadic outbursts. Local leaders said with sugarcane as the region's principal crop, a push to revolt would come only if the sugar mills withheld their payments or lowered the procurement price. The Adityanath dispensation coerced the mill owners to clear the backlog in tranches. In the wheat and paddy-growing parts of UP, the government picked up much of the output. Therefore, unlike Punjab and Haryana, UP farmers do not see the MSP issue as a bugbear.

In disseminating the BJP's messages, the RSS and its front organisations, the Bharatiya Kisan Sangh (BKS) in this case, are valuable mediums. Thirteen years ago, when Gujarat was in the throes of farmers' protests, spearheaded by the BKS, against the Modi government, Modi sidestepped the BKS's objections. Like the Bharatiya Kisan Union and other outfits regrouping the peasantry this time, the BKS insisted that the government must introduce a statutory guarantee of MSP in the laws, which it desisted from doing. That's how far the BKS said it would go. It is not part of the movements. But if the RSS and BKS flow with the tide of the farmers' mood, the BJP will lose another ally and one that matters not from numbers in Parliament but for their intrinsic worth to Modi.

## Night-shift report set the tone

COL K THAMMAYYA UDUPA (RETD)

**A**n everlasting memory of my childhood, spent in Bhilai during the 1960s, is of my father taking the night-shift report. Appa was in the foundry and pattern shop of the Bhilai Steel Plant (BSP). The foundry met the requirement of all types of metal castings — ferrous and non-ferrous — of the BSP. The pattern shop produces the patterns required by the foundry. Each morning, Appa would receive a telephone call from the foundry night-shift in charge. The report would cover all activities during night shift. There was a standard template — how many castings, the types, the tonnage of the metal cast and so on. Spe-

cific incidents meriting Appa's attention, breakdowns and deviations from the normal would be discussed.

Listening to the report, I learnt about foundry products like ingot moulds and bottom plates, but my favourite was the 'pig casting mould'. I learnt that it was not a mould to cast a pig, but one in which the pig iron produced in the blast furnace is cast. Although I had never spoken to, or seen most of the shift in charges, I was used to their reporting habits.

One in charge was so loud on the telephone that Appa kept the handset a few inches away. Even I could hear him rattling off the production figures at lightning speed. He was said to be a no-nonsense engineer who went about his duties in a

professional manner and achieved the production targets laid down for his shift, with minimum fuss. The conversation would occasionally extend beyond the report. Like Appa, he was a voracious reader. If there was a new book to be read, this was the time for discussion on it.

Then there was one who had all the time in the world. He would ask if Appa had had his coffee, would he be attending so-and-so event that evening, etc. Appa would patiently coax him into revealing the production figures. He would speak softly, mention a few figures and again digress. Appa would again bring him on track, only to be told, 'There are some shortfalls.'

The nickname of one engineer was

Mr PlusOne. No target was beyond him. Every morning, when he would give the report, it would be laid-down-target-plus-one in every category. His positivity was contagious. Appa would be very cheerful after taking the report from him, saying that Mr PlusOne was a problem solver. He was a bundle of energy and there was never a 'no' from him. Appa's final comment would be, 'He is like an Army man', the ultimate accolade he could bestow on anyone. As a child from a non-Army family, growing up in the non-Army environment of Bhilai, I would be intrigued by this comment. Years later, after I joined the Army, it was always my endeavour to live up to the image which Appa had of an Army man.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Antagonising farmers

The Centre has claimed that the new farm legislation will free farmers from the *arhiyas*, but has failed to explain how it will prevent the farmers from being exploited by big corporates, who have been taking over one sector after the other under NDA rule. The fight to retain the APMC, despite its shortcomings, is also a fight to extract a commitment from the government on maintaining state support to the agriculture sector. With government investment in agriculture declining in real terms, input costs rising and subsidy declining, farmers fear the withering away of their last instrument of state support of the MSP regime. Farmers' anger is not just about restoring the primacy of the APMC mandis but also the manner in which these Bills were thrust upon them. Voices of dissent emanating from the farmers' unions should have been heeded to by the government before hurriedly pushing these contentious Bills.

EL SINGH, BY MAIL

#### Valid fears

The Bills passed in the name of agrarian reforms have led to insecurity and fear of exploitation among the farming community ('Trust deficit'). The fears are genuine and based on bitter

experience with the corporates in the past. Contract farming was tried in Punjab some three decades ago and failed miserably. I am a witness to the plight and exploitation of the poor farmers of Hoshiarpur district who entered into contract with a corporate to grow potato, chilli and tomato for the plant set up at Zahura village in Dasuya. After picking up the best produce, the corporate would leave the farmers to fend for themselves. Lack of storage facility and the perishable nature of the produce forced the farmers to dispose of surplus produce at throwaway prices that were less than even the cost of production. The farmers refuse to be cheated again and rightly so.

ASWANT KAUR GILL, TARN TARAN

#### Farmers' grouse

Apropos of 'Trust deficit', (Sept 29) when coalition partners are not consulted even over issues of great national import, it's a single-party rule masqueraded as a coalition government. In a democracy, not only are the views of coalition partners accommodated but even those of Opposition parties have to be given due consideration. Farmers constitute a sizeable vote bank. Realising the role of agriculture in our economy, the concerns of the farming community must be addressed seriously and with alacrity to prevent the crisis from

snowballing into a major national issue, disrupting our economy irredeemably.

ROSHAN LAL GOEL, LADWA

#### More must be done

The following points may help gain the confidence of farmers: MSP must be a law and purchasing produce below that price should be a criminal offence; the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Price Monitoring and Controlling must be reoriented with constitutional powers to look into price fluctuations and market problems in a way that farmers are not exploited at any stage; all stakeholders must be educated properly about the new laws and, if need be, necessary clarifications through amendments may be undertaken.

JC DAGAR, KARNAL

#### Triangle of confusion

'The options before Punjab' (Sept 28) escapes many ground realities. Farmers of MP, Punjab and Haryana are agitating over only one demand, that the new legislation should have a clause ensuring full procurement of their wheat and rice by the FCI or private agencies. The government only gives verbal assurance that MSP will stay. Last year, the FCI procured 92 MT of wheat and rice and its stocks are overflowing. The FCI has to distribute 50

per cent of wheat and rice at Rs 2 and Rs 3 per kg, respectively, through PDS. The government wants to replace this system with direct cash transfer to beneficiaries. This will compel the FCI to procure wheat and rice by half. Private traders can't afford to procure the other half at MSP because of glut in the market. This is how the new laws, reduced procurement by the FCI and failure of the government to clarify the doubts of farmers have added to the confusion.

RN MALIK, BY MAIL

#### No bills for a year

Since I had not received domestic water and sewerage charges bill for over a year, I went to the office to enquire about it and deposit it. I was informed that the bills had not been generated yet. I fail to understand the logic behind issuing the bill when water and sewerage charges are fixed as per the size of the residence. Like property tax, it should be mandatory to pay it quarterly or biannually or annually with a rebate. This way, the department would be saving money to print and deliver bills. On the one hand, government departments complain about shortage of resources, and on the other, they don't issue bills for over a year.

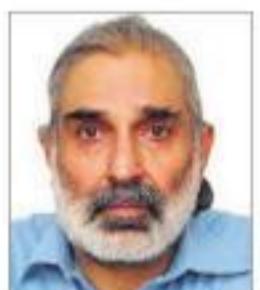
NARESH JOHAR, AMRITSAR

# Predicament of being pragmatic for MoD



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than what the services had received in FY 2019-20. Furthermore, the gap between the funds demanded by and allocated to the military, has risen 4.4 times from Rs 23,014 crore a decade ago to Rs 1,03,536 crore presently.

To add to the military's financial woes, the procurement of equipment and ordnance necessitated by the military standoff with China, apart from the magnified expenditure on logistics along the LAC due to the imminent winter deployment, will further disrupt future defence spending.

Moreover, in the prevailing operational circumstances, the prospects of downsizing India's 2,68,000-strong military seem remote, irrespective of the outcome of the impasse in Ladakh. Military officials agree that the number of soldiers needed to man the 3,488-km-long LAC from Arunachal Pradesh to Ladakh via Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand would actually multiply and in no way merit trimming of personnel.

Consequently, General Rawat's intent to reduce some 1 lakh troops to save on salary and pensions to finance long-delayed military modernisation is unlikely to be realised. Two decades earlier, then Chief of Army Staff General Ved Prakash Malik had similarly proposed a cutback of some 50,000 troops, but the Kargil war intervened, resulting in the proposal being shelved for additional troops were needed to man the 747-km-long Line of Control with Pakistan. Hence, salary and pension bills will continue spiraling, particularly the latter due to 'pension equalisation' every five years under the one-rank-one pension (OROP) scheme.

