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Unite against terror sponsors: Modi

BRICS SUMMIT Seeks members' backing for IPR waiver on Covid vaccine, testing

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 17 Prime Minister Narendra Modi today sought the backing of BRICS members for the UN Security Council reforms and the waiver of some intellectual property regulations (IPR) for Covid-related development of vaccines, testing and treatment.

Speaking at the BRICS (Brazil-Russia-India-China-South Africa) summit, he described the finalisation of the BRICS counter-terrorism strategy as an "important achievement" and assured

CALLS FOR JOINT FIGHT

- The PM said terrorism was the biggest problem today
- The countries that supported and helped terrorism should be held guilty
- The entire world should come together to fight the menace of terror, he said



PM SPEAKS TO BIDEN

■ Modi spoke to US President-elect Joe Biden for the first time since he won the poll
■ "We reiterated our firm commitment to Indo-US strategic partnership, discussed Covid pandemic, climate change and Indo-Pacific issues," he tweeted

India would take the work forward during its BRICS chairmanship in 2021.

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we need to fight this problem in a united manner," he said.

The BRICS counter-terrorism strategy proposes to work out common measures and coordinate more closely at the UN and other forums

on such issues. The PM also referred to the India-South Africa proposal for IPR waiver in case of Covid-19 vaccines, treatment and testing. On October 2, the two countries had jointly communicated

cated to the WTO TRIPS Council a proposal for a moratorium on certain provisions of the TRIPS Agreement claiming these were hindering the timely provisioning of affordable medical products for Covid patients. The EU, the US and Brazil had opposed the proposal, while China supported it.

Advocating reforms in the UNSC, WTO and the WHO, the PM said India was fully committed to multilateralism. India had lost the highest number of peacekeepers on UN duty, he reminded BRICS members.

Self-regulation won't do, SC wants rules for TV channels

SATYA PRAKASH

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 17

Noting that self-regulation by TV channels wasn't good enough, the Supreme Court today made it clear to the Centre that it wanted a statutory regime to regulate TV channels in India.

A Bench led by Chief Justice of India SA Bobde said self-regulation by TV channels through private bodies such as National Broadcasters Association (NBA) and National Broadcasting Standards Authority (NBSA) wasn't good enough.

It wondered why a private body like the NBSA should look into complaints against media. The top court asked the Centre to create a mechanism to address grievances against fake news circulated by TV channels and media.

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CALLS FOR MECHANISM TO CURB FAKE NEWS

■ SC has sought a statutory regime to address grievances against fake news

3 WEEKS
given by the SC to the Centre to inform it about steps to form the regulatory regime

■ What's shown on news channels has great consequences for the country, it maintains

PIL ON TABLIGHI COVERAGE
A PIL has demanded action against channels that linked Tablighi event to Covid surge

law if there is none at present," the Bench told Solicitor General Tushar Mehta after he submitted that there was no regime for content regulation of electronic media.

The CJ's observations came during a hearing on PILs filed by Jamiat Ulema-Hind and Peace Party seeking directions to the Centre to stop dissemination of "fake news".

The petitioners demanded strict action against TV chan-

nels allegedly spreading communal hatred against Muslims by stating that Tablighi Jamaat congregation in Delhi in March was responsible for the spread of Covid-19.

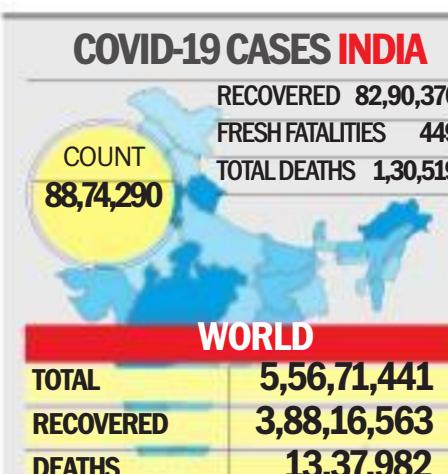
The Centre refuted the petitioners' allegations that media was largely communal in reporting the incident.

In an affidavit filed in the top court, the Centre said the IT Ministry had issued 743 orders for blocking fake or

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Daily cases below 30K first time in 4 mths

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KEJRI SEeks POWERS TO SHUT RED ZONE MARKETS

Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal sought powers from the Centre to impose lockdown in markets in hotspot areas. He has also sent a proposal to allow only 50 people at weddings against earlier limit of 200.

NITI Aayog, said the residents must fear this surge. "We are tired of repeating that people need to wear masks, avoid crowding and socialising and get tested. While the Centre has made arrangements on war footing to tackle the crisis, the onus is on people now," Paul cautioned.

On vaccine front, he said though talks were on with foreign manufacturers, the government had high hopes of success in the five vaccine trials underway in the country.

Himachal to cap gatherings at 100

SHIMLA, NOVEMBER 17

The Himachal Pradesh Government will soon issue a new protocol for scaled down social and political gatherings in view of the sudden spike in Covid cases and the high fatality rate.

A decision in this regard was taken at a meeting chaired by CM Jai Ram Thakur. Senior bureaucrats confirmed that the attendance at social gatherings, including weddings, will again be restricted to 100 instead of the present 200. — TNS

'Gupkar gang' playing into foreign hands: Shah

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 17

Ahead of the district development council polls in Jammu and Kashmir, the BJP has upped the ante against the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD).

Home Minister Amit Shah termed it an "unholy global gathbandhan (alliance) against India's national interests" that wanted "foreign forces to intervene in J&K". He asked Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and

MUFTI, OMAR HIT BACK

PPD's Mehbooba Mufti and NC's Omar Abdullah hit back at Shah saying the remarks were aimed at diverting attention from unemployment and inflation. PAGE 9

Not part of J&K alliance: Cong

New Delhi: Hours after Home Minister Amit Shah questioned the Congress over its truck with the PAGD, the party said it was not part of the alliance and did not subscribe to any foreign intervention on the Kashmir issue. "The Congress believes in democratic elections in J&K and is participating in the district development council poll to expose nefarious designs of the BJP," said party media head Randeep Singh Surjewala. — TNS

5 burnt alive in Sangrur mishap

2 Moga docs, a retired Army Captain among victims



The remains of the car that caught fire on the Sangrur-Sunam road.

Rakesh Kumar, SHO, said: "All five occupants of the car were burnt alive as their

vehicle got locked. It took over an hour to extricate the bodies from the car." — TNS

CBI nabs JE for sexually abusing 50 UP children

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 17

The CBI has arrested a junior engineer of UP Irrigation Department for alleged sexual exploitation of children for the last 10 years and selling videos and photos of his acts on Darknet to paedophiles across the globe.

The accused, Rambhawan, allegedly victimised about 50 children in the age group of five to 16 years in Chitrakoot, Banda and Hamirpur districts of UP. Eight mobile phones, Rs 8 lakh in cash, a laptop and other gadgets containing child abuse material had been seized from his house, officials said. — PTI



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Nitish keeps home, gives finance, IT to Tarkishore

PATNA, NOVEMBER 17

Portfolios were allocated among members of the Nitish Kumar Cabinet in Bihar on Tuesday with the CM retaining key departments like home.

Other portfolios remaining with the CM are general administration, cabinet secretariat and election, besides "any other department not allocated", according to a nota-

Ahead of rural polls, Hry clears 90 new panchayats

GEETANJI GAYATRI

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 17 Haryana will have nearly 90 new panchayats before the upcoming rural elections in March next year. Besides, reports have been sought from the respective district administrations for setting up another 41 panchayats. The matter will be taken up at the next meeting of the

reorganisation committee.

Sources said the committee, which met here today under the chairmanship of Deputy CM Dushyant Chautala, gave its nod to reorganise the administrative limits

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Pak army had links with Qaida: Obama on Osama raid

WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 17

Barack Obama has said that he had ruled out involving Pakistan in the raid on Osama bin Laden's hideout because it was an "open secret" that certain elements inside Pakistan's military, and especially its intelligence services, maintained links with the Taliban and perhaps even the Al-Qaida, sometimes using them as strategic assets against Afghanistan and India.

Giving a blow-by-blow account of the Abbottabad raid by American commandos that killed the world's most wanted terrorist on May 2, 2011, in his latest book "A Promised Land", the former US President said the top secret operation was opposed by the then Defence Secretary Robert Gates and his former Vice-President Joe Biden, who is now the President-elect.

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INDIA A SUCCESS STORY
The modern-day India can be counted as a success story in many respects, despite bitter feuds within political parties and corruption scandals, writes Obama in his latest book.

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stands globally on Tuesday, America's first Black President described the various options of killing Osama. "It was an open secret that certain elements inside the country's military maintained links with the Taliban and perhaps even Al-Qaida, sometimes using them as assets to ensure that the Afghan government remained weak and unable to align itself with Pakistan's number one rival, India," Obama said. — PTI

Akal Takht pitches for SAD from SGPC forum

Need to unite against anti-Panthic forces: Jathedar

GS PAUL

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AMRITSAR, NOVEMBER 17
Amid flak over the 328 missing Guru Granth Sahib 'sarops', the SGPC today commemorated its centenary at Gurdwara Manji Sahib Diwan Hall in the Golden Temple complex.

Akal Takht officiating Jathedar Giani Harpreet Singh attempted to justify the SGPC's action taken against the misappropriation of 'sarops' and also tried to make political pitch for the SAD with its president Sukhbir Singh Badal present on the dais.

Taking a dig at the dissident Akalis, the Jathedar said the SAD was the 'son' of the SGPC and no force could break this relationship. Since 2004, the SAD has established its supremacy over the SGPC, post the era of Gurcharan Singh Tohra.

He said, "How can the SGPC be held liable for the missing 'sarops' when the misappropriation was done by some of its officials and staff members? The issue is being given a wrong twist of sacrilege whereas it is a matter of corruption and administrative lapses. Required action has already been taken in the matter and officials responsible have been dismissed or suspended," Giani Harpreet Singh said. Recalling the episode of locking of SGPC's Teja Singh Samundri Hall office twice by protesting Sikh outfits, he asked the SAD workers to don an 'aggressive' approach against such anti-Panthic forces.



SGPC president Gobind Singh Longowal honours SAD chief Sukhbir Singh Badal at the Golden Temple complex on Tuesday. VISHAL KUMAR

SGPC HAS LOST CREDIBILITY: BRAHMPURA

SAD (Taksali) president Ranjit Singh Brahmpura on Tuesday said the SGPC had lost its credibility under the influence of the Badal clan. "There was no reason to make merry on the centenary year of the SGPC. The existing SGPC body has lost the trust of every section of society. SAD has misused the SGPC for political gains," he said.

SAD CONVENTION POSTPONED: DHINDSA

Chandigarh: SAD (Democratic) president Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa on Tuesday said the convention to mark the 100th anniversary of the SAD, which was scheduled to be held on Dec 13 in Moga with attendance of senior party leaders, had been postponed. Dhindsa said the decision was taken owing to Covid and Centre's inability to come up with a solution to the farmers' agitation.



On the occasion, Sukhbir said, "When we form the government, our focus will be on health and education. Preserving the great Sikh and Punjab heritage will be another focus area. But all this can only be achieved if we remain united and defeat those who want to divide us."

Describing the Congress as the 'worst enemy of Sikhs', he said, "Since the founding

of the Khalsa more than 320 years ago, the Sikhs have faced three enemies: The Mughals, the British and the Congress. Ahmad Shah Abdali and Indira Gandhi were responsible for the demolition of the Akal Takht."

SGPC president Gobind Singh Longowal said they would establish an advisory committee to resolve grievances of Sikhs worldwide.

Cotton purchase suspended till November 22

ABOHAL, NOVEMBER 17

The Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) has suspended the purchase of cotton till November 22.

The decision was taken after 2,500 cotton bales and unprocessed cotton worth Rs 5 crore were gutted on Sunday. It is learnt that firecrackers hit the stacks in the uncovered area in Bansal Industries on the old Fazilka road here.

Sources in the CCI said about 30,000 bales of ginned and pressed cotton and 15,000 quintal of unprocessed cotton produce were kept in 11 cotton factories, adding that arrangements for shifting the bales to covered godowns were yet to be made. — OC

After the failure of talks, the Union Government has so far not given any sign of further talks to end the impasse or repeal the recently enacted laws. On November 20, the deputations of farm unions will

Not against pvt firms, but need to save farmers: CM

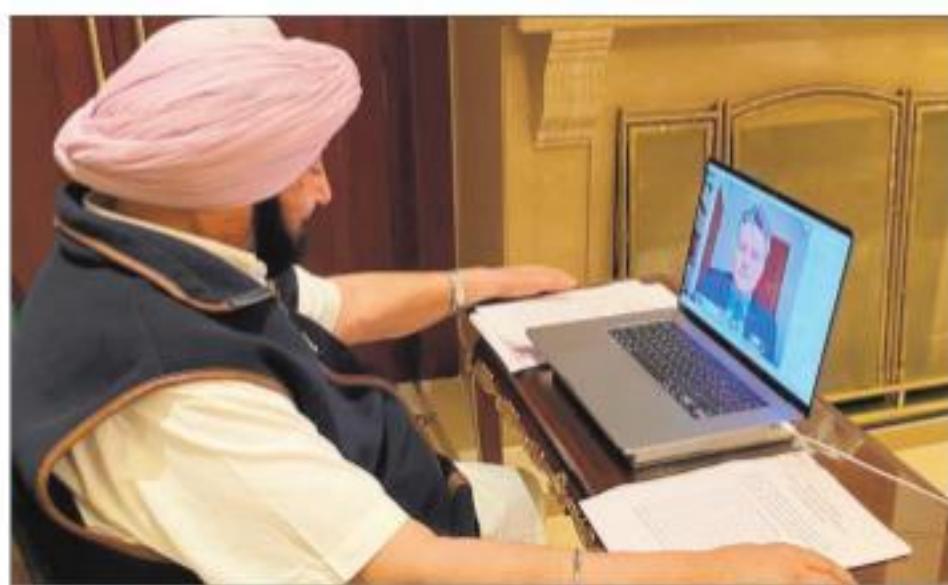
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CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 17
Inaugurating the USA-Punjab Investors' Meet, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Tuesday said his government was not against corporates. "We are not against corporates, but there has to be a regulation to protect the farmers and the long-standing relationship they have with the arthiyas," he said.

Any attempt to do away with this system would not work, he asserted, adding that his government had brought in Bills to negate the impact of the Central farm laws and also taken up the issue with the Prime Minister and Home Minister.

"We have to ensure food security," he pointed out, adding that while India was currently exporting wheat, it did not mean that the surplus foodgrain would remain forever. "The country has to keep its reserves," he said.

