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COURT DENIES BAIL TO RHEA, SHOWIK, 4 OTHERS BACK PAGE



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Hours after 5-point plan to ease LAC tensions, China asks India to pull back

At Moscow meet, both agreed to avoid action that could escalate matters

SANDEEP DIKSHIT
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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 11
India and China agreed on a five-point approach that entails further talks to end the tensions on the Line of Actual Control (LAC) following a discussion between their Foreign Ministers that saw both of them touch on the linkages between bilateral ties and the border problem.

A joint statement at the end of the two-and-a-half-hour discussion in Moscow between Foreign Ministers S Jaishankar and Wang Yi saw concurrence on the path to resolve the tensions but their narratives diverged on whether the border issue was linked to the overall trajectory of bilateral relations.

Three hours after the discussion, however, the Chinese embassy e-mailed a version of the meeting that quoted Wang as stating that India-China



An IAF jet flies in the Ladakh region amid the LAC standoff on Friday. PTI

PLA TO RELEASE 5 ARUNACHAL YOUTHS TODAY

ties were once again at a "crossroads". Wang outlined China's "stern" position on the situation at the border and called on the Indian side to "move back all men who have trespassed". It said it was willing to hold "enhanced dia-

ROADMAP ACCEPTED

- 1 Be guided by Modi-Xi consensus on developing ties
- 2 Troops must continue their dialogue, quickly disengage
- 3 Abide by existing agreements and protocol on boundary affairs
- 4 Dialogue at Special Representative and Working Mechanism to continue
- 5 As situation eases, expedite work on new CBMs

TIES AT CROSSROADS: CHINA

China-India relations have once again come to the crossroads. But as long as the two keep moving in the right direction, there will be no difficulty. Wang Yi



S Jaishankar and Wang Yi in Moscow.

DISENGAGEMENT MUST: INDIA

Maintenance of peace is essential for the forward development of ties...the immediate task is to ensure comprehensive disengagement. Indian sources

seeking disengagement in all friction areas with the military

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EDIT: INDIAN DIPLOMACY AT WORK

Lt General Hevel border meeting next on agenda

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 11

After India and China agreed to resolve border tensions, the Indian Army will "wait and watch" while carrying out a ground assessment of the People's Liberation Army of China and its moves to see if those match with the diplomatic words of Beijing.

They also reiterated that Pakistan must take "immediate, sustained, and irreversible action" to ensure no territory under its control was used for terrorist attacks.

A joint statement after the 17th meeting of the US-India Counter-Terrorism Joint Working Group and Designations Dialogue spoke of a "far-reaching conversation" on counter-terrorism cooperation but no specifics were available.

Concurrently, at the third session of the US-India Designations Dialogue, both sides shared information about their priorities and procedures for pursuing sanctions and designations against terrorist groups and individuals, particularly in light of recent legislative changes in India. Section

The meeting could be held early next week to implement the plan discussed in Moscow, sources said. — TNS

India, US ask Pak to book 26/11 accused

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TAKING ON TERROR

- Both want Pakistan to ensure its territory isn't used for terror-related activities
- Demand "immediate, sustained and irreversible" action on this front
- Denounce use of terrorist proxies for cross-border terror

15 of the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) has been considerably amended to widen the definition of a "terrorist act". It now includes designating individuals who are a threat to the country's integrity and security.

The Indian delegation was led by MEA Joint Secretary Mahaveer Singhvi and the US team was headed by Nathan Sales from State Department.

New NEP curriculum in 2022, says Modi

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Friday that students will study under a new curriculum drawn from the National Education Policy (NEP) when the country celebrates its 75th year of Independence in 2022, and asserted that the curriculum will be "forward-looking, future ready and scientific".

Addressing a conclave on "School Education in 21st Century" under the NEP 2020, Modi also emphasised on the need for children to study in their mother tongue or local language at least till Class V. BACK PAGE



COVID DUMP: Used PPE kits and other medical waste in New Delhi. PTI

Do not block medical oxygen supply: Centre

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 11

After another record surge of 96,551 Covid-19 cases in a day, the Centre today asked states to stop restricting movement of medical oxygen needed by hospitals to save critically ill patients.

Nearly 3.7 per cent of India's currently active 9,43,480 cases, which comes to 34,909, are on oxygen support to battle the disease. The total national caseload rose to 45,62,414 today.

Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said it had come to the knowledge of the Centre that some states were trying to curb the free inter-state movement of oxygen supplies by exercising provisions under various Acts and mandating the manufacturers and suppliers located in their areas to restrict their supplies to only the hospitals of the state.

In a letter, the Health Secretary emphasised that the availability of adequate and uninterrupted supply of medical oxygen was an important prerequisite for

3.7% of India's 9.4 lakh active Covid patients are on oxygen support

COVID-19 CASES INDIA

RECOVERED 35,42,663

FRESH FATALITIES 1,209

TOTAL DEATHS 76,271

COUNT 45,62,414

WORLD

TOTAL 2,84,31,965

RECOVERED 2,04,32,051

DEATHS 9,15,335

CAPT: NO CURFEW THIS SUNDAY IN VIEW OF NEET

GNDU TO HOLD ONLINE EXAMS FROM SEPT 21

25 MORE SUCCUMB, 2,388

FRESH CASES IN HRY

managing moderate and severe cases of Covid-19 and it was with the help of oxygen therapy that there had been 35,42,663 recoveries out of nearly 46 lakh cases. The recovery rate now stands at 77.65 per cent. — TNS

JEE-Main result out, 24 score 100 percentile

NEW DELHI: The result for JEE-Main was announced on Friday with 24 students scoring 100 percentile in the engineering entrance exam which was postponed twice in view of the Covid-19 pandemic. While Telangana has maximum 100 percentile scorers at eight, Delhi is at the second spot with five hundred percentile scorers followed by Rajasthan (4), Andhra Pradesh (3), Haryana (2) and one candidate each from Gujarat and Maharashtra. The test was conducted from September 1 to 6. A total of 8.58 lakh candidates had registered for the JEE-Main exam. — PTI

CBI seeks sanction to prosecute ex-CAG

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 11

The CBI has sought prosecution sanction from the government against former Defence Secretary Shashi Kant Sharma, who later took over as the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG), for his alleged involvement in the Rs 3,600-crore Agusta Westland VVIP chopper scandal.

Sources said the CBI was ready with the supplementary chargesheet to be filed in the court. The agency had sent the request to the government for "prosecution sanction in March". It was still awaiting a nod, they said.

In the supplementary chargesheet, the CBI would elaborate on the role of Christian Michel, the alleged middleman in the deal who was deported from the UAE and was currently in judicial custody.

Since the chargesheet also contains details on the alleged role of



Agency ready with the supplementary chargesheet

some former public servants, who were holding key positions when the deal was being discussed, the CBI has approached the Ministry of Defence for an approval to prosecute Sharma, then Air Vice Marshal Jasbir Singh Panesar and others. The agency has also sought sanction to chargesheet three former IAF officers — deputy chief test pilot SA Kunte, Wing Commander Thomas Mathew and Group Captain N Santosh. — TNS

Sonia drops five gen secys

CWC RECAST Ramesh, Khurshid in | Rahul aides dominate

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 11

Congress president Sonia Gandhi today revamped the party organisation, dropping five senior general secretaries, including Ghulam Nabi Azad and Motilal Vora, reconstituting the working committee and forming a new five-member panel to assist her.

The changes come close on the heels of 23 leaders writing to Sonia seeking that the party be overhauled. Sonia today accommodated some members of the ginger group — Mukul Wasnik, Jitin Prasada and Arvinder Lovely — while leaving Kapil Sibal and Manish Tewari in the cold, for now.

Although Sonia retained letter writers Azad and Anand Sharma in the CWC, she sacked Azad as general secretary in-charge of Haryana, appointing new-

THOSE OUT



DISSENTERS ACCOMMODATED

- Mukul Wasnik, Jitin Prasada, and Arvinder Lovely
- Harish Rawat replaces Asha Kumari as Punjab in charge
- Newcomer Vivek Bansal made Haryana in charge

comer Vivek Bansal in his place. The general secretaries who have been dropped are

Azad, Motilal Vora, Ambika Soni, Mallikarjun Kharge and Luizinho Faleiro.

Wasnik, who was a signatory to the controversial letter, has been made general secretary, Madhya Pradesh, while Harish Rawat is the new general secretary for Punjab, replacing previous state in charge Asha Kumari.

AICC media head Randeep Surjewala has been promoted as AICC general secretary, Karnataka, made a regular CWC member and is among five leaders who will assist Sonia in organisational matters. The other panel members are AK Antony, Ahmed Patel, Ambika Soni and KC Venugopal.

Rahul Gandhi's aides — Surjewala, Venugopal, Ajay Maken, Jitendra Singh — have bagged general secretary berths alongside Priyanka Vadra (UP), Oommen

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Seven of family get life term for honour killing

HISAR, SEPTEMBER 11

Sirsas Additional District and Sessions Judge Dr Chander Hass today sentenced seven persons to life imprisonment in an honour killing case.

The convicts were relatives of the victim, Amandeep Kaur of Dharbi village in Sirsa. She had married a neighbour, Manmeet Singh, after eloping with him on August 10, 2014.

Amandeep's family was opposed to the marriage. The couple, fearing for their lives, approached the Pun-

Saini moves SC as Pb police raid hideouts

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 11

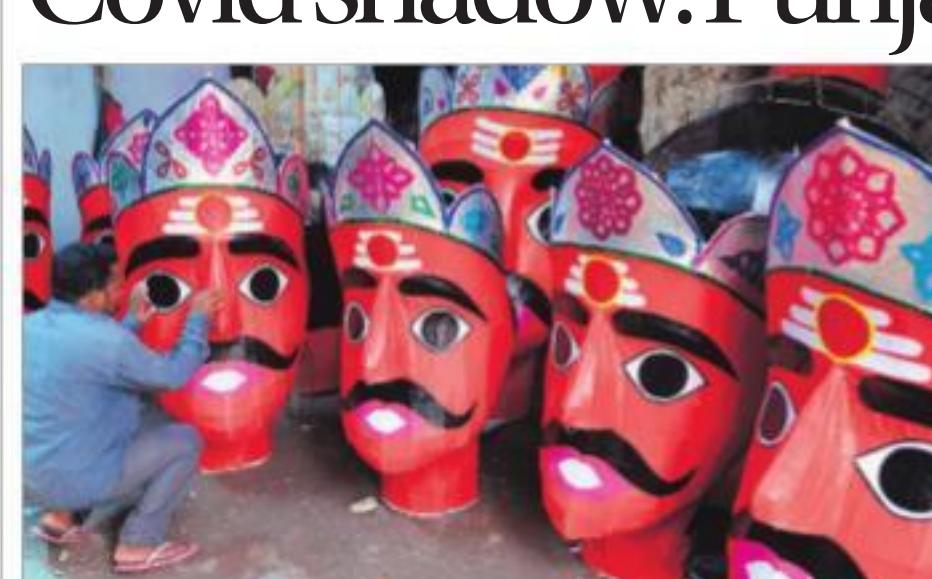
As the Punjab Police raided hideouts in search of former Punjab DGP Sumedh Singh Saini, an accused in the 1991 Balwant Singh Multani murder case, he has moved the Supreme Court for anticipatory bail to avoid his arrest.

The Punjab Police too have filed a caveat to pre-empt Saini from getting any extra relief from the top court which is likely to take up his plea next week. Multani, a JE with CITCO, was allegedly picked up by the police in December 1991 after a terror attack on Saini.

In May this year the former DGP and six others were booked by the Mohali police for Multani's 'kidnapping'. The murder charge was added in August after two of the accused cops spilled the beans.

Saini is also facing trial in a Special CBI court in Delhi for the alleged abduction of businessman Vinod Kumar, his brother-in-law Ashok Kumar and their driver. — TNS

Covid shadow: Punjab effigy-makers yet to get orders for Dasehra



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MUKTSAR, SEPTEMBER 11
Having kept all festivals since March a low-key affair, the Covid pandemic now casts a dark shadow over the forthcoming festive season comprising Navratras, Dasehra and Diwali.

With the virus showing no signs of ebbing, associated artisans fear loss of livelihood.

UNPRECEDENTED SITUATION

I am into this trade for the past four decades. In normal times, effigy orders would come around two months in advance. But, none so far this time. Pawan, EFFIGY-MAKER FROM MALLOUT

Effigy-makers say it is for the first time they haven't received any orders for Dasehra. "I am into this trade for the past four decades. In normal times, orders would

come around two months in advance. But, none so far this time," says Pawan of Mallout.

Boasting of customers from almost all parts of Punjab and neighbouring Haryana, the scenario is different in Rajasthan where municipalities invite tenders for the festival. The tenders, however, are yet to be floated this year," adds Pawan. — PTI

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HC bans mining near highways, bridges

SAURABH MALIK

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CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 11 The Punjab and Haryana High Court today banned mining activities a kilometre from national highways and major bridges across the state. Directions prohibiting mining activities half-a-kilometre from state highways and small bridges were also issued.

Ruling that "rivers have an inherent right to flow without hindrance," the Bench of Justices Rajiv Sharma and Harinder Singh Sidhu also directed the Deputy Commissioners and the Senior Superintendents of Police to constitute special flying squads, comprising officers and officials from mining, revenue and police department. For the purpose, the Bench set a two-week deadline.

Says rivers have an inherent right to flow without hindrance



The state government was directed to take stern action against erring officials for their failure to check illegal mining in areas under their jurisdiction. The Bench ruled that sand mining would be strictly carried out in the state in accordance with the environmental law and the guidelines laid down by the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change from time to time.

The directions came on a petition filed by Bakhshish Singh and other petitioners against the state of Punjab and other respondents alleging large scale illegal mining activities in their villages and the Sutlej riverbed. The Bench was told that heavy mining had changed the course of the river at few places resulting in flooding. The case will now come up for hearing on September 30.

Rajesh Bhardwaj named HC judge

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CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 11 The President has appointed Rajesh Bhardwaj as an Additional Judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, taking the total number of judges to 55 against the sanctioned strength of 85.

The court is facing a shortage of 30 judges

Belonging to Barauli village in Panipat district, Bhardwaj's name was approved by the Supreme Court collegium at a meeting on August 17.

The High Court is currently facing a shortage of 30 judges and a pendency of nearly six lakh cases. The problem is expected to worsen as two senior judges heading Division Benches are scheduled to retire in the next couple of months, followed by more next year.

Evading arrest, Saini may be declared PO

Raids in Hoshiarpur, Chandigarh, Delhi and other locations to nab ex-DGP

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CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 11

From a top cop for almost two decades, former Punjab DGP Sumedh Singh Saini is the state's top fugitive now. The state is preparing to get him declared a proclaimed offender in the 1991 Multani murder case as he continues to evade arrest despite his bail plea rejected by the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

The Punjab Police have conducted raids in Hoshiarpur, Chandigarh, Delhi and some other locations in Punjab in the past 24 hours, but Saini remains untraceable. Notably, Z-security officials posted by the Central Government and Punjab Police have failed to explain how the former DGP was roaming around without the mandatory security.

Police sources said those on his security duty might face action as they were supposed to be with him. Sources dis-



Cops raid ex-DGP Sumedh Singh Saini's house in Chandigarh on Friday.

closed that the police were preparing to get him declared a proclaimed offender from a Mohali court. Once declared, the government can attach his movable and immovable assets.

The raids come amid ministers, including Sukhjinder

In 1991, Balwant Singh Multani, son of an IAS officer, was allegedly picked up by a Chandigarh Police team on allegation of planting a bomb in the car of then SSP Sumedh Singh Saini. He was allegedly tortured in presence of Saini. He allegedly died in police custody, but was shown to have escaped from custody.

His brother approached the Mohali police two months ago praying reopening of the case, citing a new evidence in form of a revelation made by a police cat turned Punjab Police cop on being witness to the incident. Later, two of the six other cops booked by the Mohali police turned approver. They stated in the court that Saini had ordered Multani's detention and custodial interrogation after which he died in custody. The court added Section 302 of the IPC against the former DGP. He has been on the run since then.

After SC nudge, focus back on Valtoba

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AMRITSAR, SEPTEMBER 11 After the Supreme Court expressed shock over long pendency of criminal cases against politicians on September 10, the focus has turned again on over a three-decade-old murder of Dr Sudarshan Trehan in Patti (Tarn Taran).

Dr Trehan was gunned down by three persons at his clinic in September 1983 and former SAD MLA Virsa Singh Valtoba was among the accused. Valtoba was never arrested in the case while a challan was presented in the court last year and charges were framed against him in January. At present, the case is under trial in a Tarn Taran court. In February, when summons to witnesses returned unserved, the court ordered Tarn Taran SSP to submit a report regarding the

Former MLA facing trial in over 3-decade-old murder case

witnesses. However, the proceedings got delayed due to the Covid-19 outbreak.