Correspondingly, the military's entire capital budget of Rs 1,13,734 crore for FY 2020-21, that caters to long-deferred modernisation, registered an increase of merely 189% during this decade. Alongside, the outlay for 'stores' or operational expenditure on fuel, transportation and rations, amongst other such costs, escalated 158% for this period, barely reaching Rs 33,142 crore this fiscal.

More tellingly, the services capital budget for FY 2020-21 is just Rs 3,340 crore more than the previous year's, whilst the funds earmarked for 'stores' are actually Rs 1,827 crore less



crore in FY 2010-11 to Rs 61,119.35 crore in the current fiscal, excluding the Indian Rail and India Post retirees. But more importantly, this expenditure will subsequently plateau out, as the federal government's New Pension Scheme (NPS) introduced in January 2004 onwards, has terminated assured monthly pension payouts for all civilian employees on subsequent superannuation.

In short, the NPS is a contributory pension scheme, in which both employees and the government contribute a certain percentage of the former's emoluments to a financial fund in which the corpus continues earning interest till the person retires. Thereafter, the retiree can withdraw an optimum 60 per cent of the entire amount at one go, with the balance remaining invested in annuities that, in turn, will yield a monthly pension. Under the NPS, no fixed amount of monthly pension payout is guaranteed, as all

returns depend on the market.

Meanwhile, in March, two months before the Chinese standoff surfaced, parliament's standing committee on defence was yet again informed by the MoD that reduction in military spending would adversely impact India's security. The three services argued that this shortfall would negatively impinge on procuring stores, varied ordnance, training, equipment maintenance, infrastructure development, and a host of associated activities. The committee was also informed that the paucity of funds would also 'interrupt' the MoD's ability to defray committed contractual payments for materiel and other kit procured from defence public sector units.

Verily, the fiscal crisis plaguing defence spending has been idling for long, with few willing to accept the monetary reality that the federal government is simply not solvent enough to meet the military's desired financial requirements. Success-

sive finance ministers in their annual budget addresses have grandiosely promised unlimited funds to the defence and security sectors, but never vindicated their grandstanding later.

It also appears that no one in government has a clue to solving this financial apocalypse, even as the armed forces continue planning to acquire capabilities, presuming that funds are not an issue. In July 2017, for instance, the three services formulated a five-year plan which envisaged an outlay of Rs 27 lakh crore, an amount that would have necessitated doubling the defence budget, without taking into account the rapidly escalating pension bill for over 32 lakh retired military personnel.

Unable to strike a balance between financial pragmatism and security imperatives, the MoD turns helplessly to the Ministry of Finance (MoF) to provide the funds. This is despite knowing full well that the latter — confronted

with the growing needs of other equally critical sectors like health, education, agriculture and infrastructure and recurring fiscal deficits — cannot possibly meet its demands.

The infallible certainty is that the financial woes of the armed forces, as indeed those of other sectors, can only be redressed through a steady increase in government revenue to match rising expenditure. The government, in turn, can achieve this either through higher taxation or disinvestment, both of which have inbuilt handicaps: the former recourse is politically sensitive, whilst the latter cannot provide a sustainable solution to India's unrelenting financial woes. This presents the government with the Hobson's choice of resorting either to enhanced borrowings or printing more money. But, then again, no one can live on loans forever or alternatively, sink into a morass of soaring inflation. Both options are equally forbidding.

**HOBSON'S CHOICE:** Financial woes of the armed forces present the government with difficult choices.

## Tejashwi looks to turn the tables on Nitish



RASHEED KIDWAI

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**D**OES Tejashwi Yadav have some cards up his sleeve for the Bihar Assembly polls that would make him a true inheritor of Lalu Prasad Yadav's legacy? Going by conventional wisdom and opinion poll surveys, the dice is loaded heavily against Tejashwi, who neither has a formidable rainbow coalition against the Nitish Kumar-led JD(U)-BJP alliance nor the numbers on the basis of caste.

The ABP News-C Voter opinion poll aired shortly after the Bihar election schedule was announced has predicted that the NDA under CM Nitish Kumar will get 44.8 per cent of the total vote share and bag 141-161 seats in the 243-member Assembly.

But a significant finding of the opinion poll is that a whopping 57 per cent of those surveyed expressed dissatisfaction with Nitish's performance during 2015-20 and want a change. About 45 per cent of the respondents termed Nitish's tenure as poor, while 27 per cent rated it as average.

In 2015, Nitish had fought along with the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), Congress and some smaller parties, restricting the NDA vote share to 34.1 per cent. In 2020, the ABP News-C Voter opinion poll forecasts the RJD and Congress getting around 33 per cent of the votes. But what is crucial and intriguing in the poll survey is a kitty of 22 per cent of the votes, which it speculates, would go to the 'others', i.e. non-NDA, non-UPA groupings.

Though the opinion poll is silent on



GAME PLAN: Tejashwi Yadav seems to be carefully working on the division of votes.

which way the 'other votes' would go, Tejashwi seems to be carefully working on the division of votes. The RJD-Congress chief ministerial candidate has a catchy slogan in place: 'Tez Raftaar, Tejashwi Ki Sarkar' and his strategy to part ways with Jitan Manjhi and Upendra Kushwaha appears to be a calculated one.

In his assessment, parties like Hindustani Awami Morcha (HAM) and Rashtriya Lok Samata Party (RLSP)

have a greater chance of making a dent in the JD(U) and Ram Vilas Paswan-led Lok Janshakti Party's (LJP) non-Yadav-OBC-Dalit vote bank than provide strength to the RJD-Congress alliance.

However, there is a counter-argument that of late (in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls), the extremely backward classes (EBCs) have been siding with the BJP in a big way. If these EBCs are indeed disillusioned with Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, would they desertally BJP too? Tejashwi is convinced that Bihari voters will vote differently in the Assembly elections as compared to the 2019 Lok Sabha polls.

There is a question mark over the continuation of Mukesh Sahani-led Vikassheel Insaan Party in the RJD-led Mahagathbandhan. Much like

Rahul Gandhi of the Congress, young Tejashwi has little patience or the ability to tire out or cajole allies into

swallowing a bitter pill. Both Sonia Gandhi and Lalu Yadav excelled in forging alliances and keeping alliance partners in good humour. But Tejashwi appears a bit haughty, far less accommodating and business-like. Vikassheel Insaan Party, for instance, has informally been offered seven seats or asked to walk away to the 'others'.

Sources close to Tejashwi say that in his scheme of things, the seemingly unassailable JD(U)-BJP alliance would suffer from within due to caste contradictions. So far, the backward castes had an upper hand in the Nitish Kumar-led government but with the BJP coming on board, the upper castes have developed a bigger craving for Assembly candidature. But noted psephologist Prof Sanjay Kumar, director, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), has observed in his recently released book, *Bihar Ki Chunavi Rajniti: Jati-Varg Ka Samikaran*, that it is highly unlikely that the upper castes which called the shots in the politics of Bihar from the 1960s to the 1980s would regain their position.

Tejashwi thinks there is every possibility that many aspirants at the grassroots level may fail to get JD(U)-BJP nomination. In such a scenario, parties like HAM and RLSP would happily give tickets to the rebel NDA candidates.

