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Security personnel carry EVMs on their way to polling booths in Patna on Monday. PTI

## Make or break for RJD, Lalu's two sons in fray

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 2

The elections to 94 Bihar Assembly segments in the second phase tomorrow will test the political might of former Chief Minister Lalu Prasad as both his sons are in the fray.

For 31-year-old Tejashwi Yadav, the second phase of polling could mean a make or break one as the RJD is contesting the most seats tomorrow as compared to the other parties.

Tejashwi is defending Raghapur, a seat he wrested from the BJP's Satish Kumar in 2015 and has put up nominees in 56 of the 94 constituencies that will go to the polls tomorrow.

The Congress is in the fray on 27 seats, BJP in 46, JDU in 43 and the LJP in 52.

Tejashwi's elder brother Tej Pratap is also contesting from Hasanpur in Samastipur, one of the 17 districts that will witness a contest tomorrow.

### BIHAR ELECTIONS



TEJASHWI PRASAD YADAV

**PHASE II: 94 SEATS**

- RJD contesting 56 of 94 constituencies, the max by any party
- Congress in fray on 27 seats, BJP in 46, JDU in 43 and LJP in 52
- Lalu's son Tejashwi defending Raghapur, his elder brother Tej Pratap contesting from Hasanpur
- 17 districts to witness contest

Although Tejashwi can take heart from the fact that a majority of the segments voting tomorrow are flood-ravaged and voting preferences

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## Manjhi seeks probe into Paswan's death

PATNA, NOVEMBER 2

The NDA ally Hindustani Awam Morcha (HAM) created a flutter on Monday when its leader Jitan Ram Manjhi demanded a judicial inquiry into the death of Union Minister Ram Vilas Paswan, pointing an accusing finger at LJP chief Chirag Paswan.

### Chirag calls it a 'plot' by Nitish to discredit him

Chirag termed the demand a "plot" by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar to discredit him. In an angry retort to Manjhi, he said the former CM should ask the PM about the issue. He said the PM used to call him up every day to enquire after his late father when he was sick and hospitalised. — PTI

## India tops global recoveries; active cases fall from 21% to 7% in 2 mths

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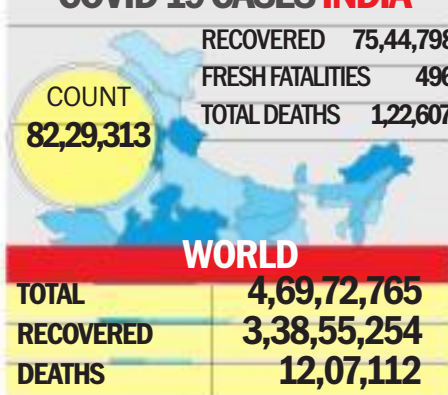
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 2

India's Covid-19 caseload today reached 82,29,313 with 45,231 new infections even as recoveries continued to improve touching 91.68 per cent after a total of 75,44,798 people stood discharged from hospitals and home isolation.

The recoveries remain the highest globally while the percentage of active cases has fallen over three times in the past two months. On September 3, the percentage of active cases stood at 21.16, which fell to 6.83 per cent today. The cumulative tests have also crossed the 11-crore mark (11,07,43,103).

The toll touched 1,22,607 with 496 deaths over 24 hours

### COVID-19 CASES INDIA



### GOGOI ON VENTILATOR

Guwahati: Assam ex-CM Tarun Gogoi has been admitted to a hospital and put on ventilator support after his condition worsened. PTI

with the national case fatality rate dropping to 1.49 per cent. "India continues to occupy the top global position in terms of recoveries. There were 53,285 recoveries in the

### BILL CLEARED, MASKS MANDATORY IN R'STHAN

The Rajasthan Assembly on Monday passed a Bill making it mandatory for people to wear face masks in both private or public means of transport and while attending any social or political events. The assembly provided for the new anti-Covid measure by amending the Rajasthan Epidemic Act, with Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot asserting that face masks are the sole anti-Covid vaccine, as of now. PTI

last 24 hours, higher than new cases in stable trends," the Health Ministry said.

The active cases (5,61,908) comprise only 6.83 per cent of the total positive cases in the

## No such power with EC: SC stays order on Nath

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 2

The Supreme Court today stayed the Election Commission's decision to revoke the "star campaigner" status of Congress leader and former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath for allegedly violating the model code of conduct during campaigning for the Assembly byelection in the state.

"Who gives you the power to determine who is the leader of the party? We stay this order. You have no such power," a Bench headed by CJI SA Bobde told the commission while staying its October 30 order.

While a political party pays for expenditure of its star campaigners, individual can-

### 'STAR CAMPAIGNER' ROW

Who gives you the power to determine who is the leader of the party? We stay this order. You have no such power. SC Bench



POLL PANEL TO FILE REPLY

didates pay for expenditure of other campaigners.

On behalf of the EC, senior advocate Rakesh Dwivedi submitted that the matter had become infructuous because the poll campaign was already over. — TNS



DEM VICE-PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE KAMALA HARRIS. REUTERS

### KAMALA SEEKS DECISIVE MANDATE AS TRUMP HINTS AT LEGAL BATTLE

President Donald Trump hints at gearing up for a legal battle in the counting of mail and absentee votes

### US-INDIANS HOLD CAR RALLY FOR TRUMP

Indian-American supporters of Trump held a car rally in Houston, carrying "Indian Americans for Republicans" placards

### BIDEN'S DESI FUND-RAISERS

Topping the list of Indian-American fund-raisers for Dem presidential nominee Joe Biden are community leaders Swadesh Chatterjee, Rameshk Kapoor, SN Narasimhan, R Rangaswami, Ajay Jain Bhutoria & Frank Islam.