Initially, the police had registered an FIR against unknown persons. A year after the incident, the police had nabbed Hardev Singh. During interrogation, Hardev had revealed that he along with Baldev Singh and Virsa Singh Valtoba had killed Dr Trehan. As a result, the police had named Valtoba as the accused. Hardev Singh and Baldev Singh were acquitted by the court in 1990 and Valtoba was declared proclaimed offender.

Valtoba claimed that he was discharged in 1991 as charges were not framed against him.

Edu Dept to honour donors of smart school drive

Chandigarh: Under the Smart School Policy, the School Education Department has decided to honour all institutions and donors who have contributed in transforming schools in the state. School Secretary Krishan Kumar has directed all District Education Officers and school heads to prepare a list of institutions and donors who had contributed for the betterment of schools. TNS

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Day later, farmers booked

Offences include murder bid, blocking NH, damaging public property

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Congress workers burn an effigy of the CM in protest against the lathicharge on farmers in Rohtak on Friday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

KURUKSHETRA, SEPTEMBER 11 The Kurukshetra police have registered four cases against BKU leaders and farmers for blocking the national highway, damaging public property, attempt to murder, pelting stones at the police and rioting. The farmers had held a protest and a state-level 'Kisan Bachao, Mandi Bachao' rally at Pipli grain market in Kurukshetra on Thursday.

Of the four, while three cases have been registered at Thanesar Sadar police station, one case has been registered at Shahabad police station.

The cases have been registered against BKU (Charun) chief Gurnam Singh Charuni, union spokesman Rakesh Bains, Pankaj Habana, Jasbir Singh, Karam Singh and nearly 300 others, including identified and

unidentified farmers and farmer leaders.

An attempt was allegedly made to run a tractor-trailer over the Shahabad SDM who was on the spot to stop the farmers.

SHO Shahabad Devender Kumar said, "Jasbir Singh who was driving the tractor tried to run over the SDM Shahabad who was trying to persuade the farmers."

SHO Sadar police station Naresh Kumar said, "Three cases have been registered against the farmers for blocking the national highway, damaging public property, pelting stones at policemen, deterring public servant from discharge of duty and Disaster Management Act. No arrests have been made so far."

Superintendent of Police Astha Modi said, "FIRs have been registered against the farmers, including some identified and unidentified ones."

On the other hand, four cases have been registered in Ambala too. A police spokesman said, "Four separate cases, one each at Parao police station, Saha police station, Shahzadpur police station and Sadar police station have been registered against the farmers, including some identified and unidentified ones."

BKU chief Gurnam Singh Charuni said, "The police have registered cases against the farmers. The police can arrest us anytime and we are ready to get arrested. The government can't stop us by threatening us in the name of FIRs."

Hooda: Take back cases

SKURUKSHETRA, SEPTEMBER 11 Former Chief Minister and Leader of Opposition Bhupinder Singh Hooda slammed the BJP-JJP government and served a 10-day ultimatum to the government to take back cases registered against the farmers. Otherwise, the Congress would launch an agitation against the state government.

Referring to the Kandela incident, Hooda said, "Whichever government has used lathis or bullets against the farmer, it could not last long in power. After the killing of farmers, the INLD was thrown out of power. Now, the BJP-JJP will face a similar fate."

HPCC chief Kumari Selja, who also reached Kurukshetra, sought compensation for the farmers who suffered injuries in Kurukshetra and cancellation of FIRs registered against the farmers. She also said the Congress would protest and submit memorandums on September 21.—TNS

Common interests bring farmers, arthiyas together

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CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 11

Common interests and changing profile of the trading community over the years, where big farmers have not only ventured into business, but have also developed a sizeable control over trading activities in grain markets, have brought farmers and commission agents together against farm ordinances.

"If grain markets do not remain and when farmers will not get minimum support price for their produce, what will both do? When wheat is available for Rs 1,550 per quintal today, who will give Rs 1,900 to farmers when there will be no MSP? Similarly, paddy today is fetching Rs 1,200 against an MSP of Rs 1,868," said Chandni.

Inderjit Singh, vice-president, Akhil Bharatiya Kisan Sabha, said the existence of farmers and commission agents had come under a

question mark due to the ordinances. "Once big corporates enter contract farming, farmers will be left on their mercy, while commission agents will disappear from the scene due to amendments to the APMC Act," he added.

Gurjeet Singh Mann, a progressive farmer from Sirsa, said commission agents did not carry the same profile as they did during Sir Chhotu Ram's time.

"Over the years, big farmers have been venturing into the trading of agricultural commodities. Once only people from the Agarwal community monopolised the business in grain markets. Today, one-third of commission agents are from farming background. Being politically active, they dictate terms when collective decisions are to be taken. In a way, interests of farmers and commission agents are inter-linked," he said.

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OBITUARY

Swami Agnivesh SOCIAL ACTIVIST (SEPTEMBER 21, 1939 - SEPTEMBER 11, 2020)

Sanyasi who fought for social causes



SWAMI Agnivesh, a prominent social activist and Arya Samaj leader who served as a Cabinet minister in Haryana, passed away in a Delhi hospital on Friday after suffering cardiac arrest.

He was 80. He was admitted to the Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences in New Delhi with liver cirrhosis and was on ventilator since Tuesday due to multiple organ failure.

The hospital record confirmed 6:30 pm as the time of his death. The hospital said they attempted to revive him for half an hour before declaring Agnivesh dead.

"On Friday, his condition deteriorated and he went into cardiac arrest at 6 pm. Resuscitation was attempted, but the stalwart passed away at 6:30 pm," the hospital authorities said.

Born as Veena Shyama Rao on September 21, 1939, at Srikrishna in Andhra Pradesh, Agnivesh was brought up by his maternal grandfather, who was the diwan of the

princely state Sakti in present-day Chhattisgarh.

He acquired degrees in law and commerce, worked as a lecturer in St Xavier's College in Kolkata and practised law for a while as a junior to Sabyasachi Mukherji, who later rose to become the Chief Justice of India.

Agnivesh became a member of the Legislative Assembly of Haryana in 1977 and served as a Cabinet Minister for Education in 1979.

In 1981, while still a minister in Haryana, he founded the Bonded Labour Liberation Front, which continued to raise issues surrounding bonded labour in India, especially in quarries in and around Delhi.

He was involved in various areas of social activism, including campaigns against female foeticide and for women emancipation.

Agnivesh came to Haryana in 1968 to join the Arya Samaj. On March 25, 1970, Agnivesh took sanyas vows and since then, he had been donning saffron robes of a sanyasi.

He was expelled from the organisation in August 2008 after 17 of the 19 Arya Samaj Pratinidhi Sabhas in India expressed opposition to him.

Swami Agnivesh took part in the 2011 anti-corruption protests in Delhi under Anna Hazare for the Jan Lokpal Bill. He later broke away after differences with some leaders associated with the protests. The same year, he spent three days in Big Boss house from November 8 to 11.

Process on to appoint RTS panel chief

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 11

Nearly one-and-a-half years after the retirement of the then Chief Commissioner of the Right to Service (RTS) SC Chaudhary, the state government has again set in motion the process to make appointment to the prestigious post.

It has constituted a search committee to recommend candidates to the Statutory Committee, comprising CM Manohar Lal Khattar, Leader of Opposition Bhupinder Singh Hooda and a minister nominated by the CM.

Candidates can apply by September 18.

Under the Haryana Right to Service Act, 2014, a serving or retired officer in the rank and status of the Chief Secretary of Haryana or Secretary to the Government of India is eligible for the post. —TNS

25 more die, 2,388 fresh cases

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CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 11 With 2,388 fresh cases, the total number of Covid cases reached 88,332 today. The death toll went up to 932 with the addition of 25 deaths.

Gurugram reported a maximum of 289 cases, followed by Faridabad (281), Panchkula (180), Kurukshetra (173), Ambala (168) and Karnal (155).

Karnal reported a maximum of four deaths, followed by Gurugram, Ambala and Sirsa (three each). Faridabad, Rohtak, Panchkula and Yamunanagar reported two deaths each while Pan-

pat, Bhiwani, Palwal and Kurukshetra reported one death each.

Test results online

In Yamunanagar The health authorities in Yamunanagar on Thursday launched a portal, where Covid test reports will be uploaded.

"The test results will be available on civilsurgeonynr.com. The report of those who test negative will be available on the portal but of those who test positive will not be uploaded to maintain secrecy of the patients," said DC Mukul Kumar.

"The report can be downloaded by entering the number of sample registration form (SRF) and the mobile number," said Civil Surgeon Dr Vijay Dahiya. —TNS

COVID-19 CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Faridabad	15,284	185
Gurugram	14,598	143
Sonepat	5,665	41
Ambala	5,444	54
Panipat	5,408	59
Karnal	4,893	60
Rewari	4,394	26
Rohtak	3,901	43
Panchkula	3,812	40
Hisar	3,397	28
Kurukshetra	3,297	60
Yamunanagar	2,680	38
Mahendragarh	2,396	3
Sirsa	2,177	31
Bhiwani	1,897	19
Palwal	1,863	14
Jhajjar	1,789	19
Kaithal	1,683	20
Fatehabad	1,427	20
Jind	1,079	12
Nuh	938	16
Charkhi Dadri	343	1
Total	88,332	932

Deposit ₹25K in Covid relief fund, HC tells woman

SAURABH MALIK
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CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 11

A woman who left her matrimonial home with the help of another man after 12 years of marriage and two children before seeking protection from her husband and other persons would end up contributing to the Covid relief fund.

Dismissing her petition for protection with Rs 25,000 costs, Justice Manoj Bajaj of the High Court ordered the deposition of the amount in the Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana Covid relief fund.

The direction came after Justice Bajaj observed that the petitioner had apparently not approached the court with clean hands and had deliberately suppressed material facts. "Therefore, this court finds that she deserves to be saddled with costs," Justice Bajaj added, before directing the Rohtak Chief Judicial Magistrate to ensure the recovery and deposition of the costs.

Justice Bajaj asserted that the court, after hearing the counsel, found that the writ petition did not contain any pleading, much less narration of a cause of action in favour of the second petitioner; for filing petition along with the woman-petitioner.

Though the petition was verified by both petitioners by appending their signatures, affidavit in support of the petition had not been filed by the second petitioner.

Says didn't approach court with clean hands, suppressed facts

GROUND FRIVOLOUS

“This court finds that not only is the petition for protection founded on frivolous grounds, but it also amounts to abuse of the process of law.”

Justice Manoj Bajaj, PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT

Apart from this, the second petitioner had not portrayed any grievance even in the representations submitted to the official respondents.

Resultantly, the court found that the writ petition on the second petitioner's behalf was without valid cause of action. As such, the petition with regard to him was dismissed.

Justice Bajaj noted that the woman, too, did not deserve any concession, particularly when she failed to explain the reason for leaving her husband's company. Besides, the address mentioned in the petition was of her matrimonial home, though the woman claimed that she was residing at different places in Jhajjar district.

Justice Bajaj observed that it was not disputed by the counsel during the course of hearing that no complaint was ever submitted by the woman either against her husband or family of her in-laws.

Gurugram fake call centre busted, 4 held

GURUGRAM, SEPTEMBER 11

The police on Friday busted a fake call centre and arrested its owner and three operators for allegedly duping US citizens on the pretext of providing them with technical support. The main server was seized.

The accused were operating from a guest house in Sector 29 here.

On a tip-off, a police team led by Inspector Jagbir Singh raided the guest house last month. He and his employees convinced US nationals to purchase gift cards, took their phone numbers and redeemed the value of the cards. They duped several foreigners,” said KK Rao, Police Commissioner.—OC

Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER ANANTNAG PWD(R&B) DIVISION KHANABAL

NIT NO. 62 OF R&B/Khanabal/2020-21-E-TENDERING/3424-34 DATED 08-09-2020

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory of J&K e-tenders are invited on item rate basis (as the case may be) from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:-

S. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost (Rs in lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (in Rs)	Earnest Money (in Rs)	Time of completion	Major Head of Account	Class of Contractor
1	Upgradation of Anchidora Anzwallah road including Prakashpora Ganja Check, Cheki Ahmad Dar, Cheki Jamal and Dawood Check by way of Providing and laying of Wet Mix, 50mm thick Bituminous Macadam, 25mm thick semidense with 6mm thick seal coat	34.73	1100/-	69460/-	04 days	NABARD	AAY class with HP/HMPO
	Improvement of riding surface of Bijbehara Langalan road (KM 3rd to KM 10, 11th and 13th) by way of providing and laying, 50mm thick Bituminous Macadam and 25mm thick Semidense with 6mm thick seal coat in patches & stretches	15.00	600/-	30000/-	03 days	C&T	AAY class with HP/HMPO
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The Tribune

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Indian diplomacy at work

Friendly with Japan, firm with China

ON Thursday, India exhibited its intent, albeit in contrasting ways, to have enduring relations with other Asian powers. PM Narendra Modi called up his outgoing Japanese counterpart Shinzo Abe and thanked him for playing a major role in strengthening bilateral ties. Both hailed the signing of a landmark agreement — after years of negotiations — that will allow Indian and Japanese militaries to use each other's bases for logistic support. Even as the pact is expected to boost defence cooperation between the two nations, India would have to be proactive to maintain the bonhomie after Japan gets a new PM. The gains achieved during Abe's long rule should not be frittered away.

While continuing to be at its friendly best with Japan, India was quite firm and forthright during the talks between External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi in Moscow. Jaishankar made it clear that an urgent resolution of the LAC standoff was in the interests of both countries. China found itself cornered as it failed to give a credible explanation for the enormous troop buildup at the border. It goes to India's credit that China has agreed on a five-point roadmap — a throwback of sorts to the well-intentioned but shortlived Panchsheel treaty — that includes early disengagement of troops and other appropriate actions to de-escalate tensions in eastern Ladakh. The proof of the pudding, of course, is in the eating. All eyes will be on China to see whether it walks the talk in the coming weeks and months or simply returns to its perfidious ways.

There is no gainsaying that Indian diplomacy has been making rapid strides towards building rather than burning bridges in consonance with the country's resolve to ensure peace in the region. India stands to gain heft in the international arena with its two-pronged strategy of bolstering ties with allies and making hostile neighbours see reason. These are good tidings as India prepares to occupy a place at the UN Security Council high table from January next year.

Waiving interest on interest

Govt, banks have task cut out for them

WITH the Indian economy yet to recover from the slowdown induced by the Covid-19 pandemic, registering a massive contraction in the first quarter of this fiscal, the directive of the Supreme Court to the Centre, the RBI and banks to come together to chalk out sector-specific schemes to restructure loans is timely. The court has asked that accounts not declared NPA till August 31 shall not be declared so till further orders and wants clarity on the charging of interest on deferred EMIs during the moratorium. The court stance implies that the government and financial institutions need to get into the nitty-gritty of the issue and not confine themselves to mere semantics. Nearly six months into the lockdown, it is time to take concrete steps to rejuvenate the economy — sector by sector — through measures that help reinvent and meet the challenge posed by the exigency, ensuring that the benefit percolates to the intended segment, whether it's business or the ordinary consumers. Considering that the economy is yet to open up fully, the task is well cut out.

Growth had been affected even before the onset of the pandemic, attributed mainly to demonetisation and the rolling out of GST. That it took time to streamline meant hardships for the business class and the common people alike. The gains from the moratorium announced by the RBI also need to be assessed. Asking now for interest on deferred payment will mean a failure to have read the fine print, a setback for those who availed it amid this crisis.