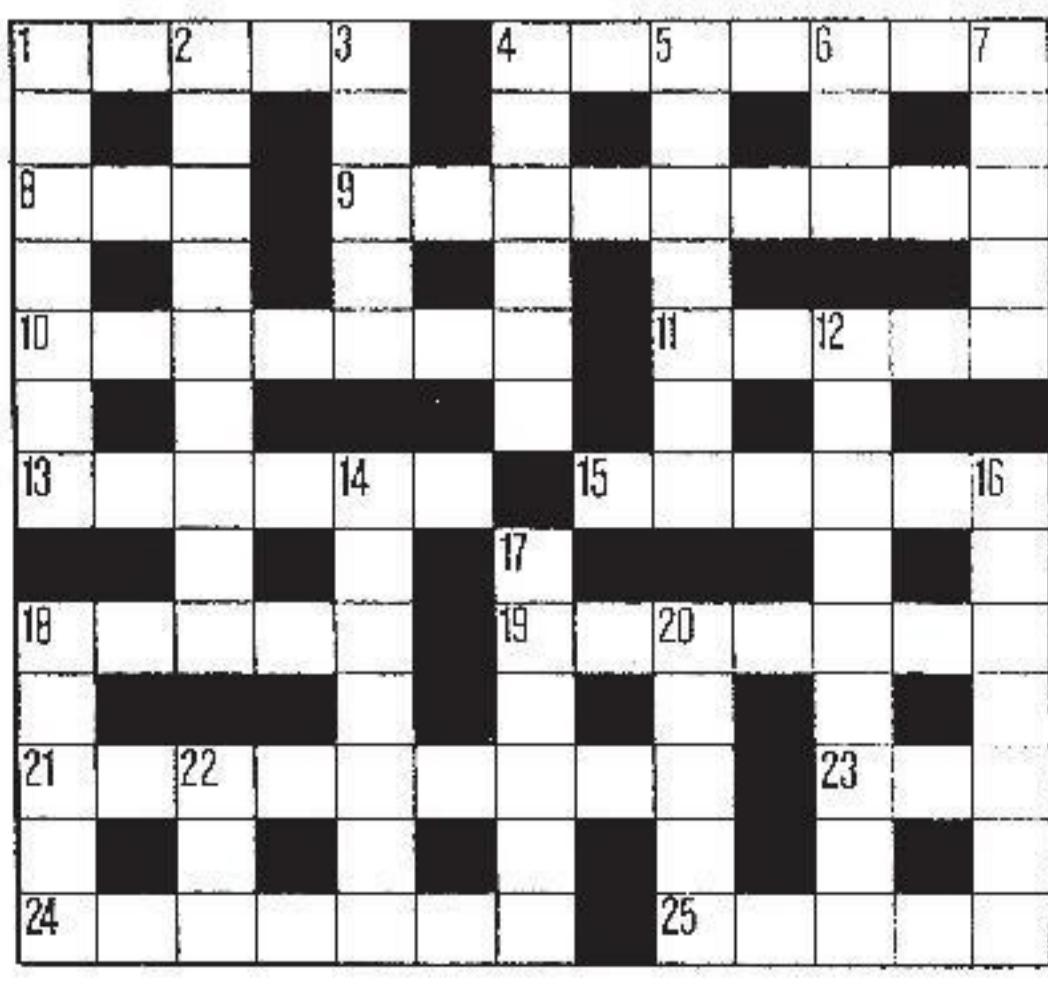
In fact, ticket distribution is crucial for both the NDA and UPA formations. It is generally accepted that Tejash-

wi's own core vote bank of about 30 per cent, consisting of Yadavs and Muslims, is pretty solid. If the RJD-Congress gives a sizeable number of tickets to the upper castes, Dalits and non-Yadav OBCs, theoretically speaking, there is a chance of their vote share going up to 36 per cent. If HAM, RLSP and others act as 'vote katuwa,' as predicted by the ABP News-C Voter survey, the Bihar results can throw up a real surprise. It is worth remembering that Yadav and Muslim votes get distributed in Bihar across seats. If the RJD-Congress combine ensures greater turnout compared to some upper castes, Nitish Kumar, sitting pretty as of now, can get a jolt.

In terms of the seat-sharing formula, Tejashwi plans to make the RJD contest on 140 seats, leaving the Congress with 70-odd seats — against its demand for 90 — and about two dozen seats for the three communist parties — CPM, CPI-ML and the CPI.

Much has been said about the probable impact of actor Sushant Singh Rajput's case on the Bihar elections. Some elements backing the BJP are busy distributing stickers seeking justice for Rajput among car drivers,rickshaw pullers etc. in Patna and elsewhere. Even Covid-19 masks carrying Rajput's photo are available. But rather intriguingly, opinion poll surveys such as the one by ABP News-C Voter have been silent on the matter. Anyone familiar with the functioning of private news channels would find this rather odd.

### QUICK CROSSWORD



#### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

**Across:** 1 Every bit as, 8 Tired, 9 Lift off, 10 Episode, 11 Eerie, 12 Hungry, 14 Callow, 17 Keats, 19 Learner, 21 Ongoing, 22 Blues, 23 End in tears.

**Down:** 2 Version, 3 Radio, 4 Belief, 5 Taffeta, 6 Scour, 7 Of few words, 8 Tie the knot, 13 Recind, 15 Languor, 16 Slogon, 18 Angle, 20 Amble.

### ACROSS

- 1 Venomous snake (5)
- 4 Economical (7)
- 8 Not to be considered (3)
- 9 Keen-sighted (5-4)
- 10 Disperse (7)
- 11 A monastery church (5)
- 13 Uproar (6)
- 15 Depart suddenly (6)
- 18 Unexpected extra benefit (5)
- 19 Melancholy (7)
- 21 Orange and black flower (5,4)
- 23 Flying saucer (3)
- 24 Imply (7)
- 25 Ostentatiously smart (5)
- DOWN**
- 1 Proverbially rich king (7)
- 2 Army unit (9)
- 3 Proficient (5)
- 4 Excessively sentimental (6)
- 5 Ordinary standard (7)
- 6 Climbing plant (3)
- 7 Pious (5)
- 12 Produce results (4,5)
- 14 To merit (7)
- 16 Expose to ridicule (7)
- 17 Unfastened (6)
- 18 Shooting range (5)
- 20 Stratum (5)
- 22 To silence (3)

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MEDIUM

### CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 30, 2020, WEDNESDAY

■ Vikrami Samvat	2077
■ Shaka Samvat	1942
■ Ashwin Shaka	8
■ Ashwin Parvishtha	15
■ Hijri	1442
■ Shukla Paksha Tithi 14, up to 12.26 am	
■ Gand Yoga up to 7.49 pm	
■ Purvabhadrapad Nakshatra up to 3.15 am	
■ Moon enters Pisces sign 8.37 pm	

#### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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### FORECAST

SUNSET: WEDNESDAY 18:09 HRS  
SUNRISE: THURSDAY 06:16 HRS

CITY	MAX	MIN
Chandigarh	35	20
New Delhi	37	22
Amritsar	35	21
Bathinda	36	22
Jalandhar	35	21
Ludhiana	35	22
Bhiwani		



Unemployment  
on the rise in  
J&K, says NC

Tribune News Service

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 29  
The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) provincial president Nasir Aslam Wani today said that J&K was in "deep throes of crises and the party has to live up to the expectations of people by walking shoulder to shoulder with them during the prevailing situation".

He made the comments at a meeting of the Amrakadal block functionaries at the Nawa-e-Subha party office here.

Stating that "the much-touted development is not perceptible on ground and youths, in particular, are at the receiving end looking in the deep chasm of uncertainty", Wani said: "Thousands of educated young women and men in Kashmir are bearing the brunt of unemployment and are struggling to find jobs. The prevailing economic crises and administrative inertia has compounded the scenario. The measures taken by the Government of India, and the subsequent fall out of the global pandemic has only increased the trepidation of people. There is no accountability on ground and people have been left to fend for themselves."

The Valley has become a byword for widespread and inescapable poverty, unemployment, development deficit and administrative inertia, and the "airdropped" bureaucracy has failed to redress the issues of people, he added. Social activist Shoaib Ahmed Dar joined the JKNC on the occasion.

# Shopian 'encounter': 4 Army men prima facie found guilty

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SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 29

At least four Army men, including an officer, have been prima facie found guilty of exceeding powers vested under the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) and for contravening dos and don'ts of the Chief of Army Staff as approved by the Supreme Court. A senior Defence official

## EXCEEDED POWERS VESTED UNDER AFSPA

The Army men were prime facie found guilty for exceeding powers vested under the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) and for contravening dos and don'ts of the Chief of Army Staff as approved by the Supreme Court. A senior Defence official

of the three youths killed in Shopian had confirmed that the slain trio was from Rajouri who, the family alleged, was killed in a staged encounter.

"The SoE has been initiated against the erring Army men and it is being recorded by a senior Army officer based at the headquarters

of the Army's Victor Force. The outcome of the SoE will decide whether to initiate court martial proceedings against the four accused," a senior defence official said.

He said the men had been prime facie found guilty for exceeding powers vested under the AFS-

A and for contravening dos and don'ts of the Chief of Army Staff as approved by the Supreme Court.

The Army has already initiated disciplinary action in the case.

Top sources said the police had already detained at least three persons, who are being probed by them for their "role" in the encounter.

On July 18, the Army had said three unidentified militants who had fired at the soldiers were killed in a gunfight in Amshipora Shopian. The encounter came under a cloud a month later.

Sources said the forces

had a brief exchange of fire with the fleeing militants. Meanwhile, the police filed a chargesheet against four alleged Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) militants and their three associates in north Kashmir's Handwara.