## Raj clears farm Bills to counter Centre's laws

JAIPUR, NOVEMBER 2

The Rajasthan Assembly on Monday passed three Bills by voice vote to counter the Centre's farm laws even as the Opposition BJP legislators staged a walkout.

### Passed by voice vote amid walkout by BJP

Rajasthan Parliamentary Affairs Minister Shanti Dhariwal said the entire country was against the central farm laws. "The Centre will have to withdraw these just like the Land Acquisition Act," Dhariwal said.

Defending the central laws, Leader of Opposition Gulab Chand Kataria contended the Congress government had only tried to "please its leadership in Delhi". — PTI

## Kabul varsity attacked, 20 feared dead

KABUL, NOVEMBER 2

Gunmen stormed Kabul University on Monday as it hosted a book fair attended by the Iranian ambassador to Afghanistan, sparking a gunfight that left at least 25 dead and wounded at the war-torn country's largest educational institution.

### IS claims responsibility

Though there was no official confirmation, local media reports said at least 20 persons were killed in the incident. Three attackers were reportedly involved in the assault. All of them were also killed in the ensuing gunfight. — AP

### IN BRIEF



### Urdu poet defends Nice killings, booked

LUCKNOW: An FIR has been registered against Urdu poet Munawwar Rana for allegedly defending the recent killings in France, the police said. Rana had made the comments in an interview to a news channel after three persons were killed at a church in Nice last week. PTI

### SC refuses to extend security of Babri judge

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Monday refused to extend the security of former special judge SK Yadav, who had pronounced the verdict in the Babri demolition case. Yadav had on September 30 acquitted all 32 accused, including LK Advani, MM Joshi and Kalyan Singh. TNS

### Punjab farmers' stir hits Baddi units

SOLAN: The disruption of rail traffic by Punjab farmers, protesting the Centre's farm laws, has affected the export-oriented units of the Baddi-Barotiwala-Nalagarh belt as the transportation of raw material and goods has been hit. Pharma, textile and engineering tool units are among the worst hit. INSIDE

## File report on Mallia extradition in 6 weeks: SC

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 2

The Supreme Court on Monday asked the Centre to file status report in six weeks on the confidential legal proceedings pending in the UK on extradition of fugitive businessman Vijay Mallia to India.

On October 5, the Centre had told the SC that Mallia could not be extradited to India until a separate "secret" legal process in the UK, which was "judicial and confidential in nature" was resolved.

The Bench of Justices UU Lalit and Ashok Bhushan posted the matter for hearing in the first week of January. It refused to accept the plea of advocate EC Agarwala, appearing for Mallia, seeking discharge from the case. — PTI

## Cong, INLD cry foul, move election panel

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CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 2

On Tuesday, 1.81 lakh voters will decide the fate of 14 candidates, including seven Independents, who are in the fray for the byelection to the Baroda Assembly seat in Haryana.

The seat fell vacant in April with the demise of Congress MLA Shri Krishan Hooda.

The Congress and the INLD on Monday accused the BJP-JJP government of luring the voters with free LPG cylinders. Addressing the media here, Leader of the Opposition BS Hooda said his party had lodged several complaints with the Chief Election Commissioner. The

### Allege voters given free LPG cylinders



### IN FIGURES

POLLING IN 54 VILLAGES	
Total booths	280
Sensitive booths	165
Staff on duty	3,650
Counting	Nov 10
POLLING TIME: 7AM - 6PM	

INLD too has moved the poll panel, said party general secretary Abhay Chautala.

## PU researchers trace roots of 1857 martyrs

Remains found in Ajnala well that of Native Bengal Infantry soldiers

BHARTESH SINGH THAKUR

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CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 2

A research by Panjab University has traced the origin of martyred soldiers of the 1857 revolt, whose skeletal remains were found in a well in Ajnala, near Amritsar.

The research has endorsed historical accounts that the soldiers of the 26th Native Bengal Infantry Regiment had come from West Bengal, Bihar, Odisha, Awadh (presently in Uttar Pradesh) and parts of Meghalaya and

### 282 EXECUTIONS BY THE BRITISH REGIME

In his book published in 1858, Frederick Cooper, the then Amritsar DC, narrated the execution of 282 soldiers

The Indian soldiers were shot dead and buried in a well in Ajnala on August 1, 1857

The skeletal remains were found in 2014 during the construction of a gurdwara



Manipur and other north-eastern states.

JS Sehrawat, Assistant Professor, Anthropology Depart-

ment, said: "We have sought a list of martyred soldiers from the British authorities. We will try to identify them and

## HC rejects parole plea of Kathua rape accused

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 2

The Punjab and Haryana HC has rejected the parole plea of Sanji Ram, an accused in the January 2018 gang-rape and murder case of an eight-year-old girl in Kathua.

"Given the genuine apprehension expressed as regards the possible law and order consequences, if the petitioner's prayer for parole is granted, the court is not inclined to accept such prayer at this stage," said the Bench of Justice S Muralidhar and Justice Avneesh Jhingran.