Earlier, there had been a run on some private sector banks and the RBI had to intervene. Public sector banks also have NPAs on account of bad loans which affect profitability. The recent merger of banks was undertaken for recapitalisation. But infusing funds also means an increase in deficit which leads to more borrowings. The health of the financial institutions is vital for the economy, but equally important is protecting the lender and the borrower in these circumstances while acting against the wilful defaulters.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Every problem has two handles. You can grab it by the handle of fear or the handle of hope. — Margaret Mitchell

ON THIS DAY...50 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

CHANDIGARH, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1970

Lusaka Declaration

THE first non-aligned summit in 1961 issued a statement on the dangers of war and appealed to the two superpowers for peace. At the second summit in 1964, the non-aligned countries pledged not to make nuclear weapons. The third summit at Lusaka has concluded with the unanimous adoption of a charter for peace, freedom, development and cooperation. It also adopted separate resolutions on West Asia, Indo-China and South Africa. On the debit side, it has been reported, the concept of non-alignment underwent a significant change. Equi-distance from the two Power Blocs was its original philosophy and meaning. This seems to be no longer the accepted doctrine. Following the Soviet declaration that non-alignment was relevant only and in so far as it represents an anti-imperialist stance, the Lusaka summit settled for it as the best of a bad situation at a time when the two superpowers were practising brinkmanship, and the non-aligned nations could have the best of both worlds. But now apart from the fact that the Russians and the Americans are on speaking terms, new powers have also emerged. The draft resolution on the history and development of non-alignment said that while the superpowers are deadlocked in nuclear confrontation, other nations have grown to the threshold of great power status. So far as the superpowers are concerned, they do not seem to be so anxious as before to get involved in entangling alliances with any nation. They have both come round to the same view that where identity of interests exists between the parties, treaties are not necessary. Where it does not exist, a treaty is not kept. Why, therefore, have treaties at all? The draft resolution at Lusaka noted that tension between the Soviet Union and China marked the breakup of the once monolithic Eastern bloc, as did the successful insistence of Albania and Rumania on following policies of their own in the face of Soviet disapproval.

Talking and fighting

Redolent of Mao's policy, the 5-point agreement with China is no breakthrough

NOUS INDICA
RAJESH RAMACHANDRAN

SEALED: Now that China has crossed the line of aggression, the Quad alliance has become a military and diplomatic imperative for India.

Xi needs validation in these times of economic downturn and decoupling with the West. And he is out to get it.

THE expression 'confidence-building measures' is magical; any mention of CBMs triggers immediate goodwill in our polity and leads to a sense of bonhomie. The five-point agreement between foreign ministers of India and China, S Jaishankar and Wang Yi, ends with the two sides deciding to 'expedite work to conclude confidence-building measures to maintain and enhance peace and tranquillity in the border areas.' But a close reading of all five points tells that it is too early to pop the cork.

The first point talks of not allowing differences to become disputes. Unfortunately, the differences have already turned into a warlike dispute and have taken a toll of 20 Indian soldiers, including their CO. Then, the foreign ministers have asked the troops to continue their dialogue, quickly disengage, maintain distance and ease tensions. Many rounds of talks at the brigade and command levels dragged on while the situation kept on escalating, with the troops even opening fire. The third one calls for avoiding 'any action that could escalate matters' when escalation is at its peak, with the two countries on the razor's edge, atop the Himalayas. The continuation of dialogue and communication through Special Representatives and the working mechanism for consultation and coordination, which is the fourth point, have not made any difference all these months. And finally, the spelling out of the soothing CBM word concludes the agreement.

Does this amount to a breakthrough? Chinese scholars look at their past to explain the present, particularly while analysing the actions of the omnipotent President Xi Jinping, who has

fashioned himself as Mao Zedong II.

For Indians, the recent Chinese conundrum has been in attempting to understand the strategic objectives of Xi in initiating the incursions and border clashes in Ladakh. Many see this as a tactical move to cut off the Daulat Beg Oldie airstrip and eventually Siachen, but it is much bigger than that. The Chinese provocation amounts to an act of aggression, which has the potential to trigger conflict, and why would a strong leader do that unless he aims to consolidate his position in the domestic and international arena? If he is weak, as some Chinese dissidents claim, he is desperately trying to convince his domestic audience of the efficacy of his muscular leadership; or else, if he is strong, he is staging a grand proclamation from the roof of the world. Either way, Xi has chosen India as his target.

In this context, the agreement reminds us of Mao's policy of fighting and talking while he deceived Chiang Kai-shek's Kuomintang, or nationalist forces, and eventually defeated them. After the 1945 Sino-Soviet treaty, Chiang invited Mao to Chongqing and the latter flew in with the then US ambassador Patrick Hurley. According to historian Frank

Dikotter's account in *The Tragedy of Liberation*, 'Mao stayed full six weeks wrangling for concessions even as pitched battles between the communists and nationalists continued on the ground. Eventually on 18 September, Mao proclaimed: "We must stop the civil war and all parties must unite under the leadership of Chairman Chiang to build a modern China." A formal statement was made on 10 October... Back in Yan'an a few days later, Mao explained to his comrades that the agreed statement in Chongqing was "a mere scrap of paper"... Mao would agree to almost anything on paper as long as nobody was checking what he was doing on the ground.'

This is the lesson Indian politicians, diplomats and Generals ought to remember while dealing with Chinese agreements on disengagements, de-escalation and CBMs. Just as the 1962 war with India cemented Mao's prestige, crushing his detractors at home, and announcing the arrival of a major power at the international fora, Xi needs validation in these times of economic downturn and decoupling with the West. China considers the Tibetan borders vulnerable ever since the Dalai Lama sought asylum in 1959. It was Indian naivety to have ignored the Chi-

From mister to sir, all in a day

VIJAY OBEROI

THE incident dates back to April 1962, when my battalion, 1st Battalion the Maratha Light Infantry, better known by its *nom de guerre* 'Jangi Paltan', was at Poona for its peace tenure after a successful deployment on the Cease Fire Line (now LoC) in the Poonch sector of J&K

I was the youngest officer in the battalion, sporting a one star on my shoulders, which impressed no one, and as was the Army tradition, I was addressed as Mr Vijay and not by my rank!

The battalion had quickly impressed everyone in Poona, commencing with providing succour to the civil population during the Panjab Dam disaster in July 1961 and

displaying its talent in ceremonial, sports and other activities.

In December, the battalion was chosen by the Southern Army Commander, Lt Gen (later General) JN Chaudhuri to capture the Portuguese Enclave of Daman, in a stand-alone operation, which was a grand success.

In early March 1962, the battalion returned to Pune, in time to celebrate the Senio Day. It commemorated the attack across the Senio river during the Italian Campaign of World War II, wherein the battalion had shown its prowess and had won a host of medals, with Sepoy Namdeo Jadhav winning the coveted Victoria Cross (VC).

Buoyed by our victory in Daman, it was decided to celebrate Senio Day on a grand scale, including organising a 'Search Light Tattoo'. The tattoo was

held in April 1962, followed by a regimental dinner in the Officers' Mess. The Southern Army Commander was the chief guest. The piece de résistance was an enactment of the attack across the Senio river, and the cherry on the cake, marking the end of the enactment, was the spotlight on Namdeo Jadhav, sporting the VC medal on his chest.

Although General Chaudhury had earlier regretted attending the dinner, he consented to have a drink in the mess. It was a convivial evening; the setting had class; and the balmy weather of Poona added to it. It reminded me of Victorian era parties, as described in books I had read, which perhaps triggered what happened a few minutes later. When the Army Commander decided to leave, I succumbed to Dutch courage and my thoughts about parties

during the Victorian era. I went up to him boldly and said: 'Sir, no one leaves the *Jangi Paltan* mess after having only one drink.' There was a sudden hush, but General Chaudhury, appearing more amused than angry, asked me to introduce myself. I blurted out that 'I was Sir Vijay, but in the *paltan* I am called Mr Vijay!' He laughed, which lightened the tense atmosphere, and said: 'Sir Vijay, not having just one drink is also a norm in my regiment, but since I have another appointment, and Army Commanders are never late, I must go now. But I want to commend you for your boldness. Don't lose it!'

Since then, I was known as Sir Vijay in the *paltan*! The values of that era, where such indiscretions, especially by junior officers, were laughed away and condoned, sadly do not exist now.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Losing control

Refer to the article 'Sushant saga to make or mar NDA prospects' (Sept 11); India is dealing with the pandemic and the stand-off at the LAC. In such difficult times, the importance of mass media platforms helps to bring the reality into light. But these days, several news channels have turned into more of entertainment platforms. Parallel media trials running in order to provide justice have significantly impacted the decisions of the government and have led to more injustice. Seeing the condition of the majority of biased news channels and manipulation of parliamentary sessions raises concern. It is leading to an authoritarian government from that of a representative, democratic government. The government must be cautious as such manipulations and curtailment of rights do not last forever.

DAKSH SOLANKI, NEW DELHI

Teachers who motivate

Refer to 'A science fair that changed life' (Sept 8); the writer has narrated the true story of his school days. Teachers like Mohinder Pal are quintessential for a modern society. It reminds me of such a teacher during my school time, who always encouraged all students, without any prejudice, especially those who were poor

at studies. Because of that motivation, the writer excelled in his academic career and reached the position of a university professor.

GOVERDHAN SHARMA, LUDHIANA

Not justice

'A tragic farce' (Sept 10) should be an eye-opener for investigating agencies. Rhea Chakraborty has been declared 'guilty until proven otherwise'. These agencies have failed in ascertaining the real cause of Sushant's death. One thing is clear: either the agencies are incompetent, which is unlikely, or they don't want to come out with the facts for reasons best known to them. The old dictum 'Justice delayed is justice denied' appears to be true.

RC GARG, KOTKAPURA

Unfair deal to farmers

The brutal lathicharge on farmers protesting for preserving their rights is condemnable. The voice of farmers is being muffled by slapping charges under the epidemic Act for exercising their democratic rights, even while the BJP organises rallies. It was painful to see blood-stained clothes of hard-working yeomen of the 'granary of India'. Government attitude towards food providers is unsympathetic and contemptuous. The farm sector is already reeling under severe distress. The

tribulations are further compounded by new ordinances, which will render the MSP regime irrelevant and push them towards the complexities of e-commerce and commercial technicalities. The government must take cognisance of the anxieties of farmers and remove doubts and misconceptions about the ordinances by fortifying MSP and assured marketing. A fourth ordinance guaranteeing the farmer that the crop would be procured not below MSP calculated on the C-2 formula is needed.

HARMANJEET SINGH SIDHU, SIRSA

Let off easily

Refer to 'Courts should learn to shrug off tweets' (Sept 11); Prashant Bhushan was shaped by the 1975 Emergency, and later the anti-Congress activism, and his being part of the PIL lobby. The senior lawyer has been let off lightly by the Supreme Court. He has been trying to portray himself as a martyr like Gandhi and Mandela, and continues to slander the judiciary, by calling it as an impediment to his right to free speech and the right to dissent. The Supreme Court should reject outright the review petition, as the institution, per se, has been taken head-on, and not an individual judge or a particular case. The magnanimity of the Re 1 fine was unwanted.

RAJIV BOOLCHAND JAIN, ZIRAKPUR

Responsible criticism

Apropos of 'Courts should learn to shrug off tweets', the courts need to be careful while dealing with such cases. Tweets should state the truth, backed with evidence, but who cares while making such statements these days! Another thing we need to understand is that whenever we belittle any institution, which is the bedrock of justice in society, society as a whole suffers. It is here that criticism coupled with responsibility becomes all the more vital. However, much dust has gathered on the subject and it is better to rest it now and learn from the episode, and hope that such occurrences are not repeated and everyone learns the importance of maintaining 'restraint'.

RAJIV JOSHI, CHANDIGARH

Caged Railways

That a CEO has been appointed in place of a chairman is a baby step to improve the Railways ('A hesitant step forward', Sept 10). The Centre clubbed various independent railways into a single department in 1948. Then, the Railways used to bear 85% loads. Now, it transports 20% needs only. The government should divide it into independent PSUs for competition, quality, speed and progress.

ASHOK KUMAR GOEL, PANCHKULA

Address health hazards of police personnel



TRYSTS AND TURNS

JULIO RIBEIRO

ON August 12, my young friend Nitai Mehta, founder and chairman of the NGO, Praja, invited me to a webinar on the topic of the 'Role of the police during the Covid lockdown'. Will the police role change after the pandemic is controlled?

Nitai also invited a serving police officer, Naval Bajaj, Joint CP (Admin), Mumbai. Hats off to Bajaj. He spoke well and he spoke a lot of sense. Nitai had a series of webinars beginning on August 11 and ending a day before Independence Day. There is a talk by an urban planner, Shirish Patel. It was simply brilliant!

Another webinar on the same subject was organised by a private organisation on August 29. The DGPs of Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Sikkim and the Railway Protection Force participated. Kerala's police chief Loknath Behera advocated common sense policing at such times and the DGP of Chhattisgarh, DM Awasthi, stressed on humane policing where policemen are told never to use lathis to enforce lockdown rules.

During the pandemic, the police, whose assigned role is basically deprivational, got a rare opportunity to endear itself to the people. When Nitai phoned to ask if the police could be roped in to distribute essential items like rice, atta, dal, sugar, salt, oil and tea to starving families out of work and unable to find alternative

employment, my co-trustee Sanjeev Dayal phoned his contacts in the police. Immediately, a deputy commissioner of police at the headquarters was appointed by Bajaj to organise the distribution.

The police are best placed at such times to identify really needy families and individuals. All the 90-odd police stations got involved. Officers were earmarked for the task. Nitai's people acquired the food items from a designated grocery store. The logistics of distribution were laid down by the police. The whole machinery worked as clockwork. All stakeholders won!

People who were rescued from hunger by the police were all praise for the cops. It was not only in Mumbai that the police rose to the occasion. In Punjab, too, I learnt that policemen, and of course, police-women became saviours by taking on the responsibility of providing cooked meals or dry rations to out-of-work migrants and other hungry families unable to make a living in the time of the pandemic. I checked with Dinkar Gupta, the DGP, if what I was told was correct. He reeled out figures, which he was obviously monitoring personally.

A force that was so feared in better times suddenly turned saviours and friends. Did it require a pandemic, a disaster of sorts, to bring out the human side of the enforcers of law? Every human being has a modicum of love, of compassion, of mercy, of pity hidden away in his psyche.

Does it need a negative event to bring out these qualities? Why cannot police leaders emphasise the use of these sensibilities at normal times? Why can't these become standard inputs in police training at all levels of the hierarchy?

After the pandemic, policemen will be sent back to perform their



normal duties of prevention and detection of crime, regulating traffic and keeping order on the streets. Necessarily, they will wield the stick to keep offenders in check.

This job cannot be entrusted to any other department of the government. Even during the lockdown, the task of enforcing the restrictions devolved on the police. Many of them were rough, sometimes very rough, with offenders. How the top brass plan to train their men to demonstrate their softer side on such occasions is best answered by serving police leaders.

I would like to touch on one aspect of a policeman's life that has not attracted the attention it merits. Over 170 policemen in Maharashtra, more than half of that number in Mumbai city alone, have died of the virus in the

past five months. They were mostly in the upper age bracket. They had been on the streets continuously without relief since manpower was short for such a prolonged deployment.

A policeman's life is really inhuman as far as hours of work are concerned. Family life, as white-collar workers experience, is just not possible. Mentally and physically, they are at a disadvantage. The public should develop some compassion for the hard life the policemen lead just as we expect the police to be compassionate and just in their dealings with people.

If the government does not think it a priority to make a survey of a policeman's daily routine, an enlightened NGO like Praja or PCGT (Public Concern for Governance Trust) should embark on such a study.

The public should insist that the government pay heed to the findings if the people are to get better service from its police force. Sending younger personnel to the front and assigning desk duties to the older, more vulnerable, men is one finding the study will surely throw up. But there are other practices the study should expose, like the deployment of trained policemen for unauthorised duties that substantially reduce the number routinely available. Too many men are assigned unsanctioned security duties, VIP bandobast and such jobs for which provision is not made when computing the minimum required.

Sanctioned posts are kept vacant for months, even years, together. No urgency is demonstrated by the Mantralaya to fill those vacancies

since money sanctioned is saved. When a disaster like Covid-19 strikes, the pressure on the cops more than doubles. Since vacancies translate into added pressures on short-staffed police stations, we have a human problem of grave proportions to contend with.

Some non-police participants in Nitai's webinar suggested that the government should pay attention to the housing and health of the constabulary. I was immensely touched by their concern, as also I was about the steps taken by the police leadership to address these deficiencies, as recounted by Naval Bajaj.

If the people want to acknowledge the valiant work of our policemen during this crisis, they should help in addressing the health hazards of police personnel on a permanent, ongoing basis.

COMMENDABLE: During the lockdown, policemen took on the responsibility of providing meals or rations to the needy.

Pangong Tso action represents a doctrinal shift



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The change in India's response, away from a status quo position, represents a doctrinal shift in how it deals with a recalcitrant neighbour. If this is to be so in future too, it would be in our interest to issue a National Security Strategy to educate (warn?) everyone of our actions if an evil eye is cast on our interests. It would guide officialdom towards proactive decision-making instead of just reacting to adversarial actions.

EVERY nation has a security strategy, whether public like in the US and China or unwritten like in India. In the former case, it serves two purposes. First, as a guiding document for a home readership and officialdom that makes policy at the strategic level as well as execution plans at the operational level. Second, it informs the world at large, and its adversaries in particular, what the nation considers to be its core beliefs and what it would do if they are transgressed in any way. In case of countries that do not have a published guiding document, the path, as is to be expected, is unguided and meanders along — reactive in nature to environmental stimuli and not purposefully towards a defined goal.