Appreciating the growing interest of American companies in Punjab, which contributes 3% to India's GDP with just 1.5% of the country's land area, the Chief Minister said while it was predominantly an agricultural state and home to India's Green Revolution, his government wanted agriculture to boom, with greater growth in the overseas market. Inviting the investors to enjoy the state's unique business-friendly culture that



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'WANT AGRI GROWTH OVERSEAS'

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promoted entrepreneurship, he said the USA was the top export destination (\$685 million amounting to approx 12 per cent of Punjab's total exports in 2019-20) for Punjab-based companies.

At the outset, the Chief Minister congratulated the US on the completion of its electoral process and election of Joe Biden and Kamala Harris as the President and Vice-President elects, respectively.

He hoped this would usher in a new era of cooperation and friendship between the US and Punjab.

Underlining the role played by the vibrant Punjabi NRI population in the US, the CM said they were working hard to bring success to their countries.

Farmers' stir has hit industry hard: PHD Chamber

OUR CORRESPONDENT

FAZILKA, NOVEMBER 17
Karan Gilhotra, chairman, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Punjab Chapter, said here today that the industry in the state was suffering due to the agitation of farmers.

He said the industry was on the path of revival in the state after the lockdown due to Covid-19, but the present farmers' stir resulted in rail blockade and the functioning of the industry in the state had been adversely affected.

He has urged the government to resolve the issue of the farmers who have also been facing tough time and save the industry from huge losses.

He said due to the non-movement of containers and rail goods traffic, the supply chain of raw material and finished goods had been restricted since the last one month. Power plants were facing a shortage of coal forcing them to impose power cuts on industry. He said as a result of the grim situation, the price of raw materials had increased manifold.

Won't budge till laws withdrawn: BKU

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MOGA, NOVEMBER 17
The deadlock over farm legislations still continues with protests going on in the state by farm unions. Train services are still suspended, toll plazas shutdown and protests going on against big corporate houses in the state.

After the failure of two table talks between representatives of the Union Government and the farm unions to find out a solution to the controversies arisen due to the recently enacted farm legislations, the Centre seems to be adamant on its decision to implement the laws.

Sukhdev Singh Kokri Kalan, general secretary of the BKU (Ekta), said the farm unions demanded to roll back these legislations and nothing less than this was acceptable to them. "All farm unions are united on this issue," he said.

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Farmers protest Central agri laws at Jandiala town near Amritsar on Tuesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

NO WAY ACCEPTABLE

We talked to the representatives of the Union Government, but it seems that the Centre is adamant to implement the farm laws, which are in no way acceptable to us.

Sukhdev Singh Kokri Kalan,
GENERAL SECRETARY, BKU (EKTA)

STAND BY FARMERS IN THEIR STRUGGLE: AAP

Chandigarh: The AAP on Tuesday raised voice against the Central farm laws. In a press statement, Sangrur MP Bhagwant Mann said, "The state government should come out with a legislation guaranteeing purchase of all crops at the MSP. If the CM is serious about the issues and

concerns of the farmers, he should assure the farmers to procure their crops at MSP," he said. The party had been fighting the battle of the farmers of the state since long and would continue to do so in future, he said. Mann said the party would support the farmers in their struggle. TNS

give memorandums of demands, which falls under the preview of the state government, to the district magistrates at all district

headquarters in the state. Kokri Kalan made it clear that the farm unions were in no way disrupting the movement of goods trains in the

state. "We have already cleared the tracks and it's now up to the Centre to take a decision on plying of trains in the state," he said.

With no rural face, contesting 117 seats an uphill task for BJP

VISHAV BHARTI
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CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 17
Though the BJP has announced to contest all 117 Assembly constituencies on its own after breaking up with the Shiromani Akali Dal, it seems to be an uphill task for the party as the present list of party office-bearers hardly has any leaders from the rural background.

As per the current list of 43 office-bearers, 11 can partly claim to be hailing from the rural areas despite the state's over 70 per cent constituencies falling in rural areas. The party had announced nine state vice-presidents, four state general secretaries, nine state secretaries, one each treasurer and office secretary, press secre-

tary, spokespersons, etc.

For two-and-a-half decades, the party was a junior alliance partner with the SAD, and thus it didn't make much efforts to make inroads into rural areas. The party's activities remained confined mainly to the 23 constituencies it would contest from.

The same practice also reflected in the selection of recent office-bearers. Of the 43 office-bearers, 27 are

from the 23 Assembly and Lok Sabha constituencies the party used to contest in alliance with the SAD and just 16 are from the 94 constituencies Akali Dal used to contest from.

The situation for the BJP has become more challenging in the rural areas where the party is facing strong resistance over the recent farm laws.

State BJP president Ashwani Sharma said though the party contested just 23 seats, it had units across the state. But senior leader Madan Mohan Mittal, who is also a member of the party's core committee, accepted that it was a valid question before the party. "Once the issue of farmers settles down, we will expand in rural areas too," he added.

He said the farmers had already suffered huge losses due to mismanagement on the part of the government for

Banning purchase, sale of paddy anti-farmer: AAP

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 17

The AAP has slammed the Congress government for its decision to impose a ban on the sale, purchase, storage and processing of paddy in more than 4,000 sub-yards and designated purchase centres in the state, leaving the beleaguered farming community in a quandary.

In a statement on Tuesday, Youth Wing president and Barnala MLA Meenakshi Hayer said the orders imposing an embargo on the sale, purchase, storage and processing of paddy at the designated yards and centres had come as a shocker to farmers who were already waging a battle against the farm laws.

He said the farmers had already suffered huge losses due to mismanagement on the part of the government for

not putting in place timely measures to protect the paddy lying scattered in 'mandis' due to tardy lifting.

Hayer said: "The decision, which seems to have been taken in a hurry, overrules the Union Government's directive to allow the sale and purchase of paddy. The decision has exposed the anti-farmer and anti-Punjabi face of Capt Amarinder Singh." He termed the decision of the government ill-timed and anti-farmer since the farmers were fighting on roads and tracks for their survival. — TNS

Only one conviction under UAPA in 11 yrs

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CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 17
Ever since Punjab began using the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) against Khalistani sympathisers, there has been only one conviction.

The convicts — Jasvir Singh Jassa Manki of Barnala and Harjant Singh DC of Gurdaspur — out of nearly 400 persons booked under the UAPA, are also out on bail. An appeal against their conviction in a case of recovery of arms and ammunition in Nabha, Patiala, in 2010 is pending. It's been 11 years and the

conviction rate is one per 100 cases. As per data available with lawyers, 47 cases under the UAPA were registered between 2009 and 2016. The cases more than doubled in the next four years even as the conviction rate slipped.

One of the acquitted persons, Narayan Singh of Chaura in Gurdaspur, 64, has even sued the police for false UAPA charges against him.

"The police even forged my signatures on the disclosure statements. I was booked in six cases under the UAPA, besides waging a war against the country. I have been acquitted in all

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The growing wild boar population is troubling farmers in the state.

Despite hundreds of farmers visiting me, I am able to help only a few of them," said Balraj Ghuman, a traditional hunter. "I have already received requests from over 10 villages in Bhadson and Ropar," he said.

However wildlife conservationists opine that culling is no solution and perhaps compensation claims should be simplified. Jaskaran Sandhu, Member, Punjab State Board for Wildlife Preservation, said they were aware of the issue and would soon take up the matter in their next meeting.

"Besides vehicle and fuel, I have to arrange for food and weapons. Further, getting necessary permits from the Wildlife Department makes it tough for us as they demand land-related documents before we are allowed to shoot wild ani-

SC reserves order on Saini's bail plea

MULTANI MURDER CASE Says prima facie inclined to grant anticipatory bail

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BENCH QUESTIONS NEED FOR CUSTODY

- Punjab's counsel contended granting anticipatory bail to former police chief **Sumedh Singh Saini** at this stage would hamper probe
- The Bench, however, questioned the need for custody of the accused after 30 years of the crime
- On Sept 15, the SC had granted interim protection from arrest to Saini and posted his plea for hearing after four weeks
- The Punjab and Haryana High Court had on September 7 dismissed his anticipatory bail plea

tody of the accused after 30 years of the crime.

Questioning addition of murder charge against Saini, the Bench observed it was prima facie inclined to grant anticipatory bail.

The SC had on September 15 granted interim protection from arrest to Saini and posted his anticipatory bail plea for hearing after four weeks.

The Punjab and Haryana

High Court had on September 7 dismissed his anticipatory bail plea.

"This case is of 1991. After 30 years what is the hurry to arrest him... We will grant you time to file a reply," the Bench had said, adding he will not be arrested till further orders.

However, the top court had asked Saini to cooperate with the Punjab Police in the investigation of the case. Multani, a

junior engineer with the Chandigarh Industrial & Tourism Development Corporation Limited, was allegedly picked up by the police in December 1991 after a terror attack on Saini that left three policemen dead. Saini was injured in the attack. Saini's troubles started in May when he was booked at a Mohali police station along with six others for the

alleged kidnapping of Multani in 1991. Murder charge was added in August after two of the accused policemen spilled the beans.

Rohatgi had earlier contend ed the Punjab Government was after Saini because he had filed two chargesheets in which current Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh was an accused. "This is why they are after me," he had submitted.

In a separate petition, Saini has also challenged an HC order dismissing his plea for quashing of the FIR in the case. He is also facing trial in a special CBI court in Delhi along with three others for alleged abduction and disappearance of automobile businessman Vinod Kumar, his brother-in-law Ashok Kumar and their driver Mukhtiyar Singh in 1994.

Bailable warrant against Sukhbir in defamation case

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CONTROVERSIAL STATEMENT

- In 2017, Akhand Kirtani Jatha spokesperson Rajinder Pal Singh filed a case after **Sukhbir Singh Badal** described the group as political face of a terror organisation
- In March, the court had issued summons to Sukhbir after Chandigarh Police submitted an inquiry report on Nov 28, 2019. He, however, failed to appear



had earlier issued summons to Badal in the case in March but he failed to appear.

Appearing on behalf of

Rajinder, advocate PIP Singh, in the complaint filed before the court, said Sukhbir's statement was baseless, slanderous, defamatory with the purpose of defaming his client and tarnishing the image of his organisation. The summons was issued after the Chandigarh Police submitted an inquiry report in the court on November 28, 2019.

The report verified the authenticity of the reports, on the basis of which Rajinder filed the criminal defamation case against Sukhbir. The court ordered the police to enquire the matter.

Statements of both Sukhbir and Rajinder were recorded. While Rajinder stood by his complaint, Sukhbir denied the allegations. Rajinder's counsel argued before the court that Sukhbir in his statement to the enquiry officer had mentioned his address in Sector 9, Chandigarh. He was well aware of the proceedings, but was deliberately evading them, he added.

Varsity decides to refund resident doctor's fee

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Seeks ₹50L insurance aid for deceased doctor's kin

DR ANKIT RENDERED SELFLESS SERVICE

■ Besides ₹50 lakh insurance grant, we urge the state government to give all possible financial help to aggrieved family. Dr Ankit Kumar rendered selfless service beyond the call of duty.

Dr Raj Bahadur, VC, BFUHS

lakh to pay the fee of his post-graduation course, apart from another loan of Rs 2 lakh for his MBBS course. Dr Ankit had completed his MBBS from Government Medical College, Patiala.

Dr Ankit tested negative for the virus after having worked for one week in the Covid ward of the hospital. On November 12, he complained of abdominal pain and vomiting. The doctors advised a retest, and he came out positive for Covid-19. Dr Ankit died within 12 hours of testing positive.

Former state Agriculture Minister and senior Congress leader Mohinder Singh Gill passed away after a brief illness today. He was 85.

Gill served as the Member of Parliament from 1971 to 1977 and Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee (PPCC) chief from 1976 to 1979. He was also elected as an MLA from Ferozepur Cantt in 1967. CM Capt Amarinder Singh described Gill as a gentleman politician, who worked relentlessly to strengthen the party as the PPCC chief.

The state government has declared a holiday in its offices, boards, corporations and educational institutions for the day. — TNS

Woman alleges rape by MLA, probe ordered

Bains claims charge politically motivated

pay the remaining amount.

She approached MLA Bains for help. On his direction, she vacated the house and the dealer arranged another accommodation, saying he would return the remaining amount soon. But the dealer sold the house without returning her dues. She again went to Bains but he allegedly raped her. Bains claimed the charge was politically motivated. — TNS

BRIEFLY

Retd judge appointed power panel member

Chandigarh: Retired judicial officer Paramjeet Singh has been appointed the member of Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (PSERC). He has been appointed for a term of five years. The orders were issued by Additional Chief Secretary Power Anurag Aggarwal. TNS

Arora to head cyber wing

Chandigarh: Tightening the noose around cyber criminals, the Punjab Police on Tuesday named ADGP Naresh Arora as the head of its cyber crime wing, ADGP (NRI wing) AS Rai has been given the charge of public relations and new age media. TNS

Active cases up, 30 deaths in 24 hours

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Ludhiana	21,576	871
Jalandhar	16,358	506
Amritsar	12,387	474
Patiala	13,649	404
Sangrur	4,096	178
SAS Nagar	13,768	259
Gurdaspur	7,140	207
Bathinda	7,796	167
Hoshiarpur	6,625	230

in the last 24 hours. SAS Nagar and Muktsar reported four deaths each, followed by Ludhiana, Ropar and Bathinda three deaths each, Hoshiarpur, Jalandhar, Kapurthala, SBS Nagar and Patiala two deaths each, Mansa, Barnala and Tarn Taran one death each.

Cops solve double murder case, nab 1

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KILLING OF COUPLE IN MOGA SEX SCANDAL



accused had extorted money from influential residents by threatening to disclose their identities

istered on September 21, 2018.

On October 22, Dodhi was arrested by the Gurdaspur police. Both Dodhi and Bhinda had not disclosed their involvement in the incidents when they were arrested by the Gurdaspur police and a special task force (STF). They have, however, confessed to their involvement now.

Bira further told the police he was part of the three bike-borne attackers who freed

notorious smuggler Harbhajan Singh, alias Rana, of Ferozepur from police custody at a roadside eatery near Ghall Khurd village on the Ferozepur-Moga road on August 18, 2018. They had fired on a police team, injuring one of the officials. A case was registered at Ghall Khurd police station on August 18, 2018. The conspiracy to free the smuggler was also hatched on the directions of Bhikhariwal and Chatha.

They provided financial aid to them for committing the crime, claimed the police.

In 2018, Dodhi, Bhinda along with one of their associates on the directions of Chatha had tried to kidnap a doctor from Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar, but it was botched as Bhinda accidentally fired from his .30 caliber pistol, injuring Dodhi and they had to flee.