A Pathankot court had on June 10, 2019, convicted six of the seven accused in the case. Sanji had prayed for eight-week parole to attend his son's wedding. INSIDE

locate their families so that their last rites can be conducted in a proper manner."

The research has found that the remains belonged to adult males, who were not locals, but share a common geographic area. The injuries on the skull confirmed that the sepoys were killed in volley fire.

"The soldiers were in the age group of 20-50, had good dental health and healthy dietary habits," said Dr Monika Singh, who completed her PhD while studying the remains.

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Farmers protest the Central agriculture laws in Mansa on Monday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

## BJP leaders lying, misleading farming community: Ministers

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CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 2

Punjab Cabinet Ministers on Monday hit out at the BJP over its charges against Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh, saying it was the BJP state leadership that was misleading the farmers and spreading lies to save their skin after being cornered on the issue of the Central farm laws.

Not only was the BJP in the state trying desperately to fool the farmers with regard to the agricultural laws, but it was indulging in falsehoods to promote their political interests, the Cabinet Ministers said in a

Say safety of trains responsibility of RPF, not state government

joint statement.

Reacting to BJP state president Ashwani Sharma's accusations against Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh, the ministers said: "The farmers don't need any instigation. They are hurt at the treatment being meted out to them by the BJP-led Central Government. They are fighting to save their livelihood. But Sharma, like other BJP leaders, has no realisation of this."

They pointed out that the

security and safety of trains was the responsibility of the Railway Protection Force (RPF), with the state government having no say in the matter. The ministers asked what the Captain Amarinder government had to do with the safe movement of trains, adding this was not the first time tracks had been blocked by farmers in a state.

They stressed instances of such blockades had been reported at many places, irrespective of the government in power, even in the past. "So does that mean the Chief Minister of that state becomes responsible?" the ministers quipped.

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CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 2

Even as the appointment from the office of President Ram Nath Kovind is yet to be confirmed, Punjab legislators led by Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh would go to New Delhi as scheduled to meet him on November 4.

Sources say after initial refusal, the office of the Chief Minister has again sought time for the delegation to meet the President. The confirmation hasn't come as yet. The Congress delegation is meeting the President, seeking his consent to the amendments to the Central farm

### NO APPOINTMENT FROM UNION MINISTERS



Railways Minister Piyush Goyal and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman reportedly refused to give appointment to Congress Members of Parliament who wanted to discuss with them the suspension of goods trains and non-payment of GST dues.



laws passed by the Vidhan Sabha recently. After initially agreeing to be part of the delegation, the opposition parties have now refused to be part of the Congress delegation.

Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee (PPCC) chief Sunil Jakhar said the Con-

gress delegation was going as scheduled as it was for the cause of the farmers.

Meanwhile, Congress Members of Parliament GS Aujla, Ravneet Bittu, Santokh Chaudhary, Jasbir Singh Dimpa, Muhammad Sadiq, Manish Tewari and Dr Amar Singh today held a

meeting in Delhi to prevail upon the Cabinet Ministers in the Narendra Modi government to listen and address the farmers' issues.

On the directions of Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh, the MPs sought appointment from Railways Minister Piyush Goyal and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to discuss the prevailing situation in Punjab due to the stoppage of goods trains and non-payment of GST dues. But the ministers did not give the appointment. The MPs have decided to seek time from Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the farmers' issues.

## Explain Guv's take on Bills: Explain Guv's take on Bills: Ex-Dy Speaker

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 2

Former Deputy Speaker of Punjab Vidhan Sabha Bir Devinder Singh today asked the Chief Minister that before proceeding to meet the President on Thursday, he should tell the status of the three farm Bills handed over to the Governor on October 22 for his assent.

He said the people of Punjab, especially farmers, were entitled to know from the CM the current status of the three farm Bills handed over to the Governor to seek his assent before he proceeded to make a futile attempt to meet the President carrying the same ambiguous documents.

"The President would never take an unconstitutional U-turn to undo his earlier assent given to the Bills passed by Parliament," he said. — TNS

# 36 panchayats vow to oppose farm laws

OUR CORRESPONDENT

ABOHAR, NOVEMBER 2

Hundreds of members of 36 panchayats of nearby villages today took a pledge to oppose the three anti-farmer "black laws", passed by the Central Government recently, during a rally at Maujgarh village on the Abohar-Sriganganagar highway.

They decided to participate in a door-to-door drive from tomorrow to apprise people in the rural area about the economic damage the new laws could cause to farmers, farm workers and grain market labourers.

District Youth Congress former president Sandeep Jakhar said the BJP-led government was discriminating against Punjab farmers, who made the highest contribution to the country's granary.

The Centre had refused to withdraw the laws and was



Hundreds of farmers from 36 villages in Abohar take a pledge to oppose the Central farm laws on Monday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

## Sowing all set to begin, Fazilka short on fertiliser

ABOHAR, NOVEMBER 2

The sowing of wheat is all set to begin in the border district of Fazilka on November 5, but the things are not looking bright on the fertiliser front.

Wheat is expected to be sown on 2.6 lakh hectares of the district, comprising Abohar, Fazilka and Jalalabad subdivisions. However, only 18,000 metric tonnes of DAP fertiliser is available against

Only half of required 36,000 metric tonne DAP available

the requirement of 36,000 MT.