Beijing has a Defence White Paper that was issued in 2019, based on the aspirations spelt out in its 19th Chinese Communist Party (CCP) Congress held in 2017. It set two intermediate checkpoints as targets for its drive to become a 'world class' power by 2049, the centenary of the setting up of the People's Republic of China (PRC). The first is 2021, the centenary of the CCP, and to do that, it expects the military modernisation drive to be such that by the end of 2020, substantial progress is achieved towards 'informationisation' and mechanisation.

The second checkpoint is 2035, by which China's military is expected to be 'modernised' in tune with the national aim of having a modern socialist China — by the same year. The final aim, of course, is 2049, by



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which the military, as well as the nation, is expected to reach 'world class' status, the definition for which has not been spelt out, but has generally been assumed to be on a par or better than the US.

These points have been analysed threadbare in the recently released US Department of Defence (DoD) 2020 report on China to their Congress, a document every China-watcher must read. What does this analysis tell us vis-à-vis the tense standoff on our northern border?

Any military analysis of China has to take into account its strategic culture, which is one of 'active defence'.

While this may seem oxymoronic, it is true that the powers in Beijing believe in this. It is clearly stated in China's 2019 defence white paper as: "We will not attack unless we are attacked, but we will surely counterattack if attacked." As the US DoD paper puts it, the concept "adopts the principles of strategic defense in combination with offensive action at the operational and tactical levels."

In India's case, we have seen this in 1962 when, besides other geopolitical factors, the 'forward posture' adopted by the Indian Army was seen as an 'attack' that needed to be, and in reality was, countered by Chinese

offensive action at the operational and tactical levels.

Fast-forward to the present and one can discern three distinct phases in the happenings in eastern Ladakh.

First, a Chinese move to push the LAC westward to counter what it perceived to be a threat to its communication links in Aksai Chin from India's new Darbuk-DBO road. This was the 'active' counter-attack part of its defence strategy to oppose what it perceived to be, ab initio, a developing threat. Pre-emption, thus, is part of China's active defence — take preemptive offensive action to defend against a threat, including an attack that may yet not have started.

Second, the bloody Galwan incident was a tactical event and it was managed by the disengagement of forces which resulted in the denial of certain areas which were hitherto patrolled by Indian troops; this was advantage China, too.

Third, the surprise moves of the Indian Army in positioning its troops on commanding heights south of Pangong lake, and now, as it transpires, overlooking the Chinese deployments on Finger 4 north of the lake also. Here, India has turned the tables by pre-emption and has actively defended its position, doing a China to China, in a way. This would be seen by Beijing as an 'attack' to be countered by a pro-active retort as per its policy of 'active defence'.

Devoid of semantics, it means that an armed response is a plausible fallout as its credibility is at stake.

India needs to be prepared with three actions. First, as part of its vigil,

our guard has to be kept up not only in Ladakh but also elsewhere along the northern frontier. Since our western neighbour is not too friendly, this hawk eye has to be exercised on the Pakistan frontier also.

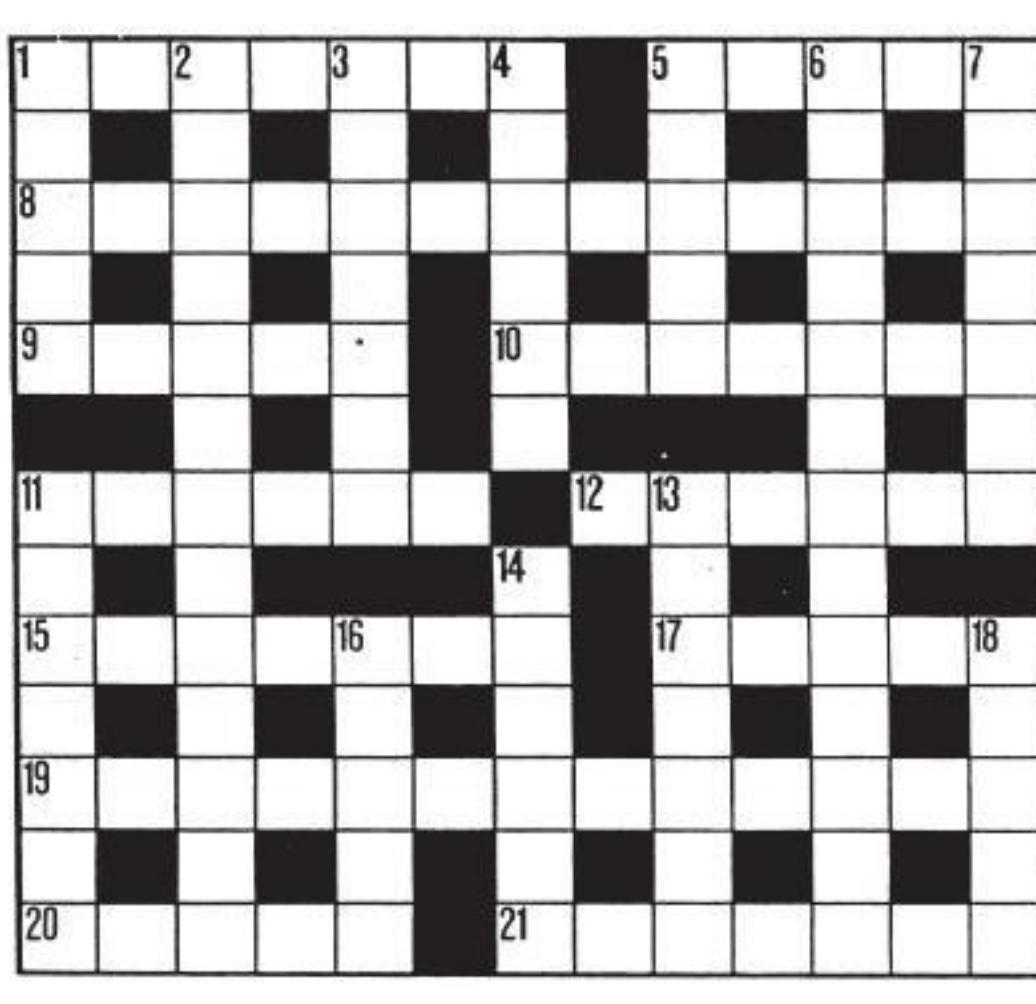
Second, the change in India's response, away from a status quo position, represents a doctrinal shift in how it deals with a recalcitrant neighbour. If this is to be so in future too, it would be in our interest to lay out our policy by issuing a National Security Strategy (NSS) to educate (warn?) everyone of our actions if an evil eye is cast on our interests. It would also guide officialdom towards pro-active decision-making instead of just reacting to adversarial actions. An important positive fallout of the NSS would be a whole-of-government approach to matters national security, something sorely lacking these past decades.

And lastly, if this would be the stance of the Indian state in future, then, for it to be credible, it is imperative that capacities and self-sufficiencies in hard power be built up with the same determination as shown by the Indian jawans at Pangong Tso.

Post-script: The joint communique after the meeting of the two foreign ministers in Moscow sounds good as it asks for disengagement and honouring of jointly devised protocols to ensure peace. We have heard that many times before — events on the ground in the next few weeks would show whether trust, and how much of it, can be reposed in the Dragon's words.

Views are personal

QUICK CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 To free from blame (7)
- 5 Corrupt payment (5)
- 8 Be on the ball (4,5,4)
- 9 Enforced absence abroad (5)
- 10 Secrecy (7)
- 11 Abominate (6)
- 12 Disposition (6)
- 15 Furtive procedure (7)
- 17 Thick rope (5)
- 19 Place providing lodging (8,5)
- 20 Northwest Canada territory (5)
- 21 Unanimously (7)

DOWN

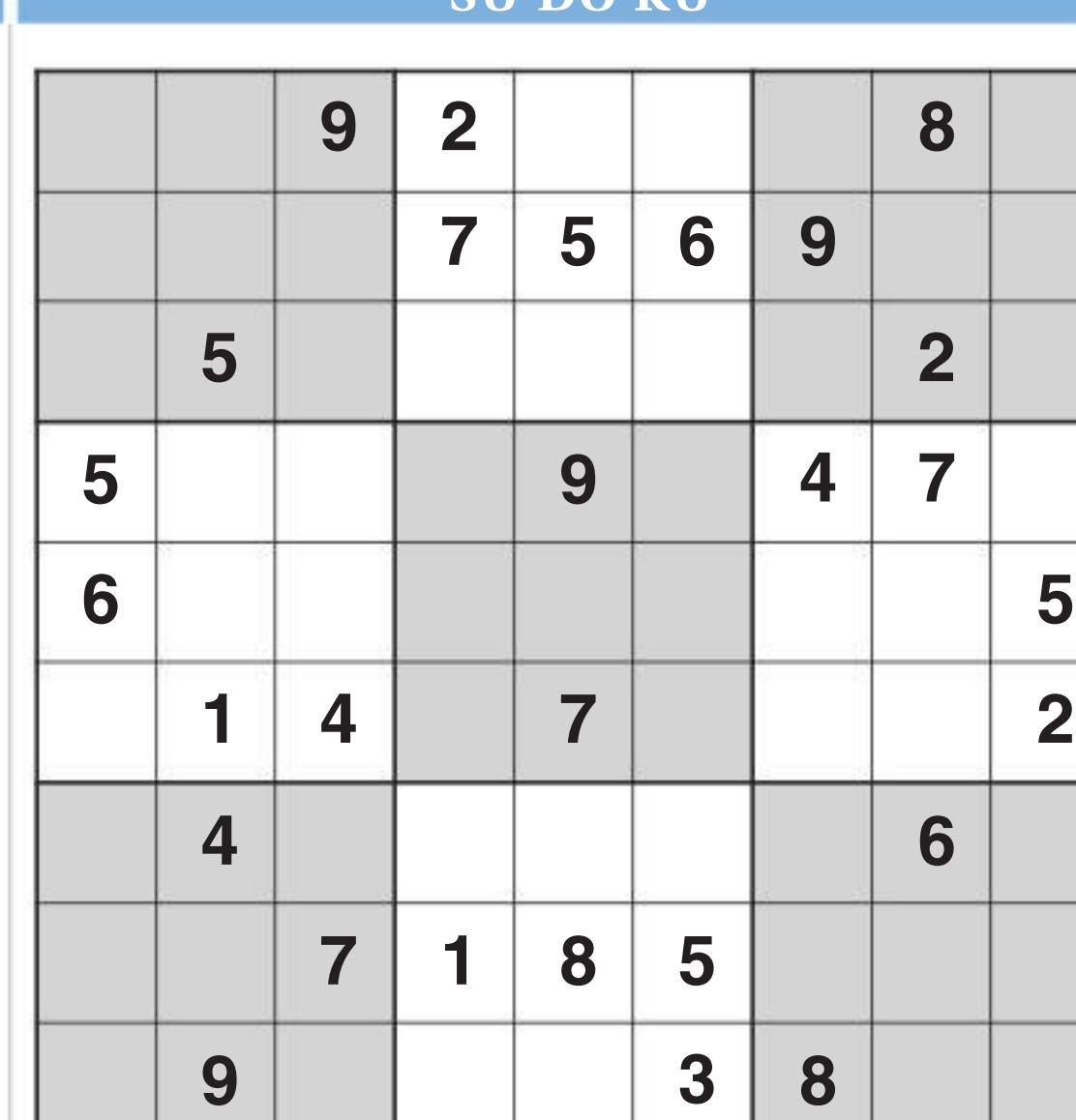
- 1 Joint on leg (5)
- 2 Mere guess (4,2,3,4)
- 3 Unruly (7)
- 4 Pass by (6)
- 5 Culinary herb (5)
- 6 Morally obliged (2,6,5)
- 7 Lacking restraint (7)
- 13 Disregard orders (7)
- 14 Intoxicating liquor (7)
- 14 Gratitude (6)
- 16 Burdened (5)
- 18 Foe (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Across: 1 Scale, 8 Dead duck, 9 Swamp, 10 Henchman, 11 Freak, 12 Pew, 16 Blithe, 17 Amazon, 18 Gay, 23 Gavel, 24 Dovetail, 25 Quirk, 26 Brickbat, 27 Study.

Down: 2 Cowardly, 3 Lambaste, 4 Severe, 5 Edict, 6 Burma, 7 Skunk, 12 Peg, 13 Way, 14 Catapult, 15 Dog-eared, 19 Animal, 20 Adobe, 21 Avoid, 22 Stake.

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EASY

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 12, 2020, SATURDAY

■ Vikrami Samvat	2077
■ Shaka Samvat	1942
■ Bhadrapad Shaka	21
■ Bhadrapad Parvishte	28
■ Hijri	1442
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■ Vyatipata Yoga up to 5:34 pm	
■ Aardra Nakshatra up to 4:25 pm	
■ Moon in Gemini sign	

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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FORECAST

SUNSET: SATURDAY 18:32 HRS
SUNRISE: SUNDAY 06:06 HRS

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New Delhi	36	26
Amritsar	36	26
Bathinda	37	25
Jalandhar	36	25
Ludhiana	36	25
Bhiwani	37	25
Hisar	36	24
Sirsia	37	26
Dharamsala	27	18
Manali	27	11
Shimla	25	16
Srinagar	30	13
Jammu	36	25
Kargil	21	11

MATRIMONIALS**BRIDES WANTED****SAINI**

Hindu Saini fair boy 5'4", Sep'1989, MBA, Assistant Manager, 6 lakh/a.m., Ambala. Whatsapp 90684-96642. Send bio-data with photo. (CL20037751)

Saini boy 29, 5'-9", Graduate, working in Multinational company, looking for girl initiative for Mohali, 98148-57406. (CL20037988)

Professionally qualified match for Saini Sikh B.Tech, MBA, 5'-11", 30 years boy, Manager in reputed company, Package 10.5 LPA. Contact: 9855704715. (CL20038694)

Match for divorcee Saini Sikh boy 39/5'-8", regular Govt. Teacher 60,000/- per MA (Engg.) E.d., Govt. job girl preferred. Caste no bar. 94631-58508. (CL20039444)

SOOD

Sood boy, 09.05.1993, 5'-4", Patiala, MBA, private job in Bank. Preferred educated girl. 73559-27619. (CL20038099)

CHRISTIAN

Suitable match for Canada PR Christian boy 28, 6', B.Tech. Electrical Engineer. 99881-11692. (CL20038407)

Punjabi Christian boy Australia work permit, 29. Masters seeks IELTS minimum 6.5+ band girl. Preference living Australia/well-educated in India. Caste no bar. 98555-56516, +61450355820. (CL20038584)

RAJPUT

PQM/Govt, 4 bis, 86, 5'-7", 7 LPA. Working at Govt. Delhi. No bar. 85270-54824, 97800-36202. (CL20037835)

SM4 non-manglik Mair Rajput vegetarian boy, 1990 born, 5'-11", working in reputed school, Mohali with handsome salary. Looking for working girl at or near Tricity. 95010-07620. (CL20038071)

Beautiful bride wanted. Preferably teacher for Mai Rajput Sikh boy from Ferozepur, working in Govt. Bank, MBA, 1986, 5'-6", having Canada-10 years multi purpose visa. Mother, father retired from Govt. job. Brother sister in Canada PR. 98769-21336. (CL20038471)

Main Rajput Sunar Bagga boy 1990/ 5'-7", PR Australia preferred qualified girl. Contact: 98157-32049. (CL20038747)

Match for Swankar boy, 27,12,1992, 5'-7", 2:40 am, permanent Govt. job Chandigarh, 6000/-, vegetarian. Govt. job preferred. WhatsApp: 94174-32132, 94179-13231. (CL20038827)

Match for Rajput PR Canada boy 25 year 8 month, 5'-10", fair colour. 79731-95428, 98885-69824. (CL20039232)

AHLUWALIA

Ahlawalia Amitriddhari boy, 25/ 6', MBA, working as Senior Business Analyst at Bangalore. Looking job oriented girl. Father Transport business. 95929-9022 Raja. (CL20037939)

Ahlawalia boy, 20.03.90, ht. 5'-10", B.Tech, working in MNC Gurgaon, 7.5 LPA, Ahmedgarh Sangrur. 62802-47459. (CL20038760)

MUSLIM

26/ 5'-8", M.Tech. boy alliance professional girl NRI Govt. employee. 97792-36137. No dowry, no caste. (CL20038338)

JAT

Suitable match for Jat handsome clean-shaven boy. B.Sc, MA English, M.Phil (PU), 31/5'-11", own business, Chandigarh, (upper caste no bar). 84272-12700. (CL20038994)