The chargesheet was filed against Parvaiz Ahmad Chopan of Shartpora Langate, Mudasir Ahmad Pandith of Zargar Mohalla Langate, Mohammad Shafi Sheikh of Langate and Burhan Din Wani Tulwari Langate (all militants) and their three associates Azad Ahmad Bhat of Shalpora Langate, Altaf Ahmad Baba Babagund Seelo Rafaibabad and Irshad Ahmad Chalkoo of Silikoot Uri.

The chargesheet has been filed for their role in hatching a criminal conspiracy for the terrorist act, harbouring terrorists and giving support to the proscribed terrorist organisation," a police statement said. They were arrested on April 3.

# 1,081 new cases in UT; tally crosses 74K

Tribune News Service

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 29

A total of 1,081 new Covid cases have been reported from J&K, 640 from the Jammu division and 441 from Kashmir Valley, taking the total number of cases to 74,095.

Also 18 deaths were reported, 11 from the Jammu division and seven from the Kashmir province.

Meanwhile, 1,250 more patients recovered and were discharged from various hospitals, 615 from the Jammu Division and 635 from the Kashmir valley.

According to the daily official bulletin issued on Tuesday evening, out of the 74,095 positive cases, 17,414 are active positive, 55,517 had recovered and 1,164 had died; 331 in the Jammu division and 833

## COVID-19 PANDEMIC



### UT TRACKER

DISTRICT-WISE COUNT		
DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Bandipora	3,385	37
Srinagar	14,712	289
Anantnag	3,503	63
Baramulla	4,335	124
Shopian	2,025	32
Kupwara	3,575	67
Budgam	4,820	82
Jammu	12,662	180
Udhampur	2,212	18
Ganderbal	2,868	28
Kulgam	2,260	43
Pulwama	3,909	68
Samba	1,738	20
Rajouri	2,626	31
Kishtwar	1,206	07
Kathua	2,051	21
Ramban	1,333	10
Reasi	945	05
Poonch	1,747	12
Doda	2,193	27
Total	74,095	1,164

in the Kashmir province.

The bulletin added that out of the 16,00,606 test results available, 15,26,511 samples had tested negative.

Till date, 5,73,200 persons have been enlisted for observation which include 14,281 persons in home quarantine, including facilities operated by the government, 17,414 in isolation and 52,052 under home surveillance. Besides, 4,88,289 persons have completed their surveillance period.

According to the bulletin, of the total 74,095 positive cases in J&K, 8,747 have been reported as travellers, while 65,348 as others.

The bulletin said the break-up represents districts from which the patients have been traced or are ordinarily residing.

# Ultras attack security forces in Anantnag

Tribune News Service

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 29  
Suspected militants today attacked security forces at Marhamat village in south Kashmir's Anantnag district, officials said.

The militants carried out a hit-and-run attack on a party of forces in Marhamat village. The area was later cordoned by the joint forces.

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- For detailed terms and conditions of the notice inviting bids refer to our website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.
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**DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, GOVT. OF PUNJAB**  
**TENDER NOTICE**

Sealed tenders are invited from registered outsourcing agencies for providing various Professional, Secretarial and other support services for Chandigarh and Punjab region to Department of Tourism, Punjab.

#### General Conditions

- Punjab Govt. has capped the service charges for hiring and outsourcing agency at 2.5%. The interested registered outsourcing agencies need to quote their service charges at 2.5% or below in a sealed tender as per tender document which can be downloaded from website.
- Details of Pre-Qualification Criteria, Terms & Conditions, Model Support Services Contract etc. may be seen at Website [www.eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in)

#### Submission of Tender

The tender should be accompanied with information/documents in support of the bidder's eligibility in the light of the Pre Qualification Criteria. The sealed tenders duly completed in all respects, addressed to Director, Tourism marked as "Tender for providing Support Services" should reach this office latest by 15.10.2020 up to 11.00 a.m. Technical Bids will be opened on the same day i.e. on 15.10.2020 at 3.00 p.m. in the presence of bidders or their authorized representatives.

Director, Tourism reserves the right to reject any Tender or to cancel the bidding process at any time without assigning any reason.

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**No. S.E. (O&M)/NIT-404/CE/WS/G** Dt. 28.9.2020  
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**LOCAL GOVT. DEPTT. PUNJAB**  
**NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS (O&M Branch)**  
(website: [eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://eproc.punjab.gov.in))  
E-tender No. MCJ/O/2020/048

Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar invites e-tenders on Two Bid System for the O&M works mentioned at [www.eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in) from the contractors enlisted with Local Government Department Punjab & Co-op L/C Societies (Registered in Punjab State). Time to time instructions issued by Govt./CVO will be followed for bidding as well as execution of works. All the bidders should comply with the latest instructions issued via notification No. 5/82/2018-2/4/1892 dt. 02.08.18.

03 works related to Sewer & Water Supply.

#### SCHEDULE OF TENDERS FOR SOCIETIES:-

Availability of E-tenders online for bidding	Last Date & Time for online submission of E-bids	Date & Time of Submission of Hard Copy (Not Mandatory)	Date & Time of opening of Eligibility/ Tech. Bid.	Date & Time of opening Financial Bid of Qualified Bidders
From 01.10.2020 up to 14:00 Hrs	22.10.2020 up to 14:00 Hrs	22.10.2020 14:00 to 15:00 Hrs	23.10.2020 12:00 Hrs	Notify later on.

If in case after opening Tenders the department observes that the tenders quoted by Co-op L/C Societies do not qualify as per norms, then the same tenders can be quoted by the contractors along with balance tenders (which will be notified on website) as per schedule.

#### SCHEDULE OF BALANCE TENDERS FOR GENERAL CONTRACTORS:-

Availability of E-tenders online for bidding	Last Date & Time for online submission of E-bids	Date & Time of Submission of Hard Copy (Not Mandatory)	Date & Time of opening of Eligibility/ Tech. Bid.	Date & Time of opening Financial Bid
27.10.2020 14:00 Hrs	04.11.2020 up to 14:00 Hrs	04.11.2020 14:00 to 15:00 Hrs	04.11.2020 15:30 Hrs	Notify later on.

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**Department of Water Supply and Sanitation Punjab****Water Works Complex, Phase-2, SAS Nagar**

Phone No. +91-7657992302

Email: dwssp2020@thapar.edu

**Recruitment Notice Reference No.****Admin/DWSS/02****Corrigendum-3****Extension of last date of Online Applications**

With reference to the Recruitment Notice Reference No. Admin/DWSS/01 published on date 26.08.2020 vide which online applications were invited for recruitment of Community Development Specialists (CDS); Information Education and Communication (IEC) Specialists; and Block Resource Coordinator (BRC)-Cum-Community Facilitators (CF) on Contractual Basis in the Department of Water Supply and Sanitation, Punjab. It may be noted that the last date for online applications is further extended up to 7th October 2020 and the last date for payment of application fee is extended up to 8th October 2020. However, all other terms and conditions of the advertisement including eligibility criteria, age limit, qualification etc. for applying for the posts shall remain unchanged.

Sd/- Head, DWSS

DPR/Pb/83294

**INDIAN RAILWAYS  
DIESEL LOCO MODERNISATION WORKS  
PATIALA 147003**

Tel.: 2396000, 2396001 Fax: 91-0175-2306413

Notice No. TPT/20-21/35

On behalf of the President of India through Principal Chief Materials Manager Diesel Loco Modernization Works, Patiala sealed tender is invited for the following works:

S.N.	Tender No.	Brief Description of Work	Due Date
1.	SD-IDMW/TPT/20/21-392	Transportation of Railway Material from DMW/Patiala to Kalyan/Kurla, Walair/Vishakapatnam, Barouni, Howrah/Santragachi/Bamungachi, Ludhiana, Tuglakabad, Kazipet, Moulai Ali/Lallaguda, Bandamunda/Rourkela, Kharagpur, Itarsi, New Katni & Bakaro steel city through (28 MT).	22.10.2020
2.	SD-IDMW/TPT/20/21-393	Transportation of Railway Material From DMW/Patiala to various destinations i.e. Pune, Kalyan/Kurla, Walair/Vishakapatnam, Mugalsara, Patratu, Samastipur/Barouni, Bardhaman, Howrah/Santragachi/Bamungachi, Jamalpur, Andal, Jhansi, Gonda, Izzatnagar, Malda Town, New Guwahati, Siliguri, AMV/CB/Lucknow, Ludhiana, Tuglakabad, Bhagat ki kothi, Abu Road, Ajmer, Guntakal, Gooty, Kazipet, Moulai Ali/Lallaguda, Raipur, Bandamunda /Rourkela, Kharagpur, Erode, Ernakulam, Golden Rock, Krishnarajapuram/ Bangalore, Itarsi, New Katni, Vatva/Sabarmati, Ratlam, Bakaro steel city and various destinations i.e Mugalsara, Bardhaman, Jhansi, Gonda, Izzatnagar, Siliguri, AMV/CB/Lucknow, Tuglakabad, Bhagat ki kothi, Abu Road, Gooty, Kazipet, Raipur, Bandamunda /Rourkela, Erode, Golden Rock, Itarsi, Vatva/Sabarmati to DMW/Patiala (18 MT).	22.10.2020

Note: (i) Detailed description of items to be transported, other terms and conditions of tender, EMD etc. may be viewed from website [www.irspms.gov.in](http://www.irspms.gov.in)

(ii) Credentials/documents received from the tenderers after opening of the tender shall not be given cognizance.