The area under fruit orchards is 35,000 hectares in Abohar and Fazilka. The total demand for urea for fields under wheat and fruit orchards was estimated at 76,000 MT, but private dealers and cooperative societies had at present only 14,000 MT available, sources said. The paddy lifting may also be hit as about 1,500 bales of jute bags are held up due to suspension of goods trains. — OC

## Seed subsidy a cruel joke on farmers: AAP

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 2

Terming the seed subsidy policy announced by Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh as a cruel joke on farmers, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has asked the CM to first make public the details of the subsidy released in the past three years by the Centre which allegedly never reached the beneficiaries.

AAP kisan wing president and MLA Kultar Singh Sandhwan said if the Chief Minister was honestly concerned for farmers, he should issue a white paper in a week telling the people of the state where the seed subsidy worth crores of rupees for 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 sanctioned by the Centre had been spent.

Sandhwan further alleged that the Congress government was no better than the previous Badal government in seed scams. MLA Prof Baljinder Kaur said the season of wheat sowing had already kicked off in many parts of the state, but the state government announced the seed subsidy

### STOP THEATRICS: CHEEMA TO CAPT

■ AAP senior leader Harpal Singh Cheema on Monday accused CM Capt Amarinder Singh of indulging in theatrics

■ Cheema said the CM first misled farmers by convening a special Assembly session, and then instead of meeting the Prime Minister, announced to meet the President

■ Dubbing him as a master of deceit, Cheema said now he had shot off a letter to BJP chief JP Nadda over goods trains' suspension

2020-21 on November 1, which was a cruel joke on the farmers. Prof Baljinder Kaur said had the government been farmer-friendly, it would have announced the seed subsidy by October 1 so that the farmers would have availed themselves the benefit before October 25 by completing other procedures. — TNS

## Price rise heat



Congress Mahila Morcha workers protest the soaring prices of vegetables at the residence of senior BJP leader Manoranjan Kalra in Jalandhar on Monday. PHOTO: MALKIAT SINGH

## No facilities at mandis, say Sangrur farmers

SANGRUR, NOVEMBER 2

Already facing delay in the purchase of their paddy, farmers and labourers have complained about the absence of basic amenities like toilets and water supply at various grain markets of the district. There are 210 grain markets in the district.

Bhupinder Singh, who works as a labourer in the Uppli grain market, alleged that farmers and labourers were being forced to defecate in open as there's no toilet at the grain market. Farmers and labourers at other grain markets in Bahadurpur, Tunga, Lehra also complained about the same problem and demanded a quick action.

Though authorities have made temporary arrangements at some places, these are of no help. Women labourers are worst affected as they have to walk a long distance to find some suitable place to relieve themselves.

"It's really surprising that on papers, authorities have been



### WILL LOOK INTO IT

“We will take action if farmers and labourers are facing any problem.”

Ramvir, SANGRUR DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

making big claims to contain open defecation, but during the present paddy purchase, they have not made any arrangement for the farmers and labourers, especially women, visiting the markets,” said Maninder Kaur, a labourer.

Dharminder Pashore, Lehra block president, BKU (Ugrah), said: “The state government should look into the matter seriously.” — TNS

## Barnala bidders protest delay in shop auction

BARNALA, NOVEMBER 2

Alleging delay in the auction of 20 shops constructed on the government land, shopkeepers along with farmers have laid siege to the Block Development and Panchayat Office (BDPO) in Mehal Kalan.

“Bidders are ready to deposit the required amount, but still there is no auction. We have gheraoed the BDPO office over the issue,” said Jasir Chhiniwal, a farmer leader.

Around 76 bidders have deposited Rs 50,000 each to participate in auction. But some bidders have demanded their money back due to Covid-induced financial woes.

“Since some bidders have withdrawn, we would have to cancel the auction and restart it. But shopkeepers are compelling us to go ahead with the process. It's not possible,” said Bhusan Kumar, BDPO, Mehal Kalan. — OC

## Will jail Dharamsot once in power: SAD

NABHA, NOVEMBER 2

SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal today said once the SAD formed a government in the state, it would order a probe into the SC scholarship scam engineered by SC Welfare Minister Sadhu Singh Dharamsot and put him behind bars within three months.

The SAD president staged a dharna after leading a march to Dharamsot's residence before being stopped midway by the police.

Demanding immediate sacking of Dharamsot over injustice done to Dalit students by allegedly siphoning off Rs 64 crore from the SC scholarship scheme, Sukhbir questioned Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh's compulsion in shielding the minister.

Former minister Bikram Singh Majithia said instead

Why are you shielding minister? Sukhbir asks CM

of trying to fool people with new promises, the Congress government should tell why it kept budgetary provisions of Rs 2,440 crore for the SC scholarship scam in the past three years but did not release even one paisa for the same. He said a CBI probe was needed to ascertain the real scope of the scam.

Majithia said it was strange that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, who liked to visit states for photo ops as he did recently by sitting on a sofa on a tractor, did not deem it fit to visit Dalit students who had been robbed by his minister. — TNS



SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal, along with party leaders, protests over the SC scholarship scam in Patiala. RAJESH SACHAR

## Farmer shuns straw burning on 305 acres, inspires others

FATEHGARH SAHIB, NOVEMBER 2

A progressive farmer of Dharamgarh village of the district, who has been farming on 305 acres without burning straw, has become a source of inspiration for others.

Inderjit Singh uses modern farming machinery for the proper handling of straw. He spreads the straw in his fields with the help of Rotavator and then sows wheat.

He has appealed to farmers not to burn the straw and use fertilisers as per the recommendations and varieties approved by experts of Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana.