TONK-KASHTRIYA

Taggar Sikh boy 5'-9", 1992, M.Tech, working in MNC as Software Engineer, now at Canada. Father Govt. job. Required MBA, B.Tech/ M.Tech. girl. 98772-14728. (CL20038488)

Match for Hindu Tonk Kashtriya boy, 30.01.1981 5'-6", MA, Company job. 70090-48819, 88470-71597. (CL20038795)

Match for Sikh Tonk Kashtriya boy, 1991/ 5'-5", Ph.D Senior Research Fellow (GADVASU) Ludhiana. Father, Mother Govt. Teacher. 94178-75292. (CL20038896)

KAMBOJ

Suitable match for Kamboj boy 10.10.85, 5'-9", MA, Ph.D, PGDMC, Asstt. Professor (Hindi), girl with NET/Ph.D preferred, under caste no bar. 98158-44696. (CL20037893)

Looking for beautiful, educated, vegetarian family oriented girl for our son Dec. 1989/5'-8", Amritniraj Kamboj, B.Com, LL.B, urban, rural property and family business. Contact with detail 98554-52347, 98554-52348. (CL20038898)

Suitable MBBS Doctor beautiful match for Kamboj Sikh handsome boy 1988/5'-7", MBBS, Govt. job. Contact: 97809-06869. (CL20039100)

BACKWARD CLASSES

Ghumari Sikh boy vegetarian 34, 5'-10" Pb. Govt. Job. Preferred well educated, Govt. Job. 94174-64069. (Bathinda), 98771-98921. (CL20038457)

B.Tech. handsome businessman 30, own property Chandigarh. Girl Masters Pvt., Govt. job work experience for settle abroad. 96460-54232, 75081-26327. (CL20038160)

Status family Khatri manglik, fair, slim, handsome boy 20.01.1991, 9.5 a.m., Ambala, 5'-10", B.Sc Multimedia (Computer), good income, preferred around 100 km area contact after match kundi. 9962-21101, 98963-37783. (CL20039112)

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SCHEDULED CASTES**MISC.**

SM4 Hindu Punjabi Nai boy, 1989, 5'-5", B.Tech, own business equally qualified/B.Ed preferred. 97798-67964. (CL20037694)

Match for boy, 5.12.90, 5:00 a.m., 5'-5", Nangal Dam Roopar, B.Com, Accountant in pvt. firm, permanent Chandigarh settled. Belong HP Nai (NP) Manglik. Mob: 93179-79002. (CL20037963)

Kabir Panthi boy, 29, 5'-11", BBA, Govt job Railway. Required employed, beautiful girl, Punjab. 96469-73867. (CL20038134)

Parjapati Radhaasomi boy 1994, 6'-1", SDRD for required Govt. job girl. 98789-03266. (CL20038185)

Handsome divorcee 1981 5'-7", Diploma Engineer businessman homely issueless upper caste welcome Tricity. 99158-23059. (CL20039240)

Jat Sikh (divorcee) 37/ 6", affluent well settled family, flourishing transport business, one child with mother. 70971-00222, 98883-34411. (CL20039294)

Chandigarh based Baniya family seeks professionally qualified, family oriented match for handsome USA settled, 5'-11", 1980 born, divorced, 2 kids (8 and 4) shared custody, working in IT. Please send bio-data with most recent pictures to city 6949@gmail.com or WhatsApp/Call: 62846-46358. (CL20039211)

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Wanted beautiful and well-educated girl for handsome, well educated 28 yrs, 6', well-settled Parjapati boy working as a country Sales Head in a big company, income 30 LPA, well established Punjabi joint and educated family settled in Gurugram. Cast no bar. 98155-03559. (CL20038341)

M.C.M. wkg as Mngr MCM GGN Pkg 8Lc. 06,12.1986,5'-8" Lajpat Nagar, Delhi, seeks Hindu/ Punjab girl for reputed Muslim family (Mother/Punjabi). Parents retired Govt. Officers. Ph. 93135-51265. (CL20038485)

Suitable match for well settled Nai boy, 1981/5-11", B.Tech, working in IT MNC Mohali. Status family. Preferred educated working girl. Govt. job girl. 79734-05909, 98782-46363. (CL20038068)

Qualified match for Ramdasia Sikh (Julaha) boy, Physiotherapist (MPT), March 1986, 5'-11", own Physiotherapy center at Chandigarh. Parents retirees. Simple marriage. M.No. 941776508. (CL20038069)

Govt. employee match for Ravidasia Class I Officer in Punjab Govt., 12 July 1987, 5'-11", residing Chandigarh. 62831-00532. (CL20039193)

Professional match for Chandigarh based unmarried Businessman, looking for life partner age about 45 years, widow/divorcee from educated middle class family. Contact: 082873-47783. (CL20038258)

SM for Ramdasia Hindu boy, Nov. 1978, 5'-10", short time divorcee. Permanent PGI employee. Caste no bar. palsurinder38@yahoo.com. Ph: 87081-02972. (CL20038286)

Professional/ Govt. job beautiful, vegetarian match for Ahdarmi Punjab B.Tech, boy 5'-7", Dec. 1985, working in MNC Noida. 62831-00532. (CL20038252)

SM for Arora turbanned Sikh boy, 1988, 5'-11", B.Com, Asstt. Manager in Govt. Bank well settled family, prefer Bank/Govt. employee. 84370-01241. (CL20038314)

Match for Ramdasia Sikh boy, 1992, 5'-7", Govt. job in IT Canada. 94163-93324. (CL20039227)

Match for Himachali Ghihri boy, 1990, 5'-8", B.Tech, MBA, own established import business in Ludhiana. Preferred medical sector. 98033-52123. (CL20039304)

Beautiful match for Kanoojia (Dhobi) boy 5'-8", 33, Meerut, Graduate, private job, Noida. Father Govt. retired MES. WhatsApp: 98977-67015. (CL20039321)

Match for Himachali Ghihri boy, 1990, 5'-8", B.Tech, MBA, own established import business in Ludhiana. Preferred medical sector. 98033-52123. (CL20039304)

SM4 Canadian PR Brahmin boy 20.01.84, 1:13 pm Una HP, 5'-8". B.Tech, (IT). At present own transport business & lives in Brampton. Preferred Canadian PR/ study visa. Upper caste welcome. WhatsApp: 83105-62250. (CL20039415)

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Match for SC boy December 1991/5'-6", issueless own business and property. Issueless lady preferred. 97801-19530. (CL20037942)

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SIKH KHATRI

Well educated Sikh girl for turbanned Sikh Army officer handsome boy, 28, 5'-11", Defence family from Chandigarh, girl from Defence background preferred. WhatsApp: 98731-73075. (CL20036347)

Professionally qualified match for well established Sikhs Chartered Accountant boy Oct. 1989, 5'11", Doing Practise and family electronics business, Ambala, 79884-11935. (CL20035199)

Suitable match for Sikh Khatri handsome boy 28 yrs, 5'-4", B.Tech, working in Bangalore. Contact 98763-13901. (CL20039150)

Smart turbanned, trim beared, ND, 1988 born, 6'-4". Degree in Hotel management, own business, Event Management, Security equipment, well settled. Tricity preferred. gurjot422@gmail.com (CL20039082)

Want smart slim qualified working match for Sikh Khatri slim boy Merchant Naval Officer, 29 years, 5'-7". Father retired Defense Officer, Tricity preferred. WhatsApp: 98880-80441. (CL20037067)

Turbanned Sikh Khatri boy, 5'-7" 1990, B.Tech, working in MNC, Gurgaon, bread trimmer, prefer working girl. Contact: 96461-69001. (CL20038048)

Sikh Khatri cleanshawe Bachelor 1979 born, 6' tall, fair, handsome B.E., LL.B. wanted Graduate, beautiful girl. Simple marriage. (No dowry). Contact: 9815712469. (CL20038205)

Ramgarhia cleanshawe boy, 1990, 5'-10", in Europe. Preferred well-educated Hotel Management/Beautician. 94179-32393, 97506-53333. (CL20038575)

Suitable match for Patiala based Bank Employee, issueless, widower, Ramgarhia Sikh boy, 5'-7", 33 years. 90410-12134. (CL20038697)

Suitable match for handsome boy 5'-9" (Himachali Lohar family), June 84 (B.Tech, MBA), working IT sector Chandigarh. Girl from IT/Banking profession preferred. 70181-14475, 94184-10417. (CL20038795)

Ramgarhia Sikhi B.Tech, 1985, 5'-8", working MNC Chandigarh. Good package. Businessman family. 98722-31065. (CL20038841)

Suitable match for ramgarhia boy 32/5'-10" company secretary LL.B, B.Com IELTS-7.5 Band file applied for Canada caste no bar, contact 8437572866. (CL20039140)

Ramgarhia Sikh clean shave boy 27, 5'-8", BE, Gurgaon now Chandigarh, 12 lakh, 98888-90275. (CL20039291)

Suitable match for Ramgarhia Sikh boy, 5'-10", 15 Nov. 1990. Seeks Govt. employee girl. 86997-99703. (CL20039456)

SIKH LOBANA

Canadian Lubana Sikh boy 32, 5'-11", want BDS/ any other professional girl. Caste no bar. Call WhatsApp: 919464-36721, +9168224721. (CL20038315)

RAMGARHIA/DHIMAN

Ramgarhia Sikh boy, 5'-6", Aug. 1991, B.E. Computer Science from Thapar University, MS University of Toronto, PR Canada, settled in Toronto, working as Senior Data Scientist, handsome salary. Seeks well educated, IT Professional girl from reputed family. 98154-01266, 98156-42736. (CL20037820)

Professionally qualified suitable match for Ramgarhia Sikhi turbanned boy, 5'-11", 1987, B.Tech, MBA, working MNC Gurgaon, 18 LPA. WhatsApp: 78142-81553. (CL20033116)

Well established Dhiman/Ramgarhia business family Ambala based inviting proposal for their son 91 born, handsome, 5'-9", B.Com, looking for beautiful, homely and well educated non-working girl. 94649-46546, 98155-63107. (CL20038176)

Wanted beautiful well qualified girl for singla boy, M.Tech, Computer Sc. 22.12.1988, 9:37 am, Bathinda, (Non-manglik) 5'-10", Sr. Officer in MNC at Agra Delhi 4.80 Lac P.A.+3.00 Rental Income P.A., Good urban property. 94646-62831. (CL20038234)

Working match for Agarwal boy, 18.03.1988, 5'-8", 8:00 pm Chandigarh, own shunting business, mother Class-1 Officer, retired, father consultant. 98158-14665. (CL20038236)

Perfect match for Singla boy, 5'-9", Oct. 87, MBA, Nationalised Bank Officer, Cont. 75890-93075, 75890-93102. (CL20038237)

Match for Aggarwal Jindal pure vegetarian MA, unmarried boy, 1973/5'-6", Iron Trading Mandi Gobindgarh, I want unmarried Aggarwal homely girl. 99880-55904, 01765-25296. (CL20038311)

Match for vegetarian Bansal boy 5'-10", 09.07.1987, 02.15 p.m., Mansa, B.Tech, working Noida MNC, own house, Chandigarh. Mohali, 98728-72703, 0172-2691899. (CL20038391)

Singla boy, 6'-0", 3 August 1988, 5:23 am, B.Tech, MBA, Ph.D, running Coaching Institution, Panchkula based well settled family. 95010-04637. (CL20038398)

Match for Mittal boy 5'-7", 25.10.1994, 6:18 am, Phagwara, Scale-1 Officer in Govt. Bank. Preferred Govt. employee. 98885-49184. (CL20039118)

Match for Goyal boy 5'-7", 25.10.1994, 6:18 am, Phagwara, Scale-1 Officer in Govt. Bank. Preferred Govt. employee. 98885-49184. (CL20039107)

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Arora Manglik boy 08.11.1992, 2.12 a.m., Ludhiana, 5'-8", B.Tech, (Mech.), Deputy Manager Indusins. Bank. 98558-22215. (CL20038131)

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Bill passed for salary cut of ministers, legislators

PRATIBHA CHAUHAN

Tribune News Service

SHIMLA, SEPTEMBER 11

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur today said that the government would consider constituting a Select Committee of the Vidhan Sabha for the purpose of looking into the issue of enhancement or any cut in the salaries of ministers and legislators in future.

Thakur said this during a discussion on the tabling of the Himachal Pradesh Regulation of Salaries and Allowances of Different Categories in Certain Exigencies Bill, 2020 in the Assembly today. Though an Ordinance was promulgated in this regard on April 11, 2020, to affect a cut in the salaries of the ministers, Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Chief Whip, MLAs



The fifth day of the Vidhan Sabha monsoon session underway in Shimla.

SUKHU DEMANDS 50 PC DEDUCTION

- Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu demanded that a 50 per cent cut should be made in the salaries of the listed dignitaries to be able to fight the Covid pandemic.
- CPM legislator Rakesh Singh said these were extraordinary times when all must be willing for any kind of sacrifice
- Col Inder Singh and Narinder Thakur said that such salary cuts must be voluntary.

and other dignitaries in the state in view of the Covid pandemic, the Bill was tabled and passed in the Vidhan Sabha today.

"In order to manage the

situation, it has become necessary to raise resources by reducing the salaries and allowances of the ministers, Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Chief

Whip, MLAs and other dignitaries," said Thakur.

He said that till date, Rs

83.13 crore had been collected in the Covid fund.

Congress MLA Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu, while seeking amendments to the Bill, demanded that a 50 per cent cut should be made in the salaries of the listed dignitaries to be able to fight the pandemic.

Supporting the amendments sought by Sukhu, CPM legislator Rakesh Singh said, "These were extraordinary times when we all must be willing for any kind of sacrifice to tide over the situation," said Singh.

Col Inder Singh and Narinder Thakur said that such salary cuts must be voluntary. The Bill was passed, as Sukhu withdrew the amendments.

Decks cleared for creation of 3 MCs

Tribune News Service

SHIMLA, SEPTEMBER 11

The Himachal Pradesh Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2020, was passed by the Vidhan Sabha today, paving the way for the creation of Municipal Corporations in Mandi, Solan and Palampur.

Urban Development Minister Suresh Bhardwaj tabled the Bill in the Vidhan Sabha today which proposes to reduce the population criteria for upgrading a Municipal Council to a Corporation from the present 50,000 to 40,000. For this sub section

(2) in clause (i) of Section 3 of the Himachal Pradesh Municipal Corporation Act,

1994 will be amended. Further, the period for submitting objections too has been reduced from six weeks to two weeks.

The BJP regime has proposed to create three Municipal Corporations of Solan, Mandi and Palampur. However, the population criteria was not being met and the move to include the adjoining panchayats into the MC area is being opposed by people.

MLA Rajinder Rana raised the issue in the house state that the last census was undertaken nine years ago and since then the population of some of the urban areas may have crossed the statutory limit of 50,000 yet they cannot be declared as Municipal Corporation due to non-availability of updated data.

It says that the next census will take place in the 2021 and it may take considerable time for finalising the necessary data. Thus, some urban areas will be deprived of the benefits of having Municipal Corporation despite fulfilling population criteria.

CM: No CBI inquiry into fake degree scam

Tribune News Service

custody while three others are out on bail," he added.

Judicial probe into Haroli killing rejected too

The Chief Minister also rejected a demand for judicial probe into the firing incident at Bhadsali village in the Haroli area of Una. He said that a SIT had been constituted to investigate the case and forensic experts, too, had inspected the scene of crime to collect evidence. "I want to assure the House that the police are doing the job in a fair and professional manner without any pressure," he added.

Leader of the Opposition Mukesh Agnihotri today raised the issue in the Vidhan Sabha through a call attention motion under Rule 62 and demanded a judicial inquiry into the incident. A chowkidar was shot dead, which indicated the deteriorating law and order situation in the state, he added.

Covid +ve to take HPAS exam at Sundernagar

MANDI, SEPTEMBER 11

The district administration has made arrangements for the Covid-positive applicants to take the Himachal Pradesh Administrative Service (HPAS) exam on September 13.

Shrawan Manta, ADM, Mandi, said, "The administration has made all preparations for the HPAS-preliminary exam to be held on September 13 at various examination centres in Mandi. The BCC Forest Training Centre, located near the Officers Club, BBMB Colony, Sundernagar, Mandi district, has been made a special examination centre for the convenience of Covid-positive candidates." He said Arun Chandel had been deputed as the superintendent of the centre. — TNS

318 cases, five deaths in state; tally rises to 8,784

Tribune News Service

SHIMLA, SEPTEMBER 11

The state registered 318 Covid cases today, taking the tally to 8,784, besides five deaths. The highest number of 73 cases were reported in Solan, followed by 57 in Kangra, 48 in Mandi, 38 in Una, 24 each in Shimla and Sirmaur, 20 in Hamirpur, 16 in Chamba, 12 in Bilaspur and six in Kullu.

