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No winner yet, outcome hinges on 4 states

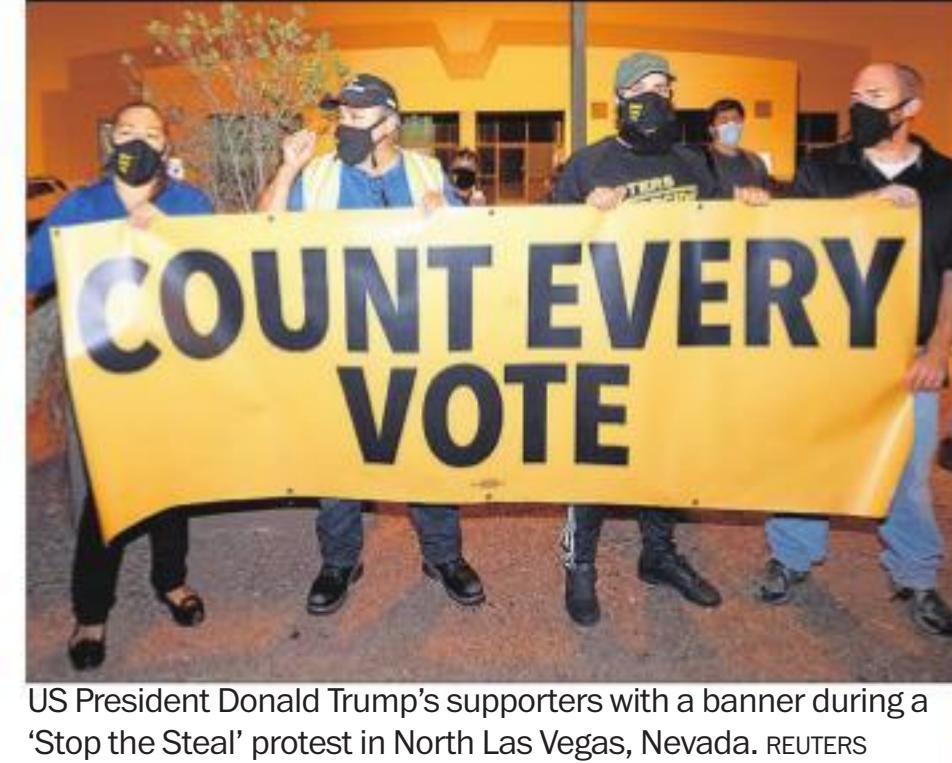
Biden inches closer to victory, claims US media | Team Trump cries foul over counting in three states

WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 5

Weary Americans will have to wait for some more time to know the clear winner of the closely fought election between Republican President Donald Trump and his Democratic rival Joe Biden, as the final outcome hinged on four states on Thursday where a flood of mail-in ballots triggered by the Covid pandemic was still being counted.

Two days after the presidential poll, Biden is nearing the magic figure of 270 electoral votes to win the race to the White House, with the former US Vice-President bagging 253 votes compared to 213 won by Trump, according to latest US media projections.

Projections on Wednesday put Biden as the winner in



US President Donald Trump's supporters with a banner during a 'Stop the Steal' protest in North Las Vegas, Nevada. REUTERS

Michigan and Wisconsin, two states Trump won in 2016. "Every vote must be counted. Keep the faith, guys. We're gonna win," he tweeted.

An hour later, Trump tweeted, "Stop the count!"

The results in Georgia, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and Nevada are yet to be declared

STATES THAT HOLD KEY TO THE WHITE HOUSE

■ The final outcome in the US Prez race hinges on four states where a flood of mail-in ballots, triggered by Covid pandemic, remains to be counted

DONALD TRUMP 213 JOE BIDEN 253

MAGIC NUMBER 270 | VOTES IN ELECTORAL COLLEGE 538

TRUMP FILES LAWSUIT

■ Trump campaign filed a lawsuit in Georgia to ensure late arriving ballots are not counted

■ Trump's campaign said they would seek a recount in Wisconsin; projections put Biden as winner here

■ Police in Portland arrest 11 armed persons

RECORD VOTES FOR BIDEN

■ 72 mn votes for Biden, the most won by any presidential candidate ever

■ 68 mn votes for Trump, 4 million more than he gained in 2016

BUMPY ROAD AHEAD

If victorious, Biden faces a tough battle to govern, with Republicans appearing poised to keep control of the US Senate

MARKET BUOYANT

Stock index futures jumped as investors bet that potential gridlock could reduce the chance of major policy changes

To reach the magic figure of 270 to claim victory, Trump must win all the four remaining battleground states. Biden could reach the 270 vote threshold if he holds onto his leads in Arizona and Nevada. Trump, however, still has a

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Reverse decision on Kartarpur Sahib: MEA

Shrine control given to trust



PAK REJECTS OBJECTION

Rejecting the Indian objection, the Pakistan Foreign Office said the gurdwara remained under the control of PSGPC, which was responsible for carrying out rituals as per the Sikh "rehat maryada". It said the Project Management Unit under the Evacuee Trust Property Board had been created only to facilitate the PSGPC in this regard.

"This unilateral decision by Pakistan is highly condemnable and runs against the spirit of the Kartarpur Sahib corridor as also religious sentiments of the Sikh community at large," the Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement.

Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee (DSCMC) president Manjinder Singh Sirsa led a delegation to meet joint secretary of the Pakistan Desk this afternoon. —TNS

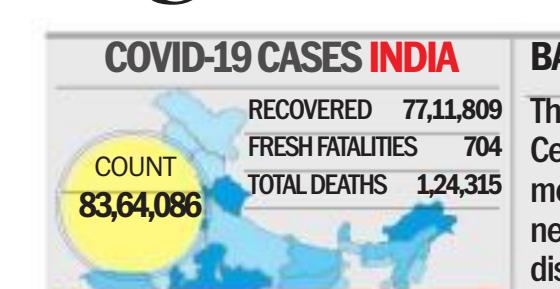
Covid resurgence: Over 50K cases in a day

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 5

The first signs of a Covid-19 surge during festivals appeared today with daily new infections breaching the 50,000-mark after 11 days.

The country saw 50,210 new cases in 24 hours. Cases had remained below 50,000 between October 26 and November 4, dropping to 36,470 on October 27 after 105 days.

The consolation was a



steady trajectory of sustained fall in active cases that remained below 6 lakh for

BAN DISINFECTION TUNNELS

The apex court has asked the Centre to ban or regulate, within a month, the use of disinfection tunnels spraying chemical or organic disinfectants on humans. Similar directions might be issued on exposure of humans to artificial ultraviolet rays, the court added.

the seventh day today.

A steep rise in Covid cases during festivals is being wit-

nessed in Kerala and Delhi that reported 8,516 and 6,842 cases, respectively, today.

Health Minister Harsh Vardhan held a review meeting with Delhi LG Anil Baijal and state Health Minister Satyendra Jain and flagged that Delhi's recovery rate (89%) was lower than the national average, while the death rate (1.71%) was higher than the national average. —TNS

12 more die in two dists, toll rises to 42

MUKESH TANDON

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PANIPAT/SONEPAT, NOVEMBER 5

With seven deaths in two Panipat villages and five more in Sonepat, the toll in the suspected spurious liquor tragedy across the two Haryana districts climbed to 42 today.

The deaths in Panipat were reported from Dhansoli and Nanglapur villages of Sanoli belt. In Sonepat, 30 deaths had already been reported over the past four days while the five deaths today occurred in Gumar village.

An official said viscera samples of the deceased had been sent for forensic examination to ascertain the exact cause of the deaths. "The process may take a month," he said.



HOSTAGE DRAMA

25 patwaris and 16 panchayat secretaries were held hostage by protesting farmers at Bahadurpur village in Sangrur on Thursday.

Hry Bill on 75% job quota for locals cleared

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 5

The Haryana Assembly today passed the Bill for providing 75 per cent job reservation to locals in the private sector. The Haryana State Employment of Local Candidates Bill, 2020, was passed amid protests by a section of legislators, including Ram Kumar Gautam, the JJP MLA from Narnaund.

Gautam said the Bill would set a bad precedent and if other states followed suit, Haryanavis would be barred from jobs there. Congress' BB Batra said the Bill violated the right to equality in employment.

Chief Minister ML Khattar said the Bill would go a long way in providing jobs to the local youth. INSIDE

The officials were freed late in the evening on the promise that no action would be initiated against the farmers for stubble burning.

Dry spell hits HP power generation

SUBHASH RAJTA

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, NOVEMBER 5

A prolonged dry spell in Himachal Pradesh has hit power generation. According to the Himachal Pradesh State Load Dispatch Centre, all stations connected to the State Transmission Utility network generated 348 million units in October com-

cial said. September recorded 77 per cent less rainfall than normal while October was almost dry.

A mere 348 million units of power was generated in October. While the generation has declined, the demand has spiked. Compared to a demand of 800 million units in October last year, it was 880 million units this October. "The shortfall could be attributed to poor rainfall in the past two months," an offi-



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'My last election' says Nitish, creates flutter

Final phase: 78 seats across 19 Bihar dists



NOT WITH YOGI ON CAA

VIBHA SHARMA

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 5

Ahead of the last phase of the Bihar Assembly elections, the campaigning for which came to an end today, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar created a flutter, saying these were his "last elections".

Addressing a rally at Dhamdaha in Purnia district, the JD(U) chief made an emotional appeal to people, saying: "Today is the last day of electioneering. Polling will take place day after tomorrow. This is my last election." While his opponents termed it an "admission of defeat", the BJP said it was his personal view.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in an open letter, said the Nitish Kumar-led government would ensure that there were no obstructions in the state's development. "I have full faith that the power of 'double engine' will take Bihar to new heights in this decade," he said. BJP president JP Nadda, while addressing a rally, cited US elections to tell how PM Modi's "right decision at the right time saved India from the onslaught of Covid".

HE CAN'T HANDLE IT

Nitish Kumar has realised he cannot handle Bihar. Today, he has understood the ground reality and decided to quit. Tejashwi Yadav, RJD



Members of various farm unions stage protests by blocking national highways in Bathinda and Amritsar districts on Thursday. TRIBUNE PHOTOS: PAWAN SHARMA & VISHAL KUMAR

Chakka jam brings life to halt in state

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 5
The 'chakka jam' organised by farm unions was a success with hundreds of farmers blocking all national and state highways, besides other important link roads in the state.

The farm unions were responding to a call for a nationwide bandh given by the All-India Kisan Sangharsh Committee, wherein over 300 farm unions across the country are learnt to have responded by blocking roads for five hours today. The farmers are protesting against the three laws enacted by the BJP-led government, and are demanding that these be revoked as the laws "favour corporates".

Jagmohan Singh Patiala, general secretary of BKU (Dakaunda), said, "We are now going to prepare for our rally in Delhi on November 26-27. Most clearances for the rally have already been obtained."

Farmers blocked roads at various points in Bathinda and Mansa districts as part of the nationwide protest



Farmers block the Amritsar-Ludhiana national highway in Jalandhar on Thursday. MALKIAT SINGH

against the three farm laws. The farmers had called for a blockade to national and state highways in the state.

Residents put up a poster in Behniwali village in Mansa district boycotting the entry of politicians. Tension erupted during a protest at Kanhaiya Chowk on the Bathinda-Amritsar national highway as Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) workers headed by district president Navdeep Singh Jeeda reached there to participate in the protest. A heat-

ed spat took place between farmers and AAP leaders as the former accused the AAP workers of staging a parallel protest. However, AAP leaders denied doing any such thing.

A massive protest was witnessed on the railway track leading to Talwandi Sabo Thermal Plant at Baniwala in Mansa district. The protest was headed by senior vice-president of BKU (Ekta Ugrahan) Jhanda Singh Jethuke.

Talking to *The Tribune*, Jethuke said, "All parties

are playing politics on the issue. Why can't these parties stage a protest in Delhi? Today, we put up road blockades at 35 places, including Sangrur, Bathinda, Mansa, Barnala, Patiala and Ludhiana."

In Patiala, a huge gathering of farmers was witnessed at the thermal power plant in Rajpura while protests were also held at over 12 places, including Shutranja, Passiana,

HIGHWAYS BLOCKED, COMMUTERS SUFFER

■ **Ludhiana:** All three main highways around the city — Ludhiana-Chandigarh Road, Jalandhar-Ludhiana GT Road (NH-44) and Ludhiana-Ferozepur Road (NH-95) — remained blocked for over four hours with traffic going haywire

■ **Motorists, private vehicles, buses and trucks** remained stranded on the highways and commuters had to face a lot of inconvenience during the stir

Samana, Kalyan village and Baran villages. The protest also received support from students, teachers of universities and others.

Women and children also participated in huge numbers in the nationwide protest.

Sucha Singh of BKU (Dakaunda) said, "The protest received good response from everyone. All unions of Haryana and Punjab will hold a meeting and decide the next step in this regard on November 14."

In Ferozepur, farmers blocked the National Highway-54 near Bangali Bridge and the Ferozepur-Fazilka GT Road near Guddardandi village in Guruharsahai subdivision.

In Muktsar, a large number of farmers gathered at Lambi village, Bathinda Chowk in Malout town, Bharu Chowk in Gidderbaba, Markfed factory in Gidderbaba and near a private petrol station on the Malout-Bathinda highway and protested against the farm laws. Similar protests were seen in other districts as well.



Had gone to get 2 officials released in Bahadurpur village

ROW OVER FARM FIRES

■ We released all officials in the evening after the SDM promised us that there will be no FIR against any farmer for stubble burning.

Bhupinder Longowal, Kirti Kisan Union

not allow us to leave the fields and misbehaved with us," said Didar Singh, Sangrur district president of the Patwari Union.

Sangrur BDPO Lenin Garg said he, along with 16 panchayat secretaries, were in illegal confinement and trying to convince farmers.

"We have nothing personal against any farmer. Farmers should understand the importance of environment and shun stubble burning," Garg said.

Sangrur Deputy Commissioner Ramvir said, "The senior officials should not have gone to Bahadurpur together as it created a problem for us. Farmers should understand that officials are only working on the directions of the Supreme Court to prevent stubble burning."

The officials were finally released late evening. "We have released all officials after the Sangrur SDM promised us that there will be no FIR against any farmer for stubble burning," said Bhupinder Longowal, state convener of the Kirti Kisan Union.

Patwaris and secretaries were forced to sit among farmers, who raised slogans against the Punjab Government. Despite repeated requests, the farmers did not release them while the number of protesting farmers increased in the evening.