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Online availability of tender for bidding

Last date & time for submission of Online bids

Place, date & time of opening of tender

Sr. No. From To Place Technical Bid Financial Bid

1. 23-11-2020 14-12-2020 14-12-2020 O/o SE, GLADA at 03:00 PM Shall be announced later

2. 18-11-2020 30-11-2020 30-11-2020 at 03:00 PM

at 11:00 AM upto 01:00 PM upto 01:00 PM

Pre Bid Meeting (For work at Sr. No. 1) On 07-12-2020 at 11:00 AM in O/o SE, GLADA.

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1.

Online tenders on percentage rate basis (above or below or at par the DNIT Rates / amount) for below mentioned works are invited from the eligible contractors as per eligibility criteria mentioned in tender documents.

Sr. No. Name of the Work Estimated Cost Earnest Money

1. Construction of Govt. Senior Secondary School in Sector 32, Samrala Road, Ludhiana. Rs. 1018.88 Lacs Rs. 15.20 Lacs

2. Design, Approvals, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of on-grid connected net metering based 40 KWP (Batteryless) Solar Power Plant System (Including 5 years free of cost un-conditional comprehensive warranty) to be installed at Water Works/UGSR site, Urban Estate, Phase-2, Dugri, Ludhiana. Rs. 15.20 Lacs Rs. 30,500/-

Tender Processing Fee : As per portal Period of Completion : Sr. No. 1 : 12 Months, Sr No. 2 : 3 Months

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Divisional Engineer (C-1)

GREATER LUDHIANA AREA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

GLADA COMPLEX, RAJGURU NAGAR, FEROZEPUR ROAD, LUDHIANA

Named in scholarship scam, official given additional charge

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Internal arrangement

On the posting, the Social Welfare Director said the additional charge was an internal arrangement to manage the affairs of the state headquarters.

and Audit Charanjit Singh, section officer Mukesh Bhatia and senior assistant Baldev Singh, had been held responsible for

the wrongful payment of Rs 7 crore to private educational institutions by a three-panel committee of IAS officers Jaspal Singh, KAP Sirha and Vivek Partap Singh. The probe panel had pointed out that the erring officials conducted a audit on their own. The report with comments of Chief Secretary Vini Mahajan was submitted to the CM, who then sought action against the guilty. — TNS

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA

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/E-MAIL

1. THE SIRSA DISTT. COOP. MILK PROD. UNION LTD., (VITA SIRSA) HIRING OF ROAD MILK TANKER FOR MILK PLANT

Preserve CCTV footage of police station, says HC**SAURABH MALIK**

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 17

The Punjab and Haryana High Court has ordered the preservation of CCTV footage of a police station in a case where the petitioners described the matter as a glaring example of "complete goonda raj" in the state by none other than criminals in uniform, who not only proclaim, but do anything in the name of law".

The case pertains to purported picking up of a woman by the police before being allegedly made to roam around in a car. The woman was eventually rescued by a warrant officer appointed by the High Court, as per the petitioners.

Taking up the matter, Justice Sudip Ahluwalia directed the listing of the case in December first week for the filing of a status report by respondent-Ludhiana Commissioner of Police on a complaint filed in the matter. "It is further directed that the CCTV footage of the police station, Division No. 4, Ludhiana, of September 18 after 7 am of that date, be preserved till further orders," Justice Ahluwalia said.

The petitioners before the court, through counsel Abhinav Gupta, claimed they were "petty contractors" engaged in collecting debris from construction sites. The Bench was told that a police official objected to the use of machines in a plot in front of his house. In the dispute that ensued, two of the petitioners received multiple injuries, which could be corroborated from the medico-legal report. They were shocked to learn that an FIR for attempt to murder and other offences was subsequently registered against them.

Gupta submitted the house of a close friend of one of the petitioners was raided. Since he was not there, the police officials abducted his sister. After the warrant officer's appointment, a call was received at the police station. Another petitioner, abducted by the police, was made to go home. But they were unwilling to release the woman and tried to change her location. She was made to roam around in a car and was ultimately rescued by the warrant officer.

11 injured as bus overturns**OUR CORRESPONDENT**

FAZILKA, NOVEMBER 17

As many as 11 persons, including four women, were injured after the Amritsar-bound bus in which they were travelling overturned near Pir Mohammad village on the Fazilka-Ferozepur highway today.

The luxury bus from Jaipur skidded off the road and fell six feet deep into the fields after one of its tyres burst and its driver lost control of the vehicle around 5.50 am, said Jalalabad DSP Palwinder Singh.

Three held in shooting case**TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE**

ROPAR, NOVEMBER 17

The district police today claimed to have arrested three youths for alleged involvement in a shooting incident last week that left a man injured at nearby Kheri village.

The accused have been identified as Rahul Sharma, alias Jolly, Paramjit Singh, alias Pummy, and Pradeep Kumar, alias Honey, all residents of Kheri village.

**FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2020**

In order to clear extra rush of passengers during ongoing Festival Season, Northern Railway has planned to run the following fully reserved Festival Special Trains as per the schedule given below:-

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	22, 25, 27 & 29.11.20
04421	Lucknow	21:20	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:45	MON, THU, SAT	23, 26 & 28.11.20
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	Daily	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	Daily	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	23, 26 & 30.11.20
04402	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	23:30	New Delhi	11:15	TUE, FRI	24, 27.11.20 & 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	Daily	Up to 01.12.20
04041	Delhi Junction	22:25	Dehradun	08:25	Daily	21.11.20 to 30.11.20
04042	Dehradun	21:20	Delhi Junction	07:25	Daily	22.11.20 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	Daily	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	Daily	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	Daily	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	02:15	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	14:30	Jammu Tawi	06:00	THU	Up to 26.11.20
05098	Jammu Tawi	08:00	Bhagalpur	22:55	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 30.11.20
02398	New Delhi	12:10	Gaya	03:20	Daily	Up to 01.12.20
03255	Patliputra	20:35	Chandigarh	17:35	WED, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
03256	Chandigarh	21:30	Patliputra	18:50	MON, THU	Up to 30.11.20
02355	Patna Junction	07:25	Jammu Tawi	10:37	TUE, SAT	Up to 28.11.20
02356	Jammu Tawi	17:45	Patna Junction	20:55	WED, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
02595	Gorakhpur	20:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	08:50	MON, TUE, THU	Up to 30.11.20
02596	Anand Vihar Terminal	20:00	Gorakhpur	07:50	TUE, WED, FRI	Up to 01.12.20
02331	Howrah Junction	23:55	Jammu Tawi	13:10	TUE, FRI, SAT	Up to 28.11.20
02332	Jammu Tawi	22:45	Howrah Junction	11:30	MON, THU, SUN	Up to 30.11.20
02819	Bhubaneswar	15:40	Anand Vihar Terminal	20:50	WED, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
02820	Anand Vihar Terminal	07:05	Bhubaneswar	12:20	TUE, FRI	Up to 27.11.20
02549	Kamakhya	10:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	19:20	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
02550	Anand Vihar Terminal	06:45	Kamakhya	16:35	Daily	Up to 02.12.20
02530	Lucknow Jn	05:00	Patliputra Junction	14:50	Except SUN, THU	Up to 30.11.20
02529	Patliputra Junction	15:50	Lucknow Jn	02:35	Except SUN, THU	Up to 30.11.20
02033	Kanpur Central	06:00	New Delhi	11:20	Except SUN	Up to 30.11.20
02034	New Delhi	15:50	Kanpur Central	20:45	Except SUN	Up to 30.11.20
08215	Durg	09:00	Jammu Tawi	21:40	WED	Up to 25.11.20

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Tainted candidates

Onus on Parliament to clean up electoral arena

CRIMINALISATION of politics has remained under judicial scrutiny over the past decade or so, even though the Supreme Court has repeatedly restrained itself from making an intervention. On Monday, the apex court rightly put the onus on Parliament to decide on debarring tainted politicians from contesting elections. The Bench thus disposed of a plea seeking the nullification of the election of MLAs and MPs charged with over a year for offences punishable with a minimum five-year imprisonment. A five-judge Constitution Bench had in September 2018 described criminalisation of politics as a 'termite to the citadel of democracy', but hastened to add that the court could not usurp the power of law-making vested with the legislature.

Half of the winning candidates in the just-concluded Bihar Assembly elections have serious criminal cases registered against them, including those related to murder, rape and kidnapping, according to the Association for Democratic Reforms. In February this year, days after the Delhi Assembly polls, the Supreme Court had ordered political parties to upload details of pending criminal cases against their candidates and specify reasons for preferring the tainted ones to those with an unblemished record. The court had also asked the Election Commission to report non-compliance of this order. It seems no such exercise was carried out during the Bihar polls.

There is no gainsaying that candidates accused of committing or plotting heinous crimes should have no place in the electoral arena, even if they have high winnability and popularity. Such politicians have to be kept out of the fray till they are cleared of all serious charges by the court. Any dilly-dallying by Parliament on this issue is uncalled for. The legislature needs to play its constitutional role by framing a law that provides for the weeding out of criminal elements at the pre-poll stage itself. Voters can make an informed choice only if they are fully aware of the candidate's background. Political parties' reluctance to commit themselves to electoral reforms has proved to be a major stumbling block so far. They must be held accountable, at long last, for banking on their black sheep.

Doctor's posts go abegging

Punjab's incentives to medical specialists not enough

RATTLED by the shortage of doctors and other health staff in government facilities, brought into focus during the ongoing pandemic, the Punjab Government has been seeking to fill nearly 4,000 posts lying vacant in a bid to improve the situation and make affordable healthcare more widely available. In June-end, the government even decided to speed up the recruitment process by allowing the Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot, to hire the staff via walk-in interviews and doing away with the lengthy process of the Punjab Public Service Commission (PPSC) or the Punjab Subordinate Services Selection Board. However, the response insofar as acquiring specialist doctors is concerned has been far from satisfactory. Against the 142 posts advertised in this category, only 62 candidates have shown interest.

This does not bode well. The continued paucity of experts indicates a longer wait for poor patients, especially in rural areas — home to nearly 65 per cent of the population — for proper medical care on their doorstep. The reason for this dismal state of affairs is not difficult to gauge: lack of enough incentives. Though last September, the government raised the salary of MS/MD doctors from Rs 70,000 to Rs 1 lakh and the special remote area incentive from Rs 20,000 to Rs 60,000, it needs to follow up on why the hike is not attractive enough. Why has the condition deteriorated so much today from a time not too long back (2008-09) when the PPSC was rocked by the 'jobs for cash' scam in the recruitment of medical officers?

Over the past decade, fresh post-graduates are pushing away from the public sector. The main reason is the lure of the more lucrative pay, perks and promotion avenues in the private sector or the overseas greener pastures. This need is further fuelled by the necessity of repaying the loan of medical education, the cost of which has spiralled in this period. The relatively poor diagnostic facilities and other infrastructure in government hospitals give them little scope for improving their skill sets. Punjab must spend more on healthcare to retain its specialists and, consequently, aid the ordinary citizens crying for affordable treatment.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds.

— Francis Bacon

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

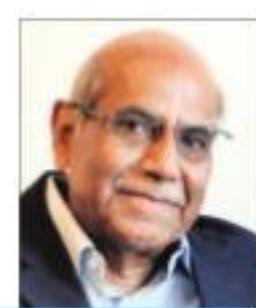
LAHORE, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1920

Is Non-co-operation Unconstitutional?

WE have already seen what so eminently moderate a politician as Sir Chimanlal Sitalvad and so sober-minded a journal as the *Allahabad Leader* have to say about the Government of India's latest pronouncement on the non-co-operation movement. Other moderate politicians and moderate organs have expressed more or less identical views on the subject. Among the most important of these is the *Servant of India*, which goes to the root of the whole matter by raising the fundamental question of the Government's right to repress non-co-operation as an unlawful and unconstitutional movement. Whatever may be thought of some of the ultimate stages of the movement "no one," says our contemporary, "will imagine for one single moment that the programme which has been at present taken up for action is anything but strictly legal and constitutional. The leaders of the non-co-operation movement claim that when the entire programme is carried into execution it will result in a paralysis of the governmental machine, but that does not entitle the Government, despite the authority of Mr. Srinivas Iyengar, to treat every single item in the programme, however innocent in itself, as unconstitutional and to apply coercion under that pretext." Again: "The movement may be condemned as suicidal, but it must also be recognised that it is an indefeasible right of the people to withhold co-operation from Government or a section of the public." Lastly, referring to what is easily the most contested of all these items, the boycott of schools and colleges, the journal points out what is apt to be forgotten in the heat of the argument, that "parents have certainly a right to withdraw their children, if they so chose, and the Government cannot coerce them into keeping the children at school."

Act East policy at stake

India risking retreat from the region where it has expanded presence against odds



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IS India retreating from its Act East policy? Last year, India walked out of the final phase of negotiations on the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) despite having participated in intensive negotiations for well over seven years since 2012. The RCEP has now become a reality with the agreement having been signed by 15 countries on November 15. They include the 10 ASEAN countries, China, Japan, South Korea and Australia and New Zealand. India is missing. It is reassuring that thanks to friendly countries like Japan, the door has been left open for India to return to membership but this looks unlikely. India has effectively dealt itself out of the evolving regional economic and trade arrangements. This also puts its ambitions of being a credible Indo-Pacific power at risk. You cannot hope to play a larger regional role from the margins of the regional economy. And that is where we find ourselves.

What is intriguing is that India also seems to be downgrading its role in the East Asia Summit (EAS). In the latest summit held virtually, India was represented by the External Affairs Minister rather than the PM. The only other head of state/government missing was the US President, but then, he had a credible excuse being in the midst of a political transition. In the preceding EAS foreign minister-level meeting, too, India was represented by its Minister of State. What is the message India is sending through this downgraded participation?

The EAS is very important to India and more so in terms of its Indo-Pacific strategy. It was not easy for India to



MISSING: India walked out of RCEP negotiations last year despite talks since 2012.

India's attractiveness as a base for manufacturing and exports would diminish if its access to the large markets under regional trading regimes is restricted.

be included in this forum when it was inaugurated in 2005. The Chinese were pushing for the ASEAN+3 (China, Japan and South Korea) as the core of the East Asia economic and security architecture. The US, on the other hand, was promoting the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) as the preferred vehicle for constructing a new regional architecture. Despite its best efforts, India could not manage to become a member of APEC. It was only through the efforts of Japan and Singapore that its inclusion in the EAS became possible. This was the first acknowledgement of India having a significant role in East Asia or the preferred notion of Asia-Pacific. It was the Indian PM who followed this up by putting forward the idea of an East Asian community, with ASEAN playing a central role. In 2011, India led the initiative to invite the US and Russia as members to create an inclusive and influential forum, which could deliberate on the extended region's political, security and economic challenges.

What distinguished the EAS from other fora was its character as a leaders' led process, giving it a potentially influential role in managing regional affairs. Having decided to stay out of the RCEP, our role in the EAS has become even more critical if our Act East policy has to retain any traction.