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**HIMACHAL PRADESH FOREST DEPARTMENT****TENDER NOTICE****e-Procurement Notice****INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

Tender Reference No: 9(1)/2020-21

1. The Divisional Forest Officer, Wildlife Division, Hamirpur (HP) on behalf of Governor of HP invites online bids on item rate in e-tendering system in 2 cover system for the undermentioned work from the eligible and approved Contractors/Firms. Eligible bidders are contractors registered with HPPWD/CPWD.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost as per HPSR-2009	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender	Time Allowed
1	Construction of Cycle Trail at Sukhnara in Wildlife Range Nagrota Surian, Distt. Kangra in WL Division, Hamirpur during 2020-21. (Sub Head:- P/L brick flooring in cycle trail from Rd 0/000 to 1/650).	1309926/-	26500/-	500/-	3 months

2. **Availability of bid document and mode of submission:** The bid document is available online and bid should be submitted in online mode on website <http://hp tenders.gov.in>. Bidder would be required to register in the website, which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder required to have Digital Signature Certificate from one of the authorized certifying authorities.

3. **Key Dates:**

Sr. No.	Activity	Date and Time
I	Date of online publication	From 30.09.2020 at 10:00 a.m.
II	Downloading of e-Tender document	From 30.09.2020 at 10:00 a.m. to 07.10.2020 at 10.00 a.m.
III	Date of submission of e-Tender	From 30.09.2020 at 10.00 a.m. to 07.10.2020 at 10.00 a.m.
IV	Physical submission of Earnest Money Deposit and Cost of Tender document and other Technical document	On 07.10.2020 at 12.00 Noon
V	Date of Bid Opening	On 07.10.2020 at 12.00 Noon

4. **Tender Details:**

The e-Tender documents shall be uploaded online in 2 (Two) covers:- i) COVER-1 shall contain scanned copies of "Eligibility documents/Eligibility Information."

ii) COVER-2 shall contain "BoQ/Financial Bid" where contractors will quote his offer for each item.

5. **Cover-1:** Shall contain scanned copies of following "eligibility information" (scanned copies to be uploaded).

i) The earnest money only in the shape of Small Saving Instruments, or Fixed Deposit, duly pledged in favour of Divisional Forest Officer, Wildlife Division, Hamirpur.

ii) The Cost of Tender Form only in the shape of Demand Draft in favour of Divisional Forest Officer, Wildlife Division, Hamirpur.

iii) Certificate of Registration of Person(s)/Party(ies)/ Firm(s)/ Company(ies) from appropriate Authority.

iv) Latest Income Tax Certificate.

v) Copy of EPF Registration Certificate.

vi) Copy of GST Registration Certificate.

vii) Copy of PAN No.

6. **Cover-2** shall contain BoQ where contractor will quote his offer for each item.

7. The Tenders of the Contractors/Firms who fails to fulfil the eligibility information (as per cover-1) will be summarily rejected.

8. **Submission of original document:** The bidders are required to submit:

i) Original Demand Draft towards the cost of bid document.

ii) Original bid security/EMD in the favour of Divisional Forest Officer, Wildlife Division, Hamirpur and other Technical Documents as mentioned in point No. 5, in the O/o Divisional Forest Officer, Wildlife Division, Hamirpur (HP) as specified in key dates as mentioned in point No. 3, failing which the bids will be declared non-responsive.

9. **Bid Opening Details:** The bids shall be opened on 07.10.2020 at 12.00 p.m. in the O/o Divisional Forest Officer, Wildlife Division, Hamirpur (HP) by the authorized officer. In their own interest the tenderers are advised to be present along with original documents at the time of opening of tenders.

10. If it happens to be holiday on the date of opening of bid as specified, the bid will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue and no separate notice will be given in this regards.

11. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than 180 days after the deadline for bid submission.

12. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The office inviting tenders shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control and even through the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the employers shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidder's responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.

13. The competent authority on behalf of Governor of HP reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders received without assigning any reason.

14. **Registration of HP Sales Tax/GST is essential:** Other details can be seen in Bid document.

15. The Tender is subject to the guidelines/orders issued by Central/State Government in respect of COVID-19 pandemic.

Divisional Forest Officer, Wildlife Division, Hamirpur.

Ph./Fax: 01972-222319

Email:- dfohamirpurwildlife@gmail.com

**Department of Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs**

Aapurti Bhawan, SDA Complex, Block No: 42 Kasumti Shimla-9

**TENDER NOTICE**

e-Governance Society, Department of Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Kasumti Shimla-9 invites sealed bids from Recyclers/NGO(s)/Individual(s) registered with Central Pollution Control Board or State Pollution Control Board/Committee for shredding/recycling of office record

RFP Last Date of Submission of Bids

Shredding/Tearing of office record into small bits 15.10.2020 at 11AM

The Copy of the RFP can be downloaded from the site <http://lepdco.co.in/Tenders1.aspx#> for which the tender fees in the form of bank draft should be submitted along with the bid.

DPR/HP/430

**BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD (Power Wing)****NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER**

NIT No: 561/PNGS-762 Dated 29.09.2020

Name of Office : Chief Engineer, Transmission System, Planning &amp; Design (TS) Directorate, SLDC Complex, Industrial Area Phase-I, BBMB, Chandigarh-160002

Name of work : Design, Manufacture, Testing, Supply, Delivery for Destination of One no. 66/11KV, 2 MVA Power Transformer along with its spars and supervision of Erection, Testing & Commissioning at 220KV Substation BBMB, Ballabhgarh

Last date and time for receipt of request for issue of tender documents

29.10.2020 upto 17:00 Hrs.

Last date and time of submission of bids

12.11.2020 upto 11:00 Hrs.

Date and time of Opening of Bids

12.11.2020 from 15:00 Hrs. onwards

For cost of specification, Earnest money Deposit and detailed NIT, please visit BBMB website [www.bbmbproc.abcprocure.com](http://www.bbmbproc.abcprocure.com) and [www.bbmb.gov.in](http://www.bbmb.gov.in)

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**WALK-IN INTERVIEW**

Required one (1) guest faculty instructor on Contract Basis for One Academic Session (6 months) for Trade Sewing Technology under DST in Govt I.T.1 (Women) Rampura Phul on fixed honorarium/salary 15000/- per month. Interested candidates can send their detailed Bio-data/Resume to 01-10-2020 till 4 PM on email id: [imcitwampurphul@gmail.com](mailto:imcitwampurphul@gmail.com) or by hand in Institute on any working day. No applications will be considered after the fixed time. IMC has all the rights to change or cancel any terms at any time. Candidates sending applications on time can walk in interview on 05-10-2020 at 11:00 AM with original certificates and copies. No TA/DA will be paid for interview. This advertisement has no connection with Regular Govt. Job. For essential qualification and experience visit [https://dgt.gov.in/cit\\_details](https://dgt.gov.in/cit_details). For term and conditions visit the departments website <https://punjabjits.gov.in> or contact at 01651-248080 or any working day physically.

Sd/- Member Secretary (IMC), Govt. ITI (W) Rampura Phul.

**PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LTD**

Regd Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala — 147001

Corporate Identification Number (CIN): U40109PB2010SGC033813

Phone No. 0175-2213047, Fax No. 0175-2225024

Mob: 096461-82644, 096461-11035 e-mail: [pocablenet@yahoo.in](mailto:pocablenet@yahoo.in)e-tendering page: [www.eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://eproc.punjab.gov.in)**TENDER NOTICE**

Short Description

Design, Manufacture, Testing Inspection; Packing and Delivery of Flat Twin Core, weather proof, LT, PVC Cables, with H2 Grade Aluminum Conductor, insulated with Type 'A' PVC compound, having Sheathing (by pressure extrusion process) of PVC compound of Type ST-1, for service Voltage of 1.1 KV, duly ISI/POC Marked as per IS: 694/2010 (with latest amendments/revisions, if any) and as per PSPCL specification No. QQ-1304 of following size & quantity:-

Sr. No. Size (mm<sup>2</sup>) Quantity (Km)

1 2x6 12000

2 2x10 3500

Start date for down loading of Specification/tender documents from [www.eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in)

30 September 2020

Last date for down loading of Specification/tender documents from [www.eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in)

03 November 2020 (up to 11:00 AM)

Last date for Bid Submission

03 November 2020 (up to 11:00 AM)

Bid Opening date

03 November 2020 (up to 11:00 AM)

For detailed NIT & Tender specification please refer to [www.eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in)Note:- It is informed that in case tender process is not completed due to any reason, no corrigendum will be published in newspapers. Details regarding corrigendum may be seen on official PSPCL website [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in)

Sd/- Chief Purchase Officer/MM, Central Purchase Organisation, PSPCL, Patiala.