"At least 21 patwaris of the Sangrur tehsil reached here to get released patwari Rakesh Kumar. We later called naib tehsildar KK Mittal but the farmers did



Rajya Sabha MPs Partap Singh Bajwa and Shamsher Singh Dullo address the media in New Delhi on Thursday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

4 Cong MPs walk out of meet with Goyal

ADITI TANDON & RAJMEET SINGH
Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI/CHANDIGARH, NOV 5
Four Congress MPs from Punjab today walked out of a meeting with Union Railway Minister Piyush Goyal after heated discussions over the genesis of the ongoing farmers' agitation which has led to disruption of rail traffic in Punjab.

Amritsar MP Gurjot Ajula and Ludhiana MP Ravneet Singh Bittu were the first to walk out of the meeting after the minister said the Punjab Government had prodded the protesters and provoked them into persisting with the agitation. MPs Mohammad Sadique and Santokh Choudhary followed Ajula and Bittu and left the meeting with Goyal.

Speaking to *The Tribune*, Ajula said, "What the minister said was not acceptable to us. We went to him seeking redress of an urgent issue impacting Punjab, but he accused the state government of backing the agitation. The farmers are holding spontaneous protests because they feel their livelihoods are being threatened. What does the Punjab Government have to do with this?" Ajula told

BAJWA, DULLO HOLD SEPARATE MEETING
Fractionalism and lack of coordination in the Punjab Congress surfaced on Thursday when Rajya Sabha MPs of the party — Partap Singh Bajwa and SS Dullo — separately met Piyush Goyal on the same issue

The Tribune today, adding that Congress MPs from Punjab objected to the minister's "intimidating and threatening tone" on the issue and four of them walked out.

Ajula said the rest were about to leave but eventually stayed. "We told the minister that the Punjab Government was doing all it could within the remits of peace to end the farmers' agitation and could not possibly beat up or book them. That would further precipitate the crisis. We told the Railway Minister that his threatening tone and punitive actions were not helping," Ajula said.

MP Manish Tewari, however, said no walkout as such had been staged. Candid discussion took place between the Railway Minister and MPs, he said.

After govt's assurance, Rlys may resume services today

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI/CHANDIGARH, NOV 5
The Railways today said it had got an assurance from the Punjab Government that the blockade of rail tracks by agitators in the state would be removed by Friday morning.

Once done, train services would resume, the Railways said, adding it was fully prepared for it.

Addressing a virtual press conference late in the evening, Railway Board Chairman and CEO VK Yadav promised a BJP delegation from Punjab that the Centre was ready to resume railway services in the state if Chief Minister Amarinder Singh

fully ready to start passenger and goods trains."

Earlier, Union Railways Minister Piyush Goyal promised a BJP delegation from Punjab that the Centre was ready to resume railway services in the state if Chief Minister Amarinder Singh

could assure that no damage to railway property and staff would be done by the protesting farmers. The delegation of 22 members included national BJP general secretary Tarun Chugh and state president of party unit Ashwani Sharma.

Launch campaign for MSP on all crops, Kejri tells state unit

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 5
Senior leaders of the Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) Punjab unit today met the party's national convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal at his office and discussed in detail the contentious Central farm laws and their implications in the long run.

The meeting was attended by Member of Parliament Bhagwant Mann, Leader of Opposition Harpal Singh Cheema and others.

As per information, Kejriwal asked the entire Punjab leadership of the party to stand behind the

SUPPORT FARMERS

■ It is immaterial as to who pays the MSP. What farmers need is a legal guarantee of purchase of their produce at the MSP fixed by the Centre.

**Arvind Kejriwal,
AAP NATIONAL CONVENER**

on all crops. He said, "It is immaterial who pays the MSP on their crops. What they need is a legal guarantee of purchase of their produce at the MSP fixed by the Centre." Kejriwal said if the Modi government dragged its feet on guaranteeing the MSP, the Capt Amarinder Singh government should enact a law to bring the MSP regime under the legal ambit.

Kejriwal asked the AAP leadership of Punjab to launch a massive campaign across the state, stressing the need for legal guarantee of MSP to farmers, saying the party would go to any extent to fight for their rights.

Jakhar: MLAs to hold relay dharna post Diwali

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 5
Sunil Jakhar, president of the Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee (PPCC), today announced that the state Congress would start a series of protests after Diwali at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi against the "anti-farmer" laws passed by the Union Government.

Jakhar said, "The primary aim of the protest is to give a wake-up call to the Centre, which is hell bent upon breaking the backbone of the agrarian economy of the state with castigating effects on crop growers. 'Punjab is an agrarian economy. Ruining farmers will affect the entire state,' he said, adding that under the series of protests, the party MLAs would sit on a dharna turnwise at Jantar Mantar every day.

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Goods stuck, importers face heavy losses

OUR CORRESPONDENT

FATEHGHARI SAHIB, NOVEMBER 5
The 'rail roko' agitation of farmers has not only caused acute shortage of raw material for the iron and steel industry, but has also caused heavy losses to the government as well as importers.

Thousands of containers carrying imported scrap have been in transit since September from a sea port to Ludhiana but nobody knows where the trains carrying these containers are stationed and when will they reach the Ludhiana Container Freight Station. The shortage has also caused a setback to the domestic industry, particularly in Mandi Gobindgarh, which is Asia's largest steel town. "The trade and industry in Punjab is already under tremendous pressure due to the Covid-19



Containers carrying scrap lying at a port. TRIBUNE PHOTO

INDUSTRY UNDER TREMENDOUS PRESSURE

■ The industry is already under tremendous pressure due to the pandemic and now, the ongoing protest by farmers has brought almost everything to a standstill. Ishu Bansal, PRESIDENT, NORTH INDIA IMPORTERS' ASSOCIATION

pandemic and now, the ongoing protest by farmers has brought almost everything to a standstill," said Ishu Bansal, president of the North India Importers' Association.

He said the protesting farmers were not allowing movement of goods, which was causing delay in shipments and timely deliveries of consignments to their overseas clients. This may result in cancellation of import orders and would also affect their future prospects. He said approximately 4,000 export containers were stuck at various points across Punjab.

He said due to the ongoing situation, traders had requested the Railways to return their containers from the trains so that the same could be sent via roads, but no one had heeded their request.

Varsities, colleges to reopen from Nov 16



TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 5
The Punjab Government has decided to reopen universities and colleges in areas outside containment zones from November 16.

An official spokesperson said classes for final year students of universities and colleges under the medical education and research department would commence from November 9.

He said all these institutions should strictly observe the standard operating pro-

cedures to be framed by their respective administrative departments in consultation with the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Punjab, and the ministry concerned of the Central Government.

Earlier, the Punjab Government had given permission to open higher education institutions for research scholars (PhD) and postgraduate students in science and technology streams requiring laboratories/experimental works in areas outside containment zones after October 15.

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

FARIDKOT, NOVEMBER 5
All medical, dental, ayurveda and nursing college students will have to undergo Covid-19 test as the educational institutions are set to reopen from November 16.

In a letter to principals, Director, Medical Education Department, issued guidelines for the reopening of these institutions.

Before getting entry into hostels and institutes, over 13,000 students will have to get tested. "Covid test is a must to prevent further infection," wrote the Director.

The department has asked the institutes to ensure that every student is provided with single accommodation.



Over 13,000 students will have to get tested

All members in the hostel kitchen should also be tested for Covid-19.

There should be proper distancing in the kitchen and students be allowed to take food to their rooms. No outsider will be allowed in the hostel or kitchen.

In classrooms too, social distancing is a must. Wearing

masks is compulsory for the students and practical classes will be held in small groups.

The students have to submit their Covid-19 test report to the hostel warden on arrival and will sign an undertaking before occupying the hostel room. As per this undertaking, the students have to report to the hostel authorities on getting any Covid-19-related symptoms.

During their stay on the campus, if a student contracts the infection, the college authorities and administration will not be held responsible. The students will not use four-wheelers in the college or hostel campus and pillion riding won't be allowed either. They can't

get food from outside.

IIT-Ropar to continue online classes

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

ROPAR, NOVEMBER 5

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Ropar, has decided to continue online classes during the new semester to be started from November 18. The new semester, however, will be divided into a trimester.

IIT-Ropar director Sarit K Das said extensive plans had been made to impart online education to new B.Tech students. "This is a special semester divided into a trimester as the Covid-19 situation has made teaching different where departments, academic section, role of faculty adviser and IT section come into the picture," he said.

New semester commences from November 18

As per the senate guidelines for semester 2020-21, all undergraduate and postgraduate students will be attending classes from home.

Dr Das said the registration of new B.Tech students would start from November 11 while the induction programme for UG students and department orientation for them would be from November 12 to November 17. The first trimester will end on January 29. Similarly, the second trimesters will begin on January 30 and third on April 3.

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Pak flayed over transfer of Kartarpur shrine mgmt

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

AMRITSAR, NOVEMBER 5

At a time when the Pakistan Sikh Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (PSGPC) was all set to celebrate the first anniversary of the inauguration of the historic Gurdwara Kartarpur corridor on November 9, the Pakistan government's move to snub its Sikh body in managing the control of the Shrine has not gone down well with the Indian Sikh gurdwara bodies.

However, PSGPC president Satwant Singh observed this development as "nothing new", but an administrative set up which was being "projected wrongly".

An official Pakistan government notification issued on November 3 speaks about

forming a project management unit (PMU), Kartarpur Corridor, run under Evacuee Trust Property Board (ETPB). Ironically, the additional secretary (shrines) ETPB Mohammad Tariq Khan headed eight member PMU has no Sikh on its panel.

Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Kartarpur is probably the first Sikh shrine for which the PMU was constituted.

Talking to The Tribune, Satwant Singh said, "The ETPB manages technical and security aspects of religious properties and all Sikh and Hindu shrines in Pakistan. The PSGPC is liable to maintain the rituals and Sikh 'rehat maryada' of gurdwaras and organise religious occasions.

After weeks of decline, spike in cases, deaths

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 5
After continuous decline in number of Covid cases and deaths for almost two weeks, the state is witnessing a spike in cases as well as deaths. On Thursday, the state reported 541 cases and 22 deaths in the last 24 hours. Till last week, the number of cases had come down to 300 and deaths to a single digit.

As per the media bulletin released on Thursday, with fresh cases the total number of cases has reached 1,35,834 and number of deaths reached 4,281.

In district-wise breakup of cases, Jalandhar topped the chart with 73 cases, followed by Ludhiana (69), SAS Nagar (65), Bathinda (44) and Patiala (39).

The number of active cases also witnessed an increase and has reached 4,621. Similarly, the number of critical cases has also increased as at



A health worker collects swab sample in Nawanshahr. MALIKAT SINGH

present 125 patients are on oxygen support and 12 are critical and on ventilator support. As far as deaths are concerned, the state reported 22 deaths in the last 24 hours. In district-wise breakup, SAS

Nagar topped the chart with six deaths, followed by Faridkot and Jalandhar (four each), Ludhiana (two) and Ropar, Ferozepur, Gurdaspur, Hoshiarpur, Kapurthala and Amritsar (one each).

COVID CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS	DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Ludhiana	20,579	845	Moga	2,489	81
Jalandhar	15,459	477	Fatehgarh Sahib	2,179	102
Amritsar	11,996	461	Tarn Taran	2,014	90
Patiala	12,961	382	Kapurthala	4,121	169
Sangrur	3,984	168	Fazilka	3,151	51
SAS Nagar	12,627	244	SBS Nagar	1,944	65
Gurdaspur	6,950	201	Faridkot	3,295	62
Bathinda	7,332	152	Barnala	2,094	52
Hoshiarpur	6,328	216	Ropar	2,525	120
Ferozepur	4,242	127	Muktsar	3,095	65
Pathankot	4,513	115	Mansa	1,956	36
Total		13,5834	4,281		

IAS OFFICER TESTS POSITIVE

■ Chandigarh: A principal secretary with the state government, who attended an event to mark Maharishi Valmiki's birthday on Saturday, has been tested positive for Covid-19. Since Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh was also part of the function, he cancelled his address to the people of the state slated for 7 pm on Thursday. TNS

541 CASES, 22 DEATHS IN 24 HOURS

■ On Thursday, the state reported 541 cases and 22 deaths. Until last week, the number of cases was 300 and deaths had come down to a single digit. ■ The number of active cases also witnessed an increase and reached 4,621. As many as 125 patients are on oxygen support.

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Dean, Academic Affairs

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Tender Reference No.

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Closing Date and Time : Technical Bid 20.11.2020, 05:00 p.m.

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1. Name : _____

2. Date of Birth : _____

3. Qualification : (Please enclose attested copy)

4. Experience : _____

5. Residence & clinic Address & telephone number, Cell No. & email Id :

For Further Details Mail on email id: [bjjha@indianoil.in](mailto:bkjha@indianoil.in), satwinders@indianoil.in

General Manager

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It is notified for the information that my migration certificate and Class 10th original marks statement of Examination result year 2020 bearing index No. 1207427/060, UID-7162948 issued by (ICSE) Board has been actually lost. Parteek Singh Rana s/o Sh. Balwinder Singh Rana r/o Village Upper Barol, Tehsil Dhamrashala, Distt. Kangra (HP). (CL20060191)

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I, Sandeep Kaur w/o Jagdish Singh r/o New Basti Badunger, Near Gurdwara Shaib Patiala, have changed my name after marriage to Charanjit Kaur. (CL20059864)

I, Sahil s/o Ranbir Singh r/o Village Jani, District Karnal, have changed my name from Sahil to Sahil Singh for all future purposes. (CL20059967)

I, Suman Devi w/o Rajesh Kumar r/o H. NO-57, VPO-Behlana, Near Old Airport, Chandigarh have changed my name to Suman. (CL20059978)

I, Jaspal Singh S/o Dalbir Singh R/o Village Taipur Tehsil Patran (Patiala) changed my son name from Ametoj Singh Josan to Ametoj Singh. (CL20060041)

I, Pal Kaur w/o Harpreet Singh, Chand Chahal, Street No. 11, Dashmesh Nagar, Mansa have changed my name to Jaspal Kaur. (CL20060102)

I, Kiran Manhas w/o Ex. No. 13217454-K Rank: Late Ex. Naik (TS) Amar Jit Singh, VPO- Deoli, Tehsil-Ghanari, Distt. Um (HP), in Army documents my daughter's name be corrected as Priya Manhas instead of Pria and DoB 15.05.1985 instead of 15.04.1985. (CL20060196)

I, Pradip Kaur widow of Army No. 6617130 Rank Ex-Sepoy Chanan Singh r/o H.No. 56, Street No. 3, Air Avenue, New Kheri Gujran, Patiala-147001, declare that my name & date of birth recorded in my husband's service documents as Pradeep Kaur & 14.03.1950 respectively. These may please be corrected as Pradip Kaur & 05.03.1953. All concerned please note. (CL20059621)

COURT NOTICE

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)
In the Court of
Sh. Ranjan Kumar Khullar
Additional Principal Judge,
Family Court, Hoshiarpur.