The RCEP was an initiative of the EAS launched in 2012. Perhaps there may be an assumption that since the RCEP is no longer on our agenda, the EAS loses its importance as well. This is a faulty assessment. If the RCEP has weakened our engagement with and role in our critically important eastern flank, downgrading the EAS will only reinforce this. Whether intended or not, the message to our friends and adversaries in the region would be that our interest in the region has diminished and that India's footprint in the Indo-Pacific will become weaker. This leaves the Indo-Pacific more vulnerable to Chinese political and security penetration. Already the Chinese are projecting the RCEP as a major triumph cementing their economic dominance of the region. Even the Japanese who had held out for safeguards against Chinese trade and investment inroads in the region using the RCEP finally gave in. The Chinese ministry of finance has reported that 'for the first time China and Japan reached a bilateral tariff

reduction arrangement achieving a historic breakthrough'. This is what enabled the RCEP to be concluded.

The PM of Japan has described the RCEP as 'broadening a free and fair economic zone' and held out the 'possibility of India's future return to the deal and hope to gain support from other countries'. Separately, Japan hopes that under Biden, the US may return to the Trans Pacific Partnership, which in its current incarnation is known as the Comprehensive and Progressive Trans Pacific Partnership. China is not a member but may eventually join due to the sheer weight of its economy and its role as the world's largest trading country. India will find itself comprehensively marginalised in the regional and global economy. The implications of this both in economic and foreign policy terms need to be carefully deliberated upon.

We have looked upon free trade and other regional economic arrangements through the prism of imports into India. The aspect of India's market access to other large markets is often ignored. The RCEP without India may mean some protection against cheaper Chinese imports. But India's own access to the markets of those who are now in the RCEP would also be impacted. RCEP members are certain to give preferential access to each other rather than an outsider. Investment calculations would also be influenced by such trading arrangements. India's attractiveness as a base for manufacturing and exports would diminish if its access to the large markets under regional trading regimes is restricted or attracts higher tariffs. This should not be lost sight of.

An Indo-Pacific strategy without a policy of deep engagement with ASEAN and East Asian countries would lack credibility. It cannot just be premised on closer security arrangements with friendly partners in the region. It must have a strong and vibrant economic dimension as well. We should not risk a retreat from the region where we have expanded our presence overcoming difficult odds.

A rush of childhood memories

NJ RAVI CHANDER

MY earliest memory of childhood is living with my parents in a one-room shed in Cox Town, Bengaluru, that belonged to a paternal relative. The dwelling lay in a quiet corner of the cantonment, close to the sprawling military campus housing the battalions of the Madras Engineering Group and Centre (MEG) and a stone's throw away from the Christian and Hindu burial grounds in Kulpally on the city's outskirts. Tales of ghostly figures stamping down the roads at night did the rounds, and my eyes would grow wide with fright on hearing them.

Hearse vans ferrying the dead to the cemetery laden with flowers followed by a funeral cortège was a common

sight. The family elders would frisk away my younger sibling and me indoors when a funeral procession came into view. The town had a sizeable Tamil population that co-existed peacefully with Anglo-Indians and other communities, making it a melting pot of cultures. Scores of vineyards dotted the landscape, and there was hardly any motorised transport on the roads.

My paternal grandparents passed away when my father and his younger sister were of marriageable age. We worshipped their photographs, along with gods and goddesses in the Hindu pantheon. The paternal grandfather had served the British army with distinction and was even decorated with the Order of British India, though his love for India was intact. He was a lover of horses and like many Army officers of

yore owned a steed. We learned from dad that he was a strict disciplinarian and used the whip meant for the equines to flog errant children.

My mother would recount how Cupid's arrow struck my father when he saw her for the first time. He would regularly trail her on a bicycle from a distance on her way to school. Enamoured of my mother's beauty, dad soon persuaded an uncle to talk to the prospective in-laws and seek her hand in marriage. One thing led to another at a quick pace, and they eventually tied the nuptial knot. In the space of a little over eight years, the couple had five offspring. The shed that served as my parents' maiden home doubled up as a living room, bedroom and kitchen. A ferocious canine manned the compound, and strangers were in dread of

gaining access into the house.

I recall taking out my toy aeroplane whenever it was time to feed my younger sibling. The sparks let off by the plane lit up my brother's eyes and a gigantic grin spread across his face. We resorted to this ploy as he was a hesitant eater. My father would also amuse the tiny tot by reciting the traditional and famous Tamil nursery rhyme, 'Nila, Nila Odi Vaa. Nillaamal odi vaa. Malai mela eri vaa, Mallaigai Poo Kondu vaa' (Moon, moon come running to me. Don't stop while you run. Climb over the mountain and bring a jasmine flower when you come to me). The moon's beauty would distract the little one, and he would open his mouth wide and gulp down the food. My parents are no more, nor is the one-room shed, but those memories remain alive.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reduced influence

This refers to 'Nitish dwarfed'; undoubtedly he was a Hobson's choice as CM for NDA's survival, but for all practical purposes, he has to play second fiddle to the top BJP leadership and shall be relegated to a figurehead. Most of his energy shall be squandered in managing his allies. How long shall he sustain such undue meddling and pressure is anybody's guess. Further, Nitish Kumar is known for jumping the ship and therefore shall keep the BJP on tenterhooks perpetually and use this as his trump card. However, this deadly cocktail and power asymmetry between the BJP and the JD(U) coalition shall eventually leave the voters in the lurch once again.

DEEPAK SINGHAL, NOIDA

Clipping Nitish's wings

The BJP's plan to clip CM Nitish Kumar's wings has succeeded as the JD(U) lost its 'big brother' tag. Kumar will have no free run after the BJP emerged as the dominant partner for the first time in about two decades. By appointing two Deputy Chief Ministers, and displacing former Dy CM Sushil Modi, who was seen as close to Kumar, the party has set the ball rolling for a more expansive role. The BJP has also kept the lion's share of ministerial berths and

significant portfolios. Kumar will have to come to terms with the BJP to retain his post.

SS PAUL, NADIA

Prejudiced demand

BJP general secretary CT Ravi has demanded that JNU be renamed as Swami Vivekananda University. He tweeted, 'It was Swami Vivekananda who stood for the idea of 'Bharat'. His philosophy and values signify the 'Strength of Bharat'. It is only right that the Jawaharlal Nehru University is renamed Swami Vivekananda University. The life of Bharat's patriotic saint will inspire generations to come.' This is a prejudiced demand and shows that the BJP has been trying to play with historical facts by promoting its ideologies. The BJP should not misuse power and must establish constitutional values that promote national integrity, harmony and peace in society.

AMIT SINGH KUSHWAHA, SATNA

Govt health centres

Refer to 'Few opt for job of medical specialists in Pb'; no specialist doctor happily joins government hospitals. Officials try to hide behind the lame excuse that the cause is poor monetary benefits but the reality is that it is because of poor infrastructure and working conditions. If the govern-

ment admits this, it will be counted as its failure and it will have to improve infrastructure. How can a surgeon work at a CHC without a proper operation theatre and an anaesthetist? Other specialists also require infrastructure. The government must improve health institutions because poor people depend entirely on them.

RAJESH KUMAR SHARMA, BY MAIL

Medical specialists

It's a matter of deep concern that medical specialists do not appear to be keen to join government service. As per the figures, out of 142 selected specialists, only 62 have opted to join the service. Apparently, these people are not professionally and financially satisfied. Past practice shows that even those who have joined government job, leave it after gaining some experience. As a result, the common man is not receiving treatment at the hands of medical specialists. The treatment in private hospitals is too expensive for the common man to afford. To provide relief, the government should arrange proper infrastructure in its hospitals and dispensaries. The salary and perks of these doctors should be hiked so as to attract specialists. They should be posted at stations where adequate infrastructure exists so that

they can utilise their talent for the benefit of the people.

NK GOSAIN, BATHINDA

Investing in children

Apropos of 'Thought for the Day—Teaching kids to count is fine but teaching them what counts is best—according to my experience as a student and a teacher': sensible parents should take full care of their wards up to Class XII. Then they become mature and can well choose their career. *Sanskriti* imbibed in children by their parents and gurus work in their development as best citizens. In future, they will bring pride not only to their parents, but also their alma mater and country. Good company and honesty pay them in the long run.

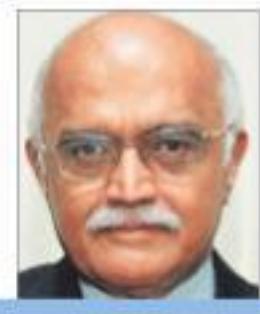
PS MEHTA, HISAR

Ethical journalism

Reference to 'VP bats for freedom of Press'; it can be said that a section of the Press is being gagged, even as some mediapersons can be seen bypassing ethical codes of journalism. Accuracy is at a low ebb and facts are being suppressed. This may break the trust of viewers and readers. People need factual information. Journalists are expected to adhere to the ethical codes of journalism.

ROOP SINGH NEGI, SOLAN

Centre-state turf wars over investigations



VAPPALA BALACHANDRAN

EX-SPECIAL SECRETARY, CABINET SECRETARIAT

In July 1987, the then Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was non-plussed when Srikrishna Eknath Joshi, then RAW chief, refused his offer of extension of service. I was then working as his Chief Staff Officer. Joshi was appointed in that position in January 1986 and retired in July 1987 at the age of 58.

Joshi told me that the PM was quite upset hearing his reasons for refusal. He told him that it would be highly improper for the civil service ethics if he accepted an extension. The PM was also irked at his gratuitous advice not to grant extension to people on the verge of retirement as it would be considered politically oriented. Perhaps the PM did not know that Joshi, who was made of sterner stuff, was the grandson of legendary freedom fighter and social reformer Sir Moropant Joshi.

This incident comes to my mind on the recent retrospective revision of the 2018 order on the term of office of the present Director of Enforcement Directorate (ED) to enable him to continue in office for one more year. While 'public interest' was quoted for the unprecedented order, the string of politically important cases cited by the media revealed the real intention to all. Is it that the government could not find any

other suitable officer in any of our services to succeed the present incumbent, who is the first head to be given a three-year tenure against the norm of two?

That this coincides with the complaints from state governments and jurists on the unconstitutionality of increasing use of Central agencies by the NDA government for organising raids and conducting criminal investigations is also significant as it is in violation of the distribution of powers.

A study of our Constituent Assembly proceedings would reveal that our founding fathers were very reluctant to confer any investigating powers in the states on the Central agencies. Although this was a British policy after the 1857 uprising, leading to the 1860 Police Commission and the 1861 Indian Police Act, our Constituent Assembly too adopted this policy for minority protection and bestowing more confidence among the states. Thus, we copied the Seventh Schedule (List II-Provincial) of the Government of India Act, 1935, as our Constitution's Seventh Schedule (List II-State List) wherein public order and police, including village and railway police, were placed with the states.

True, the Union Powers Committee had recommended 'Central Intelligence Bureau' as item No. 3 in the Central List. However, the drafting committee changed it to 'Central Bureau of Intelligence & Investigation' as item No. 8 when it came for review on August 29, 1949. This change was necessary as the secret order of the Secretary of State creating our IB on December 23, 1887, had called it 'Central Criminal Intelligence Department'.

Dr BR Ambedkar explained the position when some members objected to this as police and public order were



with the states: "The word 'investigation' here does not permit and will not permit the making of an investigation into a crime because that matter under the Criminal Procedure Code is left exclusively to a police officer. Police is exclusively a state subject, it has no place on the Union list." He added that it was meant only as a general enquiry "for the purpose of finding out what is going on." That is exactly the charter of our Intelligence Bureau.

In 1966, a Supreme Court Bench headed by Chief Justice M Hidayatullah amplified the role of the Centre in national security in *Dr Ram Manohar Lohia vs State of Bihar* (AIR 1966 SC 740). The SC 'imagined' three concentric circles, the largest representing law

and order, the next representing public order and the smallest representing security of state. In other words, the Centre should be concerned only with national security and not with public order and law and order in normal times.

This protocol of Central agencies working through the state police was maintained even during the ill-famed Emergency (1975-77) as was my experience as the head of Bombay Special Branch. Although India was virtually a 'unitary state' during that period; not once did the CBI or ED conduct any raid independently of the state police. All detentions and prosecutions were done through cooperation with the state police.

This protocol is still followed by

the CBI, which derives its power from the Special Police Establishment (SPE) Act of 1946 which lays down (Section 6) that the consent of the state concerned has to be obtained before they take up any investigation in the states.

Some sections believe that the NIA has direct all-India jurisdiction. Perhaps they forget that the then Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J Jayalalithaa had refused the NIA's request to take over the investigation into the May 1, 2014, bombing of the Guwahati-Bangalore Express in which a TCS employee was killed. The case was investigated by the local CB (CID) and is still with the 11th MM Court, Saidapet.

Similar would be the case with the

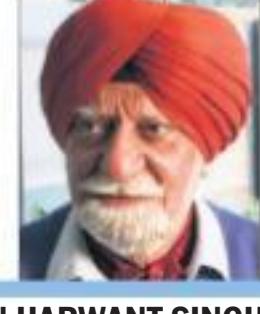
The fact that the grant of extension in service coincides with complaints from state governments and jurists on the unconstitutionality of increasing use of Central agencies by the NDA government for organising raids and conducting criminal investigations is also significant as it is in violation of the distribution of powers.

PROTOCOL: There has to be coordination between Central agencies and the state police.

ED's persistent efforts to do a parallel investigation, bypassing the local government, into the 'irrigation scam' which the Maharashtra Police are investigating, as reported by a national daily on October 18.

The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) was created in 1986 primarily for coordinating efforts with the state police and international agencies for big seizures. India continues to be the transit, storage and export point of big Af-Pak Golden Triangle drug syndicates. Yet, our opiate seizures (opium, morphine, heroin) in 2018, as reflected in UNODC 2020 report (Book-3), were found very low. Why then is the NCB focusing on sensational raids on soft Bollywood targets leading to such meagre seizures?

Self-reliance in defence needs shift in priority



LT GEN HARWANT SINGH (RETD)

FORMER DEPUTY CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF

In the import of defence equipment, we have been paying additional money for the transfer of technology clause and yet have never been able to fully absorb it and consequently could never take it forward. We even failed in the field of reverse engineering. The recent DRDO move to raise the limits of advance payment and award contracts through the procurement manual is hardly a push for self-reliance.



ENSURE QUALITY: The use of technology is tilting the balance in favour of the gun.

INDIA imports 70 per cent of its defence weapons and equipment. An import lobby has existed, which on the one hand has controlled the development of weapons and equipment within the country and on the other, gained from imports. Earlier, most weapons and equipment came from the USSR, where no information about any wrongdoing by the buyer ever leaked. Internally in India, no misdeed was ever brought to light.