24 cases in Sirmaur

Twenty-four cases were detected in Sirmaur district on Friday. DC RK Pruthi, said 15 persons tested Covid positive in Nahan.

3 cops among 38 infected

Thirty-eight persons, including three policemen, tested positive for coronavirus in Una district. The policemen are posted at Chintpurni, and Haroli police stations and the Police Lines at Lalsingh vil-

DISTRICT-WISE COUNT		
DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Una	745	6
Solan	2,011	15
Kangra	1,346	13
Chamba	618	5
Hamirpur	728	5
Sirmaur	1,147	4
Mandi	672	8
Bilaspur	461	1
Shimla	540	11
Kullu	381	1
Kinnaur	116	-
Lahaul & Spiti	19	-
Total	8,784	69

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lage. Two migrant workers from Darbhanga in Bihar were also found infected.

73 test +ve in Solan

Seventy-three persons, including 40 in the Badhi-Barotiwala-Nalagarh (BBN) industrial belt, tested Covid positive in Solan district on Friday. An accused, three policemen posted in the BBN belt, two employees of the Parwanoo branch of PNB, an employee of the Industry Department, Parwanoo, and two health workers were among those found infected.

Woman dies in Kangra

A 67-year-old woman from Parowar with comorbidity died of coronavirus in Kangra on Friday, while 57 persons tested positive.

CPM slams govt for transfer of IGMC docs

SHIMLA, SEPTEMBER 11

The CPM has slammed the government for temporarily transferring doctors from the Indira Gandhi Medical College (IGMC) and Hospital to meet the Medical Council of India (MCI) norms in other medical colleges in the state.

CPM state secretariat member Kuldeep Singh Tanwar said, "By not providing permanent academic staff in these medical colleges, the future of hundreds of doctors is put at stake. Besides, the absence of senior doctors will also hurt patients in the hospital, especially in the present times of the pandemic," he said.

Tanwar said that repatriating doctors from one institution to other was not a solution. — TNS

Bailable warrants against Pl Secy, IPH

SHIMLA, SEPTEMBER 11

The HP High Court has issued bailable warrants to the Principal Secretary (Irrigation and Public Health), Engineer-In-Chief, Superintending Engineer, IPH Department, Shimla circle;

Executive Engineer, IPH Department, Sunni division, Shimla, for violation of its orders.

respondents/contemnors to release his salary till date along with 12 percent interest.

After the abolition of the erstwhile Tribunal, the petition was transferred to the HC. Though several opportunities were granted to officers to file a response or a compliance affidavit,

they did not do it.

In its previous order, the High Court had directed the officers concerned to appear in person on September 10 in case of failure to file the compliance affidavit, but they neither filed the affidavit nor appeared in person. Moreover, nothing was on record on their behalf for exemption from presence in the court.



An impounded tractor near the Beas in Kullu on Friday.

Eight vehicles impounded for illegal mining

KULLU, SEPTEMBER 11

The Kullu police have issued eight challans under the Mining Act for illegal mining in the Beas today.

Kullu SP Gaurav Singh said that surprise checks were conducted at Nanga Bag, Raison and Babeli in the morning and eight vehicles carrying out illegal mining were impounded. He said that a fine of Rs 52,300 was imposed upon the defaulters.

Kullu valley faces the threat of ecological degradation because of haphazard quarrying and mining on the river beds of Beas, Parbati and their tributaries. Devastating floods are witnessed in the Beas which endangers human life and property.

RAJASTHAN FEEDER DIVISION, FEROZEPUR. AUCTION NOTICE

No : 2332/11-S

Date: 10/09/2020

Open auction of Fishing Rights for the year 2020-21 i.e. 01-09-2020 to 31-08-2021 (except for the period from 15 June to 31 August off season) on Rajasthan Feeder Canal RD Head to tail will be held on 15-09-2020 at 11:30 AM in the office of the undersigned.

Note: All terms and conditions will be intimated to the bidders at the time of bidding.

Sd/- Er. Sukhjot Singh Randhawa, Executive Engineer, Rajasthan Feeder Division, C.C. Ferozepur.

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Tender bids are invited from eligible bidders for the project/works detailed in the following table:

Name of Project/Work/Works	Bid Security/Earnest Money (Rs.)	Cost of document (Rs.)	Period of Completion	Approx. Value of the equipment (in Rs.)
Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of complete food laboratory on turnkey basis at Mega Food Park, Ladhawal, Ludhiana, Punjab.	3,00,000/-	Rs. 2500/-	3 months	To be furnished by the bidder

Last date for submission of online bid is **25.09.2020 up to 2.00 p.m.** Technical bids will be opened on the same day at **4.00 p.m.** The date for opening of Financial bids will be intimated after evaluation of Technical bids. The details of the tender can be downloaded from Punjab Govt.'s website i.e. <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>. For any clarification, please contact at **0172-2651561, 2657472, 9876690421, 9914500655**, email: **testinglab.mfp.paic@punjab.gov.in**.

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Supply of Material Handling equipment i.e. Steel Reinforced 100% Virgin HDPE, perforated pallets & hand pallet truck at PAIC Hoshiarpur & Ludhiana	Rs. 25,000/- (Twenty Five Thousand Only)	Rs. 5,000/-	To be furnished by the bidder

Last date for submission of online bid is **28.09.2020 up to 2.00 p.m.** Technical bids will be opened on the same day at **4.30 p.m.** The date for opening of Financial bids will be intimated after evaluation of technical bids. Queries shall be taken up in pre-bid meeting to be held through video conferencing (VC) on **18.09.2020**. The details of the tender can be downloaded from Punjab Govt.'s website i.e. <a

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- No linen, blankets and curtains shall be provided inside the train.
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02402	Dehradun	22:50	Kota	10:35	Nanda Devi Express	Daily	12 September	02276	New Delhi	22:15	Prayagraj	06:20	Humsafar Express	Daily	13 September
02281	Jabalpur	21:00	Ajmer	14:20	Dayodaya Express	Daily	12 September	09051	Valsad	20:15	Muzaffarpur	07:15	Shramik Express	Saturday	12 September
02282	Ajmer	15:25	Jabalpur	08:35	Dayodaya Express	Daily	13 September	09052	Muzaffarpur	19:40	Valsad	05:05	Shramik Express	Monday	26 October
02403	Prayagraj	23:00	Jaipur	12:40	Express	Daily	12 September	02669	Chennai	17:40	Chhapra	11:45	Express	Mon, Sat	12 September
02404	Jaipur	15:20	Prayagraj	05:25	Express	Daily	13 September	02670	Chhapra	21:00	Chennai	14:25	Express	Mon, Wed	05 October
01107	Gwalior	20:55	Manduadih	11:05	Bundelkhand Express	Daily	12 September	02663	Howrah	16:10	Tiruchirappalli	03:05	Express	Thu, Sat	11 October
01108	Manduadih	16:30	Gwalior	08:40	Bundelkhand Express	Daily	13 September	02664	Tiruchirappalli	16:20	Howrah	03:10	Express	Tue, Fri	15 September
01841	Khajuraho	18:35	Kurukshtetra	12:40	Express	Daily	12 September	08517	Korba	16:10	Visakhapatnam	07:00	Express	Daily	13 September
01842	Kurukshtetra	14:55	Khajuraho	08:00	Express	Daily	13 September	08518	Visakhapatnam	20:05	Korba	11:00	Express	Daily	12 September
06539	Bengaluru	10:30	Mysuru	13:30	Express	Daily	12 September	02911	Indore	23:30	Howrah	06:50	Express	Tues, Thu, Sat	12 September
06540	Mysuru	14:30	Bengaluru	17:10	Express	Daily	12 September	02912	Howrah	17:45	Indore	01:35	Express	Mon, Thu, Sat	21 September
07007	Secunderabad	22:15	Darbhanga	13:40	Express	Tue, Sat	22 September	04723	Kanpur	17:25	Bhiwani	09:25	Express	Daily	13 September
07008	Darbhanga	07:00	Secunderabad	22:10	Express	Tue, Fri	23 October	04724	Bhiwani	18:35	Kanpur	11:35	Express	Daily	12 September
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05933	Dibrugarh	07:00	Amritsar	21:05	Express	Tue	20 October	08405	Bhubaneswar	19:40	Ahmedabad	07:25	Express	Wed	14 October
05934	Amritsar	15:45	Dibrugarh	04:55	Express	Friday	02 October	08406	Ahmedabad	18:40	Bhubaneswar	06:25	Express	Fri	18 September
02481	Jodhpur	18:45	Delhi	05:20	Express	Daily	12 September	02435	Varanasi	15:00	New Delhi	23:00	Vande Bharat Express	Except Mon, Thu	13 September
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02571	Gorakhpur	18:45	Delhi	08:50	Humsafar Express	Wed, Fri, Sat, Sun	16 September	05909	Dibrugarh	09:55	Lalgarh	05:45	Express	Daily	16 September
02572	Delhi	20:00	Gorakhpur	09:35	Humsafar Express	Mon, Thu, Sat, Sun	13 September	05910	Lalgarh	19:50	Dibrugarh	15:55	Express	Daily	16 September
02367	Bhagalpur	11:15	Delhi	08:10	Vikramshila Express	Daily	02 October	02429	Lucknow	23:30	New Delhi	07:30	Express	Daily	12 September
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06587	Yesvantpur	05:00	Bikaner	06:50	Express	Fri, Sun	13 September	02561	Jaynagar	14:00	New Delhi	12:30	Express	Daily	26 September
06588	Bikaner	22:15	Yesvantpur	03:15	Express	Tue, Sun	29 September	02562	New Delhi	20:40	Jaynagar	19:25	Express	Daily	13 September
02976	Jaipur	19:35	Mysuru	15:30	Express	Mon, Wed	14 September	03307	Dhanbad	21:50	Firozpur	10:45	Express	Daily	17 September
02975	Mysuru	10:40	Jaipur	06:15	Express	Thu, Sat	17 September	03308	Firozpur	16:10	Dhanbad	04:55	Express	Daily	15 September
02415	Indore	16:35	New Delhi	06:10	Express	Daily	13 September	06527	Bengaluru	19:00	New Delhi	10:30	Express	Daily	12 September
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05008	Lucknow Junction	23:10	Varanasi City	12:35	Krishak Express	Daily	12 September	02844	Ahmedabad	18:40	Khurda Road	07:45	Express	Mon, Thu, Sat, Sun	14 September
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02592	Yesvantpur	17:20	Gorakhpur	15:05	Express	Mon, Thu	14 September	02974	Khurda Road	11:40	Gandhidham	06:40	Express	Sat	24 October
								08401	Khurda Road	10:40	Okha	13:50	Express	Sun	04 October
								08402	Okha	08:30	Khurda Road	08:55	Express	Sat	16 September

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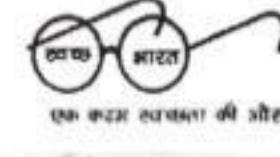
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सभी आम/खास को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगर निगम यमुननगर-जगधरी को खाली दुकानों को कियाये पर देने हेतु खुली बोली निम्न कार्यक्रम अनुसार की जानी है:

क्र. सं.	मार्किट का नाम	दुकान नं.	रिजर्व प्राइवेट	घरेलूर गोपी	टिनांक व समय	स्थान
1.	वर्कशाप रोड	54 प्रथम मैजिल	रु. 2880/-	रु. 50,000/- सुब 11:00 बजे	29.09.2020 वर्कशाप रोड, नजदीक दुकान नं. 58, य. नगर	
2.	वर्कशाप रोड	57 प्रथम मैजिल	रु. 2880/-	रु. 50,000/- सुब 11:00 बजे	29.09.2020 वर्कशाप रोड, नजदीक दुकान नं. 58, य. नगर	
3.	वर्कशाप रोड	58 प्रथम मैजिल	रु. 2880/-	रु. 50,000/- सुब 11:00 बजे	29.09.2020 वर्कशाप रोड, नजदीक दुकान नं. 58, य. नगर	
4.	वर्कशाप रोड	62 प्रथम मैजिल	रु. 2880/-	रु. 50,000/- सुब 11:00 बजे	29.09.2020 वर्कशाप रोड, नजदीक दुकान नं. 58, य. नगर	
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7.	वर्कशाप रोड	65 प्रथम मैजिल	रु. 2880/-	रु. 50,000/- सुब 11:00 बजे	29.09.2020 वर्कशाप रोड, नजदीक दुकान नं. 58, य. नगर	
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10.	वर्कशाप रोड	99 प्रथम मैजिल	रु. 2880/-	रु. 50,000/- सुब 11:00 बजे	29.09.2020 वर्कशाप रोड, नजदीक दुकान नं. 58, य. नगर	
11.	कहन्हा चौक	3 प्रथम मैजिल	रु. 9090/-	रु. 50,000/- सुब 11:00 बजे	29.09.2020 नजदीक शॉपिंग नं. 03 कहन्हा चौक, य. नगर	
12.	कहन्हा चौक	5 प्रथम मैजिल	रु. 9090/-	रु. 50,000/- सुब 11:00 बजे	29.09.2020 नजदीक शॉपिंग नं. 03 कहन्हा चौक, य. नगर	
13.	कहन्हा चौक	6 प्रथम मैजिल	रु. 9090/-	रु. 50,000/- सुब 11:00 बजे	29.09.2020 नजदीक शॉपिंग नं. 03 कहन्हा चौक, य. नगर	
14.	कहन्हा चौक	9 प्रथम मैजिल	रु. 9090/-	रु. 50,000/- सुब 11:00 बजे	29.09.2020 नजदीक शॉपिंग नं. 03 कहन्हा चौक, य. नगर	
15.	कहन्हा चौक	10 प्रथम मैजिल	रु. 9090/-	रु. 50,000/- सुब 11:00 बजे	29.09.2020 नजदीक शॉपिंग नं. 03 कहन्हा चौक, य. नगर	
16.	कहन्हा चौक	11 प्रथम मैजिल	रु. 9090/-	रु. 50,000/- सुब 11:00 बजे	29.09.2020 नजदीक शॉपिंग नं. 03 कहन्हा चौक, य. नगर	
17.	कहन्हा चौक	12 प्रथम मैजिल	रु. 9090/-	रु. 50,000/- सुब 11:00 बजे	29.09.2020 नजदीक शॉपिंग नं. 03 कहन्हा चौक, य. नगर	
18.	कहन्हा चौक	13 प्रथम मैजिल	रु. 9090/-	रु. 50,000/- सुब 11:00 बजे	29.09.2020 नजदीक शॉपिंग नं. 03 कहन्हा चौक, य. नगर	
19.	कहन्हा चौक	14 प्रथम मैजिल	रु. 9090/-	रु. 50,000/- सुब 11:00 बजे	29.09.2020 नजदीक शॉपिंग नं. 03 कहन्हा चौक, य. नगर	
20.	कहन्हा चौक	16 प्रथम मैजिल	रु. 9090/-	रु. 50,000/- सुब 11:00 बजे	29.09.2020 नजदीक शॉपिंग नं. 03 कहन्हा चौक, य. नगर	
21.	कहन्हा चौक	20 प्रथम मैजिल	रु. 9090/-	रु. 50,000/- सुब 11:00 बजे	29.09.2020 नजदीक शॉपिंग नं. 03 कहन्हा चौक, य. नगर	
22.	मोट मार्किट	70	रु. 1200/-	रु. 10,000/- सुब 10:00 बजे	30.09.2020 मोट मार्किट य. नगर	
23.	मोट मार्किट	72	रु. 1200/-	रु. 10,000/- सुब 10:00 बजे	30.09.2020 मोट मार्किट य. नगर	
24.	सच्चा सोदा मार्किट	37	रु. 3000/-	रु. 25,000/- सुब 10:00 बजे	30.09.2020 सामने स्टार्च मिल, गोदर रोड य. नगर	
25.	सच्चा सोदा मार्किट	39	रु. 3000/-	रु. 25,000/- सुब 10:00 बजे	30.09.2020 सामने स्टार्च मिल, गोदर रोड य. नगर	
26.	सच्चा सोदा मार्किट	42	रु. 3000/-	रु. 25,000/- सुब 10:00 बजे	30.09.2020 सामने स्टार्च मिल, गोदर रोड य. नगर	
27.	सच्चा सोदा मार्किट	43	रु. 3000/-	रु. 25,000/- सुब 10:00 बजे	30.09.2020 सामने स्टार्च मिल, गोदर रोड य. नगर	
28.	पुराना चुंगी दफतर	5	रु. 4000/-	रु. 50,000/- सुब 10:00 बजे	30.09.2020 सामने स्टार्च मिल, गोदर रोड य. नगर	
29.	पुराना चुंगी दफतर	6	रु. 4000/-	रु. 50,000/- सुब 10:00 बजे	30.09.2020 सामने स्टार्च मिल, गोदर रोड य. नगर	
30.	पुराना चुंगी दफतर	8	रु. 4000/-	रु. 50,000/- सुब 10:00 बजे	30.09.2020 सामने स्टार्च मिल, गोदर रोड य. नगर	
31.	रामपुरा	7 प्रथम मैजिल	रु. 4000/-	रु. 50,000/- सुब 10:00 बजे	30.09.2020 नजदीक तारखर रामपुरा, यमुनानगर	

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Parliament panel bats for virtual courts post Covid

RS MP Bhupender Yadav-led team wants live-streaming of proceedings

SATYA PRAKASH

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 11

Even as Bar bodies build up pressure on judicial administration for resumption of physical court hearings, a parliamentary standing committee has recommended continuation of virtual courts even in post-Covid period and favoured live-streaming of court proceedings to promote transparency.