Sukhwinder Pal aged 38 years s/o Sh. Madan Lal r/o Village Bassi Jalal, Tehsil Dasuya, Distt. Hoshiarpur. ...Petitioner

Vs.
Sukhwinder Kaur w/o Sukhwinder Pal d/o Sh. Gurdev Singh r/o Tia Mohalla, Noor Mahal, Distt. Jalandhar, presently at 16, Northumberland Road, Southampton, U.K.

...Respondent
Petition U/S 13 of Hindu Marriage Act.

CNR No.: PBHO01-006653-2017
Next Date: 25.11.2020

Publication Issued to:

Sukhwinder Kaur

Father: Gurdev Singh

Wife of Sukhwinder Pal r/o Tia Mohalla, Noor Mahal, Distt. Jalandhar, presently at 16, Northumberland Road, Southampton, U.K.

In above titled case, the defendant(s)/ respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/ respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 14.12.2020 at 10:00 a.m.

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Dated, this day of 12.10.2020.

Sd/- Additional Principal Judge,

CL19182506 Family Court, Hoshiarpur.

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Dated, this day of 30.09.2020.

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Additional Principal Judge,

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ASSEMBLY IN SESSION

Bill on 75% quota for locals in pvt sector passed

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 5 Amid protests by certain legislators, the Vidhan Sabha on Thursday passed a Bill for reservation of 75 per cent jobs in the private sector for Haryana residents.

The Haryana State Employment of Local Candidates Bill 2020 was passed in the teeth of sharp criticism from certain members, including Ram Kumar Gautam, JJP legislator from Narnaul.

Terming the Bill against national integration, Gautam asserted that it would set a bad precedent as other states would follow in the footsteps of the state and bar Haryanavis from employment in their respective states.

Congress MLA BB Batra quoted the Constitution to assert that it violated the right to equality of citizens in matters of employment. He wondered whether the Bill would stand judicial scrutiny.

Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said it would go a long way in providing employment to the local youth, adding that states such as Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra had enacted similar laws.

Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala noted that the influx of a large number of migrant labour to compete for low-paid jobs had an adverse impact on local infrastructure and housing, resulting in mushrooming of slums.

The Bill seeks to provide 75 per cent quota for locals in jobs with a monthly salary up to Rs 50,000 in private companies, trusts, societies, limited liability firms, partnership firms and other persons employing more than 10 persons.

The Bill, initially enacted for 10 years, caps the quota of any district in employment at 10 per cent. The provision was opposed by Leader of Opposition Bhupinder Singh Hooda and Neeraj Sharma, Congress MLA from Faridabad.

23 more die; 2,064 cases

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 5 With 2,064 cases, the total Covid cases in the state went up to 1,76,146 on Thursday. The death toll reached 1,359 with 23 more deaths.

Gurugram reported a maximum of 555 cases, followed by Faridabad (372), Hisar (192), Sonepat (129) and Rewari (108).

Fatehabad reported a maximum of four deaths, followed by Gurugram, Bhiwani and Jind (3 each), Faridabad, Ambala and Rohtak (2 each) and Panchkula, Kurukshetra, Hisar and Sirsa (1 each).

COVID-19 CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Gurugram	32,565	222
Faridabad	26,843	257
Hisar	11,011	142
Sonepat	10,477	52
Ambala	9,090	113
Karnal	8,429	117
Rohtak	8,242	81
Rewari	8,168	38
Panipat	8,117	101
Panchkula	7,314	117
Kurukshetra	6,893	105
Sirsia	5,690	81
Mahendragarh	5,216	7
Yamunanagar	5,174	108
Bhiwani	4,092	62
Jhajjar	3,851	37
Palwal	3,466	21
Fatehabad	3,249	64
Kaithal	3,013	43
Jind	2,922	57
Nuh	1,309	26
Charkhi Dadri	1,015	8
Total	176,146	1,859

EWS candidates get 5-year age relaxation in police jobs

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 5 On a day that saw two ministers targeted for coming "ill-prepared", Chief Minister

Manohar Lal Khattar, stealing the thunder from Home Minister Anil Vij, announced five-year relaxation for can-

candidates of the EWS category in police recruitment.

Khattar made the announcement during Ques-

tion Hour after resumption of proceedings. He was responding to a question by JJP MLA Ram Kumar Gau-

tam, who sought to know if the government was consider-

ing any relaxation. Earlier, Vij, replying to the legislator,

said it was a good suggestion and could be considered.

Transport Minister Mool Chand Sharma and Agricul-

ture Minister JP Dalal were in the line of fire for failing to give "satisfactory replies" to questions. —TNS

FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2020

In order to clear extra rush of passengers during Deepawali and Chhath Puja Festivals, Northern Railway has planned to run the following Festival Special Trains as per schedule given below:-
Passengers are requested to note that all these Festival Special Trains will have reserved accommodation only. Passengers are therefore requested to get their accommodation (berths/seats) booked beforehand. Passengers having reserved tickets will only be allowed to enter the platform to board the train.

LIST OF FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS ORIGINATING/TERMINATING IN NORTHERN RAILWAY

Spl. Train No.	Station From	Dept. Time	Station to	Arr. Time	Frequency / Day	Period
04998	Bathinda	20:50	Varanasi Junction	16:30	SUN	Up to 29.11.20
04997	Varanasi Junction	21:20	Bathinda	16:50	MON	Up to 30.11.20
04612	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	23:30	Varanasi Junction	23:35	SUN	Up to 29.11.20
04611	Varanasi Junction	06:35	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	06:50	TUE	Up to 01.12.20
04422	Anand Vihar Terminal	20:20	Lucknow	04:20	WED, FRI, SUN	10.11.20 to 29.11.20
04421	Lucknow	21:20	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:45	MON, THU, SAT	09.11.20 to 25.11.20
04924	Chandigarh	23:15	Gorakhpur	16:00	THU	Up to 26.11.20
04923	Gorakhpur	22:10	Chandigarh	14:15	FRI	Up to 27.11.20
04090	Anand Vihar Terminal	16:55	Bhagalpur	11:00	MON, WED, FRI	Up to 30.11.20
04089	Bhagalpur	13:30	Anand Vihar Terminal	08:20	TUE, THU, SAT	Up to 01.12.20
04012	Anand Vihar Terminal	07:30	Jogbani	08:30	TUE, FRI	Up to 27.11.20
04011	Jogbani	20:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	21:00	WED, SAT	Up to 28.11.20
02237	Varanasi Junction	12:40	Jammu Tawi	11:05	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
02238	Jammu Tawi	14:00	Varanasi Junction	12:30		Up to 01.12.20
02231	Lucknow	22:25	Chandigarh	10:05	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
02232	Chandigarh	21:05	Lucknow	08:30		Up to 01.12.20
04092	New Delhi	09:20	Jaynagar	11:15	WED, SAT	Up to 28.11.20
04091	Jaynagar	15:30	New Delhi	19:30	THU, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
04030	Delhi Junction	13:45	Muzaffarpur Junction	08:00	WED, SAT	Up to 28.11.20
04029	Muzaffarpur Junction	15:30	Delhi Junction	10:30	THU, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
04624	Amritsar Junction	05:45	Saharsa Junction	10:30	WED, SAT	Up to 28.11.20
04623	Saharsa Junction	14:30	Amritsar Junction	19:45	THU, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
04656	Firozpur Cantt	19:00	Patna Junction	21:25	FRI	Up to 27.11.20
04655	Patna Junction	23:25	Firozpur Cantt	23:55	SAT	Up to 28.11.20
04084	Delhi Junction	23:00	Katihar Junction	22:00	FRI	Up to 27.11.20
04083	Katihar Junction	23:50	Delhi Junction	22:50	SAT	Up to 28.11.20
04401	New Delhi	23:50	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	11:35	MON, THU	09.11.20 to 30.11.20
04402	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	23:30	New Delhi	11:15	TUE, FRI	10.11.20 to 01.12.20
04418	H. Nizamuddin	21:35	Pune	21:25	TUE	Up to 24.11.20
04417	Pune	05:15	H. Nizamuddin	05:35	THU	Up to 26.11.20
02422	Jammu Tawi	18:10	Ajmer Junction	12:20	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
02421	Ajmer Junction	14:05	Jammu Tawi	08:15		Up to 01.12.20
04041	Delhi Junction	22:25	Dehradun	08:25	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
04042	Dehradun	21:20	Delhi Junction	07:25		Up to 01.12.20
02448	H. Nizamuddin	20:10	Manikpur Junction	08:45	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
02447	Manikpur Junction	17:05	H. Nizamuddin	05:25		Up to 01.12.20
04515	Kalka	12:10	Shimla	17:20	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
04516	Shimla	10:40	Kalka	16:10		Up to 01.12.20
04854	Jodhpur Junction	09:10	Varanasi Junction	10:30	MON, THU, SAT	Up to 30.11.20
04853	Varanasi Junction	17:15	Jodhpur Junction	18:50	MON, WED, SAT	Up to 30.11.20
04864	Jodhpur Junction	09:10	Varanasi Junction	08:45	TUE, FRI, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
04863	Varanasi Junction	18:15	Jodhpur Junction	18:50	TUE, FRI, SUN	Up to 01.12.20
04866	Jodhpur Junction	09:10	Varanasi Junction	08:50	WED	Up to 25.11.20
04865	Varanasi Junction	18:15	Jodhpur Junction	18:50	THU	Up to 26.11.20
05115	Chhapra	11:15	Delhi Junction	11:20	SAT	Up to 28.11.20
05116	Delhi Junction	14:00	Chhapra	13:20	SUN	Up to 29.11.20
02581	Manduadih	22:30	New Delhi	12:15	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
02582	New Delhi	22:35	Manduadih	11:10		Up to 01.12.20
06229	Mysore Junction	07:20	Varanasi Junction	12:00	TUE, THU	Up to 26.11.20
06230	Varanasi Junction	21:05	Mysore Junction	02:35	THU, SAT	Up to 28.11.20
07323	Hubballi Junction	17:50	Varanasi Junction	12:00	FRI	Up to 27.11.20
07324	Varanasi Junction	21:05	Hubballi Junction	13:00	SUN	Up to 29.11.20
02587	Gorakhpur	14:20	Jammu Tawi	13:10	MON	Up to 23.11.20
02588	Jammu Tawi	22:45	Gorakhpur	20:30	SAT	Up to 28.11.20
05097	Bhagalpur	23:50	Jammu Tawi	13:10	THU	Up to 26.11.20
05098	Jammu Tawi	22:45	Bhagalpur	10:15	TUE	Up to 24.11.20
05251	Darbhanga Junction	03:25	Jalandhar City	05:10	SAT	Up to 28.11.20
05252	Jalandhar City	09:50	Darbhanga Junction	11:35	SUN	Up to 29.11.20
02397	Gaya	14:15	New Delhi	04:30	Daily	Up to 30.11

The Tribune

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Contested election

Race for White House faces legal challenge

JOE BIDEN has won more votes than any other presidential candidate in US history, but the race for the White House is not decided on the basis of popular votes. Securing the magic mark of 270 electoral college votes, too, it seems, may not be enough to his being declared as Donald Trump's successor just yet. The incumbent President has already announced his intention to mount an intensive legal challenge and fall back upon any permissible recourse to ensure he is not robbed of a second term, as he puts it. The United States of America was a deeply divided country going into the polls, and the split down the middle has only widened, not narrowed, with a cliffhanger of a result. Like in 2016, Trump has proved the pollsters wrong with a strong showing. His critics did get it right when he could not resist making a premature victory claim. The reluctance to concede defeat had long been predicted.

The delayed and slow vote count has led to comparisons being made with the election process in India. Each has its merits and flaws, but what is underscored is the importance of every vote. It is not over until it is over — till every vote is counted, and in the case of the US, every legal hurdle cleared. Institutions in the country, as also in several other democracies, are being tested as they confront polarisation and divisive politics. A contested election that amplifies the confusion and disorder cannot be considered a model for democracy. A calming influence can only come from those at the centre of the political stage. That's the hope.

Key federal and state elections this year featured a record number of Indian-American candidates, with several registering victories that mark a watershed for the community. Even as Kamala Harris' fate as the next Vice President hangs in the balance, four other members of the 'samosa caucus' have been re-elected to the House of Representatives.

Yamuna plundered

Citizen activism helps net illegal miners

TWO instances of the past fortnight give an encouraging glimpse of efforts to contain the menace of illegal sand mining in the Yamunanagar area. Alert local residents and river activists have red-flagged the authorities about two firms indulging in this environmentally hazardous activity. The two errant companies have been booked for the violations. But the law enforcers need to use the evidence of the incriminating pictures and videos to tighten the screws on the culprits and conclusively nail them. The visuals of deployment of heavy machinery to build unauthorised embankments and divert the natural flow and course of the river to extract the precious sand must not go in vain. Illegal extraction of sand along the Yamuna has been plaguing the region for years. Hundreds of acres of the river basin have been plundered and its rich ecosystem irreversibly affected.

The absence of due punishment — a sore point with the residents and campaigners — has driven the dredgers to continue with the illicit act with impunity. Stringent strictures of the NGT and the Supreme Court, aimed at curbing the adverse impact on the ecology and aquatic biodiversity, don't seem to have deterred the sand mafia that is allegedly flourishing with political and official patronage. The shocking visuals and citizen activism have left the authorities red-faced. If the mafia still manages to manoeuvre its way out of the tight spot, it would be a great disservice to the efforts of well-meaning champions of social change. The trial should be fast-tracked; tardy probes, low conviction rates and little disciplinary action spur the money-minting practice of mining sand worth crores at the cost of the exchequer.

A related recent report that has a direct bearing on the future of our children lends weight to the urgent need to end this exploitation of a precious resource that is causing immense environmental damage to the flora and fauna in and around the riverbed. Unless sustainable sand mining is conducted, the projection of the Worldwide Fund for Nature's Water Risk Filter that Delhi, Ludhiana, Chandigarh, Jaipur and Amritsar face a very high water risk in the next few decades may become a reality much sooner. A scary scenario, indeed.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

I would never die for my beliefs because I might be wrong. — Bertrand Russell

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

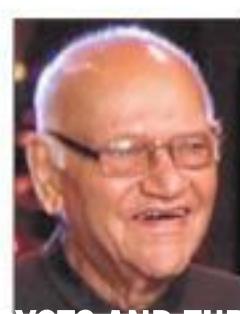
LAHORE, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1920

POLITICAL FAITH.