He said the burning of straw not only caused pollution-related diseases, but also killed friendly insects in fields. “The fire burns the soul of our motherland, which nurtures us and provides us with everything,” he added.

He called upon the farmers to avail benefits of various schemes of the state govern-



Inderjit Singh at his farmhouse in Dharamgarh village.

ment. “The government is giving agricultural machinery to individual farmers at 50 per cent subsidy and to farmer groups, panchayats and co-operative societies at 80 per cent subsidy,” he said. He owns 11 acres and has

taken 300 acres on lease. He got paddy harvested with a combine having Super SMS facility. He said he sowed the wheat with a happy seeder, which not only increased the yield, but also enhanced the fertility of the land. — OC



## October GST collection up 14.1 per cent

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 2 There is some relief for cash-strapped Punjab Government as the Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection in the state has seen a jump in the ongoing festive season.

The total GST collection, including the State Goods and Services Tax and Integrated Goods and Services Tax for October, saw a jump of Rs 131 crore over October 2019. This is the first time in this fiscal that a robust 14.1 per cent growth in tax collection has been witnessed.

The GST collection at the national level saw an increase of 10 per cent in October. Because of the slowdown, caused by restricted economic activity post the spread of Covid-19, the GST collection had fallen to just Rs 156.28 crore and Rs 514.03 crore in April and May, respectively. — TNS

## Expand contact tracing to 15 persons, orders CM

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CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 2 Despite declining cases, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Monday ordered expanding the contact tracing of positive patients to 15 persons. He made it mandatory for hospitals and radiology labs conducting CT scans to report such patients to the administration in case of suspicion of virus as part of a slew of measures to strengthen the Covid management systems amid the apprehension of second wave.

The Chief Minister ordered a state-level three-tier vaccine supervision mechanism comprising a steering committee as well as state and district task force to be put in place.



### 3-TIER MECHANISM

- The CM ordered a state-level three-tier vaccine supervision mechanism comprising a steering committee as well as state and district task force to be put in place
- He warned against any complacency amid projections of a more severe second wave

In contrast to some other states that are depending heavily on the less reliable

rapid antigen testing (RAT), the CM directed the Health Department to make RT-PCR the rule, with RAT to be treated as an exception, while ordering another sero survey to assess the ground situation.

The Chief Minister asked the Health Department to get information from private and public hospitals regarding Covid mortality and complete the audit by November 9 so that remedial action could be taken by mid-November.

Chairing a virtual meeting of medical and health experts and officials, the Chief Minister warned against any complacency amid projections of a more severe second wave in keeping with the global trend.

## 402 more infected, 16 dead

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CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 2 In the past 24 hours, the state reported 402 infections and 16 deaths, taking the tally to 1,34,371 and toll to 4,227.

In the district-wise breakup of cases, Jalandhar topped the chart with 58 cases, followed by Ludhiana (55), SAS Nagar (45), Hoshiarpur (38), Bathinda (35), Amritsar (23) and Patiala (22).

The number of active cases has declined to 4,183. At present, 116 patients are on oxygen support and 15 on ventilator support.

Of the deaths reported, Amritsar recorded six deaths, followed by Bathinda, Hoshiarpur, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Moga, SAS Nagar, Muktsar Sahib, Pathankot, Patiala and Ropar (one death each).



A health official collects the swab sample of a woman in Nawanshahr.

### COVID CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS	DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Ludhiana	20,413	839	Moga	2,471	81
Jalandhar	15,253	471	Fatehgarh Sahib	2,171	101
Amritsar	11,917	460	Tarn Taran	2,008	88
Patiala	12,859	381	Kapurthala	4,085	167
Sangrur	3,939	165	Fazilka	3,064	49
SAS Nagar	12,451	237	SBS Nagar	1,908	63
Gurdaspur	6,916	199	Faridkot	3,247	58
Bathinda	7,195	151	Barnala	2,077	52
Hoshiarpur	6,250	214	Ropar	2,490	115
Ferozepur	4,226	125	Muktsar	3,046	64
Pathankot	4,454	111	Mansa	1,931	36
<b>Total</b>				<b>1,34,371</b>	<b>4,227</b>

## Doc, veteran among 3 held in ECHS scam

AMRITSAR, NOVEMBER 2 The police have arrested three persons, including a doctor and an ex-serviceman, in Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) scam where huge amounts of government funds were swindled by private hospitals by claiming fake medical bills.

ADCP Sandeep Malik, investigating the scam, said those arrested were identified as Dr Sunil Dutta of Neelkanth Hospital, ex-serviceman Shinda Singh and his wife Parkash Kaur.

In a complaint to the police, Brig MD Upadhyay, Station Commander (Station Headquarters), Amritsar Cantonment, had claimed during an internal investigation, the accused, including doctors and several ex-servicemen, were found guilty of connivance and misappropriating government funds. The armed forces submitted a report to the police and 24 persons, including 14 doctors, were booked for fraud.

The Army authorities found that several veterans

### FUNDS SWINDLED

- Some veterans misled ECHS cardholders into handing over cards saying the Centre was distributing Covid-19 relief fund
- Later, they made fraudulent admissions in hospitals during lockdown and claimed hefty medical bills from department

misled the ECHS cardholders to collect cards and later connived with hospital managements to fabricate record in order to usurp funds from the Department of Ex-servicemen Welfare.