# Can't play like Dhoni, I focus on my own style: Samson

Kerala blaster plays down Tharoor comparison with Dhoni



Rajasthan Royals' Sanju Samson hit nine sixers in his team's 16-run win over MS Dhoni-led Chennai Super Kings last week. PTI

DUBAI, SEPTEMBER 29

"No one can, no one should try" to play like Mahendra Singh Dhoni, wicketkeeper-batsman Sanju Samson has said, rejecting comparisons with the former captain after his own hitting power-hitting has impressed everyone in IPL-13.

Samson hit sixers at will to power his franchise, Rajasthan Royals, to wins over Chennai Super Kings and Kings XI Punjab, the second one ending in a record IPL chase. Following this, the Congress MP from Kerala's Thiruvananthapuram, Shashi Tharoor, called him the next MS Dhoni.

But Samson disagreed strongly. "I am sure that no one can and no one should try to play like him. It's not at all easy to play like MS Dhoni, so leave that aside. I

## Kohli inspiration

Sanju Samson has said interacting with Virat Kohli has been very helpful to him. "When I was in gym with the Indian team I met Virat bhai, I keep on asking him different things," he said. "When he asked me how many years you are going to be play and I said 10, he told me that me: 'Then give everything to these 10 years and you can have your favourite food from Kerala after that.' So I became really dedicated to give my best for the next 10-12 years."

never think of playing like MS Dhoni. He is a legend of Indian cricket, legend of the game," Samson said.

"I only focus on my game, what I can do, how I can do it best and how I can win matches," said the Kerala youngster.

**16** Sixers hit by Sanju Samson in two innings, the most in IPL-13 so far. The next best is 11 by Mayank Agarwal in three innings

**214.86** Samson's scoring rate, with 159 runs off 74 balls. This is the best scoring rate for a player with over 75 runs in IPL-13. The next best is 186.11 by AB de Villiers (134 runs off 72 balls)

"I never think of playing like MS Dhoni. I only focus on my game, what I can do" Sanju Samson

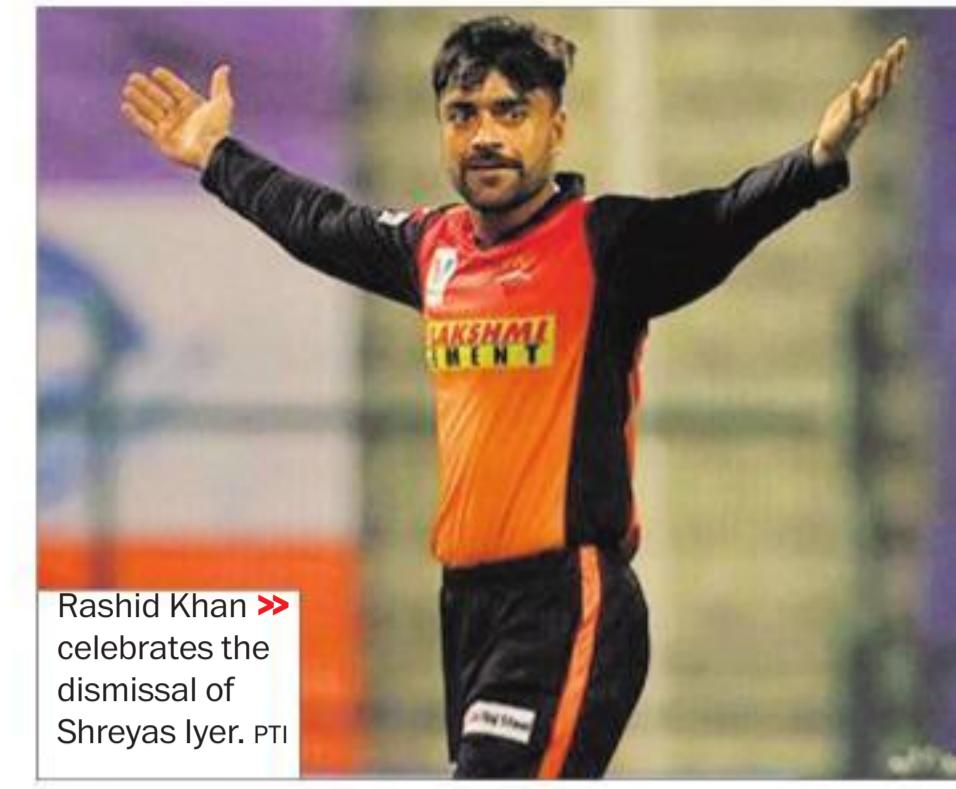
**India ambition**  
With his belligerent knocks of 74 and 85, Samson has again staked his claim for selection to the Indian team. Asked if he thinks he has done enough to attract the attention of the national selectors, Samson said, "I maybe

(think), maybe not. The only thing I know is I am in good form, my only dream is to win matches for my team, any team I play. My focus is on the IPL right now."

Samson recently said he has another 10 years of cricket left in him, a conclusion he came to after a lot of thought and an interaction with Indian captain Virat Kohli during a gym session.

Having performed well over the last few IPLs, he is aware that his performance on the domestic circuit should be better. "I have understood my game, it's more of power hitting. So I have been training on my strengths on my power hitting," he said.

"I am in a very good space mentally. I have worked closely with our video analyst for four to five months and that really helped me improve." — TNS, agencies



Rashid Khan celebrates the dismissal of Shreyas Iyer. PTI

## Sunrisers beat Delhi Capitals by 15 runs

ABU DHABI: Sunrisers Hyderabad beat Delhi Capitals by 15 runs for their first win in IPL-13 here today. Kane Williamson, playing his first game of the season, smashed 41 off 26 balls after SRH were put in to bat. Openers David Warner and Jonny Bairstow made 45 and 53, respectively, as SRH scored 162/4. In response, Delhi Capitals ended at 147/7 with Rashid Khan taking three wickets. Khan dismissed three set batsmen — Shikhar Dhawan (34), skipper Shreyas Iyer (17) and Rishabh Pant (28) — to help his side to victory. PTI  
**Brief scores:** SRH: 162/4 (Bairstow 53, Warner 45, Williamson 41; Rabada 2/21, Mishra 2/35); DD: 147/7 (Dhawan 34, Pant 28; Rashid 3/14, Bhuvneshwar 2/25)

# Fast & Furious

PARIS, SEPTEMBER 29

Novak Djokovic got his quest for an 18th Grand Slam title back on track as he commenced his French Open campaign with a drama-free 6-0 6-2 6-3 victory over Mikael Ymer today.

Little over three weeks since Djokovic was defaulted in the US Open fourth round for hitting a line judge with a ball, the Serb was as cool as a cucumber as he out-classed the young Swede.

Only a smattering of fans were inside Philippe Chatrier Court as Djokovic won the opening set in 20 minutes. Djokovic did drop serve early in the second set when an attempted drop shot fell short but there was no angry response this time, just an ironic chuckle. The 33-year-

old then led the applause for Ymer when he played a sensational between-the-legs winner Nick Kyrgios would have been proud of in the sixth game. But it was one-way traffic as Djokovic polished off the second set with his trademark clean hitting.