In two cases where malpractices had occurred to strike deals for the import of equipment, information linked to bribery was leaked from only the two countries that provided the equipment, one being the Bofors gun and the other Agusta Westland helicopters. In both, the names of the defence secretaries surfaced. In the case of Bofors, the defence secretary could not be charge-sheeted as he had been moved to a Governor's post, placing him beyond the reach of law and in the case of Agusta Westland helicopters, the defence secretary was re-employed as CAG and his arrest now awaits clearance from the Defence Ministry, even while he is a retired person, though in this case, the Air Chief was also charge-sheeted.

Development of weapons and equipment is at the core of Atmanirbhar Bharat and 'Made in India' forms its essence. It is possible to create capabilities within to meet the military's requirement, provided we bring about changes to the existing set-up. Here, the thrust should be initially towards 'Make in India', followed by 'Made by India', rather than merely 'Make in India' by foreign companies.

India has enough entrepreneurial potential and technical skills and if giving

on the required incentives, it can measure up. The setting up of production facilities by foreign companies should, as far as possible, be joint ventures with Indian entities.

Fifty-seven DRDO establishments, 11 defence public sector undertakings (PSUs) and 41 ordnance factories have been in existence for over six decades and yet the Indian military continues to depend on imports. Before any attempt to promote indigenous production is made, we need to examine as to why own efforts made by the DRDO, defence PSUs and the Ordnance Factory Board have fallen short of meeting the military's requirement.

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move to raise the limits of advance payment and award contracts to the second lowest bidder (if the lowest bidder backs out) through the procurement manual is hardly a push for self-reliance.

For long, there has been a demand for an independent science audit of the DRDO and other defence establishments. Internal 'expert panels' can hardly be expected to come up with radical changes, which run counter to the interests of MoD, whose turf these are. Even the Director General Qualitative Assurance (DGQA) forms part of the same set-up. Consequently, the quality of products from these establishments has remained indifferent.

While a few of these DRDO and other establishments have done reasonably well, such as those dealing with missile technology, most others have little to their credit. A science audit should be over within three months and those who have failed to accomplish anything worthwhile should

be sold out to the private sector. Given top-of-the-line equipment with these establishments, private entities will make a good start. When the USSR broke up, China took 2,000 scientists from there. This did contribute to China getting to its present state in high-end technologies.

What is not fully realised in India is that in this equation between the 'gun' and the 'man behind the gun', the balance is fast tilting in favour of the gun. Already, artificial intelligence, robotics, drone technology and cybertech have brought about a sea change in warfare.

While we did away with the 'licence & permit raj', what was left out was the issue of 'clearances' and curtailing the predatory functioning of the 'inspector'. Clearances involve traversing through the bureaucratic jungle. So, in place of 'ease of doing business', one needs 'grease for doing business' in India. A single window leads to many more windows. These hassles made many industries shift from India to China.

One foreign company did find a solution by appointing a bureaucrat as company chairman, who could not only cut red tape but also corner all future tax benefits by getting to know of such plans years before the official announcements.

Most equipment being produced in India still has imported content. Therefore, effort is needed to move into high-tech zone. Given the current geostrategic environment and developments in the Indo-Pacific and Himalayas, Quad countries and others are willing to give India access to high-end technologies, and it must make the most of such possibilities.

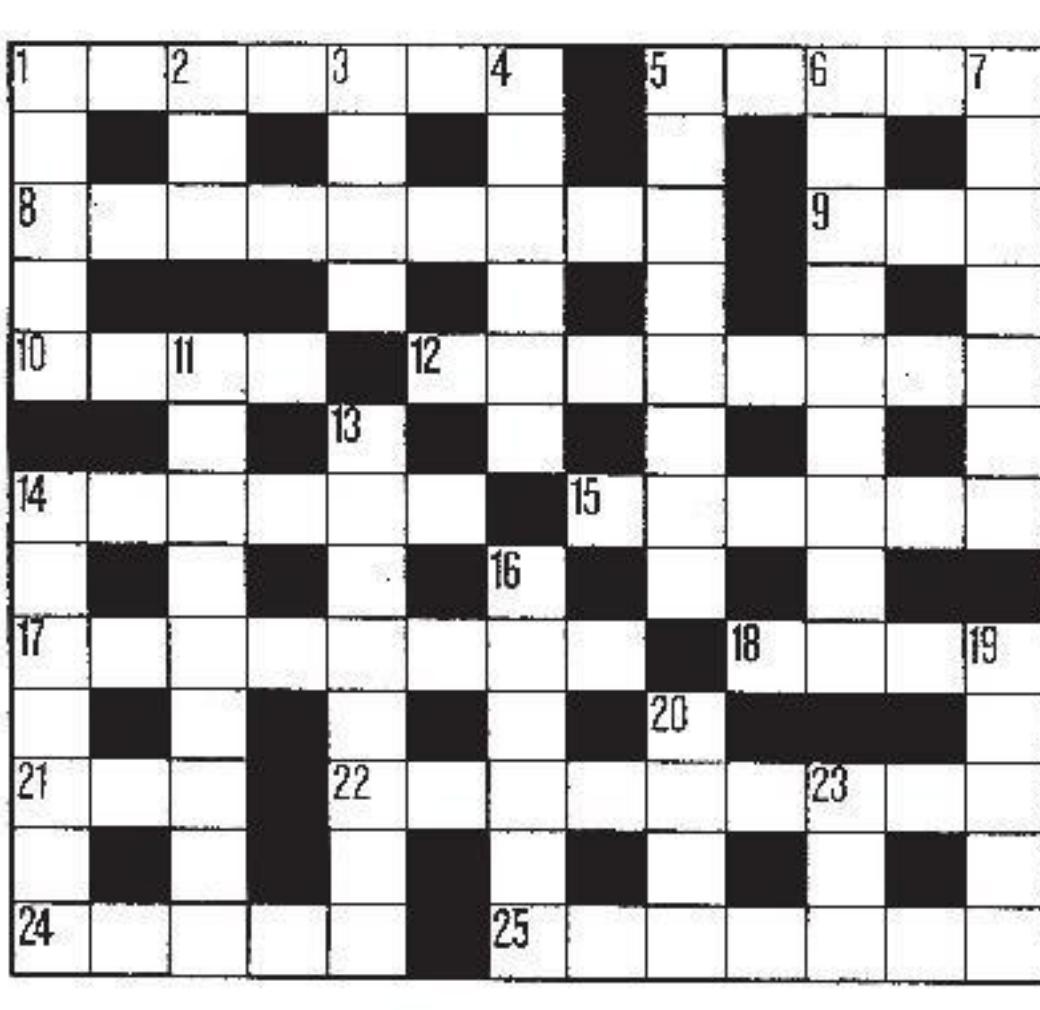
The Chief of Defence Staff, General Bipin Rawat, is well off the mark when

he advocates the lowering of General Staff Qualitative Requirement (GSQR) to 70 per cent. Perhaps he is not aware that technology has come to play a dominant role in warfare and as it is, 68 per cent of the military's equipment is of the vintage category. In framing the GSQR, what could be considered is that the DRDO be involved to an extent, so that it could initially produce Mark-1 of the weapon/equipment to be followed by Mark-2 which must fully measure up to the required performance parameters.

For *Atmanirbhar* in defence, resetting of the existing set-up on the following lines is called for: a) Complete science audit and based on it, 50 per cent of DRDO, defence PSUs and ordnance factories should be sold out to the private sector. The next review of the balance of these establishments be carried out after five years; b) Secretary, Defence Production, should be a defence services officer; c) DGQA should come under the CDS; d) A few selected DRDO establishments, defence PSUs and ordnance factories should be headed by defence services officers. The Navy has done better by adopting this system; e) Factories should be relocated closer to where weapons and equipment are required to be deployed to reduce transportation expenses; f) Do away with the single vendor system, including for ordnance factory products.

The proposal to convert the Ordnance Factory Board into Ordnance Factory Corporation Limited as being suggested will be a half-way house, leaving the military still dependent on a single vendor and products of indifferent quality.

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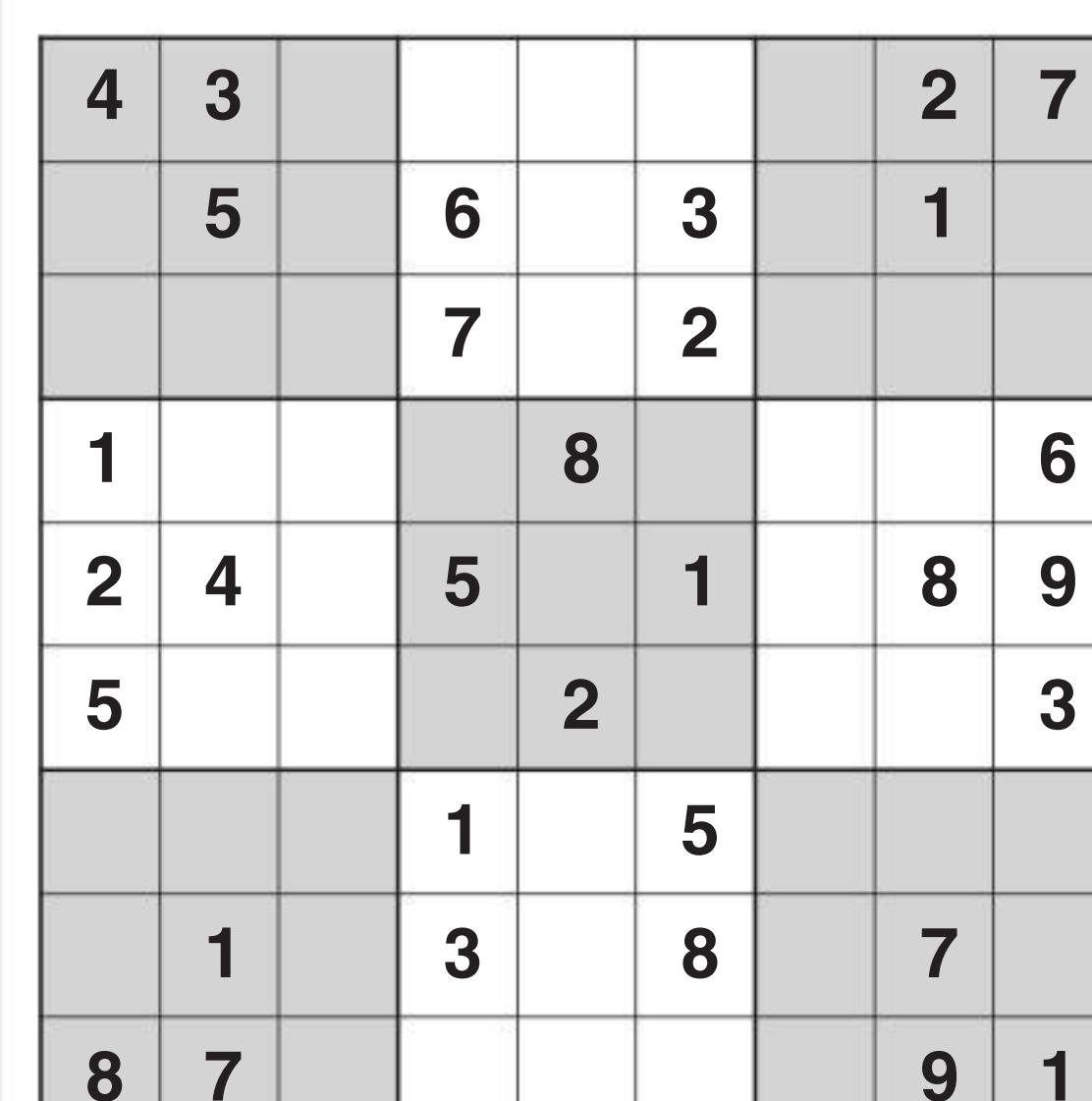


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I. Ishan Jain s/o Pratap Jain r/o H.NO. 16-B, Vidyा Nagar, Hisar (Haryana), declare that I have changed my name Ishan to Ishan Jain. (CL20062954)

I. Sukyant s/o Rajesh Kumar Goyal resident 72, Vikas Nagar, Rohtak-124001, have changed my name to Sukyant Goyal. (CL20062979)

I. Maninder Kaur, W/o Rohit Rajveen, resident of H. No. 110, Skynet Enclave, Lohgarh, Zirakpur-146063, have changed my name after marriage to Maninder Marwah for all further purposes. (CL20062991)

I. Ajay Kumar son of Kashin Singh Village Teora PO Basantpur, Tehsil Indra, District Kangra (HP), declare that my minor daughter's name in her Passport No. P5640663 has wrongly entered as Aarohi whereas her correct name is Aarohi Singh Concerned note. (CL20063013)

I. JC-352158W Sub Maj Ravindra Kumar s/o Dharmvir Singh r/o HQ CE, Chandigarh Zone, Chandigarh declare that the name of my wife has mentioned as Sapna in my service record. It may please be changed as Sapna Dhama. (CL20062931)

I. Mukhtar Masih s/o Aladita, Mindo w/o Mukhtar Masih, r/o 178 St. No. 2, Juneja Colony Tibba Road Ludhiana, disown our son Sabby & his wife Monika on 13 March 2020 in Tribune Newspaper. But they now in our control so we back disown them, now they are moveable immovable property right. (CL20062934)

I. no. JC-37913M Sub Rajeshwar Resident 382 Sec-B Defence colony Ambala Cant Declares in my service record my son's name/ birth date wrongly recorded as Ankit Kumar/ 17.10.2000, instead of Ankit Polista/ 17.10.2001 respectively vide Affidavit 10A/109304/ 10.11.2020 before Executive Magistrate, Ambala Cant. (CL20062916)

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(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)

In the Court of

Sh. Ranjan Kumar Khullar

Additional Principal Judge,

Family Court, Hoshiarpur.

Paramjit Singh son of Lahori Singh Resident of Village Bassi

Marof Sitala, Tehsil & Distt.

Hoshiarpur.Petitioner

Versus

Paramjit Kaur Daughter of Ram

Kishan Resident of Village

Manak Dheri, Tehsil & Distt.

Hoshiarpur.

....Respondent

Petition U/S 13 of Hindu

Marriage Act.

CNR No. PBHO01-001931-2018

Next Date: 04.12.2020

Publication issued to:

Paramjit Kaur

Father: Ram Kishan

Wife of Paramjit Singh Resident of Village Manak Dheri, Tehsil & Distt. Hoshiarpur.

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 04.12.2020 at 10:00 a.m.

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Dated, this day of 26.10.2020.

Sd/- Additional Principal Judge,

Family Court,

CL19180150 Hoshiarpur.

In the Court of

Ms Monica Sharma, PCS,

Civil Judge (Sr. Divn.),

Hoshiarpur.

CNR No.