THE second day's sitting of the Trade Union Congress was chiefly notable for the opportunity it afforded to the President and to Colonel Wedgwood to give expression to the faith that was in them. The occasion was the resolution of the Congress extending fraternal greetings to Col. Wedgwood, who was attending the Congress as the fraternal delegate from the British Labour Party, and also to the British Trade Union Congress. While putting this resolution before the Congress, Lala Lajpat Rai went beyond the strict limits of his subject, and had something important to say regarding the general attitude of Indians towards England. He said they wanted to prove to the world that they were not haters of the British people, and that if they sometimes spoke strongly, it was not because the latter were British or Christian, but because some of them, who were in authority, exploited or oppressed the people of this country. He assured Colonel Wedgwood that they disliked those among themselves who exploited and oppressed them as much as they disliked the others. He was free to confess and he believed in his heart of hearts that the British were the freest nation in the world. They were very able and conciliatory and of a high character, yet very subtle, and their institutions at home were very democratic. But by the way in which they had administered their dependency — not their colonies — they had quite deserved all that they said of them. On the important subject of the British connection, which is exercising some of the keenest minds in the country, Lala Lajpat Rai made a plain confession of faith. He wanted Colonel Wedgwood to take it from him that they were very anxious to remain friendly to the British and they wanted to remain a part of the British Commonwealth, if not out of altruistic, at least out of selfish reasons.

Clash of civilisations

Islam, more than any other religion, smells apostasy in rejection of its beliefs



TRYSTS AND TURNS

JULIO RIBEIRO



FAR GONE: The problem with jihadi terrorism is that it transcends boundaries and even geographies.

THE French have always been irreverent about anything to do with religion. Perhaps this almost national attitude to God and God's attributes was a fallout of the French Revolution. It is not surprising, therefore, that French President Emmanuel Macron made an off-the-cuff statement that conveyed to the Islamic world that the French government would uphold the right of its citizens to dabble in cartoons of the Prophet.

The issue arose because of the beheading of a Paris school teacher who had shown the cartoons drawn in a popular French magazine, *Charlie Hebdo*, a publication that specialises in political satire, to his pupils in a classroom. Ordinary Muslims take umbrage to the depiction of their Prophet in picture form. Cartoons, of course, are the worst form of picture depictions since the artist intends to draw wry humour which fragile minds cannot stomach.

More than any other religion in our universe, Islam smells apostasy and insult in any rejection of its beliefs, however casual the intent of the culprit. In Muslim nations, the apostate would be put to the sword. In non-Muslim countries like France, the violent reactions of true believers would send out messages of dire consequences. The beheadings in Paris and Nice and the stabbings in the latter city were the responses of extremists who really believe that violent revenge would win them grace in heaven!

What brought me cause for joy and hope was a body of local believers calling themselves 'Muslims for Secular Democracy', led by my friend Javed Anand, husband of an even

bigger friend, Teesta Setalvad, who in castigating the beheading of the teacher, Samuel Paty, made secular liberals exult. Here, at last, was a group of moderate and sensible Muslims that know that no religion and no God will condone the brutality of murder and mayhem.

The very next day, to the consternation of the same secular liberals, thousands of Muslim protesters took to the streets of our cities, condemning France and its President for standing up to the legal rights of its citizens! Cinema houses in France and other countries of Europe have often screened films debunking some core beliefs of Christians regarding Jesus Christ, while hardcore Christians protested peacefully outside. Peaceful protests are par for the course in mature democracies.

France enforces strict segregation of the Church from the State. In its schools, religious symbols like crucifixes are not displayed. They are, in fact, not permitted. In many Christian lands, the crucifix is prominently displayed above hospital beds—but not in France or the Nordic countries which pride

themselves on their secularism.

In his seminal work, *The Clash of Civilisations*, political scientist-cum-writer Samuel Huntington had predicted that the North-South divide between democracy and communism would be replaced by the East-West divide between the more populous but economically backward Muslim countries of the East and the established Christian-led economies of the West. The Islamic concept of a caliphate led to the establishment of the ISIS which tried to conquer lands and cities with economies based on oil revenues in Syria and Iraq and actually controlled vast territories in those lands for a decade. It established its capital in the Syrian city of Rakka, then under its control.

A French journalist named Anna Erelle went undercover to befriend an Algerian-descended ISIS emir or captain of French nationality. Her book *Undercover Jihadi Bride* gives a fair account of the murders and beheadings ordered by ISIS forces in and around Rakka in the decade before the organisation was ousted from the Mid-

Love for the fountain pen

RITU KAMRA KUMAR

YOUR strokes are proper and your finishing is excellent', my teacher said as she peered at me, a class VI student then. In those days, each letter in a word was written with aplomb and agility.

Writing has come a long way from stone tablets and papyrus scrolls to engraving on nano chips. Word processors have obviated the need to write by hand, empowered the present generation with the mighty Microsoft Word. But as a kid, I looked forward to the time when I would be allowed to go beyond the humble pencil. I had been in awe of the writing tool, the fountain pen.

I was gifted my first fountain pen on my ninth birthday and it became my

prized possession. How happily I scribbled away my days, fawning over the fluid movement of the fountain, my heart leaping with every curve and spinning with every loop.

However, gradually I realised that to use the fountain pen was a messy process. The inkpot had to be carried to school everyday. It must have taken me many days to find out the most appropriate angle at which the nib must be tilted to ensure the ink's smooth flow and not stain my fingers blue. Often my white uniform had ink stains because I used to forget to cap my pen correctly or friends indulged in a full-fledged ink-spilling game. Writing with a fountain pen was like wearing roller-skates on fingers. Instead of star-shaped scented erasers, my pencil box had pieces of calcium-smelling chalk to absorb ink blots.

Soon I became adept, writing flawlessly with the fountain pen and secured some brownie points for the visual delight of my teachers. From my friends, I learnt the art of making special greeting cards that were made by drawing distinct patterns with an ink pen on the inner side of the sheet and quickly folding it into two equal halves. Then gently rubbing over the folded sheet to allow the wet imprint to transfer on the opposite side of the sheet. This light imprint was traced over with the pen to get a unique pattern that looked so artistic. My hands smeared with ink, azure blue, royal blue, blue black, deep black, turquoise blue, emerald green. After the successful completion of the task, I held the pen in my hand like a painting brush, marvelling at my eloquent strokes.

Then came the era of ball pens, one-tenth of the cost of fountain pens. They became an instant hit because they neither smudged nor bled away when exposed to water. We moved to ball pens, pilot pens, gel pens, and now who wants to hold a pen again?

The interesting fact is that they came to exist in 1636. Since 2012, the Fountain Pen Day is celebrated by enthusiasts on the first Friday in November every year to promote their use. This year it falls on November 6. I still love holding them in my hand. Last year, I gifted myself a Parker. This year, I have set my eyes on Lamy. Writing with them, my hands don't cramp, thoughts pour out easily. Scribble your dreams with it, these dreams are the blueprints of your achievements.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Arrest alarming

Apropos of 'Journalist's arrest', the political divide over Arnab Goswami's conduct on television is manifest, but the timing and the abnormal swoop to arrest him in a closed case of abetment to suicide, do raise doubts, given the mounting acrimony between him and the Mumbai police. Alas! *Khabar dene wale khabar ban gaye*. His knock at the court door is intriguing. The police must not only shed being partisan, but also do it visibly, as of late, its vendetta is out in the open.

LALIT BHARADWAJ, PANCHKULA

Height of autocracy

Attempts in some quarters to posit Arnab Goswami's plight to his hyper-nationalist views that recklessly undermined others' free speech and liberties aren't helpful. Defending the right to free speech is also about safeguarding our own self-interest against excessive state action that can implicate anyone: activists, journalists, minorities and politicians who happen to be in the Opposition, even ordinary citizens expressing opinions on social media. The state's power to arrest is a law and order tool, to be exercised with the greatest care. Often,

arrests are made in cases not requiring custodial interrogation merely to deny bail. Emergency and 'informal emergency' find frequent mention in the political discourse, yet no side while holding public office, shelves the draconian laws to arrest and jail without bail.

SANJAY CHOPRA, MOHALI

Not about press freedom

In reference to 'Journalist's arrest'; the arrest of the Republic TV editor, Arnab Goswami, in connection with an abetment to suicide case, has no connection with his journalistic role. It is puzzling, then, why several senior Union ministers and BJP leaders have supported him and talked of the 'freedom of the press' since it doesn't arise in this case. It is for the courts to decide if Goswami is guilty of the charge.

SS PAUL, NADIA

Not true picture

Reference to 'Pagri, Jatt and Punjab'; the writer has sought to trivialise the genuine concern of Punjab's farmers about the recently enacted farm Acts. He thinks that Punjab's farmers are agitating because of their anti-establishment nature and not due to the serious threat to their livelihood.

ADITYA KAMBLE, CHENNAI

He is totally off the mark. He should study the subject matter before linking it to bits and pieces of history.

BRIG GURINDER SINGH (RETD), BY MAIL

Sacrifice by flight crew

'When the PM's plane went missing' was an interesting narrative of events, but the writer failed to make any mention of the supreme sacrifice made by the aircrew of the ill-fated IAF plane to save the life of PM Morarji Desai. As the crash seemed imminent, the pilot decided to nose-dive the aircraft in a field near Jorhat. While the PM, seated in the rear, escaped unharmed, the pilot and four other aircrew members were killed. They sacrificed their own lives to save the PM's life.

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Make it easy for pensioners

Every year, pensioners are asked to submit life certificates in November to banks. Private pensioners, who are required to provide finger/iris prints, face problems. Since many banks have only fingerprint scanners, most of them can't read the faded fingerprints of very senior citizens. In the absence of iris readers, they are asked to go to EPF offices for

verification. Funny, it is being advertised by the government that one can submit these certificates online from home. For that, one needs a scanner. I get a princely sum of Rs 1,835 per month as pension, and it seems wasteful to spend thousands of rupees on scanners. Why are the scanners not made mandatory for banks so as to save senior citizens from physical harassment?

RB SINGH, CHANDIGARH

Gender inequality

Refer to 'Gender sensitivity needed'; in our democratic country, every woman has equal rights in terms of education, employment, social, economic and political leadership. Despite all progress in art, literature, governance, science and technology, we have not been able to remove gender discrimination. Men still dominate women. Gender inequality fuels violence against women and results in power imbalance. There is no creation of man without a woman. Women should be treated with respect, bestowing on them equality and dignity as mothers and sisters. Both men and women are two sides of the same coin called society.

ADITYA KAMBLE, CHENNAI

Days of whines and poses in America



V SUDARSHAN

JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR

CONSIDER this enduring Texas poll scene from four days ago in the dying hours of the presidential bid 2020: A Biden campaign bus is swarmed by dozens of cars flying Trump-Pence flags boxed in, blocked, railroaded and prevented from going to its campaign destination. Incumbent President Donald Trump tweets the video, which goes viral, to his 88 million followers with a message: "Did you see how the cars 'escorted' the bus? I love Texas!" You would be right in guessing where the Texas electoral college votes are going when the Electoral College meets on December 14, six days after December 8 when the results of the American elections are expected to be finalised.

That is still more than a month away. Between now and then, there could be many a slip between the White House and 'Sleepy' Joe Biden. Even should he clinch that magic 270 electoral votes unofficially, from the way Trump has been running down the voting process, selectively, and from the increasing number of times the Trump campaign is using the word 'fraud' and threatening to take the legal way,

federally and even nationally, to deny Biden victory, it looks as if America is bracing for a bruising photo-finish.

This is because Joe Biden has patently failed to demonstrate that he is by far and away the clear winner the pollsters were predicting he was. This is also because Donald Trump has proved to be more tenacious, if not more deeply rooted, in his substantial electoral base than was presumed. At least in almost half of a bitterly politically divided United States of America where the President himself has led from the front in sowing divisiveness, distrust and plain meanness all around. There has been a qualified sigh of relief that so far there has been no violence considering the plywood drawbridges and other defensive structures that have been erected in the business districts and shops and stockpiling in American homes, not least of firearms. According to the *New York Times* which quoted FBI data, Americans bought 15.1 million firearms in the first seven months of this election year. This apparently represents a 91 per cent jump over the same period in 2019. It is indisputably a symptom of anxiety that Donald Trump has wantonly wrought in his presidential years, cheerleading political hooliganism and plain bullying. It has also been evident that armed militias have been seen in many of the rallies. It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that some of the lines in the gun stores were about as long as the bread lines in Nicolae Ceausescu's Romania in the late eighties. It is frightening to think that all it requires is a spark, a tiny spark, and so

Trump hopes to exploit the legal route because the Supreme Court is packed with Republican nominees, six out of nine, and most of the legislatures in Michigan, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin are in firm Republican control. That hasn't changed with this election either. As Biden moves towards 270, the Trump dirty tricks department will be in overdrive.

BITTER DIVIDE: America seems to be bracing for a bruising photo-finish.



election either. As Biden moves inexorably closer to 270, the Trump dirty tricks department will go into overdrive, playing with the perceptions and emotions of his followers.

If Biden emerges winner, then the transition remains. With a loose cannon in the waning White House and a larger world that has changed dramatically in the Trump years, there is residual scope for worry that Trump does not leave more mess for Biden to clean up after him. The first is the big knock that the image of America has taken.

What is happening in the US now is no different from what a petulant authoritarian figure from, say, Latin America did in in the eighties or an African despot who steals an election or two. Indeed, by attempting to deny a complete accounting of votes, how different is Trump from President Saddam whom Bush accused of rigging the elections? Think also Robert Mugabe. Indeed, the American position as a global leader has been substantially undermined by Trump himself. Already that position stands considerably diminished and dented and some of his alliances are under stress. Trump comes off as no different from Putin or even Xi Jinping. What the 45th President of the US has managed to do is take the sheen off the American model of democracy and bring it to the same level of say, Gen Pervez Musharraf, stealing the government from Nawaz Sharif. But let's look at the bright side: The good news for India is, if Trump emerges out of all this unscathed, we should not have to explain the arithmetic of election results in, say, Jammu and Kashmir to the Americans anymore, if and when we get around to it.

The perils of banking on business economics



KS CHALAM

ECONOMIST AND FORMER UPSC MEMBER

The revolution in the capital market with the innovation of ICT has helped individual operators transfer billions of dollars across continents at the click of a mouse. This has thrown up opportunities for speculation and the demand for skilled experts.

Business schools offer courses in financial management even without a degree in economics. The departments of economics that teach public finance, macro economics, development economics etc. are busted and professors have shifted to business economics.

ECONOMIC activities like production, exchange and distribution have revolutionised the human civilisation. The discovery of market, money and trade has enhanced the comforts of life and living conditions of man. However, the discipline called political economy or economics has emerged centuries later, like all other sciences (such as the use of fire before chemistry, bow and arrow before the discovery of physical sciences).

The advent of modern political economy is indirectly related to India. It was the board of directors of the London East India Company, that was registered in December 1600, such as Thomas Mun, Child and others who started publishing economic papers eulogising trade that brings more gold and silver that was only considered as wealth. They have even influenced government policies to provide military support to their wares and wished a strong state to deliver it.