The 80th-ranked Ymer, facing a world No. 1 for the first time, stuck manfully to his task in the third set and Djokovic became a little sloppy as he handed back a service break with a double-fault after which he flexed his hand. Top seed Djokovic, bidding for a second French Open title, glared at someone in the crowd in the following game and re-focused to reel off the last three games for victory. — Reuters

## DIFFERENT FRENCH OPEN, SAME START



Rafael Nadal greets the spectators after defeating Egor Gerasimov. AP/PTI

It might be an unusual French Open but clay-court master Rafael Nadal started his quest for a record-extending 13th French Open title in the usual way with a straightforward 6-4 6-4 6-2 first-round win against Belarusian Egor Gerasimov yesterday. On the revamped court Philippe Chatrier, whose roof stayed open throughout, Nadal converted all of his five break points to set up a meeting with American Mackenzie McDonald. The second seed, who had complained about the new balls being too heavy, did not appear too bothered in front of some 200 fans, wrapping up the match with a service winner. "It's a different Roland Garros. Of course we play in the same place. But the conditions are completely different than any other Roland Garros that we've played," said Nadal. REUTERS

## Liverpool climb to 2nd with win over Arsenal

LIVERPOOL, SEPTEMBER 29

Premier League champions Liverpool maintained their 100 per cent start to the season with a 3-1 win against Arsenal at Anfield yesterday, leaving them level on nine points with pacesetters Everton and Leicester City.

The visitors took the lead through an Alexandre Lacazette strike but Liverpool were in front by the break thanks to goals from Sadio Mane and Andy Robertson, while substitute

## Bayern's Sane to miss Super Cup

BERLIN: Bayern Munich winger Leroy Sane will miss tomorrow's domestic Super Cup against Borussia Dortmund with a knee injury while defender David Alaba is doubtful, coach Hansi Flick said today. Defender Alaba is doubtful with a muscle problem, with a final decision to be taken on matchday.

Diogo Jota made sure of the win with a late strike on his debut. — Reuters

## BRIEFLY

NEW DELHI

### National camp for women wrestlers to begin on Oct 10

The women's national wrestling camp will finally begin at the SAI centre in Lucknow from October 10, the Wrestling Federation of India said today, with a warning that the grapplers who miss it will not be considered for national team selection. The national camp was to begin from September 1 but postponed due to coronavirus.

Perry has been ruled out of the remaining limited-overs series against New Zealand after re-injuring her hamstring, the team said today. Australia won the opening two T20s here and will look to sweep the three-match series tomorrow. AGENCIES

## TODAY ON TV

IPL  
KOLKATA VS RAJASTHAN  
STAR SPORTS 7:30PM

TENNIS  
FRENCH OPEN  
STAR SPORTS 2:30PM

## HARYANA STATE BOARD OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION BAYS- 7-12, SECTOR-4, PANCHKULA PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for the information of all concerned that the Online HSBTE Exam of Registered students of 2014, 2015, 2016 & 2017 Batch of Diploma Courses and 1st/2nd Year Pharmacy will start w.e.f. 01.10.2020. Datesheet of Online Exam of Diploma Courses is available on the website of HSBTE ([hsbt.org.in](http://hsbt.org.in)).

The candidates are advised to go through the Instructions & Datesheet of Online Exam available on the website of HSBTE i.e. [hsbt.org.in](http://hsbt.org.in) and appear in the Exam accordingly.

Secretary

## NORTHERN RAILWAY E-Tendering Notice

Chief Workshop Manager, N. Ry. C&W workshop, Jagadhari Workshop/ Yamuna Nagar or & on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tender for the following work.

**Name of work** Painting, white washing and general repairs inside workshop and General store depot in the section of SSE W/JUDW II under DEN JUDW.

**Location** Northern Railway Carriage and wagon repair workshop JAGADHARI WORKSHOP Yamuna Nagar.

**Tender Cost** Estimated Cost Rs. 565422/-

**Quantity** As per scope of work **Cost of E-Tender form** 0

**Earnest Money** Rs. 113100/- **Completion period of the work** 6 Months

**Date & Time for submission of tender form** 21.10.2020 till 15:00 hrs.

**Date & time of opening of tender** 21.10.2020 just after 15:00 hrs. E-tenders are opened after closing date and time of submission online bids on website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) through Digital Signature Certificate/ Encryption Certificate of concerned Authorized Officer of Railways on specified date and time. However, if date of tender opening is declared as Holiday the tender will be opened at the same time on next working day.

**Website particulars** [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)

**Eligibility Criteria**

(a) The tender must have successfully completed any of the following during last 07 (seven) years ending last day of month previous to the one in which tender is invited.  
Three similar works costing not less than the amount equal to 30% of advertised value of the tender, or  
Two similar works costing not less than the amount equal to 40% of advertised value of the tender, or  
One similar work costing not less than the amount equal to 60% of advertised value of the tender.  
(b) The tender must have received contractual payments in the previous three financial years and the current financial year up to the date of inviting of tender at least 150% of the advertised value of the tender. The tenderers shall submit Certified to this effect which may be an attested Certificate from the concerned department / client or Audited Balance Sheet duly certified by the Chartered Accountant / Certificate from Chartered Accountant duly supported by Audited Balance Sheet.  
(c) Similar nature of work any civil work other than track work.

Tender No.: 18-DEN/JUDW/20-21 Dated: 29.09.2020 2105/20

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## OFFICE OF THE COMMANDANT, 1ST INDIA RESERVE BATTALION, BANGARH DISTRICT UNA, H.P.

Telephone No. 01975-230740,  
E-Mail: [irbn1-crhp@nic.in](mailto:irbn1-crhp@nic.in)  
Website: <https://htenders.gov.in>

No. P&L/3.37(Out Source)/2020- Dated

## NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER (NIT)

E-tender is invited from registered Firms, Proprietorship Firms/Partnership Firms/Company/Corporation/Cooperative Society/ Contractor or any legal entity for providing outsourcing of Manpower of 15 Nos. Posts (i.e. Cook=09, Barber=01, Washerwoman=03 & Water Carrier=02) for Office of the Commandant 1st IRBN, Bangarh, District Una (H.P.) for a period of one year from the date of agreement/contract. Prescribed tender form can be downloaded from website <https://htenders.gov.in> on or before last date and time for submission & uploading of tender documents is 21.10.2020 up to 05.00 PM. The Tender will be opened on 22.10.2020 at 11.00 AM in Office of the Commandant 1st IRBN, Bangarh District Una (H.P.). Only completed tender Form along with Cost of Tender Documents of Rs.500/- (Five Hundred only) in the shape of Demand Draft & Earnest Money of Rs.1,00,000/- (One Lakh Only) in the shape of Demand Draft/Fixed Deposit Receipt (FDR) duly pledged in favour of Commandant 1st IRBN, Bangarh District Una issued by any of the Scheduled Bank along with other required documents should be uploaded on the website <https://htenders.gov.in> and physical copy of uploaded tender document, cost of tender documents and Earnest Money should be deposited in the office of Commandant 1st IRBN, Bangarh District Una (H.P.) before the last date and time fixed for submission of the tender. All subsequent corrigendum, modification and clarifications in respect of this tender will be published only on aforesaid websites only. The bidders are advised to visit the aforesaid website regularly. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all the tender offers without assigning any reason.

Commandant,  
1st IRBN, Bangarh  
District Una (H.P.)

## THE HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD

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## NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (NIT)

The Executive Engineer HPSIDC Ltd. Shimla on behalf of Managing Director HPSIDC Ltd Shimla, hereby invites online item rate bids through electronic tendering system for the following works from the eligible and approved contractors, registered in appropriate class with HPPWD, CPWD, I&PH, & HIMUDA, and other Govt. agency/organization on the schedule, term and conditions mentioned below.

Sr. No	Name of work	Estimated Cost	Cost of Tender (in G.S.T.)	Earnest Money	Time Limit	Class
1)	Providing and laying interlocking paver on berms in HPSIDC Ind. Area (SFS) Baddi Distt. Solan (H.P).	Rs. 2,22,29,608/-	Rs. 5900/-	Rs. 2,54,800	Nine Months	A
2)	SRMO Ind. Road and road side drain (Metalling and Tarring) from plot. No.39 to 32 & 33 at Ind. Area Bilaspur Distt. Bilaspur (H.P).	Rs. 20,08,468/-	Rs. 2300/-	Rs.37,600/-	Three Months	Appropriate Class
3)	Construction of Govt. Polytechnic College at Jandour, Tehsil Jaswan, Distt. Kangra (H.P). (Sh:- Providing Electrical Installation thereof)	Rs. 91,61,014/-	Rs. 5900/-	Rs. 1,24,100/-	15 days after completion of civil works	A
4)	Construction of sericulture Exhibition and training centre at Dehra Teh. Dehra Distt. Kangra (H.P).	Rs. 45,22,738/-	Rs. 5000/-	Rs. 75,300/-	Nine Months	B & C
5)	Construction of Veterinary Dispensary at Sirkhu, Tehsil Bhatiyat Distt. Chamba (H.P)	Rs. 10,28,678/-	Rs. 1100/-	Rs. 20,600/-	Four Months	C & D
6)	Construction of Veterinary Dispensary at Sahila, Teh. Sihunta, Distt. Chamba(H.P).	Rs. 10,31,034/-	Rs. 1100/-	Rs. 20,600/-	Four Months	C & D
7)	Construction of boundary wall and approach road to Pump House Phase-IV at Ind. Area Tahliwala Distt. Una (H.P).	Rs. 11,08,831/-	Rs. 1300/-	Rs. 22,200/-	Four Months	C & D
8)	Construction of boundary wall and approach road to Pump House Phase-III at Ind. Area Tahliwala Distt. Una (H.P).	Rs. 5,29,845/-	Rs. 600/-	Rs. 10,600/-	Three Months	C & D
9)	Construction of boundary wall for pump house at Ind Area Jeetpur Bheri Distt. Una (H.P)	Rs. 5,				

# India targets Pak, says 26/11 accused not yet punished

World must ensure perpetrators of terrorism are brought to justice: MEA

Tribune News Service

**NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29**  
India today said while assisting the victims of terrorism, the world should not lose sight of their right to get justice for the crimes committed against them.