The ex-serviceman lured ECHS cardholders by saying the Centre was providing a relief fund in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic and asked for their cards. Later, they made fraudulent admissions in hospitals during the lockdown and claimed hefty medical bills from the department.

Malik said as the investigations involved a lot of documentation, the probe was taking some time. — TNS

## Region's car sales see double-digit growth

Riding on festive season, customer demand jumps by 15-20%

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CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 2 In sync with the national trend, car sales in the northern region witnessed a double-digit growth in October, riding on the festive season.

According to dealers, sales of sedans, hatchbacks and SUVs registered around 15-20 per cent increase in demand from the customers as safe personal mobility goals coupled with attractive finance and offers dwarfed other consumer priorities amid the pandemic.

Normally, car makers in India report wholesale dispatches made from factories to dealers and not actual sales to consumers, so the actual sales is always less than the reported figures.

However, the month of October was unusual, as dealers based in North India reported actual sales surpassing wholesale dispatches, with many exhausting their inventory. “Thanks to strong and

### LAST MONTH'S SALE GRAPH

Carmaker	Units sold
Maruti Suzuki	1.66L
Hyundai	56,605
Tata	23,617
Kia	21,021
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.34L</b>



Mohit Pratap, MD, PMG AUTOMOBILES

### NO INVENTORY LEFT WITH SOME DEALERS

“The demand was such that many dealers exhausted their inventory, leaving virtually no new cars to deliver to prospective buyers”

### SALES VARY FROM DEALERSHIP TO DEALERSHIP

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Deepak Joshi, MD, JOSHI AUTOZONE

refreshed product line-up and attractive consumer offers, the dealers witnessed increased off-take,” said Mohit Pratap, managing director, PMG Automobiles.

The car dealers said they witnessed better retail sales during the Navratra period, considered auspicious

for buying new things and property.

“On an average, the dealers witnessed 10-20 per cent growth in sales during October. The sales vary from dealership to dealership and also depend upon the brand they are handling,” said Joshi Autozone managing

director Deepak Joshi.

In percentage terms, Kia and Tata dealership registered 60-80 per cent increase in sales this October compared to last year. Dealers expect the demand to continue through Diwali, which will further accentuate growth for the industry at large.

The auto industry always banks on the festive season for sales. With Diwali round the corner and Christmas to follow soon after, the industry is hopeful of seeing better sales in the last couple of months of this year to make up for a dismal start.

The total dispatches of all carmakers (excluding luxury) combined to dealers was around 3.34 lakh units in October, as against 2.84 lakh during the corresponding period of last year, witnessing an 18 per cent growth.

The northern region, comprising Punjab, Chandigarh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, J&K, including Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, contributes 25-30 per cent to the total sales.

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CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 2 Dr Buta Singh Sidhu has been appointed the new Vice Chancellor of Mahara-ja Ranjit Singh State Technical University, Bathinda. His appointment was approved by the Punjab Governor on Sunday.

Prior to his new assignment, Dr Sidhu was the officiating Registrar and Dean, Planning and Development, at the university.

He was on the panel of three candidates approved by the Board of Governors of the university. The others were Dr BS Pabla from the National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research, Chandigarh, and KK Raina, Vice Chancellor, DIT University, Dehradun.

A total of 24 candidates had applied for the post and seven were asked to appear before the screening committee, which shortlisted three candidates.

The new VC, who replaces MPS Ishar, faces an uphill



### UPHILL TASK AHEAD

- Dr Buta Singh Sidhu faces an uphill task amid charges against varsity officials of executing works at inflated cost
- The Board of Governor recently ordered an audit of a construction project for admn block, theatre and departments

task of putting the educational institution on track on the academic, administrative and financial front.

University officials are facing a case of inflated cost of works on the campus. The Board of Governor recently ordered a third-party audit of the entire project for the construction of an administrative block, theatre and departments.

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Cong, INLDaccuse govt of distributing LPG cylinders

ROHTAK, NOVEMBER 2 Congress leaders have accused the BJP-JJP government of distributing free LPG cylinders in Baroda to influence voters.

At a press meet on Monday, Leader of Opposition Bhopinder Hooda said complaints had been lodged with the CEC and other authorities concerned. Rohtak MLA Bharat Bhushan Batra said the BJP nominee had admitted that LPG cylinders were being distributed.

**Panipat:** Abhay Chautala, INLD general secretary, filed a complaint with the CEC. The party earlier filed a complaint about the misuse of the government machinery. **Sonepat:** District Electoral Officer and DC Shyam Lal Poonia refuted the allegations. He said after receipt of a complaint on Sunday about distribution of LPG cylinders in three villages, a team of the flying squad was sent, which found no wrongdoing. — TNS

# Govt to study UP move to frame law on ‘love jihad’

Will consult sections of society, BJP cadre, JJP

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CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 2 The Haryana Government will deliberate plans to legislate a law against “love jihad” after discussions with the people, within the BJP cadre and with the JJP.

The state also plans to look into details of the law the Uttar Pradesh Government led by Yogi Adityanath proposes before determining the contours of the proposed law.

Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and Home Minister Anil Vij had on Sunday announced that the BJP-JJP government was considering a law against “love jihad” on the lines of the one announced by Yogi Adityanath on Saturday.