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Next date: 07.12.2020

1. Smt. Poonam Ratra (Mother of Deceased) w/o Sh.

Pardeep Kumar Ratra r/o House No. 99, Block No. C,

Phagwara Road, Mohalla

Mount Avenue, Hoshiarpur & another.

...Applicant(s)/Plaintiff(s)

Versus

General Public

...Respondent(s)/Defendant(s)

Succession Application

Notice to: General Public

In the above noted titled Succession Application the respondent(s)/defendant(s) could not be served. It is ordered that they should appear in person or through counsel on 07.12.2020 at 10:00 a.m.

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Sd/-

Monica Sharma,

Civil Judge (Sr. Div.),

CL20062939 Hoshiarpur.

DISTRICT IT SOCIETY, SONIPAT
SHORT TENDER NOTICE

1. Tenders/bids under two bid system are invited from eligible reputed firms and eligible bidders for Manpower works (Computer Operator, Peon, Watchman, Security Guard, Driver, Assistant, MTS etc.) contract at District IT Society, Sonipat. The bid document(s) for the above works will be available from 17.11.2020 at 10.00 A.M. Last date to Deposit the tender is 24.11.2020 up to 10.00 A.M. Technical bid will be opened at 4.00 P.M. on 24.11.2020 & Financial bid at 5.00 P.M. on 24.11.2020.
2. Deputy Commissioner-cum-Chairman, DITS, Sonipat reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason(s).

Deputy Commissioner-cum-Chairman,
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DI-14098

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BJP diverting attention from unemployment, inflation: Mehbooba

SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 17

President of the PDP Mehbooba Mufti and vice-president of the National Conference Omar Abdullah on Tuesday hit back at Union Home Minister Amit Shah over his "Gupkar gang" remark.

Mehbooba said, "BJP's stale tactic of dividing India by projecting itself as a saviour and political opponents as internal and imagined enemies is far too predictable now. Love jihad, 'tukde tukde' and now Gupkar gang dominates the political discourse instead of (issues) like rising unemployment and inflation."

The PDP chief also wondered whether fighting elections in an alliance was also anti-national. "The BJP can stitch as many alliances in its hunger for power but somehow we are undermining national interest by putting up a united front," she said.

"Old habits die hard. Earlier BJP's narrative was that the tukde tukde gang threatened India's sovereignty and they are now using 'Gupkar Gang' euphemism to project us as anti-nationals. Irony died a million deaths since it's BJP itself that violates the constitution day in and day out," she tweeted.

Omar also reacted sharply to the comments, saying the frustration stems from the political amalgam deciding to contest the forthcoming local body elections and not giving the BJP and its allies a free run. Taking a veiled dig at the newly formed Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party, Omar tweeted, "I can understand the frustration behind this

ANTI-NATIONAL RHETORIC

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Mehbooba Mufti,
PDP CHIEF

'BJP FRUSTRATED'

I can understand the frustration behind this attack. We are legitimate political alliance having fought and continuing to fight election.

Omar Abdullah,
NC VICE-PRESIDENT

PAGD ANNOUNCES SEAT-SHARING PLAN

Srinagar: The People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) on Tuesday announced the seat-sharing arrangement for the third phase of the District Development Council poll, which will be held on December 4. The PDP will contest on eight of the 16 seats in the third phase, and the NC on seven. The Awami National Conference will contest on one seat. The last day for filling nominations for the third phase is Wednesday. PTI

attack by the Hon'ble Home Minister. He had been briefed that the People's Alliance was preparing to boycott elections. This would have allowed the BJP and newly formed King's party a free run in J&K. We didn't oblige them." — PTI

Not in alliance, fighting poll to expose BJP: Cong

ADITI TANDON
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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 17

Hours after Home Minister Amit Shah questioned the Congress over its truck with the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD), the party hit back, saying it was not part of PAGD and did not subscribe to any foreign intervention on the Kashmir issue.

The Congress said it had allied with the PAGD only for electoral purposes and asked the BJP why it had formed a government in Jammu and Kashmir with the PDP in the past? Today they are criticising the same PDP?" said Surjewala.

Fielding Shah's attack on the issue, Congress media head Randeep Singh Surjewala said the Congress believed in democratic elections in J&K and was participating in the District Development Council

RAISES SAFFRON PARTY'S PAST TIE-UP WITH PDP

◆ We are not part of the PAGD, nor do we believe in any foreign interference in our internal matters, but will the BJP answer why it formed a government with the PDP in the past? Today they are criticising the same PDP.

Randeep Singh Surjewala, CONGRESS MEDIA HEAD

polls to "democratically expose the nefarious designs of the BJP". "We are not part of the PAGD, nor do we believe in any foreign interference in our internal matters, but will the BJP answer why it had formed a government with the PDP in the past? Today they are criticising the same PDP?" said Surjewala.

The Congress counter questioned the BJP, asking why its government had released Maulana Masood Azhar and two other terrorists and whether or not these terrorists went on to perpetrate the

Mumbai terror attacks.

"Can Amit Shah also answer how Dawood Abraham's wife visited Mumbai and returned to Pakistan without being questioned and why no FIR was registered against a former Maharashtra minister after he was caught speaking with Dawood on the phone?" said Surjewala. J&K Congress chief GA Mir had earlier told *The Tribune* that the party had not formally joined the PAGD and had only entered a seat sharing arrangement with it for the DDC polls that start on November 28.

Autumn hues



Visitors take pictures under Chinar trees in a Srinagar garden on Tuesday. PTI

PDP turns to L-G over nomads' 'harassment'

SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 17

Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) president Mehbooba Mufti on Tuesday said it was disconcerting to see nomads being "harassed and displaced" across Jammu and Kashmir and sought Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha's intervention to ensure it stops.



Says consequences will be dangerous if they were evicted

across J&K being harassed & displaced. They've been the rightful inhabitants & are now being evicted on discriminatory grounds. Kindly intervene @manojinha_ & ensure that this stops." The PDP chief also alleged that the Centre had failed to implement the Forest Act, which could have protected the Gujar-Bakerwal community. — PTI



The two terrorists arrested in New Delhi on Tuesday. PTI

2 JeM ultras held in Delhi

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 17

The Special Cell of the Delhi Police last night arrested two Kashmir-based suspected Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) terrorists from the Sarai Kale Khan locality in southeast Delhi.

Abdul Latif Mir (22), a resident of Doru village in Barwala district, and Mohd Ashraf Khatana (20) of Hat Mullia village in Kupwara district of Jammu and Kashmir were nabbed on Monday night, officials said, claiming a possible terror attack in the national capital had been foiled with their arrest.

An inquiry into a complaint lodged by Varinder Singh found that the suspects presented people a business plan with a mala fide intention to cheat them. — PTI

Sanjeev Kumar Yadav, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Special Cell), said the suspects were apprehended near Millennium Park around

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1. Sealed Tenders are invited by 25 Nov 2020 for Establishment of Inclusive Education Resources.

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Sd/- Principal

NORTHERN RAILWAY	
E-Tender Notice	
The Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer(Const), Northern Railway, Moradabad for & on behalf of President of India invites E-Tenders under single packet system for the under noted work:	
e-Tender NIT No	17-Elect/C/TRD/MB/120-C
Name of work with its location	Design, Supply, erection, testing & commissioning of balance left over OHE sectioning modification work of 25 KV A.C. Single phase, OHE as per approved sectioning diagram in c/w Electrified double line of Dhappar-Chandigarh yard of Ambala Division.
Completion period of the work	04 (Four) Months.
Approx. cost of work	₹ 47,84,735.00
Earliest Money amount (to be deposited Online)	₹ 95,700/-
Date & Time for submission of E-tender and opening of tender	Tenders may be uploaded upto 11.30 hrs on date 03.12.2020 on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in the bidders can participate in the e-tender. the tender will be opened at 11.30 hrs on 03.12.2020
Validity of offer	45 Days from the date of opening of tender.
Northern Railway Website	Additional Relevant information may be checked on the website www.ireps.gov.in
Eligibility Criteria	(i) The tenderer shall possess a valid Electrical contractor Licence from the concerned statutory authority. The above said Electrical contractor Licence is to be submitted along with the offer otherwise the offer shall be summarily rejected. (ii) The tenderer should have experience in working with 25 KV OHE and all the material required for the successful completion of the work shall be procured only from RDSO /CORE approved sources and the material shall be as per RDSO Specification (latest).

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NOTICE INVITING E-PROCUREMENT TENDER

Online bids are invited by the Additional General Manager, Bulk Water Supply, SJPNL, Shimla-12 (H.P.) on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, in electronic tendering system for the undermentioned work from the qualified and experienced contractors/firms registered in appropriate class enlisted with (JSV) HP I&PH/PWD Department/ any Govt. undertaking department.

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- c Pre-bid meeting On 27.11.2020 11.00 A.M.
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- e Date of submission of e-tender From 04.12.2020 5.00 P.M. to 14.12.2020 11.00 A.M.
- f Online submission of EMD and cost of tender documents Up to 11.00 A.M. on 14.12.2020
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GLOBE TROT



HEROIC: UK diplomat Stephen Ellison saves a drowning girl in Chongqing, drawing praise from both nations. REUTERS

British diplomat saves drowning student in China

LONDON: Stephen Ellison, 61-year-old British consul-general in Chongqing, saved a drowning girl by jumping into the water, China's official Xinhua news agency reported. The had fallen accidentally. The British embassy as well as China foreign ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian praised Ellison's heroic behaviour. REUTERS

Divakaruni profiles Queen Jindan Kaur in new novel

NEW DELHI: Houston-based Indian-American author Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni's new novel will bring alive one of the most fearless women of the 19th century - the legendary warrior queen Jindan Kaur. "The Last Queen" will be released by HarperCollins India in January 2021, the publishers announced on Tuesday. PTI

Troop removal from Af to be costly: NATO

BRUSSELS, NOVEMBER 17
NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg warned on Tuesday that the military organisation could pay a heavy price for leaving Afghanistan too early, after a US official said Trump is expected to withdraw a significant number of American troops in the coming weeks.

"The conflict-ravaged country risks becoming a platform for terrorists to plan and organise attacks on our homelands," Stoltenberg said, adding the IS could make its base in Afghanistan. — Agencies

Devolving powers to Scotland was a disaster, says UK PM

LONDON, NOVEMBER 17
British Prime Minister Boris Johnson called the devolution of powers to Scotland "a disaster", a comment that played into the hands of Scottish nationalists pushing for an independence referendum that opinion polls suggest they could win.

The bonds holding the United Kingdom together have been severely strained over the last five years by Brexit and the government's handling of the

Covid pandemic, and 14 recent polls have shown a majority of Scots now support independence.

In a video call on Friday with northern English lawmakers

from his Conservative Party, Johnson said that devolution, introduced by Tony Blair had been the former PM's "biggest mistake and a disaster", media reported.

Scottish National Party (SNP) leader and Scotland's First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said the Conservatives' public statements of support for devolution were duplicitous. Independence is the only way to protect and strengthen the Scottish parliament, she added. — Reuters

Thailand protest turns violent, over 40 injured

BANGKOK, NOVEMBER 17
At least 41 people were hurt, some with gunshot wounds, when demonstrators marching on the Thai parliament clashed with police and royalist counter-protesters, in the worst violence since a new youth-led protest movement emerged in July.

Police fired water cannon and teargas at protesters who cut through razor-wire barricades and removed concrete barriers outside parliament. The police denied that they had opened fire, and said they were investigating who might have used firearms.

The protest movement, which has called for deep constitutional reform to a system demonstrators say has entrenched the power of the military, has emerged as the biggest challenge to Thailand's establishment in years.

Thousands of demonstrators converged on parliament to put pressure on lawmakers discussing changes to the constitution. They also want removal of PM Prayuth Chan-ocha. — Reuters

Lack of coordination may lead to more Covid deaths: Biden

WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 17
US President-elect Joe Biden has said many more Americans are at the risk of dying from Covid if he and incumbent President Donald Trump do not coordinate on tackling the virus outbreak.

According to media projections, Democrat Biden has won the November 3 presidential election. However, Trump, a Republican, has alleged election fraud and mounted legal fights in a number of battleground states.

"More people may die if we don't coordinate," Biden said in Wilmington, Delaware, on Monday. "A vaccine is important. It's of little use until you're vaccinated. So, how do we get the vaccine, how do we get over 300 million Americans vaccinated?"

Meanwhile, UK PM Boris Johnson has lauded British Hindu, Sikh, Jain communities for helping people during the Covid crisis.

Pakistan PM Imran Khan has imposed restrictions on public gatherings as Covid cases are rising in the country. Russia reported record high 442 Covid deaths and 22,410 new infections on Tuesday.

Italy Health Minister Roberto Speranza said the Covid curve was stabilising in the country. — Agencies



Biden speaks about economic recovery at The Queen theatre, Wilmington. AP/PTI

TRACKING VIRUS	
NATIONS	DEATHS
US	253,034
BRAZIL	1,66,101
MEXICO	98,861
UK	52,147
ITALY	46,464

WORLDOMETER
TILL NOV 17, 10 PM

Draws WH team from his campaign vets

Sources say Biden's ex-campaign manager Jen O'Malley Dillon will be the deputy chief of staff of the White House.

Campaign co-chair Louisiana Rep. Cedric Richmond and adviser Steve Ricchetti will play senior roles in the new administration. AP



Ukrainian security men restrain a person during a traders' protest against Covid curbs in Kyiv on Tuesday. REUTERS

BUSINESS

USD \$	Euro €	Pound £	JPY ¥	Yuan ₠	CAD \$	AUD \$	SGD \$	HKD \$
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Few takers for RBI's one-time debt recast scheme: Report



IMPROVING BUSINESS SENTIMENT TO BLAME

- In August, the RBI had allowed one-time restructuring for personal loans and for non-MSME corporate borrowers having an aggregate exposure of over ₹25 crore and were hit by Covid-related stress
- As many as 99% of companies (excluding MSMEs) rated by Crisil are unlikely to opt for the RBI's one-time-debt-recasting, a preliminary analysis of 3,523 such non-MSME companies indicates, said the Crisil report

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Of the sample, only 1% indicated they would apply for a one-time debt recast. This is despite two-thirds of the rat-

ed entities being eligible based on the parameters proposed by the KV Kamath Committee set up by the RBI, it said. The rating agency's senior director Subodh Rai said, "Improving business sentiment on account of increased economic activity over the past couple of months, and expectation of a sharp recovery next fiscal are persuading borrowers to skip OTDR." Another deterrent is the impact on the borrower's long-term credit history — accounts of those opting for OTDR would be classified as restructured advances by lenders, which could impact their ability to raise debt in future, he said.