The ideas were considered a menace and there was reaction from French physiocrats, who, like Dr Quesnay, considered all activities as sterile, except agriculture. He has even produced the *Tableau Economique*, comparing the circulation of wealth with that of the circulation of blood.

Adam Smith, 'father' of political economy, considered the writings of mercantilists restrictive to foreign trade and wanted the operation of an invisible hand to regulate free trade. He emphasised 'the spontaneous harmony of interests' to reconcile private interests and economic efficiency. Petty's famous remark that 'land is the mother and labour the father of value' is further elaborated by Smith's quote that labour is the measure and cause of value.

The contribution of economic science



INTANGIBLES: The capitalisation of companies on top exchanges is around \$950 trillion.

to human progress is enormous in terms of the increase in the GDP. GDP growth between 1600 and 2018 is 260 (OECD) times and it was due to the economic policies of governments on the basis of the recommendations of economists.

However, the role of India and China in the creation of wealth before the colonial period was considered to be around 65 per cent of the world GDP, which had got reduced after the colonial plunder.

Economics became an independent discipline with the creation of the first professor of economics at Cambridge, a post held by Alfred Marshall in 1890. The discipline, with varied specialisations and combinations, became an English, French and European science, with little scope for US universities before World War I. The industrial revolution was facilitated by the ideas of economists, including Adam Smith. Marxian economics helped to a large extent in eliminating poverty and unemployment in the Soviet Union. The Great Depression of 1929 prompted Keynes to propose the General Theory of Employment and prescribe policies to overcome

the crisis. The hurdles created by the gold standard as a medium of exchange and the adverse impact of the Great Depression made JM Keynes and Harry Dexter White create the Bretton Woods system of the World Bank and IMF, both headquartered in Washington.

The devastation during World War II dragged the US to embark upon the Marshall plan that provided opportunities to America to emerge on the world scene, outwitting England and other European nations. Economists started moving to American universities as more opportunities were created there.

The status of economics as a British and European discipline has eroded and the Harvard Business Management Course, with business economics as a core value, emerged to disparage economics as a science that studies "mankind in the ordinary business of life, it examines that part of individual and social action which is most closely connected with the attainment and with the use of material requisites of well-being."

Economists who were seriously concerned about the problems of develop-

ment in the Third World countries and lack of opportunities of employment have developed theories that attracted the attention of the world. There was a clear shift from micro to macro issues, including the role of the state in providing fiscal and monetary policies to enhance GDP. Theories of human capital and the role of education, health and income in human development were recognised and promoted.

Meanwhile, international trade facilitated not only the movement of tangible goods but also intangibles to cross borders. The role of money, paper currency and other instruments, such as shares, IPOs, bonds and derivatives with the expansion of stock exchanges has expanded. The capitalisation of companies on the top 10 exchanges is estimated to be \$950 trillion and is equivalent to the total value of GDP of all least developing countries during 2019.

This revolution in the capital market with the innovation of ICT has helped individual operators transfer billions of dollars across continents at the click of a mouse. This has thrown up opportunities for speculation and the demand for skilled experts. Business schools offer courses in financial management even without a degree in economics. The departments of economics that teach public finance, macro economics, development economics etc. are busted and professors whose tenures are under threat have shifted to business economics or management schools.

Research funding, both from corporates and institutions like the World Bank, helped in the publication of books and articles. The 2008 financial crisis in the US due to the so-called derivatives market and real estate boom exposed the phony tales. Studies of Blinder AS of

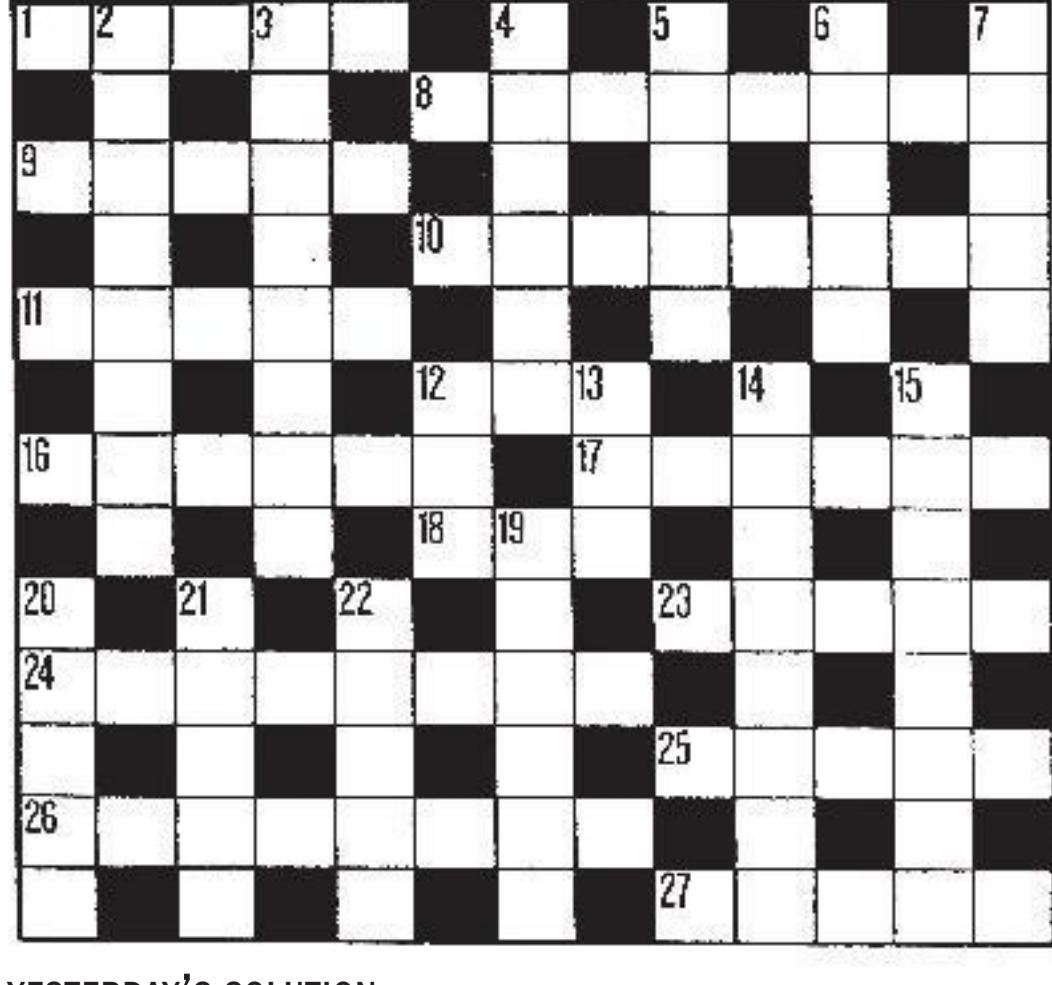
Princeton University on the impact of the crisis on the teaching of economics has shown the sad state of affairs, while the *Financial Times* (August 2009) remarked that, "the era of Economic Theocracy, in which unelected experts ran the global economy, is over."

Unfortunately, the Nobel Prize (Economics) committee has not acted differently, awarding those subscribing to Washington Consensus, derivatives, financial markets, property rights, game theory etc. that are speculative, abstract and devoid of practical use. This year, the Nobel has again been given to economists working in the management school. It was expected that the Nobel committee would pick studies providing solutions to the pandemic that has paralysed world economy.

Gujarat-born economists Jagdish Bhagwati and Arvind Panagariya, both at Columbia University, have highlighted the baneful effect of the invisible foot of the state. Panagariya has recommended to PM Modi to cut the role of the state and privatisate public property. Departments of economics in India are reorganising their courses on the lines of business economics, forgetting that it is hara-kiri or the end of economics. It reminds us of Francis Fukuyama, who, in 1992, published *The End of History and the Last Man*. Interestingly, the same Fukuyama, in his *Our Posthumous Future* in 2003, declared that, "there could be no end of history unless there was an end of science."

Yes, economics, which has acquired abstract and analytical tools to predict a phenomenon and falsify hypothesis, and has joined the club of sciences, would regain its glory and provide solace to mankind through its original avatar of political economy.

QUICK CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Across: 1 Flight shy of, 6 Pang, 10 Diana, 11 Astronaut, 12 Roulette, 13 Put up, 15 Pronoun, 17 Looksee, 19 Instead, 21 Seepage, 22 Human, 24 Shoulder, 27 In keeping, 28 Drone, 29 Sure, 30 Deepseated.

Down: 1 Fade, 2 Glamorous, 3 Trail, 4 Hearten, 5 Oatmeal, 7 Apart, 8 Go to pieces, 9 Lophophore, 14 Split hairs, 16 Oleander, 18 Scapegoat, 20 Despite, 21 Stopgap, 23 Maker, 25 Ledge, 26 Tend.

ACROSS

- 1 Fret (5)
- 8 Subsidiary activity (8)
- 9 In addition (2,3)
- 10 Face challengingly (8)
- 11 Exert (5)
- 12 Newt (3)
- 16 For the most part (6)
- 17 Mammal (6)
- 18 Recede (3)
- 23 To mock (5)
- 24 Up to now (8)
- 25 Meeting for discussion (5)
- 26 Squandered (8)
- 27 To release (3,2)

DOWN

- 2 Disadvantage (8)
- 3 Trivial (8)
- 4 Confidential warning (3-3)
- 5 Treat as a god (5)
- 6 Comparatively unimportant (5)
- 7 Landing pier (5)
- 12 Visual appreciation (3)
- 13 Small flap (3)
- 14 Reveal (8)
- 15 Widely distributed (3-5)
- 19 Sharply cold (6)
- 20 State of disgrace (5)
- 21 Cache (5)
- 22 Entice to do wrong (5)

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CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 6, 2020, FRIDAY

■ Vikrami Samvat	2077
■ Shaka Samvat	1942
■ Kartik Shaka	15
■ Kartik Parvishite	21
■ Hijri	1442
■ Krishna Paksha Tithi 6, —	
■ Siddha Yoga up to 6.52 am	
■ Saddhya Yoga up to 6.21 am	
■ Punar Nakshatra —	
■ Moon enters Cancer sign 1.48 am	

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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FORECAST

SUNSET: FRIDAY 17:31 HRS
SUNRISE: SATURDAY 06:43 HRS

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Chandigarh	29	12
New Delhi	31	11
Amritsar	28	11
Bathinda	30	11
Jalandhar	28	11
Ludhiana	29	12
Bhiwani	30	12
Hisar	30	10
Sirsia	30	12
Dharamsala	22	10
Manali	18	02
Shimla	20	09
Srinagar	20	01
Jammu	29	13
Kargil	09	-05
Leh	11	-05
Dehradun	28	12
Mussoorie	19	09

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The e-tenders called vide this office letter No. I.PH-IDB-EA-I-NIT/2020-16276-375 dated 23-10-2020 and scheduled to be opened online on 05.11.2020 at 11.30 AM. is hereby extended upto 09-11-2020 at 11.30 (A.M) instead of 05-11-2020 at 11.30 (A.M) due to some administrative reasons.

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DI-13261 Sd/- Principal, JNV, Paprola.

444 newcases, sixsuccumb

SHIMLA, NOVEMBER 5
As many as 444 Covid cases were reported in the state today, taking the total tally to 23,890. Besides, six persons succumbed to the virus.

While three persons died in Shimla, two died in Solan and one in Hamirpur. The highest number of 107 cases were reported in Shimla, followed by 81 in Mandi, 64 in Kangra, 44 in Hamirpur, 42 in Kullu, 38 in Solan, 22 in Bilaspur, 20 in Chamba, 17 in Sirmour, seven in Una and two in Kinnaur.

At least 44 persons, including 24 women, tested positive in Hamirpur district. —TNS

OPD service at Nerchowk hospital soon

PANDEMIC IMPACT Due to suspension since March, rush of patients up at Zonal Hospital

DIPENDER MANTA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MANDI, NOVEMBER 5

**BEING USED AS COVID HOSPITAL**

- The hospital building is being used as a Covid hospital
- OPD service has remained suspended since March
- A site has been identified for a temporary building at Bhangrotu to set up a 100-bed Covid hospital

ter medical facilities.

Deputy Commissioner Rugged Thakur, along with Principal of the medical college Dr RC Thakur have

selected a site at Bhangrotu for the construction of a temporary building to set up a 100-bed Covid hospital.

Dr Thakur said as the med-

ical college had the central AC facility, it was not possible to resume OPD service there along with Covid patients. "I have received a letter from the

DC handing over the land at Bhangrotu to the medical college for the construction of the temporary Covid care centre building," he added.

The DC said that it was expected that a tender would be allotted for the construction of the building by November 15. It would be a pre-fabricated building, which would be constructed in a stipulated time. Due to the closure of the OPD service, the rush of patients is increasing in the Zonal Hospital.

Salt production in Mandi mines to restart within 3 months: MP

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MANDI, NOVEMBER 5
Local MP Ram Swaroop Sharma has said that salt production in Drang and Gumma mines in the district would be resumed within three months.

"The salt of Gumma and Drang mines is rich in properties. In the initial phase, the production in the two mines will be between 10 tonnes and 12 tonnes and gradually their capacity will be increased to 1,000 tonnes. The salt from these mines will be exported to other states as well as abroad. Since 2014, I have been making efforts to restart these mines and today this dream is being fulfilled," he said. Sharma thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur for making this



Drang salt mines in Mandi district. TRIBUNE PHOTO

dream come true. "PM Narendra Modi had sanctioned Rs 350 crore for the resumption of the production of salt in these mines. The production was started earlier also but due to technical reasons, the mines were closed," he added.

"Now, all possible support will be given to Hindustan Salt Limited to restart these mines in the stipulated time.

With the commencement of salt production in these mines, the local youth will also get employment opportunities," he said.

Kamlesh, Chief Managing Director, Hindustan Salt Limited, said the company had about 133 acres on lease in Gumma and Drang on which salt production would be resumed soon.

Man gets 5-yr jail for rape

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MANDI, NOVEMBER 5

Mandi District and Session Judge RK Sharma has awarded five-year rigorous imprisonment to a rape accused today. The victim, who is speaking and hearing disabled, was a cousin of the accused.

District attorney Kulbhushan Gautam said the accused, Dipak Kumar, native of Ladphadol under Jogindernagar in Mandi district, committed the crime on December 17, 2017.

The accused was caught committing the crime by the victim's brother, who then informed the police and lodged a FIR at the Jogindernagar police station.

"Finding all evidence against the accused, District and Session Judge RK Sharma sentenced him to undergo five-year rigorous imprisonment and pay a fine of Rs 15,000. In case of non-payment of fine, the accused will undergo additional one-year simple imprisonment," Gautam added.