The announcement came in the context of Nikita Tomar murder in Ballabgarh in public view outside her college. “Nikita’s family has alleged

## STERN LAW NEEDED

“Nikita’s family alleged that it was a case of ‘love jihad’ since Tausif wanted her to marry him after changing her religion. We need a stern law to address these issues so that such incidents don’t occur in future.” Anil Vij, HOME MINISTER

that it was a case of love jihad since Tausif wanted her to marry him after changing her religion. We need a stern law to address these issues so that such incidents do not occur in future,” Vij said.

He said deliberations at the party level and with the people had already started and a debate had begun on social media and other platforms on the proposed legislation.

Vij cited the judgment by the Allahabad High Court on October 31, wherein it said religious conversion just for the sake of marriage was not valid.

The court had made these comments after finding that a Muslim woman had converted to Hinduism and

married as per Hindu rituals a month later.

The court had cited a 2014 order issued in the case of Noor Jahan Begum alias Anjali Mishra and another versus Uttar Pradesh, wherein the court held that conversion for marriage was not bonafide.

“Love jihad”, as the phrase is used in India, is an Islamophobic conspiracy theory, alleging that Muslim men target women belonging to non-Muslim communities for conversion to Islam by feigning love.

The campaign by Hindutva supporters to push the “love jihad” conspiracy theory is not new as it has been around for more than a decade.

# Violence accused in judicial custody



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FARIDABAD, NOVEMBER 2 The 32 persons arrested for violence and attempt to block the national highway in Ballabgarh on Sunday, soon after a mahapanchayat was held to demand death penalty for the accused in Nikita Tomar murder case, were sent to judicial custody on Monday.

Though the police used force to remove around 250 youths, who resorted to stone-throwing and attempted to block the national highway, located 500 metres from the mahapanchayat venue, officials blamed anti-social elements.

Meanwhile, Nikita’s brother Naveen was issued an arms licence. The officials claimed that anti-social elements tried to take advantage of flared up emotions at the meeting organised by some right-wing organisations

Mahapanchayat held sans permission; Nikita's brother gets arms licence



The police set up a barricade on the outskirts of Ballabgarh.

tions and associations of a particular community.

“There are always elements which try to resort to anti-social activities under the guise of protests. This occasion was also used by such elements,” said Adarshdeep Singh, ACP (HQ).

As they resorted to stone-throwing on shops of members of the minority community, many of them reportedly used inflammatory words to incite communal hatred, he pointed out. “A total of 32 persons were arrested and over 200 others

booked,” he said.

The situation had returned to normal as the police increased their presence and put barricades at all entry points, he added. Ballabgarh SDM Aprajita and ACP Jaiveer Rathi stated that permission had not been taken to hold the mahapanchayat.

According to OP Singh, Commissioner of Police, every member of Nikita’s family had been provided a security guard and Naveen issued an arms licence. The charge sheet was expected to be filed within four days, he said.

## 15 more succumb; 1,566 fresh cases

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 2 With 1,566 fresh cases, the Covid tally in the state went up to 1,70,466 on Monday. The death toll reached 2,810 with 15 more deaths. — TNS

COVID-19 CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT		
DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Gurugram	30,939	215
Faridabad	25,816	251
Hisar	10,328	138
Sonepat	10,235	52
Ambala	9,012	111
Karnal	8,342	116
Panipat	8,037	101
Rohtak	8,018	72
Rewari	7,917	36
Panchkula	7,187	116
Kurukshetra	6,754	103
Sirsa	5,448	80
Yamunanagar	5,134	108
Mahendragarh	5,087	7
Bhiwani	3,926	57
Jhajjar	3,703	36
Palwal	3,399	21
Fatehabad	3,135	60
Kaithal	2,959	43
Jind	2,835	52
Nuh	1,285	26
Charkhi Dadri	989	8
Total	1,70,466	1,810

# Gender-based foetus destruction continues: HC

SAURABH MALIK  
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CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 2 Despite specific legislation, the menace of gender-based destruction of foetus continues to plague society, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has asserted. The Bench has made it clear that the sex of foetus in a civilised society cannot be the determining factor for lease of life to see the world. The assertion came in a case where the accused allegedly “dramatised” the conduct of ultrasound on a decoy customer and showed pre-recorded video in the name of sex determination. He allegedly played the video on an LCD screen to show that ultrasound was being carried out.

The matter was placed before Justice Avneesh Jhingan’s Bench after accused Hassan Mohd sought anticipatory bail in an FIR registered on September 29 for cheating, criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty and other offences.

Justice Jhingan asserted that determining the gender of foetus was a malaise affecting society and the desire to have a male child was an open secret and affected gender ratio in society.

Considering society’s disdainful attitude to female child and use of diagnostic equipment for female foeticide, the Act was enacted to curb prenatal sex determination, but the menace continued and it was a classic case of misusing the gift of technology development, Justice Jhingan pointed out.

“The Constitution guarantees equality to genders, but prenatal sex determination deprives a female foetus to come to this world. The termination of female




Referring to the petitioner’s contention regarding absence of a complaint, Justice Jhingan asserted that a person in active participation against an enactment and a party to the illegal act was not expected to come forward to lodge a complaint

foetus is destruction of woman of future. There cannot be a dispute on the fact that woman has a multi-faceted role in society,” Justice Jhingan asserted.

Referring to the petitioner’s contention regarding absence of a complaint against him, Justice Jhingan asserted that a person in active participation against an enactment and a party to the illegal act was not expected to come forward to lodge a police complaint. “The persons being fleeced probably would not be aware that in the name of determination of sex, they were shown pre-recorded video,” Justice Jhingan added.