"The committee fully understands that virtual courts have their own shortcomings. However, they constitute an advancement over the existing system. It is and will remain the new reality and the new normal. The committee believes that this move will unlock the courts and also mitigate the inconvenience of attending courts as long distance trav-

TO MAKE PROCEDURE LESS EXPENSIVE

The Rajya Sabha BJP MP Bhupender Yadav-headed panel observes that the concept of virtual courts will also mitigate the inconvenience of attending courts as long distance travels can be dispensed with and proceedings become less expensive as well

ances, Law and Justice said in its 103rd report on the functioning of virtual court proceedings through video-conferencing.

"The concept of virtual courts has gained immense ground during Covid times. It is and will remain the new reality and the new normal. The committee believes that this move will unlock the courts and also mitigate the inconvenience of attending courts as long distance trav-

els can be dispensed with and proceedings become less expensive as well," the panel said.

Noting that court proceedings were recorded in some form or the other world over, the report said live-streaming of certain proceedings will promote transparency.

The committee members also said that the judiciary may also consider broadcasting virtual hearings of certain specified categories of cases to further the principle of open justice and open court.

Pensioners can give life certificate till Dec 31

NEW DELHI: Keeping in view the limitations on account of the Covid-19 pandemic, the government on Friday said the time limit had been extended till December 31 for submitting life certificate by Central government pensioners. Announcing this, Union Minister Jitendra Singh said the move would hugely benefit elderly persons during the pandemic. —TNS

Aero India in B'luru from February 3-7

NEW DELHI: The Ministry of Defence on Friday announced it would host the 13th edition of Aero India at Air Force Station, Yelahanka, Bengaluru, from February 3 to 7. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched the Aero India 2021 website (<https://aeroindia.gov.in>) at New Delhi, giving the go-ahead for space-booking. The website will host all online services related to the event for both exhibitors and visitors. —TNS

NIA chargesheets Bengal woman in LeT hiring case

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 11

The NIA today said it had filed a chargesheet in a special court in Kolkata against Tania Parveen of West Bengal in the Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) online recruitment module case under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

Agency officials said the case pertained to Tania's arrest by the West Bengal Police on March 3 from Baduria of North 24 Parganas district of the state for her alleged connection with the LeT. Initially, the state police had registered a case against her. Later, the case was taken over by the NIA. The investigation revealed that the LeT cadres based in Lahore had introduced Tania to ISI officials, who tasked her with making a fake Facebook profile and befriending members of Indian armed forces to obtain sensitive and strategic information, the official said.

Investigation further revealed that the LeT cadres based in Lahore had introduced Tania to ISI officials and chargesheet filed by the CBI and the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), Kochi, against C Madhavan, former Customs Deputy Commissioner, PP Sunil Kumar, Faiz TK, Ashraf Kallunkal, Subair YM, Abdul Rahim and others.

7ULFA militants charged sheeted

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 11

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) today issued a provisional attachment order under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) to seize moveable and immovable assets worth Rs 1.84 crore in connection with its probe into the Kerala gold smuggling case.

The ED initiated investigation into

Count crosses 50K mark; toll 854

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 11
With 1,578 new positive cases — 808 from the Jammu division and 770 from the Kashmir valley — during the last 24 hours, the Covid count in Jammu and Kashmir reached 50,712.

Meanwhile, J&K reported nine deaths — six from the Jammu division and three from the Kashmir valley — during the same period, taking the death toll to 854.

As many as 474 more patients — 137 from the Jammu division and 337 from the Kashmir valley — have recovered and discharged from various hospitals.

According to the official bulletin issued on Friday evening, out of 50,712 pos-

COVID-19 PANDEMIC



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Total persons under surveillance	5,09,482
Persons completing surveillance	3,97,834
Samples tested	11,77,773
Negative results	11,27,061
Positive cases	50,712
Patients cured	34,689
Total deaths	854
Total	50,712 854

COVID-19 CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Bandipora	2,628	27
Srinagar	11,243	247
Anantnag	2,803	53
Baramulla	3,317	111
Shopian	1,805	29
Kupwara	2,676	56
Budgam	3,457	69
Jammu	7,697	81
Udhampur	1,295	04
Ganderbal	1,980	25
Kulgam	2,059	40
Pulwama	3,069	60
Samba	979	07
Rajouri	1,281	14
Kishtwar	487	01
Kathua	1,243	11
Ramban	763	01
Reasi	537	03
Poonch	728	06
Doda	665	09
Total	50,712	854

itive cases, 15,169 are active, 34,689 have recovered and 854 have died — 137 in the Jammu division and 717 in Kashmir.

The bulletin said out of 11,77,773 test results available, 11,27,061 samples have tested negative.

Meanwhile, to contain further spike of coronavirus cases, the District Administration, Samba, is going to start rapid testing of all the inbound train passengers at the four railway stations of Ghagwal, Samba, Vijaypur and Bari-Brahmana.

Deputy Commissioner Rohit Khajuria today chaired a meeting and ordered 100 per cent Covid testing of the inbound passengers coming from trains at all the railway stations in the district. He stressed upon the commit-

tee members formed for testing to ensure that all the passengers are tested before they were allowed to go to their homes. Medical teams for testing would be deployed at all four railway stations.

The Samba Deputy Commissioner emphasised that all Tehsildars should work in close coordination with station masters and provide the necessities required for carrying out the testing process smoothly.

The Deputy Commissioner asked the district officers to properly display signage and banners and provide water at sitting areas to the passengers so that no inconvenience was caused to them. Rohit Khajuria directed them to submit daily reports to his office.

Pvt schools may reduce fee for lockdown period by 30%

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 11

In a major relief to parents, the J&K Government is likely to ask all private schools to reduce the tuition fees of students by 30 per cent in view of the closure of the schools due to the Covid lockdown for seven months (from March to September).

This is being done against the backdrop of the growing demands of parents for waiving the tuition fees for the lockdown period.

"In view of the recent judgments of High Courts of Madras and Rajasthan, the government may direct private schools to reduce the tuition fees of students by 30% in view of the closure of schools due to the lockdown from March to September 2020; views of parents & management solicited," Dr Asgar Hassan Samoon, Principal Secretary, School Education, announced on Twitter.

There are more than 5,000 private schools in the Union Territory. Of these, 2,276 are in the Jammu division.

The move has come in the wake of the new guidelines issued by the Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of India, regarding the partial resumption of activities in schools on a voluntary basis.

निवादा

जिला बाल कल्याण परिषद, पंचकूला झारा बाल भवन, बेज नं. 19, से.-14, व शिशु घर, सै. 15, पंचकूला में बीटा वृथ ठेके/किराये के आधार पर दिये जाने हैं। इच्छुक व्यक्ति व फर्म अपनी सीलबद्ध निवादाएं और 25000/- रुपये का बैंक ड्राइवर जिला बाल कल्याण परिषद के नाम (जमानत के रूप में) व 100/- प्रति प्राप्त व नियम व शर्तें किसी भी कार्यदिवस से प्राप्त करें और दिनांक 21.09.2020 साथे 5.00 बजे तक भरकर निम्न पते पर जमा कराएं।

उपायुक्त एवं प्रधान

जिला बाल कल्याण परिषद, बेज नं. 19, सेक्टर-14, पंचकूला। दूरभाष : 0172-2586554.

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

No. 150/MOH/C, Dated 11.09.2020

The Department of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (Health Br.) invites online Double Bids for 1 No. work as per schedule given below:-

Last Date of online Submission of Bidding Document	Opening of bidding Documents
Technical Bid	Financial Bid
28.09.2020 up to 5.00 p.m.	29.09.2020 at 11:00 a.m. in the Office of SE(TIC), Zone A, MCL
	Will be Intimated Later On

For details logon to: eproc.punjab.gov.in

Note:- Detail of works, other terms & conditions & tender documents any corrigendum/addendum to the tender notice shall be published on above website only.

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- Junior Accountant (Group 'C') - Level-4
- Senior Assistant (Group 'C') - Level-4

The last date of receipt of applications is 17th November, 2020. For details of the number of posts, qualifications/experience etc. and the format of application, please refer website of NPTI www.npti.gov.in

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Jammu area Covid helpline numbers non-functional

DINESH MANHOTRA

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 11

The Jammu and Kashmir administration's fight against Covid has been exposed as all telephone helpline numbers for the Jammu region are non-functional.

All four dedicated helpline telephone numbers which the government is regularly publicising in its official

Covid bulletin are "temporarily out of service".

"Since Thursday evening, I have been trying all four helpline numbers to seek some guidance, but none of the telephones is functional," regretted Rajinder Kumar, a resident of Ram-pura, Gandhi Nagar, whose daughter has developed Covid symptoms. Ultimately, the poor vegetable seller was forced to go to a private

hospital for medical examination of his daughter.

The J&K Government, in its official bulletin every day, issued six telephone numbers, one Jammu-based number for the residents of UT, three for the residents of the Jammu province and two from the Kashmir valley.

Neither the dedicated coronavirus helpline number for the UT is working nor three others, exclusively dedicated

for the Jammu province.

Only two Kashmir-based numbers are working.

Ironically, the balance of the dedicated UT Covid helpline number (0191-2549676) is Rs 353 only and the due date is September 23, but is still "temporarily out of service".

It is widely believed that this number has been deliberately made non-functional.

Similarly, other three dedicated helpline numbers for

Jammu are "temporarily out of service". The balance of the first number 0191-2520982 is Rs 1,178, balance of 0191-2674444 is Rs 1,416 and the balance of the last helpline number 0191-2674115 is Rs 3,854.

Even on Friday evening, the J&K Government, in its official bulletin, asked people to avail benefits of these "non-functional" helpline numbers in case of any help.

Online grievances portal launched

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 11
After complaints that the administration officials were not easily available to people, the Union Territory government on Friday launched an online grievance redress system Jammu and Kashmir Integrated Grievance Redressal System (J&K IGGRAMS).

Under this system, people can file complaints and get updates about the status of their complaints round the clock. Locals can also submit their grievances through a call centre that will be established across every district.

The grievance system is being launched on a pilot basis initially in Jammu and Reasi districts of Jammu and Srinagar district of the Kashmir region. The initiative will be expanded in the remaining districts by October 2.

The announcement was made in Srinagar by J&K Lieutenant Governor (L-G) Manoj Sinha at his first press conference since taking over the reins of the UT administration.

"After meeting various delegations from various quarters recently, we came to know that officials from the administration and other departments related to governance aren't available to people. So, we have rolled out J&K IGGRAMS," Sinha said

during the press conference. The decision was taken during an administrative council (SAC) meeting chaired by the L-G where a set of other decisions were also taken.

The new grievance redress mechanism will replace the government's current portal which was launched in 2018.

The initiative has been launched at a time when only 2G cellular Internet services are functional across the UT except two districts.

In another significant announcement, the L-G

focused on increasing interaction between the police and the public.

Meanwhile, the L-G also announced that every single resident of the J&K Union Territory will be covered under the Ayushman Bharat Health insurance up to Rs 5 lakh.

Besides healthy individuals, the insurance cover

will also cover people suffering from fatal illnesses and other ailments.

The existing portal has now been integrated downwards to the district level by map-

ping another nearly 1,500 public offices in 20 districts of the UT from the existing 250, which is the widest possible coverage that has been conceived and enabled in the online management of public grievances in J&K. This has made it the first online grievance management system/portal in the country that is linked with the Central government (at the top) and districts and even further downwards to the tehsils and blocks (at the bottom).

The L-G said the government was committed to undertaking all radical reforms to put in place a "people-centric good governance structure" that had an institutionalised grievance redress mechanism. This, he observed, was the most important component of a well-governed responsive administration and an indicator of efficiency and effectiveness of the administrative processes.

Terming it as a step towards gaining the people's trust, the L-G remarked that an effective grievance redress mechanism was the lifeblood of any good governance system and was the priority for the J&K Government. A common citizen wants a sympathetic, courteous, responsive and helpful administrative set-up, he maintained.

Sealed quotations are invited both for independent and sharing from reputed taxi operators/transports for hiring taxi at Tribune Printing Center Chandigarh for newspaper supply as per below mentioned routes:-

Sl. No.	Route Name	Route Type
1	Chandigarh-Rajpura-Patiala	Independent
2	Chandigarh-Patiala-Sangrur-Dhuri</	

Tender Notice for "Selection of Secondary Telecom Service provider (TSP) for procurement of bandwidth under Himachal Pradesh State Wide Area network (HIMSWAN)"

Department of Information Technology, Himachal Pradesh through its Society for promotion of IT and e-Governance (SITEG), invites e-Tenders from reputed, qualified and experienced firms for the "Selection of Secondary Telecom Service provider (TSP) for procurement of bandwidth under Himachal Pradesh State Wide Area network (HIMSWAN)". The e-tenders can be downloaded from <https://htenders.gov.in> from 12th September 2020 onwards. There is non-refundable fee of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) which can be submitted in the form of Demand Draft in favour of "Member Secretary (EC), SITEG, Department of Information Technology, Shimla-171013" payable at Shimla, which is to be deposited prior to the last date of submission of bids. For more details, please download the tender documents.

**Director (IT)-cum-Member Secretary (EC),
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website: <http://himachaldit.gov.in>**

DPR/HP/381

Government of Punjab
E-Tender Notice Reference No. 04/2020

On behalf of Governor of Punjab, Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj Division, Bathinda invites percentage rate tender through eligible L&C Societies/Bidders for the Project Enlisted with Punjab Panchayati Raj Department. As per details below:-

Sr. No.	Item	No. of Work
1.	Providing and Laying PVC Pipe Line for Disposal of Surplus Pond Water used for Irrigation Purpose at Village Dhitali, Block Phul, Distt. Bathinda. (Estimated Cost 62.35 Lakh)	1
2.	Construction of Indoor Sports Stadium at Village Jalaf, Block Bhagta Bhaika, Distt. Bathinda. (Estimated Cost 77.10 Lakh)	1
3.	Renovation of Pond (Under R.D.O. (S) Scheme At Village Bhagwanpur Hingna Block Sardulgarh, Distt. Mansa under order of N.G.T. (Estimated Cost 52.55 Lakh)	1

Closing Date & Time: 28.09.2020, 1200 hrs.

For Details logon to: eproc.punjab.gov.in

Note: Any Corrigendum to the Tender Notice Shall be published on the above website only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Panchayati Raj Division, Bathinda.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

**NOTICE FOR APPOINTMENT OF HALT CONTRACTOR
FOR ORKI HALT STATION ON
CONTRACT BASIS OVER AMBALA DIVISION**

Applications are invited by Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager Northern Railway, Ambala Cantt. on behalf of President of India for allotment of contract at the following halt station for selling of tickets:-

S. No.	Name of Halt Stn.	Section	Location of halt, between
1.	Orki	Bathinda - Shri Ganganganagar	Hindumalkot - Fatuhi

After the allotment of contract the selected persons will have to deposit a cash security of Rs. 2,000/- The applicant should be at least 10th standard passed and should have working knowledge of simple English, along with application, the applicant should submit attested photo-copy of Educational Certificates and attested photo-copies of local Residential certificate (issued by DM/ADM of the District) or Voter Identity card or Aadhar card . The applicant is also required to submit original Character Certificate (issued by SDM/DM or Police Authorities of the District) & Medical Fitness certificate issued by Govt. Hospital showing that he is fit for the active service and free from any communicable diseases along with the application. Last date for submission of application for the said halt is 12.10.2020 till 15:00 hrs therefore the application should reach to the office of Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Ambala Cantt/before dated 12.10.2020 at 15:00 hrs. by Registered Post. The period of contract will be five years. The Divisional Railway Manager, Northern Railway, Ambala Cantt reserves the right to cancel any or all the applications at his discretion and his decision in this regard will be final and binding on the applicants.