The report said for around 44% of Crisil-rated corporates, more than three-fourths of their debt comprises short-term working capital facilities. — PTI

Embassy REIT acquires business park in Bengaluru for ₹9,782 cr

DEAL DYNAMICS

The deal makes Embassy REIT the largest such entity in the whole of Asia in terms of developed area of 42.4 million sq ft and one of the largest in value with a market capitalisation of around \$4.5 billion

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The deal comes at a 4.6% discount to the market value, he said. Embassy REIT is the first publicly-listed REIT (Real Estate Investment Trust) sponsored by Blackstone and the Embassy Group. It got listed in April 2019. The property has 40 companies as tenants and they have over 45,000 employees there. — PTI

BSE	NSE	GOLD	SILVER
314.73	93.95	₹50,846	₹63,507
43,952.71	12,874.20	Mumbai (MCX)	Mumbai (MCX)

India attractive investment destination: PM

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 17
Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday pitched India as the most attractive investment destination for those looking to invest in urbanisation, mobility and innovation and sustainable solutions.

Speaking at the Bloomberg New Economy Forum, he said India and some African nations will witness the biggest wave of urbanisation over the next two decades.

The post-pandemic world has to be rebuilt around people and cities will have to be made more liveable,

he said adding post-Covid restart will not be possible without a reset of mindset, process and practices. Modi said his government will deliver 10 million affordable houses before the 2022 deadline. As much as Rs 2 lakh crore is being invested in 100 smart cities, he said adding that of this, projects worth Rs 1.4 lakh crore have

been completed or are nearing completion. "If you are looking to invest in urbanisation, India has exciting opportunities for you. If you are looking to invest in mobility, India has exciting opportunities for you. If you are looking at investing in sustainable solutions, India has exciting opportunities for you," he said.

These opportunities, he said, come along with a vibrant democracy, business-friendly environment and a big market. "India is well on its way for urban transformation," he said. — PTI

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HUGE POTENTIAL

Narendra Modi, PRIME MINISTER

Amazon opened an online pharmacy on Tuesday, giving its shoppers the chance to buy their medication and order refills on their phones and have it delivered to their doorsteps in a couple of days, just like a book or toilet paper.

The move propels Amazon into a new business, potentially shaking up the pharmacy industry as it has done to everything from book sellers to toy stores and grocers.

Bank executive, as the Administrator. After PMC Bank and Yes Bank, this is the third private sector bank to land in trouble recently.

The RBI also placed in public domain a draft scheme of amalgamation with DBIL which it argued "has the advantage of a strong parentage". The RBI expects DBIL to bring in additional capital of Rs 2,500 crore upfront to support credit growth of the merged entity. It expects the combined balance sheet to remain healthy after the proposed amalgamation without taking into account the infusion of additional capital.

Therefore, the RBI, in consultation with the Centre, superseded the Board of Directors and appointed TN Manoharan, a former Canara

profile on Amazon's website and have doctors send prescriptions to the Seattle-based e-commerce giant.

Most insurance is accepted, Amazon said. But Prime members who don't have insurance can also buy generic or brand name drugs from Amazon for a discount. Two years ago, Amazon spent \$750 million to buy online pharmacy PillPack. — AP



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Sensex, Nifty scale new peaks on vaccine boost

MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 17
Equity indices rallied to all-time highs on Tuesday, driven by banking, finance and metal stocks, as encouraging data from another Covid vaccine trial bolstered investor sentiment. After touching its lifetime peak of 44,161.16 during the day, the Sensex settled 314.73 points higher at new peak of 43,952.71. Similarly, the Nifty finished 93.95 points up at its lifetime peak of 12,874.20. — PTI

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Bank executive, as the Administrator. After PMC Bank and Yes Bank, this is the third private sector bank to land in trouble recently.

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Therefore, the RBI, in consultation with the Centre, superseded the Board of Directors and appointed TN Manoharan, a former Canara

profile on Amazon's website and have doctors send prescriptions to the Seattle-based e-commerce giant.

Most insurance is accepted, Amazon said. But Prime members who don't have insurance can also buy generic or brand name drugs from Amazon for a discount. Two years ago, Amazon spent \$750 million to buy online pharmacy PillPack. — AP

Kohli & Co. simulate Test conditions

SYDNEY, NOVEMBER 17

The Test series against Australia is one full month away, but the Indian players, led by captain Virat Kohli, seemed focussed on the Tests as they practised in simulated long-format match conditions today, complete with the pacers using red and pink balls.

Before the Tests, India and Australia play six limited-overs matches, including three ODIs and three T20Is.

Today, all top batsmen and bowlers who are in all the three squads were seen taking part in the practice session. The likes of senior pacer Mohammed Shami and youngster Mohammed Siraj were seen bowling to Kohli in a video posted on Twitter by the captain himself. "Love Test cricket sessions," Kohli wrote with the video.

Kohli will feature in the limited-overs matches and the first Test, starting December 17 in Adelaide, before flying

Tests a month away, but players getting into long-format mindset



Training in isolation in Sydney with the Indian team, Virat Kohli gave a peek into his quarantine time with a photo he uploaded on Twitter, with the caption: "Quarantine diaries. Un-ironed T-shirt, comfortable couch and a good series to watch."

back to India for the birth of his first child.

The video showed the players using the centre strip of the ground with a proper Test match field and a batsman at the non-striker's end, which

is a deviation from traditional net sessions. Given that the players had been busy with the shortest format for the IPL for two months, they seem to be prioritising long-form cricket for now.

Opener KL Rahul facing the pink ball was an indicator that he is in line to be picked up for the first Test.

In another video, posted by the BCCI, Shami was seen bowling in tandem with youngster Siraj. The 30-year-old Shami, who took 20 wickets from 14 matches for Kings XI Punjab in the IPL, is part of all the three squads.

Siraj, who is part of only the Test squad, followed his senior teammate and was seen sending down a few deliveries as other senior players watched him bowl. The 26-year-old, who has played one ODI and three T20Is, took 11 wickets from nine matches for Royal Challengers Bangalore in the IPL.

On Monday, the star-studded batting line-up was seen gearing up for the lively Australian pitches with the traditional tennis ball training, after having competed on slow tracks during the IPL. — PTI

Shakib apologises for 'visiting' Kali Puja pandal

KOLKATA/DHAKA, NOVEMBER 17

Former Bangladeshi captain Shakib Al Hasan has apologised to a religious fundamentalist and his associates who threatened to kill him for visiting a Kali Puja pandal in Kolkata last week.

"Then again, maybe I shouldn't have visited the place at all. And if that is what you have against me, I am very sorry... I would try to make sure that this never happens again," Shakib said.

Last Thursday, Shakib went to Kolkata to inaugurate a Kali Puja pandal. In a video, he was seen lighting a lamp there. He returned to Bangladesh on Friday.

This was criticised by a Islamic fundamentalists, and a man identified as Mohsin

Talukder issued a death threat against him, appearing on Facebook carrying a large machete. Following this, Shakib apologised. Talukder was today arrested by an anti-terror police force.

Taslima enraged

Taslima Nasreen, the Bangladeshi writer who has been residing in exile out of her country, reacted angrily to the 'meek' surrender by Shakib. "It's not uncommon for Muslims to go to Puja fest in B'desh. Shakib didn't need to say that he's a proud Muslim, he won't go to puja fest, his religion is above other religions. He is protected, the terrorist was arrested," Nasreen wrote on Twitter. — TNS

PATIALA, NOVEMBER 17

Olympian hurdler and multi-faceted sports personality Jagmohan Singh, who introduced scientific fitness training methods in athletics and other sports during his long stint at the NIS Patiala, died of a heart attack here today. He was 88.

Jagmohan, who had also served as joint director general of the Sports Authority of India, represented the country in the 110m hurdles in the 1960 Rome Olympics. He was the national champion in this event from 1958 to 1960. He had also held national records in 110m hurdles and decathlon.

He was chief athletics coach in the 1966 Commonwealth Games. — PTI

Olympian hurdler Jagmohan dies

Punjab Police for nearly 10 years before joining NIS Patiala as a teacher in 1962. He passed then Amateur Athletics Federation of India's coaching course in 1956. He became Dean Teaching at SAI and was with the NIS Patiala till 1990. He also served as Director Sports at Punjabi University from 1990 to 1993. In 1965, Jagmohan did a specialisation course in Physical Fitness and Sports Conditioning from the University of West Germany in Cologne. After returning from Germany, he introduced scientific training methods in the NIS courses.

He was chief athletics coach in the 1966 Commonwealth Games. — PTI

OFFICE OF IMPROVEMENT TRUST, FARIDKOT E-TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice Reference No. NIT No. 03/e-Tender/EO/LG-IT Faridkot/2020-21

The Improvement Trust, Faridkot invites online bids in two bid system for various (8 Nos.) Development works (Civil works) amounting to Rs. 79.24 lacs.

Closing date & time: 02.12.2020 at 01:00 P.M.

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

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

DPR/Pb/105111 Sd/- Assistant Trust Engineer

Public Notice

Applications are invited from the interested Government servants, retired Government servant, Ex-MP/Ex-MLA, War Widows and MP/MLAs for the sale of following vehicle on first cum first basis. The vehicle can be inspected on any working day in this office between 9.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M. Interested applicant should reach this office by 25.11.2020 up to 10.00 A.M. to fulfill the formalities regarding purchase of vehicle. The applicant shall deposit earnest money equivalent to 10% of the reserve price through Demand Draft (Refundable) along with the application. The successful applicant shall have to collect the vehicle within 72 hours after depositing the balance amount of the rate quoted in the application, failing which the vehicle will be offered to the next applicant and earnest money deposited by him shall be forfeited. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any offer without assigning any reason.

Vehicle No.	Type	Model	Reserved Price
PB-65C-6688	Ambassador (Petrol)	2004	1,02,190/-

Sd/- Examiner, Local Fund Accounts, Punjab. Vit-te-Yojna Bhawan, Plot No. 2B, Sector 33A, 3rd Floor, Chandigarh.

DPR/Pb/105026

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD (A Chandigarh Administration Undertaking)

8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh Ph : 0172-4601713 Fax: 4601832

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice Inviting e-Tenders

Executive Engineer-VII (PH) on behalf of Chairman, Chandigarh Housing Board, invites sealed item rate tenders through e-Procurement process from the Agencies/ Firms/ Contractors/ Tenderers having experience of Topographical Survey of Land to assess the catchment area contributing the Storm Water Discharge of Nalah passing through IT habitat at Rajiv Gandhi Chandigarh Technology Park under CHB & further to propose a diversions of this Nalah by designing a Storm Water Drain along the boundary of the Complex.

Estimated Money : ₹ 20,000/-, Period of Completion:- 01 Month, Last date of submission of bid online is 24/11/2020, Last date of physical submission of bid & date of opening bid is 01/12/2020.

For details Milestone dates of Electronic Tendering are given at the website <http://etenders.chd.nic.in/nicgp>

Executive Engineer-VII (PH)

Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh

WEAR MASK, WASH YOUR HANDS, WATCH YOUR DISTANCE

Government of Punjab TENDER NOTICE REFERENCE NO. 6

The Department of Public Works (Building & Roads) invites online bids for following:-

Sl. No.	Item	Quantity
1	Providing and Fixing of Aluminum Water Proof Pandal, Ordinary Pandal, Construction of Stages and Various Other Works on the Occasion of Celebration of Completion Ceremony of 550th Parkash Purab of Sh. Guru Nanak Dev Ji at Dera Baba Nanak Distt Gurdaspur Est. Cost Rs. 49.00 Lacs Earnest Money Rs. 0.98 Lacs Time Limit:- 5 Days Tender Fees:- Rs. 5,000/- Each	1

Closing dated & Time:- 23.11.2020 up to 5.00 P.M.

For details log on to:- <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

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

Sd/- (Er. Manmohan), Executive Engineer, Provincial Division., PWD B&R, Br., Gurdaspur eepgdspwdb@gmail.com 96460-36125

4215 (WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION)

Invitation for Bids

1. Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Roopnagar invites bids for the construction of following works:

INSTALLATION OF NEW TUBEWELL (SIZE 200MM ID, 170 MTR DEPTH) IN THE PLACE OF FAILED TUBEWELL, RISING MAIN, DISINFECTION UNIT AT EXISTING W/S SCHEME BARI JAHKHAND BLOCK RUPNAGAR, DISTRICT RUPNAGAR UNDER 4215 (WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION).

Detailed Invitation for Bid which includes instructions for submission of bids and all other relevant information is available on [https://eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://eproc.punjab.gov.in).

2. Bidding Documents are also available online at this website for downloading.

3. The deadline for submission of bids online is 26.11.2020 at 14.00 hours. Part I bids will be opened on same day at 15.00 hours.

4. Bidders are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in the bidding documents. Interested bidders may participate in the bidding process as per instructions given in the bidding documents.

5. Any corrigendum(s) to the tender notice shall be published on the above website only.

Postal Address- Executive Engineer, W/S & Sanitation Division, Shivalk School Road, Roopnagar - 140001 Phone No. 01881-222349 E-Mail ID:- division_ropar@yahoo.co.in

Marriage doesn't mean losing focus: Bajrang

VINAYAK PADMADEO

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 17

Wrestler Bajrang Punia is set to marry Sangeeta Phogat in a scaled-down ceremony in his Khudan village in Haryana on November 25. The marriage was originally planned to be held after this year's Olympic Games, where were to end on August 9. However, the Olympics were postponed, and the two families decided to go ahead with the wedding in November. Talking with The Tribune, the 26-year-old Bajrang talked about his plans as a wrestler after marriage. Excerpts:



Bajrang Punia and Sangeeta Phogat will get married on November 25.

PHOTO: SANGEETA PHOGAT/TWITTER

ting a life partner. We have a saying in our families that 'with a new partner you will get better luck!' And if so, then I am looking forward to winning more medals. How will you balance marriage and wrestling?

I do not think me getting married will affect my preparations for the Olympics in any way. Sangeeta is also an aspiring wrestler and will continue to train and so will I. I am leaving for a tournament in the USA immediately after my marriage... I think I will leave after four days, so to think that it will affect my training will be wrong.

You are to take part in the eight-man

prize money tournament in Texas

that also includes Jordan Oliver,

James Green, Anthony Ashnault, Joey McKenna, Evan Henderson, Pat Lugo and Bryce Meredith. Tell us about it.

I got an invite from the organisers 15-20 days back and then I told them that I was keen on competing at the World Championships

but later on, I gave them my consent when the World

Championships was cancelled. The tournament will

be an important factor, as it will tell us where we stand in terms of performance, as I have not competed for a long time. It will show me where I am lacking in power, stamina or speed, so that is why I am going there.

You have further plans to stay in the US, right?

It will be a month-long

training session as after the tournament I will head to a facility near the Michigan University to train. They have assured me that they will provide me 8-10 sparing partners.

There has been a longstanding saying in the Indian wrestling fraternity that a wrestler starts to lose his edge after marriage. What do you have to say about this?