Entrance exam on November 9

OUR CORRESPONDENT

PALAMPUR, NOVEMBER 5
CSK Himachal Pradesh Agriculture University will hold an entrance test for undergraduate programmes, BSc (Hons) Agriculture, and BVSc & AH, on November 9. The candidates have been allotted exam centres as well as roll numbers.

The university has urged the applicants to download fresh admit cards from official website (<http://hlagric.ac.in>) as those downloaded before November 2 are no more valid. The candidates have been directed to reach their allotted exam centre at 8 am. A self-declaration form available with the admit card should be submitted to the officials present there at the time of the examination.

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3	DHBVN, HISAR	11 KV RELAYS (IEC 61850 COMPLIANT) AS PER NIGAM TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION NIT NO: 662/DH/MM/XEN/MM (QD-843) DATED 07.10.20 TENDER ID NO: 2020_HBC_14720_1	CLOSING DATE EXTENDED UP TO 13.11.2020 (13:00 HRS.)	www.dhbvn.org.in	9812556355 semm@hbvn.org.in
4	UHBVN	NOTICE INVITING TENDER NO: 4/GENP-I/IMM/QH/2549 DATED 05.10.2020	PART-I DATE OF SUBMISSION EXTENDED UPTO 16.11.2020 (15:00 PM.)	uhbvn.org.in	8053423043 cemm@uhbvn.org.in
5	UHBVN	MEMO NO. CH-01/INIT-13/OP/ASD DATED 04.09.2020 & CH-04/INIT-13/OP/ASSND DATED 21.09.2020	PUBLISHING OF TENDER INVITATION FOR HIRING 1 NO. VEHICLE (JEEP WITH HARD TOP I.E. BOLEERO/SUMO) FOR XEN "OP" DIVN. UHBVN ASSAND	www.uhbvn.org.in	0172-2583789 prohvpn@gmail.com
6	HVPNL, SIRSA	03/XEN/TS/SRS/2020-21 DATED 23.10.2020, ONLINE TENDER ID: 2020_HBC_148713_1	THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 10.11.2020 (16.00 HRS.)	https://www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 prohvpn@gmail.com
7	HVPNL, FARIDABAD	NIT NO. 09/TS/FBD/2020-21 DATED 07.10.2020	THE DATE OF TENDER SUBMISSION EXTENDED UPTO 13:00 HRS ON DATED 17.11.2020 AND OPENING DATE UPTO 15:00 HRS ON DATED 18.11.2020	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 prohvpn@gmail.com

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GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA**TENDER NOTICE**

SR. NO.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP/AUTH.	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE/CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) in Rupees	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/CORP/AUTH.	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	HPGCL, PANIPAT	(NIT NO. PTP/POM-100063) SUB:- SUPPLY OF WINTER UNIFORM FOR FIRE STAFF OF PTPS, PANIPAT	CLOSING DATE 25.11.2020	3.24 LACS	www.hpgcl.org.in	0180-2556015 xenmtcp1@gmail.com
2	HPGCL, PANIPAT	(NIT NO. 14/2020/AC-216/GS SUB:- REPLACEMENT OF 1 NOS. CENTRAL AC CHILLER UNIT OF CAPACITY 90 TR. SEMI-HERMETIC RECIPROCATING WITH FLOODED SCREW TYPE WATER COOLED OF CAPACITY 90 TR AT UNIT-7, PTPS, PANIPAT	CLOSING DATE 28.11.2020	33.45 LACS	www.hpgcl.org.in	0180-2556015 xenmtcp1@gmail.com
3	DHBVN, HISAR	WHOLE CURRENT AC SINGLE PHASE TWO WIRES DLMS COMPLIANT STATIC ENERGY METER (664/DH/MM/QD-845) DATED 21.11.2020	03.11.2020 25.11.2020	57.82 CRORE	www.dhbvn.org.in	9812556355 semm@hbvn.org.in
4	DHBVN, HISAR	THREE PHASE FOUR WIRES DLMS COMPLIANT STATIC ENERGY METER (665/DH/MM/QD-846) DATED 21.11.2020	03.11.2020 25.11.2020	9.28 CRORE	www.dhbvn.org.in	9812556355 semm@hbvn.org.in
5	DHBVN, HISAR	SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF SMF (SEALED MAINTENANCE FREE) BATTERIES I.E. 980 NOS. (12V/75AH), 352 NOS. (12V/65AH), 68 NOS. (12V/26AH) AND 468 NOS. (12V/7AH) FOR 6KV, 2KVA, 20KVA & 600VA UPS INSTALLED IN SDU OFFICES, OTHER OFFICES, DATA CENTER AND CALL CENTER UNDER RAPDRP PART-A (IT) PROJECT IN DHBVN. TER-46/SMP/BATTERIES/R-APDRP/2020 DATED 30.10.2020 & E-TENDER NO. 2020_HBC_149354_1	CLOSING DATE 17.11.2020	45 LACS	www.dhbvn.org.in	01662-223194 serapdrp@hbvn.org.in
6	DHBVN, HISAR	ENGAGEMENT OF AN AGENCY FOR PROVIDING IT SUPPORT SERVICES W.R.T. COMMERCIAL BUSINESS OPERATION IN OFFICE UNDER IPDS TOWNS & NON-R-APDRP AREAS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF DHBVN & UHBVN TER-47/R-APDRP/IT SUPPORT SERVICE/2020 DATED 30.10.2020 & E-TENDER NO. 2020_HBC_149448_1	CLOSING DATE 23.11.2020	15 CRORE	www.dhbvn.org.in	01662-223194 serapdrp@hbvn.org.in
7	HVPNL, KARNAL	DISC CLEANING OF 220 KV S/C BHADSON-BASTARA LINE UNDER T/L 220 KV S/STN. HVPNL, UNISPUR	03.11.2020 11.11.2020	1.61 LACS	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 Prohvpn@gmail.com
8	UHBVN	HIRING OF 2 NO VEHICLE ONLY JEEP. ONE NO FOR EXECUTIVE ENGINEER 'OP' DIVISION UHBVN SAMALKHA & ONE NO FOR VIGILANCE ACTIVITIES UNDER EXECUTIVE ENGINEER 'OP' DIVISION UHBVN SAMALKHA (3 NO SUB DIVISION)	CLOSING DATE 12.11.2020	6000/-	uhbvn.org.in	sdoopbeholi@uhbvn.org.in
9	THE BALLABGARH COOP. MILK PRODUCERS' UNION LTD.	SUPPLY OF GHEE CLARIFIER CAP. 1000 LPH	05.11.2020 25.11.2020	RS. 10000/-	www.vitaindia.org.in	9966804725 vitabil@gmail.com
10	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AMBALA CITY	TOTAL 4 NO. OF DEVELOPMENT WORKS TO BE EXECUTED IN THE JURISDICTION OF MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AMBALA CITY	04.11.2020 16.11.2020	27 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0171-2443747
11	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, BAHUDARGARH	FENCING ON MC LAND IN MC BAHDURGARH (WORK CODE:- BAH0182020101095345) + 2 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 18.11.2020	EMD 1.55 LACS	etenders.hry.nic.in	9350496582 NAVEENDHANKHAR@GMAIL.COM

PAGD reaches out to Pandits for expanding support base

FORCED TO LOOK FOR OTHER POLITICAL SOLUTIONS

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Satish Mahaldar, RECONCILIATION, RETURN AND REHABILITATION OF THE MIGRANTS CHIEF

"I have accepted the invitation from the PAGD's alliance members." Political engagement required dialogue across the nation, including J&K, he added.

"As a mark of protest against the government's apathy towards the rehabilitation of the Kashmiri Pandits and other migrants in

the Valley, we are forced to look for other political solutions too," Mahaldar said.

Under the new land laws, the J&K Government is transferring 3,000 acres of land to the Industries and Commerce Department to invite outside investors.

But it is not providing even 300 acres of land

towards the rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandit refugees who have been living in exile for the last 31 years.

"We believe the return and rehabilitation of the Pandits has a greater priority and must be addressed first before the new land laws come into force," he said.

"Kashmiri Pandits and other migrants are the victims of 'democide' which led to genocide," Mahaldar said.

The organisation's demands include provision in J&K budget for rehabilitation of migrant Pandits and assigning three constituencies in the Valley exclusively for Pandit nominees.

RAVI S SINGH
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 5
Giving a push to the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) movement under the National Conference chief Farooq Abdullah, its leaders have reached out to an organisation relating to migrant Kashmiri Pandits to join it.

The move is seen as a move to expand the support base for the movement and give synergistic image to it, especially outside Kashmir.

Chief of the Reconciliation, Return and Rehabilitation of the Migrants Satish Mahaldar on Thursday said,

"The move is seen as a move to expand the support base for the movement and give synergistic image to it, especially outside Kashmir."

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6 deaths, 524 new Covid cases in J&K

SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 5

J&K on Thursday recorded 524 fresh Covid-19 cases and six fatalities due to the disease in the last 24 hours, bringing the infection count to 97,224 and the death toll to 1,517, officials said.

Of the fresh cases, 185 were from the Jammu division and 339 from Kashmir. Srinagar district recorded the maximum new cases at 155, followed by 99 in Jammu, they said.

The union territory had 5,802 active Covid cases, while 89,905 patients had recovered so far, they said.

Two of the new deaths were recorded from the Jammu division and four from the Kashmir valley, the officials said. — PTI

Protest against Mehbooba in Jammu for Tricolour remark

Shiv Sena, Bajrang Dal show her black flags at airport



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ICAR-CENTRAL INSTITUTE FOR COTTON RESEARCH

REGIONAL STATION, SIRSA-125055 (HARYANA)

WALK-IN INTERVIEW for YOUNG PROFESSIONAL

The eligible candidates are invited to appear for a Walk-in interview on 17.11.2020 at 10.00 am for the temporary Position of Young Professionals -Y.P.-1-01 (15,000/- per month consolidated) under AICRBT Testing Project. For details please visit our website www.cicr.org.in

DI-13247

Sd/- Head (I/C)

**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
PWD B&R BRANCH
NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS**

Bid No.: 21 Date: 05.11.2020

On behalf of the Governor Punjab, Executive Engineer, construction Division Pathankot, invite bid from eligible bidders enlisted with Punjab PWD B&R for following works for detail terms and conditions of the notice inviting bid refer to website www.eproc.punjab.gov.in on 07.11.2020.

- Assembling and dismantling (4 Nos.) Pantoon bridges in Sub Division No. 1, Dimanagar.
- do- (5 Nos.) Pantoon bridges in Provincial Sub Division, Pathankot. Corrigendum, if any, will be issued on website only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Construction Division, PWD B&R Br.,
Pathankot.

DPR/Pb/100434

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB**E-Tender Notice No. 167 dt: 5.11.2020**

The Department of Pb. W/S & Sew. Board, re-invites online bids for the following:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Closing Date and Time
1.	DNIT for Repair of Machinery at Water Works including cost of consumable material and all other works contingent thereto at Rajpura for the Year 2020-2021 (01.12.2020 to 31.03.2021) = 04 months	
2.	Providing and Laying of UPVC Sewer Lines and all other works contingent thereto in Bhatha Lachman Das Street No. 1 & 3 Near Railway Phatak at Rajpura.	20.11.2020 at 5:00 p.m.
3.	Providing and Laying of UPVC Sewer Lines and all other works contingent thereto in Balance Area of Bharat Colony at Rajpura.	
4.	Rewinding of 50 BHP Submersible Motor Pump Set including cost of material at Main Disposal, Rajpura and all other works contingent thereto at Rajpura.	

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

Note: Any Corrigendum(s) to the Tender Notice shall be published on the above website only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Pb. W/S & Sew. Divn. No. 1,
Patiala. 0175-2200731
eeep1.pwssb@punjab.gov.in

DPR/Pb/100424

PUNJAB WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD**NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS**

Bid No. ETENDER/PWSSD/HOSHAIKPUR/EE/2020/43 of 2020 Date: 04.11.2020

On behalf of the Chief Executive Officer, PWSSB, Chandigarh, The Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Division, Hoshiarpur invites bids from the eligible bidders for the work detailed below:-

Sr. No.	Name of the Work	Ernest Money	Cost of Document/Tender processing fees	Period of Completion	Approx. Value of the Work
1.	Prov. & Lay. RCC NP-3 Pipe Storm Water Sewer, Const. of M.H. Chamber, Road, Gully Chamber & all other works contingent thereto from Bahadurpur Chok to Bhangi Choe and Clock Tower to Existing Drain at Hoshiarpur Town, Distt. HSP (Deposit Work).	Rs. 3.18 Lac	Rs. 100/- As per applicable on website	Four Months	Rs. 1.59 Crore
2.	Important dates are as under:				
i)	Period of availability of tender online shall be	:	from 04.11.2020 to 01.12.2020 up to 04:30 P.M.		
ii)	Last date and time for online submission of bid shall be	:	01.12.2020 up to 04:30 P.M.		
iii)	Date and time of opening of Technical Bid	:	02.12.2020 at 01:00 P.M.		
Note:	(i) The dates given above are for both eligible L&C Societies & Contractors. (ii) For detailed terms and conditions refer to website, http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in . (iii) If any corrigendum issued will be loaded & seen at website http://eproc.punjab.gov.in .				
	Sd/- EE, PWSSD, HSP.				

DPR/Pb/100227

**J. N. GOVT. ENGINEERING COLLEGE
SUNDERNAGAR HIMACHAL PRADESH**Telephones: 01907-267199, 267688, 267632,
Fax: 01907-266811Website: www.jngec.ac.in, E-mail: jngechp@yahoo.co.in**INVITATION FOR TENDER**

The Director/Principal Jawaharlal Nehru Govt. Engineering College Sundernagar, Distt. Mandi (H.P.) invites sealed tenders for running canteen in institute premises as per terms and conditions laid down in the tender document. The complete set of tendering documents can be had from the office of undersigned on all working days by paying a non-refundable fee of ₹ 500.00 (₹ Five Hundred only) in the shape of cash/demand draft payable in favour of Director/Principal J.N. Government Engineering College Sundernagar, Distt. Mandi (H.P.). The documents can also be downloaded from our website www.jngec.ac.in and the specified tender document fee ₹ 500.00 (₹ Five Hundred only) with tender be submitted in the form of demand draft.

1. Price of bidding document (non-refundable): ₹ 500.00 (₹ Five Hundred only)

2. Last date and time for receipt of bid: December 01, 2020 upto 01.30 P.M.

3. Time and date of opening of bids: December 01, 2020 at 03.00 P.M.

The Director/Principal, J.N. Govt. Engineering College Sundernagar, Distt. Mandi (H.P.) reserves the right to accept or reject the tender at any stage without assigning any reason(s) thereof.