NOTE: 1. This advertisement is for the allotment of the halt contract and not for any Govt. service. Only those persons should apply for the above mentioned halt contract who are permanent residents of the place where the halt station is located. The resident should be treated as local residence, if it is located within the same district in which the station located.

2. If the appointed day opening of application is declared a holiday on any account, the application will be opened on the next working day.

S. No.	Sale turn over in Rs.	Commission payable
1.	1-15,000	15%
2.	15,001-50,000	12%
3.	50,001-100,000	9%
4.	1,00,001-2,00,000	6%
5.	2,00,001 and above	3%

If the sale turn over is of Rs. 3,00,000/-, the commission would be 15% of 15,000+ 12% of 35,000+ 9% of 50,000+ 6% of 1,00,000+ 3% of 1,00,000 = 2250+4200+ 4500+6000+3000=Rs. 19,950/- The commission payable to the halt contractor will be on the basis of the individual month's transaction and not on the basis of monthly average sales turnover for the entire year.

The minimum commission payable to the halt contractor would be Rs. 1000/- per month for halts having stoppage of upto 2 pairs of trains and Rs. 1500 per month for halts having stoppage of more than 2 pairs of trains.

No. C-II-27/Orki/halt/90 Dated : 09.09.2020

Divisional Comm. Manager,
Northern Railway, Ambala Cantt.

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY
AND SANITATION, PUNJAB**

**REQUEST OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST, INDIA
(CONSULTING SERVICES- FIRMS SELECTION)**

**"PUNJAB RURAL WATER & SANITATION
SECTOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT"**

Assignment: Appointment of NGO to Support Project Implementation for Social and Communication Activities for multi-village surface water projects in:

- District Gurdaspur & Amritsar under World Bank assisted Punjab Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Sector Improvement Project (PRWSSIP).
- District Fatehgarh Sahib & Patiala under World Bank assisted Punjab Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Sector Improvement Project (PRWSSIP).
- 1. Government of India has received a Loan-IBRD of amount US\$248 Million towards the cost of the PRWSSIP and intends to apply part of the available proceeds of this loan for the above stated 2 nos. contracts for hiring consultancy services.
- 2. The objective of this assignment is to achieve higher service delivery by accelerating the social engagement through community mobilization activities at the village level.
- 3. Glimpses of scope of work are summarised as below:
 - Generating public awareness and demand for improved water supply, water quality and Sanitation Services in Rural Punjab
 - Promoting and strengthening GPWSCS formed under the project
 - Promoting personal responsibility and accountability of various stakeholders including women, besides community participation and involvement of the rural population to achieve PRWSSIP's objectives
 - To make the systems financially sustainable, to encourage consumers engaging in metering, billing and paying for operations and maintenance on an-going basis.
- 4. The selection criteria for the assignment is as under:
 - Minimum Annual Average turnover of last 3 financial years is INR 5 Cr.
 - Minimum experience of 1 similar project with minimum contract amount of INR 1 Cr. during last 5 years
 - Minimum experience of 5 years in implementing, similar projects
 - Approach and Methodology, Work Plan and Gender Equality
 - Academic qualification, experience and proficiency in Punjabi or Key Experts For details refer "TOR".

5. Selection of NGOs will be done through the Consultant's Qualification Selection (CQS) procedure set out in the World Bank's Guidelines. Bidders have to submit the detailed REOI proposal meeting the eligibility criteria as well as the evaluation parameters. Most qualified firm, on the basis of REOI evaluation, shall be asked to submit a combined technical and financial proposal and, if such proposal is responsive and acceptable, then the firm will be invited to negotiate a contract.

6. The minimum qualification score required to pass the EoI technical evaluation is 70.

7. ToR for each consultancy has been uploaded on DWSS website: www.pbdwss.gov.in

8. 2 separate proposals of EoI shall be delivered by NGOs in a written form to address below (in person or by email) on or before 29.09.2020 upto 3:00PM

9. The list of documents to be submitted are mentioned in the TORs.

10. "Note": Any corrigendum(s) to the Request for Expression of Interest shall be published on the website only."

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Bill to cut MPs' salaries for a year among 23 on agenda

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 11
A Bill to cut MPs' salaries by 30 per cent for a year commencing April 1, 2020, to meet Covid exigencies and another to punish assault on Covid warriors with a jail term are among 23 legislations listed for the monsoon session of Parliament starting on September 14.

The Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament (Amendment) Bill, 2020, will replace an earlier ordinance. It seeks to reduce the salary of MPs by 30 per cent. A second key Bill will replace the Epidemic Diseases Amendment Ordinance which provides preventive measures against violence on health-care personnel and damage of property.

Aggressors will be liable to

Monsoon session from Sept 14, Bill protecting Covid warriors to be tabled too

OTHER LEGISLATIONS PROPOSED

- Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill (Amendment) Bill
- Insolvency and Bankruptcy (2nd Amendment) Bill
- Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Prices Assurance Bill
- The Banking Regulation (Amendment) Bill
- The Indian Medical Council Amendment Bill



a jail term of three months to seven years plus fine ranging between Rs 50,000 and Rs 5 lakh. The Taxation and Other Laws (Relaxation of Certain Provisions) Bill, also replacing an ordinance, will

address the challenges faced by taxpayers due to the Covid outbreak.

Two controversial Bills include the Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation)

Bill, 2020, to provide an ecosystem wherein farmers/traders can pick markets for sale and purchase. The second is the Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Prices Assurance and Farm Services Bill, 2020. It provides for a national framework on farming agreements to empower farmers to engage with agro business firms.

The Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill, 2020, seeks to empower the Centre to control production, supply, distribution, trade and commerce in certain commodities. Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu today underwent the Covid test, which is mandatory for MPs attending the session. Parliament staff and security too will undergo the test. —TNS

Amid rift with JD-U, Paswan firmly stands by son's decisions



Union Minister Ram Vilas Paswan with son Chirag Paswan. FILE

'CHIRAG WILL TAKE LJP, BIHAR TO NEW HEIGHTS'

My health deteriorated, but to ensure that work does not suffer I did not get hospitalised. I am confident that with his youthful thinking, Chirag will take the LJP and Bihar to new heights

Ram Vilas Paswan, UNION MINISTER

the party," Paswan added.

Chirag is the LJP president. He said he would firmly back every decision Chirag takes for the betterment of the party.

Notably it was at Chirag's insistence that the LJP joined hands with the BJP ahead of the 2014 elections. However, Chirag is now at the loggerheads with its Bihar NDA partner, CM and JD-U leader Nitish Kumar; who the BJP has projected as the face of the alliance in the upcoming elections.

At a recent meeting of the LJP's parliamentary board,

many members expressed resentment against Nitish's leadership. Another meeting is expected later this week when a decision on the alliance may be taken.

It is possible that the LJP, which has decided to draw up a list of 143 candidates to pitch against JD-U, may contest these elections outside the NDA. However, it will very much remain a part of the Central dispensation where Paswan is the Cabinet minister. Political observers believe the arrangement may actually work in the BJP's favour.

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China asks India to...

commanders working out the final deployment to permanent posts. The Chinese side was also told that its large amassing of troops had created several flashpoints along the LAC.

The Chinese embassy statement quoted Jaishankar as saying that India "does not consider the development of bilateral relations as dependent on the boundary question and India does not want to go backwards".

Sources here did not contest this Chinese assertion about Jaishankar. But they contradicted the Chinese quote about Jaishankar indirectly by stating the recent incidents in eastern Ladakh "have" impacted the development of the bilateral relationship.

The sources underlined that while India recognised that a final solution would take time, peace on the border was essential for further developing bilateral ties in other spheres.

While agreeing on a five-point agenda to improve the current situation on the LAC which "is not in the interest of either side", Jaishankar and Wang said both sides would continue the dialogue at three planes — through the Special Representative mechanism, Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination and field commanders level.

The ministers agreed that as the situation eases, the two sides should expedite work to conclude new confidence-building measures to maintain peace in border areas. The interaction held on the sidelines of the SCO meeting agreed not to allow disputes by abiding with all the existing agreements and protocol on China-India boundary affairs, maintain peace and tranquillity in the border areas and avoid any action that could escalate matters.

Covid casts shadow...

Pawan, pinning hopes on an unconfirmed order of 10 small effigies from Abhara.

Delhi-based Naveen, who supplies effigies across Punjab and Haryana, too appears pessimistic about business prospects this year. "Our main earnings used to come from effigies. At least

New NEP curriculum for students in 2022: Modi

Says govt aims to remove marksheet pressure

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 11

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said when India completes 75 years of Independence in 2022, every student should be learning as per the National Education Policy-2020. This is our collective responsibility, he said while addressing a conclave on School Education in 21st Century where he called upon teachers, administrators, voluntary organisations and parents to cooperate and participate in this mission.

Noting that the marksheets had become a "pressure sheet for students and prestige sheet for families", the PM said the new policy aimed at removing this pressure.

The NEP will reduce the syllabus and make learning a fun-based and complete experience, the PM said, also allaying reservations regarding the medium of instruction, the language. He also noted that the Ministry of Education had received over 15 lakh suggestions from teachers on the NEP implementation



'TEACH ANY LANGUAGE'

Limitations in the current education system trigger a large number of drop-outs. Schools are free to teach any language, but the medium of education till Class V should be mother tongue or local language

Narendra Modi, PRIME MINISTER

within a week.

He said the students under the new policy would learn under a curricular that is scientifically oriented to make the country ready for challenges in the 21st century. It is a curriculum that focuses on critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, curiosity and communication, the PM said, stressing on the importance

of promoting new age learning and knowledge about coding, artificial intelligence, data science and robotics.

While the existing system is limited, the new policy offers many opportunities to students who may want to change their subject at a later stage, he said.

Limitations in the current system is the main reason for a large number of drop-outs, he added.

It is as important to change the education system as changing an old blackboard or pin-up board, the PM said. Education is much more than marks and marksheets, he also said.

The PM also said schools were free to teach any language, but the medium of education till Class V should be the mother tongue or the local language.

He also gave several suggestions to participating educationists, especially on employing practical aspects in the learning process.

The NEP-2020 is the first education policy of the 21st century which was announced after 34 years of the previous National Policy on Education 1986. —TNS

FROM PAGE 1

Chandy (Andhra Pradesh) and Tariq Anwar (Kerala). His aides also dominate the in charge list — Punjab MLA Kuljit Nagra (Sikkim, Nagaland, Tripura), Rajeev Satav (Gujarat, Dadra Nagar Haveli), Rajeev Shukla (Himachal Pradesh), Manickam Tagore (Tamil Nadu) and Rajni Patil (Jammu and Kashmir).

Former Railway Minister Pawan Bansal is now general secretary (Administration), replacing Vora, and also a permanent CWC invitee. P Chidambaram has been made a regular member instead of permanent along side Tariq Anwar, Surjewala and Jitendra Singh.

Sonia has dropped four Vora, Faleiro, Adhir Ranjan and Tamradhwaj Sahu as regular CWC members, shifting Adhir as a permanent invitee to the CWC.

Digvijay, Ramesh, Khurshid and Pramod Tewari permanent invitees

Of 26 permanent invitees to CWC, 11 'close' to Rahul

Among 22 regular CWC members, Venugopal, Surjewala, Maken, Jitendra & Meena part of Rahul camp

Among 9 special invitees, seven are leaders who were first promoted by Rahul

Of 17 new AICC in charge, 12 owe allegiance to Rahul

Gainers from region

Surjewala: Made general secretary, Karnataka; CWC regular member; On panel to assist Sonia

Pawan Bansal: Returns as general secretary (Admin), replacing Vora; made CWC permanent invitee

Harish Rawat: Made gen secy, Punjab, replacing Asha Kumari

Kuljit Nagra: Made CWC permanent invitee & AICC in charge of Sikkim, Nagaland

Kangana targets Sonia as Maha orders drug probe

MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 11

The Maharashtra Government on Friday asked the Mumbai police to probe drug use allegations against Kangana Ranaut, while the actor turned her attention to Congress president Sonia Gandhi to say she must intervene and stop the harassment of women.

The city police received a communication from the state home department to probe claims that Kangana used banned drugs, a senior police official said. The crime branch would look into the matter, he added.

Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh had said on Tuesday that the Mumbai Police would probe allegations levelled by actor Adhyayan Suman, son of actor Shekhar Suman, that Ranaut took drugs. Ranaut is locked in a public spat with the Shiv Sena, which heads the ruling

India, US review bilateral ties

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 11

India and the US held a bilateral 2+2 inter-sessional meeting at the official level on Friday in virtual mode. The talks between Foreign and Defence Ministry officials of both countries were held a day after External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar held talks with his Chinese counterpart in Moscow.

Both sides reviewed the progress in bilateral ties in defence, security and foreign policy areas since the last 2+2 ministerial meeting held in Washington in December.

Explore opportunities to enhance ongoing cooperation

They explored opportunities for enhancing the cooperation in these fields based on mutual interest. They also exchanged views on regional developments and agreed to pursue their quest for a free and inclusive Indo-Pacific, according to a MEA statement. The Indian delegation was led jointly by Vani Rao, Joint Secretary (America) in the MEA, and Somnath Ghosh, Joint Secretary (International Cooperation) in the Defence Ministry. The US delegation was led by Dean Thompson, senior bureau official in State Department, and David Helvey, acting Assistant Secretary in the Department of Defence. —TNS

IndiGo pulled up for media chaos on flight
COURT DENIES BAIL TO RHEA, SHOWIK

Mumbai: A special court here on Friday rejected the bail pleas of Rhea Chakraborty and her brother Showik, arrested by the NCB in connection with a drugs-related case pertaining to the death of actor Sushant Singh Rajput. PTI coalition in the state, after her statement comparing Mumbai to "PoK" irked the ruling party in the state. —PTI

Hold separate test, but don't declare results: SC to B'luru law varsity

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NLSIU ex-VC has challenged institute's decision to exit CLAT

the decision to go for a separate National Law Aptitude Test (NLAT) would make NLSIU an "island of excellence" from an "island of excellence".

The Bench issued notices to NLSIU and its Vice-Chancellor Prof Sudhir Krishnaswamy asking them to respond in three days and posted the matter for further hearing on September 16.

The interim order allowing NLAT-2020 was mainly due to the fact that it was scheduled to be held on Saturday and there was not much time left. However, the court said NLAT results can't be declared and no admissions can take place during pendency of the matter.

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NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY CUM ENTRANCE TEST NEET (UG)
on 13th September 2020 (Sunday)

PUBLIC NOTICE

11th September 2020

The NEET (UG) 2020 Examination is scheduled to be conducted on 13th September 2020, from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm (Sunday) in pen and paper mode on Pan India basis in 155 Cities across the country.

The "SOP issued by MoHFW on preventive measures will be followed by all concerned while conducting/ appearing in examination to contain spread of COVID-19"

All Staff, students and parents will always:

- Practice physical distancing of at least 6 feet as far as possible;
- Mandatorily use face covers/masks;
- Practice frequent hand washing with soap (for at least 40-60 seconds) even when hands are not visibly dirty. Use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers (for at least 20 seconds) can be made, wherever feasible;
- Strictly follow respiratory etiquette. This involves strict practice of covering one's mouth and nose while coughing/ sneezing with a tissue/ handkerchief/flexed elbow and disposing off used tissues properly;
- Self-monitor health by all and reporting any illness at the earliest;

Spitting shall be strictly prohibited. Installation & use of Aarogya Setu App is advised to all, as far as feasible. Important Instructions for the exam and Advisories regarding COVID-19 have also been issued to the candidates in their respective Admit Cards. All candidates should download their Latest Admit Card, carefully read the Instructions and Advisories for COVID-19 given therein and strictly adhere to them.

As already mentioned in the Advisories to candidates regarding COVID-19 annexed with their Admit Card, they have to report as per the staggered time slots given in their respective Admit Cards, to avoid crowd at the examination centres.

Candidates will be allowed to carry only the following items with them into the examination venue:

- Admit Card along with Self Declaration/Undertaking (available on the Admit Card) regarding recent health status of the Candidate;
- Valid Government ID proof;
- Personal transparent water bottle;
- Additional passport size photograph (same as uploaded on application form) for pasting on attendance sheet;
- Personal hand sanitizer (50 ml);
- Mask and gloves;
- PwD Certificate, Scribe and Scribe related documents, if applicable.

Staggered Entry Time for candidates has been mentioned in the Admit card. Staggered Exit time will be decided by the Centre concerned. Candidates and parents will follow these timings strictly

Address for communication:
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