The victims of 2008 Mumbai terror attack and 2016 Pathankot attack, for instance, are yet to get justice due to the unwillingness and non-cooperative attitude of a particular country in an oblique reference to Pakistan, outgoing Secretary (East), MEA, Vijay Thakur Singh said at a meeting organised by foreign ministers of Afghanistan and Spain and the UN Office of Counter Terrorism (UNOCT).

**HAL rolls out 300th Dhruv in Bengaluru**

Tribune News Service

**CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 29**  
In a major landmark in indigenous weapon production programme, the 300th Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH), christened Dhruv, rolled out from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) hangar in Bengaluru today.

While the Dhruv is a transport helicopter capable of ferrying up to 14 passengers, it also has an armed variant called the Rudra.

R Madhavan, Chairman-cum-Managing Director, HAL, said the ALH never looked back from the day when the prototype took its maiden flight on August 30, 1992, and has since evolved into a world-class helicopter with its unparalleled performance.

## 'TERRORISM A THREAT AMID COVID TOO'

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"It is important that we must work towards redressing deficiencies in the international efforts to ensure that perpetrators of terrorism are brought to justice," she emphasised.

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Terrorists have stepped up the use of ICT for propaganda and for issuing threats further exacerbating the stress on victims of terrorism, she suggested.

However, the three options proposed for setting up of a funding mechanism by the Secretary General need further deliberations at the expert level so that the funding can be effective and efficiently used resources, she added.

She pointed out that the first

UN Global Congress of Victims of Terrorism in 2021 and the 7th Review of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy should help build on the momentum gathered so far.

A dedicated voluntary fund to support the victims of terrorism would strengthen United Nations' capacity-building and technical assistance to requesting member states in assisting and supporting victims of terrorism, she suggested.

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# Not true, says govt as Amnesty cries 'reprisal' on ending ops

Tribune News Service

**NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29**

As Amnesty International halted India operations today citing reprisal by the Centre, the government hit back terming the NGO's charges "unfortunate, exaggerated and far from truth". A statement from the Home Ministry said owing to illegal practices of Amnesty International, the previous government had also rejected its applications to receive funds from overseas.

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The Amnesty International office in Bengaluru. PTI

## 'WORK COMES TO HALT AS ACCOUNTS FROZEN'

Complete freezing of Amnesty International India's bank accounts by the govt brings all work being done by the organisation to a grinding halt. The organisation has been compelled to let go of staff in India and pause all its ongoing campaign and research work.

Amnesty

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"The continuing crack-

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Amnesty is free to continue humanitarian work in India, but it must remember Indian law does not allow interference in domestic political debates by entities funded by foreign donations. Amnesty today announced halting of India operations over "reprisal by the government" and said the Cen-

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## PYC chief held for burning tractor

**NEW DELHI:** The Delhi Police on Tuesday arrested Punjab Youth Congress (PYC) president Brinder Dhillon and three others in connection with the tractor-burning incident near India Gate on Monday. The police said six PYC activists were held on Monday. The arrested include Harish Panwar and Abraham Roy Mani, National General Secretaries of All India Youth Congress, and Bunty Shelke, Secretary, AIYC incharge of PYC. — TNS

## Tibetans hail Chinese spy's conviction

**NEW DELHI:** Tibetans in exile here have welcomed a Swedish court's decision to deport a Chinese-Tibetan after he had completed a sentence for spying on Tibetans in Sweden for the Chinese intelligence. Dorjee Gyantsan (52) was convicted of "illegal intelligence activity" after he was found to have met Chinese intelligence officers as part of an operation to spy on Tibetans in Sweden. — TNS

## ESIC guidelines on Covid safety steps

**NEW DELHI:** Keeping up vigil against Covid-19, the ESIC of the Labour Ministry on Tuesday issued safety workplace guidelines for industrial places and other establishments. The guidelines are a compendium of dos and don'ts in the form of a booklet. — TNS

# Quad foreign ministers to meet in Japan on Oct 6

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**NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29**

The next meeting of foreign ministers of Quad countries — the US, India, Japan and Australia — will take place in Tokyo on October 6, Japanese Foreign Minister Motegi Toshimitsu said on Tuesday.

The Japanese minister will also hold separate bilateral talks with the three foreign ministers — S Jaishankar, Mike Pompeo and Marise Payne.

This will be the second meeting of Quad foreign ministers. The previous meeting was held in September last year in New York.

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The meeting comes against the backdrop of China conducting military drills in all four seas in its vicinity while being locked in a tense standoff with India along the LAC.

Toshimitsu said there was high interest in this meeting as the four foreign ministers, with the same aim, would discuss the impact of Covid and the regional situation. All the four countries, he said, were moving ahead with the vision

of a free and open Indo-Pacific and planned to further deepen cooperation on its various aspects.

The Quad meet's broad agenda was discussed by senior diplomats from the four countries on September 25. It included deepening practical cooperation on quality infrastructure, maritime security, counter-terrorism, cyber security and humanitarian assistance and disaster relief.

# Provide dry ration to sex workers sans ID: SC

**NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29**

The SC on Tuesday directed states to provide dry rations to sex workers identified by National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) and legal services authorities, without insisting on identity proof.

Asking states to file compliance reports in four weeks, a Bench led by Justice L Nageswara Rao said it would consider at a later stage if financial assistance could be provided to them during Covid-19.

The Centre said it had no objection to states providing dry ration to sex workers. The SC said sex workers could be identified with the assistance of NACO, district as well as state legal service authority. It posted for hearing after four weeks the PIL highlighting

the problems faced by sex workers during the pandemic.

The order came on a plea filed by Durbar Mahila Samanwaya Committee — an NGO — highlighting the plight of sex workers during Covid-19. — TNS

## Face of Shaheen stir



Bilkis Bano (C), who became the face of the Shaheen Bagh protests, with women activists in Delhi after she was listed on Time magazine's 100 influential people of 2020.

## Haryanab...

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To counter the illegal practice, the government has made it mandatory for state farmers to register on "meri fasal mera byora" portal and mention in advance how much land they had sown their crops on. "But traders have been making fake entries to skirt this norm too," said the official.

PK Das, Additional Chief Secretary, Food Supplies and Consumers Affairs, said prior registration on the portal was a must for paddy farmers bringing their produce for procurement. "The same norm applies to non-Haryana farmers, but they have to wait for a message we send prior to procurement," he said.

As far as bajra, moong and maize were concerned, Haryana didn't purchase these crops from outside farmers, maintained Das.

# Punjab, Haryana among 5 states to meet over pollution tomorrow

Tribune News Service

**NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 29**  
With the paddy stubble burning season round the corner, environment ministers of Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh will meet on October 1 to discuss and tackle the problem resulting in air pollution every year, Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar said today.

The virtual meeting will also be attended by environment ministers and secretaries of the states along with Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change officials, CPCB, NDMC and the DDA.

Javadekar said the meeting would review the work done

## Punjab sees 600 farm fires in 10 days

89 from 50 in August; in Patiala 103 from 41; in Mandi Gobindgarh 130 from 53; in Ludhiana 80 from 50; in Khanna 94 from 51; and in Amritsar 104 from 54.

The National Capital's air quality was recorded at 170 on Tuesday, which falls in the "moderate" category.

A senior official says farmers are burning stubble since they only have about four weeks to prepare fields for sowing wheat. "With farmers waging a war against the contentious farm laws, any major action against them is likely to see stiff opposition," he adds.

Sukhdev Singh Kokrikalan, general secretary, BKU (Ugrahan), says: "We have been demanding compensation to manage stubble, but the government did not pay any heed. We have no other option but to burn the stubble to prepare fields for the next crop."



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