Sd/- Director/Principal,
J.N. Govt. Engineering College
Sundernagar, Distt. Mandi.

DPR/HP/4134

HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG**NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER**

Online bids on items rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Nohradhar on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, in electronic tendering system in two covers for the undermentioned work from the contractors/firms of appropriate class enlisted with Himachal Pradesh I & PH Department.

Sr. No.	Description	E/Cost	E/Money	Time	Cost of Form
1	Providing LWSS from PalarKhado to PC hab. of GP Andheri, Lana Pellar, Ludhiana, Sainj & Sangrah, Tehsil Sangrah, Distt. Sirmour (SH- Civil Civil Work)	1,08,21,399/-	1,41,000/-	6 Months	1500/-

2	Providing LWSS from PalarKhado to PC hab. of GP Andheri, Lana Pellar, Ludhiana, Sainj & Sangrah, Tehsil Sangrah, Distt. Sirmour (SH- Laying, Jointing, Testing, & Commissioning of GMS pipeline 100 mm dia in rising main for 2nd phase in distribution system)	1,10,68,346/-	1,43,500/-	4 Months	1500/-
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3	Providing LWSS from PalarKhado to PC hab. of GP Andheri, Lana Pellar, Ludhiana, Sainj & Sangrah, Tehsil Sangrah, Distt. Sirmour (SH- Providing, Laying, Jointing, Testing, & Commissioning of GMS pipeline 100 mm dia in distribution system for phase 1)	79,66,953/-	1,12,500/-	4 Months	800/-
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4	Providing LWSS from PalarKhado to PC hab. of GP Andheri, Lana Pellar, Ludhiana, Sainj & Sangrah, Tehsil Sangrah, Distt. Sirmour (SH- C/o Supplying & erection of pumping machinery with allied accessories for phase 2nd)	44,00,000/-	73500/-	4 Months	800/-
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1. Tender documents and other instructions can be downloaded or viewed online from the portal <http://htptenders.gov.in> by the firms/ individual registered on the website which is free of cost.

2. As the bids are to be submitted online are required to be encrypted and digitally signed, the bidders are advised to obtain Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from suitable vendors or from any authorized agency at the earliest.

2. Key dates will be as under:-

1 Date of Online publication 27/10/2020 at 5:00 p.m.

2 Downloading of e-tender Documents From 27/10/2020 at 5:00 p.m. up to 9:00 a.m. on 07/11/2020

3 Date of submission of e-tendering From 27/10/2020 at 5:00 p.m. up to 11:00 a.m. on 07/11/2020

4 Physical submission of Earnest Money Deposit and cost of tender documents Up-to 11:00 a.m. on 07/11/2020

4 Date of opening of Cover-1 (Eligibility Criteria) and Cover-2 (Technical Bid) 07/11/2020 at 11:30 a.m.

5 Date of Opening of Financial Bids Cover-2 Shall be intimated separately

The terms and conditions may be read online in E-Procurement site.

<http://www.treasuryministry.gov.in>

DPR/HP/4134

POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH
Advt. No PGIMER/2020/2475914 Dated: 05/11/2020

NOTICE FOR WALK-IN INTERVIEW
The Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh intends to fill up the 07 vacant posts of Assistant Professor (non-academic) purely on contract basis for one year for running the temporary OPD of PGIMER Satellite Centre, Sangrur, Punjab through walk-in interview.

The candidates willing to appear in the above said walk-in interview must submit their brief bio-data (if applicable) on the prescribed proforma available on website of the Institute alongwith certificate of age, qualification, experience and caste etc till 12.11.2020 upto 04:30 PM positively on the Recruitment Cell, Kairon Block of the Institute and appear for interview on 13.11.2020 at 10:30 AM onwards. For details please visit PGIMER website i.e. www.pgimer.edu.in.

DI-13242 DIRECTOR

Request for Proposal
For
Hiring of Human Resource (HR) Agency
for
Ministry of Food Processing Industries
Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI), Government of India, desires to engage a credible Human Resource (HR) Agency for providing support to MoFPI in recruitment of professionals under the various schemes of MoFPI.

For details regarding eligibility, terms of reference, timeline etc. kindly refer to the RFP of tender ID:- **2020_MoFPI_593444_1** and related corrigendum at Ministry's website: (<https://mofpi.nic.in/tender/RFP>) and at Central Public Procurement Portal (<https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>)

Eligible firms willing to participate and meeting the eligibility criteria may submit the application as per the stipulated timeline.

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As tension grips US, wary China hopes for better ties

Despite differences, there's room for cooperation, says Beijing

BEIJING/MINNESOTA, NOV 5

Amid tense vote count in the US, a wary China on Thursday hoped the poll process in the US would end smoothly. It also said there was a room for cooperation between the two nations despite some differences. Observers have forecast heightening of the rivalry between the top two economies no matter who emerges victorious. The US presidential election remained undecided on Thursday evening, turning the nation's attention to a handful of battleground states that continue to tabulate the crush of mail-in ballots that will decide whether Donald Trump or Joe Biden will be victorious.

"People are following closely, me included but it seems that the votes are still being counted and results have not come yet," China's Vice-Foreign Minister Le Yucheng said at a media conference.

"We hope the election will proceed smoothly," Le, a former Ambassador to India



Trump supporters during 'Count Every Vote' rally in New York. REUTERS

OVER 12 INDIAN-AMERICANS WIN STATE-LEVEL ELECTIONS

Washington: Over a dozen Indian-Americans have won state-level elections. Five such women are Jenifer Rajkumar (New York), Nima Kulkarni (Kentucky), Kesha Ram (Vermont), Vandana Slatter (Washington) and Padma Kuppa (Michigan). Niraj Antani won from Ohio,

Jay Chaudhuri from North Carolina, Amish Shah from Arizona, Nikhil Saval from Pennsylvania, Ranjeev Puri from Michigan and Jeremy Cooney from New York. Ash Kalra has been re-elected to the California State Assembly. Ravi Sandill won district judge polls in Texas. PTI

said, adding that there is a room for cooperation despite "some differences".

The US also witnessed riots in Portland and arrested

MI back in final

Defending champions beat Delhi by 57 runs



Mumbai Indians' Jasprit Bumrah celebrates the wicket of Delhi Capitals' Shikhar Dhawan. PTI

DUBAI, NOVEMBER 5
Defending champions Mumbai Indians reached their sixth Indian Premier League final after beating Delhi Capitals by 57 runs in the first Qualifier today. Batting first, MI scored 200/5 riding on half-centuries from Suryakumar Yadav (51) and Ishan Kishan (55). Hardik Pandya also scored 37.

In reply, Delhi Capitals finished on 143/8, with Jasprit Bumrah taking 4/14.

Sharma gets golden duck to add to intrigue

Earlier, Mumbai Indians captain Rohit Sharma, already in the midst of a debate over him continuing to play in the IPL despite being dropped for the tour of Australia due to a hamstring injury, was dismissed off the first ball he faced. Sharma's

sequence scores in the IPL is 0, 4, 9, 35, 5, 35, 6, 70, 8, 80 and 12, for a total of 264 at an average of 24, scored at a strike rate of 126.31.

It seemed that Sharma's dodgy hamstring may have played a part in his dismissal as, facing an off-break from R Ashwin, he didn't move his front foot enough to cover the spin and was adjudged lbw.

But Sharma's failure did not matter as Yadav's near-flawless half-century was complemented by Pandya's fireworks as Mumbai Indians put up 200/5 in 20 overs.

Yadav smashed a 38-ball 51 to lay a foundation that was enough for Pandya to capitalise on as he struck five sixes in his 14-ball-37.

Before Pandya, Kishan played the ideal anchor with a priceless 55 off 30 balls, adding 60 runs for the

sixth wicket with Pandya in only 3.5 overs.

While Ravichandran Ashwin (3/29 in 4 overs) shone brightly with some clever bowling, Shreyas Iyer's captaincy left a lot to be desired due to negative tactics in his handling of his pacers.

Starting with left-arm seamer Daniel Sams (0/44 in 4 overs) backfired badly, while Kagiso Rabada (0/42 in 4 overs) and Anrich Nortje (1/50 in 4 overs) also had a forgettable day in office. In all, Mumbai Indians hit 15 fours and 12 sixes. — Agencies

Brief scores: MI: 200/5 (Kushan 55*, Yadav 51; Ashwin 3/29); DC: 143/8 (Stoinis 65; Bumrah 4/14).

TODAY ON TV

IPL ELIMINATOR
HYDERABAD VS BANGALORE
STAR SPORTS 7:30PM

Sophie blitzes Velocity

SHARJAH: Left-arm spinner Sophie Ecclestone grabbed four wickets for just nine runs in a sensational bowling display to help Trailblazers beat Velocity by nine wickets in their Women's T20 Challenge match here today. Englishwoman Ecclestone, ranked No. 1 in the ICC T20 rankings, was supported by pacer Jhulan Goswami (2/13) and spinner Rajeshwari Gayakwad (2/13) as Trailblazers dismissed Velocity in 15.1 overs. Trailblaz-

ers then chased down the small target of 48 in just 7.5 overs with opener Deandra Dottin and Richa Ghosh remaining not out on 29 and 13, respectively. Ecclestone relentlessly attacked the stumps with her sliders to end with dream figures of 4/9 in 3.1 overs. Velocity, who beat Supernovas in the first match yesterday, put up a poor batting display today. Goswami ran through the top-order, and only three Velocity batters could reach double digits, with Shafali Verma (13) being the top-scorer. PTI

LALA LAJPAT RAI UNIVERSITY OF VETERINARY AND ANIMAL SCIENCES (LUVAS) HISAR

(Established by Haryana Legislature Act No. 7 of 2010)
Notice for Re-Opening of Application Form for admission to B.V.Sc. & A.H. Programme at COVS, LUVAS, Hisar and IIVER, Bahu Akbarpur, Rohtak (Academic Session 2020-21)

Taking into cognizance the hardship faced by aspiring candidates due to COVID-19 pandemic, it has been decided to give one more chance to the candidates who could not apply earlier for admission to B.V.Sc.&A.H. programme, by re-opening online application form on university website i.e. www.luvash.edu.in from 09.11.2020 to 21.11.2020 (with late fee of Rs. 600/-). The candidates, whose application forms have already been verified by the University, need not to apply again. The candidates are advised to read the instructions and prospectus carefully before filling the online application form.

PRDH/83609

Sd/- REGISTRAR

NOTICE

PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT HARYANA

O/o Executive Engineer Public Health Engineering Division, KOSLI

(CORRIGENDUM)

"REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL"

"Awareness Generation, Capacity Building and Community mobilization in Single/Multi Village Rural Water Supply Schemes" chargeable to Support Activities, Jal Jeevan Mission. Proposals are invited from Agency/Trust/Firms/NGOs/VO empanelled with NGO Darpan portal, Niti Ayog, Government of India to conduct awareness generation, community mobilization and capacity building activities under Jal Jeevan Mission among rural households of villages covered under Single/Multi Village Rural Water Supply Schemes as under:

S. No.	Description	Details
1	Block and District	Dahina, Jatusana, Nahar (District Rewari)
2	Number of Gram Panchayats in the Block	Dahina=31+Jatusana=46+Nahar=44 Total 121 Number
3	Number of Habitations in the Block	Dahina=36+Jatusana=50+Nahar=46 Total 132 Number
4	Bid Security	Rs. 5,000/ Per Block
5	Date and Time for submission of Proposal	10.11.2020
6	Date of Bid Opening	11.11.2020
7	Division Name	PHE Division Kosli
8	Division Email	eeekosli@gmail.com
9	Division Telephone/ Mobile Number	01259-275130, 8607113668
10	Division Address	Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering Division, Kosli, Near DAV College Kosli.

Interested NGO/Trust/Firm/VO etc. may contact Division Office on any working day to view the detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) copy.

Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,

Public Health Engineering Division,

Kosli.a.com

Akshay keeps lead after great home run

PGTI PLAYERS C'SHIP

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 5
Chandigarh's Akshay Sharma continued his blazing run of form, following his first-round 64 with a 6-under 66 in the second round today to lead by three strokes at the PGTI Players Championship, being played at Chandigarh Golf Club and Panchkula Golf Club. Caddie-turned-pro Sharma had shot 64 in the first round at Panchkula, and today the 30-year-old made merry in familiar conditions at the Chandigarh Golf Club with a 66, his second straight bogey-free round.

Another Chandigarh golfer, Karandeep Kochhar, shot the day's best score of a 7-under 65 to end the day at tied-2nd at 133. — TNS

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (NIT)

Tender Enquiry No.: 118/Tend/COR/2020-21/34-A

Online Tender of Medical consumables for a period of Three Months procurement of Logistics for Corona virus, Haryana of "Group C" and documents can be downloaded from 04-11-2020 onwards on e-procurement portal www.etenders.hry.nic.in.

PRDH/83612

For Managing Director,
HMSCL, Panchkula

Corrigendum

The following items/Term and conditions of the Bid Document of Providing EI Services for IVF LAB AT NEW CAMPUS LUVAS, HISAR may be read as below:-

Sr. No.	Description in Bid Document	May be read as Below
1	Document Download/ Sale End Date 05 NOV 2020 05:00 PM.	Last date for Document Download/Sale End Date is hereby extended up to 10 NOV 2020 05:00 P.M.

NOTE:- All other items, quantities, rates, term and conditions of the bid documents will remain unchanged except above amendments. The above changes will be part of bid document.