This is not right thinking at all. If you remember, Sushil Pehelwan's (Sushil Kumar) second Olympics medal came after marriage. Sushil Pehelwan's first Olympics medal was a bronze. He won the silver in London after marriage, so where was the downfall? It got better, right?

So this is wrong to think that wrestlers lose their competitiveness after marriage.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Rehabilitation and Resettlement scheme prepared Under Section 16 under rule 7(5)(a) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 for acquisition of land measuring 3.72 Acres of Village Kishangarh, Manimajra, U.T., Chandigarh has been publication in the official Gazette, Chandigarh Administration for the information of landowners and concerned persons.

Sub Divisional Magistrate (Central)-cum-Administrator, R&R, U.T., Chandigarh.

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Sealed Quotations are invited from the firms having DGPS Machine for the Demarcation of village Lal Dora (abadi area) under Swamitva Scheme. The quotations should reach in the office of Block Development & Panchayat Officer, Jagadhri upto 25.11.2020 at 2:00 P.M. The quotation will be opened on the same day at 3:00 PM. The other terms and conditions are as under.

1. The firms will quote the rate alongwith all taxes/ service taxes per village (abadi area) irrespective of the area.
2. The firm will deposit Rs. 50,000/- as security in shape of DD in favour of BDPO Jagadhri alongwith quotation.
3. All the equipments and staff required for the demarcation will be arranged by the concerned firm.
4. The final rates will be decided after the negotiation with the bidding agencies on the day of opening of quotations.

5160 Sd/- Deputy Commissioner, Yamuna Nagar

OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PANCHAYATI RAJ PW (C&M) DIVISION, SANGRUR ONLINE TENDER NOTICE

Under MNREGA Online tenders are invited for the 2 Nos. Works of Supply of Material & Skilled Labour for Connectivity to Historical Gurudwara Mastuana Sahib & Supply of Material & Skilled Labour for Construction of Mastuana Sahib in Distt. Sangrur up to 26.11.2020. The detailed terms & conditions of which can be seen at <

Security Council has become 'impaired' organ: India at UN

Says handful of countries stopping progress on UNSC reforms

UNITED NATIONS, NOVEMBER 17
A handful of countries are using the Inter-Governmental Negotiations (IGN) as a "smoke-screen" and stopping progress on reforming the Security Council, which has become "impaired", India has said, asserting that it is time for a "decisive movement" to achieve the long-delayed reform of the powerful UN body.

India's Permanent Representative to the UN, Ambassador TS Tirumurti, speaking in the UN General Assembly on "Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council", lamented that nothing has moved for more than a decade in the IGN except hearing passionate statements on the need for reform.

"Today's Security Council is an impaired organ. It has

DELHI SLAMS PAK FOR 'IRRESPONSIBLE' REMARKS

India has slammed Pakistan for making "irrelevant and irresponsible" remarks in the UN, saying the General Assembly is a forum for serious debate, not frivolous allegations. Pakistan's Ambassador to UN Munir Akram made references to the LoCs as he voiced opposition to India's UNSC membership. "I don't wish to waste the time of this Assembly by responding to the irresponsible remarks by the representative of Pak, which becomes 'Pavlovian' whenever India is mentioned," India's envoy TS Tirumurti said. PTI



been unable to act with credibility essentially due to its unrepresentative nature. But then, what is happening inside the IGN process, which we seem to be wedded to?" Tirumurti said on Monday.

Criticising the absence of even a single negotiating text, Tirumurti said the IGN had become like a "platform for debate in a university rather than a serious result-oriented process in the United Nations consisting of sovereign member states".

"And why have we come to this pass? Because just a handful of countries don't want us to proceed. The conditions they are laying out are impossible to fulfill. Ironically, this is happening at a time when we were in a tearing hurry last week to give ourselves e-voting rights. But for IGN, they want no voting, leave alone e-voting, but only full consensus!" he said.

Asserting that there is a

need for a decisive movement this year in the UNSC reform process, Tirumurti said: "Without decisive movement, I feel that those who support real reform and who wish to deliver on the commitment made by our leaders will be forced to look beyond the IGN, maybe to this very Assembly, for results. If that happens, we must not hesitate in taking a look at the IGN process itself."

He said since there had been no progress for a decade, the IGN had not only been informal, but had no rules of procedure or records, forcing nations to keep their own notes and placing a tremendous burden on all small and medium states.

India will join the UN Security Council as a non-permanent member for a two-year term beginning January 1. — PTI

Now, Anand opposes Congress line on RCEP

ADITI TANDON
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 17

The Supreme Court on Tuesday declined to entertain a PIL seeking waiver of exam fees for Classes X and XII students in the current academic year due to financial problems being faced by many parents in view of Covid-19.

"How can the court direct the government to do this? You should give a representation to the government... Dismissed," a Bench headed by Justice Ashok Bhushan said, dismissing NGO Social Jurist's petition against the September 28 order of the Delhi High Court.

Refusing to issue directions to the Delhi Government and the CBSE, the High Court had asked the AAP government and the CBSE to treat the PIL as a representation and take a decision in three weeks "in accordance with law, rules, regulations and government policy applicable to the facts of the case".

Party panel meets to discuss current issues, Bihar debacle

ed safeguards to protect our interests. Keeping out of the RCEP is a backward leap," Sharma said even when the Congress was the first party to express concerns last year over India joining the trade block with Rahul Gandhi even tweeting against the move.

Nothing was known officially of the discussions at the meeting of the Congress panel which Sonia had earlier formed to advise her, but it is learnt that the panel discussed the current political situation, including Bihar poll results, upcoming district development council elections in J&K and rumblings in the party.

"India's decision of not joining the RCEP is unfortunate and ill advised. It is in India's strategic and economic interests to be a part of the process of Asia-Pacific integration. The withdrawal has negated years of persuasive negotiations for India to be accepted as part of RCEP. We could have negotiat-



The second phase of flight test of quick reaction surface to air missile in Chandigarh. PTI

QRSAM tested for 2nd time in four days

NEW DELHI: The indigenous Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile (QRSAM) system was on Tuesday tested for the second time in four days. The missile tracked the target accurately and successfully neutralised the airborne target, said the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). The target was a high performance jet unmanned aerial target called Banshee, which simulates the path of an aircraft. The flight test was conducted in what could be the configuration for deployment. — TNS

Phase II: Malabar drill kicks off



The navies of India, the US, Australia and Japan on Tuesday began the second phase of the Malabar naval exercise in the northern Arabian Sea involving two aircraft carriers and a number of frontline warships.

The major highlight of the four-day exercise is participation of Indian Navy's Vikramaditya carrier battle group and the Nimitz strike group of the US Navy. The USS Nimitz is the world's largest warship.

The Australian Navy has deployed its HMAS Ballarat, an Anzac-class frigate, while the Japanese Navy has sent its leading destroyer JS Murasame for the naval exercise. PTI

HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION

Bays No. 67-70, Sec-2, Panchkula — 134151

(Website: www.hssc.gov.in)

EXAMINATION NOTICE

NOTICE TO THE CANDIDATES FOR ONLINE WRITTEN EXAMINATION (COMPUTER BASED TEST) FOR THE POST OF STAFF NURSE (HEALTH DEPTT), HARYANA AGAINST ADVT. NO. 15/2019, CAT. NO. 10.

Reference Haryana Staff Selection Commission Notice dated 13.11.2020 which was published in various newspapers and also available on HSSC website i.e. www.hssc.gov.in for conducting the Online Written Examination (Computer Based Test) for the post of Staff Nurse against Advt. No. 15/2019, Cat. No. 10 of (Health Deptt.), Haryana to be conducted on dated 12.12.2020 (Saturday) & 13.12.2020 (Sunday) at various institutions as is under:-

RE-SCHEDULE (12.12.2020, SATURDAY & 13.12.2020, SUNDAY)

Sr. No.	Name of the Post	Advt. No.	Cat. No.	Date, Shift & Time of Examination	Place
				1st Shift Entry Time- 08:30 A.M. to 09:30 A.M. No Entry after 09:30 A.M. Exam Start Time- 10:30 A.M. Exam End Time- 12:00 Noon	
1.	Staff Nurse	15/2019	10	2nd Shift Entry Time- 12:30 P.M. to 01:30 P.M. No Entry after 01:30 P.M. Exam Start Time- 02:30 P.M. Exam End Time- 04:00 P.M.	As per Admit Card
				13.12.2020 (Sunday)	
				1st Shift Entry Time- 08:30 A.M. to 09:30 A.M. No Entry after 09:30 A.M. Exam Start Time- 10:30 A.M. Exam End Time- 12:00 Noon	
				2nd Shift Entry Time- 12:30 P.M. to 01:30 P.M. No Entry after 01:30 P.M. Exam Start Time- 02:30 P.M. Exam End Time- 04:00 P.M.	
					Note:- The other terms & conditions of Notice Dated 13th November, 2020 will remain same.
					Place: Panchkula Sd/- Secretary, Haryana Staff Selection Commission, Panchkula.
					Dated: 17th November, 2020 PRDH/83857

NOTICE INVITING

(e-E.o.I.) No. Fts. Engg. Sanitation/2020-21

The ELECTRONICALLY EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (e-E.o.I.) is invited from the interested eligible firms/ service providers for the following work:

Title of the work: Sanitation (Sweeping and Cleaning) & other similar multi tasks of the inside and outside of the Forest Complexes in Shimla w.e.f. 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021 (12 months).

Name and address of the Executing Agency: Chief Conservator of Forests-cum-Estate Officer through Registrar Budget O/o Pr. C.C.F. (HoFF) H.P. Aranaya Bhawan, Forest Department, Talland Shimla – 171001, Phone No. 0177-2620239, 2623155 & 2623192 Extn: 226 & 209 e-mail- pccf-hp@nic.in

Brief Description of the work: Proper Sanitation (Sweeping and Cleaning) & other similar multi tasks in the following Forest Complexes as under:

DETAIL OF AREA FOR SWEEPING & OTHER MULTI TASKS IN H.P. FOREST DEPARTMENT SHIMLA COMPLEXES:

Sr. No.	Name of site	Area
A	CHHAKER AND TUTU FOREST COLONY	
1.	Chakker Forest Colony over all complex except cutting cleaning of grass/bushes.	12465 sqm
2.	Community Centre outer inner.	135 sqm
3.	Type-V Qtr Tutu outer	400 sqm
	Total Area	13000 Sqm
B	TALLAND FOREST COMPLEX	
1.	Office complex outer except cutting cleaning of grass/bushes.	2855 Sqm
2.	Office buildings in seven steps/stories inner	1885 sqm
	Total area	4740 Sqm
C	MIST CHAMBER FOREST COLONY	
1.	Mist Chamber Forest Colony outer except cutting cleaning of grass/bushes.	2485 Sqm
2.	Office buildings all stories inside	1863 Sqm
	Total	4348 Sqm
D	KHALINI FOREST COLONY	
1.	Community centre, Rest House and Range office inner	1350 sqm
2.	Forest Colony outer, all patches, roads, steps and paths except cutting cleaning of grass/bushes.	5875 Sqm
	Total	7225 Sqm
E	RESIDENCE Complex OF FOREST MINISTER H.P. in & out.	
	Grand Total (A+B+C+D+E)=	800 Sqm
	Or Say	30113 Sqm

Scope & conditions of the work:

Total area for Sanitation (cleaning & sweeping) 31000 Sqm. except cutting cleaning of grass/ bushes. The minimum wages @ Rs. 275 per day including paid holidays should be paid to every worker and the EPF of workers is the sole responsibility of the firm. Water supply will be provided by the Department. The rates may be quoted by the firms including the cost of sweeping material like masks, Sanitizers, Gloves, disinfectants, soaps, brooms, wipers, dusters & Garbage/dust bins etc. The PPE Kits if required under unavoidable circumstances & as & when directed by the Estate Officer will be charged separately on production of lowest costing/quotation & bills of purchase by firms) including all Taxes.

Completion period: (12 months).

The undersigned reserves the right to short list any or all the applicants or to cancel the entire process without assigning any reason. No liability will be accepted for loss or late submission of electronic Expression of Interest and rates. The interested parties will be required to provide & update the following information including Prof of their eligibility to perform the services:

- i) The e-E.o.I. terms & conditions/document can be seen on htenders.gov.in & non-refundable payment by bank draft of Rs. 500/- drawn in favour of Registrar (Budget) O/o Pr. CCF may be furnished on any working day on or before dated 5th December 2020.
 - ii) Background of the Firms.
 - iii) Proof of experience to execute the similar work.
 - iv) Audited financial report of the Firms for the last 3 years.
 - v) Registration with the EPFO.
 - vi) Proof of PAN and GSTN.
 - vii) Any loss to the Govt. property caused by the firm or the workers will be recovered from the Firm.
 - viii) The Security of Rs. 30,000/- (thirty thousand) will have to be deposited in shape of pledged FDR in favour of Registrar (Budget) O/o Pr. C.C.F. (HoFF) H.P.
 - ix) The agreement & performance security as per award will have to be deposited within 15 days of award of work & before any monthly payment of bills to the Firm;
- The e-E.o.I. document has been made available on the website of HPFD www.hpfds.nic.in, and e-Expression of Interest response with supporting documents should be uploaded on the htenders.gov.in on or before 5th December 2020 last in two parts i.e. Technical eligibility criteria & Financial rates/ amount inclusive GST & all Taxes. The E.o.I. will be opened on 07.12.2020 at 11.00 a.m. or in case of holidays on next working day. The other scope of work & conditions may be seen on the website of HPFD www.hpfds.nic.in as above.

Sd/- Chief Conservator of Forest (Finance)-cum-Estate Officer O/o Pr. C.C.F. (HoFF) H.P. Talland Shimla – 171001.

SC wants rules for TV...

misleading content on social media related to Covid-19.

But the Bench wasn't happy with the Centre's affidavit. "We had asked you to specify how Cable TV Network Act can be used to control the content of cable TV network. Your affidavit is silent on it. Other issue is what steps you can take to deal with such complaints.... the mechanism... Your affidavit is silent on it. Please put all these in your

Ahead of rural polls...

of existing panchayats to carve out 90 new ones.

This will be followed by determination of seats for panchayats, reservation and creation of wards and preparation of voter lists. The committee also approved shifting of three panchayats of Hansi block to Barwala and two from Jind to Kaithal.

At today's meeting, the

committee dealt with resolutions for new panchayats received from the field, proposed by panchayat members and forwarded by deputy commissioners.

Sources said as many as 143 proposals for new panchayats were received, of which over 12 were rejected. Approval for the creation of two panchayats has been kept on hold.

'Gupkar gang' playing...

forces to intervene in Jammu and Kashmir. It also insults India's Tricolour. Do Sonia Ji and Rahul Ji support such moves of the Gupkar gang? They should make their stand crystal clear to the people of India," he tweeted. — TNS