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LUVAS Hisar

PANDIT LAKHMI CHAND STATE UNIVERSITY OF PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS, ROHTAK (HARYANA)

ADMISSION NOTICE

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सार्वजनिक सूचना

जनसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि दीपावली के पर्व पर दुकानदारों, रेहड़ी-फड़ी वालों द्वारा टैन्ट तथा स्टॉल लगाये जाते हैं जिसकी बुकिंग नाम निगम, पंचकुला द्वारा आरप्स की जाती है। COVID-19 को मध्यनक्षत्र रखते हुए दुकानदार व रेहड़ी-फड़ी वाले नाम निगम, पंचकुला की वेबसाइट www.mcpanchkula.org से ऐसे "बुकिंग स्टॉल" के डाउनलोड करके अपना अलग सेटर में भीस जाकर करने उपरान्त अन्तर्वाहन बुकिंग करवा सकते हैं, जिसकी बुकिंग दिनांक 07.11.2020 प्रातः 11:00 बजे से आरप्स कर दी जायेगी बुकिंग उपरान्त प्रत्येक दुकानदार को अपने टैन्ट तथा स्टॉल के द्वारा हाथ से बदला जाएगा। यदि निवास दोनों दोनों टैन्ट और स्टॉल को स्वीकृत/सुरक्षित/नियरेशक के रूप में जाके जा सके। यदि निवास दोनों दोनों टैन्ट और स्टॉल को स्वीकृत/सुरक्षित/नियरेशक के रूप में जाके जा सके। यदि निवास दोनों दोनों टैन्ट और स्टॉल को स्वीकृत/सुरक्षित/नियरेशक के रूप में जाके जा सके। यदि निवास दोनों दोनों टैन्ट और स्टॉल को स्वीकृत/सुरक्षित/नियरेशक के रूप में जाके जा सके।

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GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA

TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	Name of Department	Name of Work/Notice/Tender	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	PWD B&R, AMBALA	PROVIDING GALVANIZED SHEET FOR NEWLY CONSTRUCTED 2 LANE RUB AT 88.500 (ANGLE OF CROSSING) ON LINK ROAD FROM GT ROAD (NH-1) TO VILLAGE GHEL AT LEVEL CROSSING NO.128-C IN AMBALA DISTRICT + 1 OTHER WORK	05.11.2020 19.11.2020	74.60 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	0171-2977224 Pwd-eepd1ambala@hry.nic.in
2	PWD B&R, AMBALA	RESTORATION OF ROAD DAMAGES BY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION DUE TO LAYING OF SEWER LINE ON LINK ROAD FROM JAGADHARI-AMBALA ROAD TO BRAHMAN MAURJA IN AMBALA DISTRICT (KM.0.00 TO KM.2.300) (ROAD ID 177).	30.10.2020 18.11.2020	115.57 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	8221827829 pweepld1ambala@hry.nic.in
3	PWD B&R, AMBALA	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO LANE ROAD OVER BRIDGE WITH BOW STRING STEEL BEAM IN LIEU OF LEVEL CROSSING NO.127-C-3 AT KM.270/25-27 IN BETWEEN AMBALA CITY & SHAMBHU RAILWAY STATIONS ON UMB-LDH SECTION ON DFCC ROUTE. + 2 OTHER WORKS	03.11.2020 24.11.2020	4615.24 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	8221827829 pweepld1-ambala@hry.nic.in
4	PWD B&R, ROHTAK	RESTORATION OF ROAD CUT ON NH-71 (NEW NH NO. 352				

Gen Naravane gets honorary rank of Nepal Army General

Meets counterpart, discusses ways to boost bilateral cooperation

KATHMANDU, NOVEMBER 5

Indian Army chief Gen MM Naravane was conferred the honorary rank of General of the Nepal Army by President Bidya Devi Bhandari at a special ceremony here on Thursday, a decades-old tradition that reflects the strong ties between the two militaries.

Gen Naravane was presented with a sword, insignia and a certificate of conferment order by the President during the ceremony at the President's official residence "Shital Niwas", according to a statement issued by the Nepal Army headquarters.

Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli, Indian Ambassador Vinay M Kwatra and other senior officials of both countries attended the ceremony.

The tradition, which started in 1950, reflects the strong ties between the two militaries. Gen KM Cariappa was the first Indian Army chief to be decorated with the title in 1950. In January last year, Nepali Army chief Gen Purna Chandra Thapa was also made the honorary General of the Indian Army by President Ram Nath Kovind at a statement here.



Army Chief Gen MM Naravane with Bidya Devi Bhandari, Nepal President, at a ceremony in Kathmandu on Thursday. PTI

ceremony in New Delhi.

"This long-held tradition is emblematic of the close ties between the national armies of Nepal and India," the statement added.

After the ceremony, Gen Naravane called on President Bhandari and conveyed his gratitude for the honour bestowed upon him. They also discussed measures to further enhance bilateral cooperation, the Indian Embassy said in a statement here.

Gen Naravane, who is currently in Kathmandu on a three-day visit, earlier in the day met his Nepalese counterpart Gen Thapa at the Chief of Army Staff's office here and discussed measures to further bolster the existing bond of friendship and cooperation between the two armies.

His visit is largely aimed at resetting the bilateral ties that came under severe strain following a bitter border row early this year.

EXTENDS MEDICAL AID

- After paying tribute to the martyrs in the Army Pavilion, Indian Army Chief Gen MM Naravane received the Guard of Honour
- He planted a Pecan tree sapling in the Army Headquarters, keeping the tradition of earlier senior-level military visitors
- He handed over ambulances and medical equipment, including ventilators, for two field hospitals to the Nepal Army
- He is scheduled to meet Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli, who holds the defence portfolio, on Friday

"They exchanged views on issues of bilateral interests and discussed measures to further strengthen the existing bond of friendship and cooperation between the two armies," according to the Nepal Army headquarters' press statement. He was also briefed about the history and current roles of the Nepali Army, according to the statement. He paid homage at the martyrs' memorial in the Army Pavilion and received a guard of honour in the Army Headquarters. —PTI



RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav addresses a rally at Bochha in Muzaffarpur district of Bihar on Thursday. PTI

Cong ends Bihar campaign with 'tired-retd' jibe at CM

ADITI TANDON

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 5

Grand alliance partners RJD and Congress wound up the final phase campaign for 78 Bihar segments with a "tired-retired" jibe on Chief Minister Nitish Kumar moments after the latter told a poll gathering that the current state election was his last.

Kumar's dramatic declaration was music to Congress ears after the party found itself on the defensive following Rahul Gandhi's aspersions on EVMs during rallies in Madhepura and Araria today.

Rahul drew sharp retorts from the BJP for calling EVMs "Modi Voting Machines" (MVMs).

So when Nitish Kumar announced his retirement after the current election, the

SC reserves verdict on PILs against Central Vista

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 5

The Supreme Court on Thursday reserved its verdict on PILs challenging various permissions given by the authorities for redevelopment of Central Vista in Lutyens' Delhi.

The Central Vista redevelopment plan, which aims to free up 75 acres land in the heart of the capital, involves demolition of around 10 buildings, including Shastri Bhawan, Udyog Bhawan, Krishi Bhawan, Vigyan Bhawan, Vice-President's House and Lok Nayak Bhawan.

Announced in September last year, it envisages a new triangular Parliament building, with seating capacity for 900 to 1,200 MPs, expected to be constructed by August 2022 when the country will be celebrating its 75th Independence Day. The common Central Secretariat is likely to be built by 2024.

Gujarat-based architecture firm HCP Design, Planning and Management Pvt Ltd has won the consultancy bid for the ambitious project to redevelop the Central Vista to construct a common central secretariat complex and a new Parliament building. A Bench asked the parties to file written submissions by November 16.

off farm loans and cut your power bills by half; it will ensure free education for girls and pave the way for the growth of every individual; it will bring industry to new Bihar," Rahul promised as a fiercely contested election drew to a close.

The Congress also went out full throttle against the BJP today as the campaign culminated with Surjewala questioning the role of Asaduddin Owaisi's AIMIM in Bihar poll.

Raking up Mayawati's recent promise of support for the BJP in order to see the SP defeated in Uttar Pradesh MLC elections, Surjewala asked, "The AIMIM is contesting in Bihar in alliance with the BSP. The BSP recently supported the BJP. So who is AIMIM bating for in Bihar?"

Rahul promises jobs, loan waiver ahead of final-phase polling

Congress termed the move as a "sign of things to come".

"The fragrance of grand alliance's victory is giving the JDU and BJP sleepless nights. Kumar's hopelessness and grand alliance's hopes are sure signs of a major transition. Tired and retired Nitish government has accepted its retirement. Bihar must also move on now," Congress poll coordinator for Bihar Randeep Surjewala said on the eve of voting to 19 north Bihar districts.

Rahul for his part pledged to build a new Bihar.

"Get ready; Now the grand alliance government will create jobs for you; it will waive

Bengal has blocked over 80 central schemes, says Shah

SHUBHADEEP CHOUDHURY

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KOLKATA, NOVEMBER 5

BJP leader and Union Home Minister Amit Shah today said more than 80 welfare schemes meant for the marginalised sections had been blocked in West Bengal by the Mamata Banerjee regime.

Shah, who landed in Kolkata on Wednesday evening for a two-day tour of the state, told this to mediapersons after garlanding the statue of Santosh Birsa Munda at Bankura on Thursday.

Shah said the schemes not being implemented in West Bengal were meant for the poor, Dalits, the tribes and the backward people.

"Those who are in the grip of extreme poverty are not benefitting from the central schemes meant to help them in their livelihood needs," Shah said.

Noting that Bankura was having substantial tribal population, Shah said they were entitled to benefit from the housing scheme for tribes unveiled by the central government. But, the funds were not reaching them because of the state government, he alleged.

Shah said similarly farmers were being deprived of the Rs 6000 annually given



Union Home Minister Amit Shah eats Bengali food during his two-day visit to West Bengal in Bankura district. PTI

MINISTER'S OLD HOST GETS JOB FROM MAMATA

Tribal woman Geeta Mahali, who had hosted Shah three years ago at her home in Naxalbari village, received an appointment letter from the West Bengal Government's Home Department on Thursday for working as special home guard. Meanwhile, Shah had lunch at the house of tribal BJP worker Bibhishan Hansda in Chaturdhri village in Bankura district. It was a vegetarian platter of Bengali delicacies.

to them by the Centre under a scheme. The Mamata government has also prevented the central government from bringing Bengal under the ambit of the Rs 5 lakh health insurance coverage meant for poor, he said.

He claimed that since his arrival in Kolkata last evening, he noticed that the public was hugely angry with CM Mamata Banerjee. Public was keen on a positive change to take place in the state under the leadership PM Modi, he said.

UAE gunmaker bats for 'make in India' plan, exports

AJAY BANERJEE

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 5

A UAE-based rifle manufacturer, Caracal, which has won a bid to supply 93,000 carbines to the Indian Army, says it has a "make in India" plan and is looking to have a manufacturing base here for its entire range of small arms, which can be exported to other markets.

The CEO of Caracal, Hamad Salem Al Ameri, spoke to *The Tribune* through video-conferencing. Caracal is one of the companies of Edge, an Abu Dhabi-based technology conglomerate.

WON BID TO SUPPLY 93K CARBINES TO ARMY



Hamad Salem Al Ameri

India already makes 60 per cent of the product, it has selected, he said, adding that it is not just this close quarter carbine for the Army, "We make an entire range of weapons like pistols."

On being asked who is the Indian partner? Al Ameri said: "We await the formal order and will share details of the local partner. We have

already identified the required land and will be able to commence production to meet the timelines agreed upon with the Indian Defence Ministry." The carbines have to be supplied within 12 months of signing the contract.

"Our focus remains on delivering a product which is best in quality and tailor-made as per the requirements of the Indian soldier," Al Ameri said.

On being asked if his company would avail the 75 foreign direct investment route which India allows in

defence manufacturing, he said, "We will explore all potential possibilities while engaging with India. We are deeply invested in India. Not only we are prepared to supply quality weaponry that leverages cutting-edge technology, but also facilitates the transfer of technology and research and development facilities to India to build a more substantial ecosystem."

On Edge, he said it was an advanced technology group for defence and beyond and Caracal fell within its "Missiles and Weapons cluster".

Work with govt to combat climate change: Javadekar to biz honchos

Industry leaders take pledge to build sustainable economies by adopting ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 5

Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar today appealed to key industry leaders from steel, cement, power and pharmaceutical sectors to work with the government in combating climate change and helping India achieve the targets set under the Paris Climate Agreement.

Following the minister's appeal, industry leaders took a pledge to work with the government to tackle climate change and build sustainable

economies by adopting measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote renewable energy.

Addressing the India CEO forum on climate change, Javadekar requested the firms to provide their internal roadmaps and targets on yearly basis to the Environment

Ministry and participate in achieving targets set under the Paris Agreement. "I am sure factories are reducing emissions and bringing more greenery in campuses. Using new technologies to save water and (increase) energy efficiency is also a concern which you are taking care of," he said. —TNS

India determined to protect its territorial integrity: Rajnath

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 5

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday said peace could not be necessarily achieved by a desire for peace, but by the ability to deter a war.

He was speaking at the diamond jubilee celebrations of the National Defence College (NDC) before a two-day webinar on "India's National Security-A Decade Ahead".

Expanding his thoughts, Rajnath Singh said, "The mere desire to seek peace, if not reciprocated by others, does not necessarily succeed in building a harmonious environment in a world beset by conflicting ideas of security, sovereignty and national interests."

He outlined four broad principles that are likely to guide India's quest for national security in the future. The first is the ability to secure India's territorial integrity and sovereignty from external threats and internal challenges.

Second, he said, was the ability to create secure and stable conditions that could facilitate India's economic growth, thereby creating resources for nation building and to meet individual aspirations.

"Third, remain steadfast in the desire to protect our interests beyond the borders in areas where our people reside and our security inter-

ests converge. Lastly, a globalised and interconnected world, the country's security interests are interlinked by shared commons," he added.

India has proved that countries that employ terrorism as an instrument of national policy can also be deterred through options that were considered unimplementable in the past. "Pakistan continues to remain adamant in the use of terrorism as state policy,"

he said, adding that India has achieved substantial success in working with progressive and like-minded countries to not only expose Pakistan's regressive policies, but also make it increasingly difficult to continue with its previous business as usual approach.

"Our strategic partnership with the US is stronger than ever before," Rajnath Singh said, adding that India's friendship has also grown tremendously with Japan, Australia and Russia. India has also forged a very special partnership with reliable friends like France and Israel, he added.

Jaishankar seeks high-end tech from Baltic nations

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 5

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Thursday held a virtual conference with five ministers from Baltic countries as India continues with its drive to position itself in the centre as the world emerges from the Covid dislocation and Chinese aggression.

"Our gathering is intended to analyse the extraordinary challenges posed by Covid pandemic and seriously examine whether the crisis can be turned into opportunity," said Jaishankar at an interaction organised by the CII, which was also attended by select businessmen.

The participating ministers were from Finland, Iceland, Denmark, Latvia and

Nordic-Baltic region.

Jaishankar set out the areas where there is potential for more partnership such as renewable energy and clean technologies, factories of the future, AI and block chain-led transformation, supply chain and logistics and fin-tech. With a greater digital focus, India will also give more attention to its infrastructure as well as data and cyber security.

Denmark Minister Jeppe Sebastian Kofod suggested wind power, water, and infrastructure; Finland FM Ville Skinnari suggested 5G technology, quantum computing and AI; and Iceland Minister Thordis Gylfadottir highlighted converting greenhouse gases, utilising ocean resources to create nutritional supplements and medicines.

No winner yet

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path to victory if he can take back any one of the states where Biden is leading. Trump is leading in other states that have not yet been called: Pennsylvania, Georgia, North Carolina and Alaska. By sweeping these, but not flipping a Biden-leaning state, Trump would end up with 268 votes, just short of the 270 needed to win.

In the US election, voters decide state-level contests rather than a single, national one. Each US state gets a certain number of Electoral College votes partly based on the size of the population, with a total of 538 up for grabs.

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