Rejecting the contention that the Act’s provisions would not apply as ultrasound was not conducted, Justice Jhingan stated that the fact remained that an assurance given and the picture of ultrasound being carried out was projected.

“Even of the decoy customer, ultrasound gel was applied, the probe was put on her abdomen and thereafter, video recording was played on the LCD,” Justice Jhingan asserted, while dismissing the petition.



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Will the farmers benefit from the new Agricultural Trade Act ?	Yes, definitely. Now, the farmers can choose their buyers and decide their price. The new Act permits farmers to decide the buyers of their choice anywhere in India and enter into direct contracts with them.
Can farmers sell their produce outside APMC Mandis without any Fee and Licence under the new Act ?	Yes, Farmers can now sell their crops/produce outside the Mandis anywhere and to any buyer who gives a better price. Farmers need no Registration and are not required to pay any transaction fee.
What is the provision for dispute resolution between the farmers and traders ?	This Act promotes dispute resolution in a time bound manner with minimum cost. The court process in India is very expensive and time consuming for the farmers. The new Farm Act ensures settlement of dispute within 30 days under the guidance of local SDM.
In how many days will the payment be received from buyers under the new Act ?	Buyers have to make payment to the farmers on the same day. If the farmer enters into an agreement with the buyer, then the buyer will issue a receipt of goods and make payment to the farmer within 3 days.
Will the Farmer Organisations like FPOs also benefit from the new Act ?	Yes, definitely. Under the new Act, all Farmer Organisations will be treated as ‘Farmers’ and they will get the same benefits as the farmers. The farmers can form Organisations to get full benefits from markets. Farmers associated with AMUL and other good Dairy Co-operative Societies are examples before us.
Will the Minimum Support Price (MSP) continue ?	Definitely, yes. The Government has clarified in the Parliament that MSP will continue as before. The new Act has nothing to do with MSP in any way.
Will the FCI stop procurement from the farmers ?	No. FCI and other Govt. Agencies will continue the procurement from farmers as before. There is no change in these policies in the new Act.
Will the APMC Mandis close down in future ?	No. The Mandi system will continue as before. These new Acts will encourage Mandis to provide better services to the farmers. The farmers will decide where they want to sell their produce.

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## GST fillip

Need to sustain the surge in demand

INa sign that the Covid-scarred Indian economy is limping back to normalcy, GST collections have crossed the Rs 1 lakh crore mark for the first time in the current financial year. The gross GST revenue collected in October was Rs 1,05,155 crore, 10 per cent higher than the figure for the same month last year. It shows that the ongoing festive season is witnessing a surge in demand, a trend that is expected to continue throughout this month as well. The uncertainty caused by the pandemic — and the lockdown — forced many people to prefer saving to spending as far as possible, but with the virus ebbing for the time being, penny-pinching seems to have decreased. Sustaining the rise in consumption would be a challenge, considering that there is a likelihood of a second wave of the pandemic later this year. If the Covid caseload stays under control with a high rate of recoveries, Central and state governments should set in motion a comprehensive plan for a faster pace of economic recovery.

It's noteworthy that despite the dip in revenue in previous months of this fiscal, the government has issued Rs 1.27 lakh crore worth of income tax refunds and Rs 70,000-crore GST refunds so far. Under the Rs 73,000-crore package announced last month, advance payment of a part of wages was made to Central government employees and cash was offered in lieu of leave travel concession. More such liquidity measures are needed to stimulate consumer demand and investment.

Amid the green shoots, it will be a tall order to make the GDP growth rate turn positive as early as January-March 2021, as hoped for by the RBI. The struggling industry, particularly the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), can be firmly back on its feet only if exports and private investment return to somewhere near pre-Covid levels. Here, the government's intervention has to be timely and facilitative. The World Bank expects India's growth to rebound to 5.4 per cent in the next fiscal (2021-22). Need-based and time-bound stimulus can go a long way in achieving such a turnaround.

## Captain's letter to Nadda

Political will, consensus a must to resolve issue

THAT the situation in Punjab remains in a state of flux after the farm legislations passed by the Centre is evident from the letter written by Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh to BJP chief JP Nadda, objecting to the farmers' agitation being compared to the Naxal movement. Denying the complicity of the Congress government in the stir, the CM has also called for collective will to tide over the crisis. As the CM has pointed out, the continued suspension of goods trains could have security implications, not just for Punjab but also J&K and Ladakh, giving our nosy neighbour a handle to interfere in the state's affairs. The CM's warning, made a day after the Prime Minister's observations on the Pulwama attack, is not unjustified in view of Punjab's history, despite the propensity of the political parties to raise the issue to drive home their point.

The disruption of goods trains hampered the functioning of thermal power plants and it remains to be seen how the essential supplies, along with foodgrain procured this kharif season, will be transported and distributed if the lockdown gets extended amid warnings of a second wave. The controversy over farm laws saw the SAD-BJP ties under strain, with Harsimrat Kaur Badal resigning from the Union Cabinet on the ground that she was not consulted. As the CM called it a violation of the principles of federalism, the Punjab BJP chief faced assault and the meeting called at the level of the Union Agriculture Secretary to sort out the issue proved to be inconclusive. All this has added to the sense of drift.

Along with Punjab, Rajasthan has also passed laws to override the Centre's farm legislations. They will now have to be routed through the ministry concerned for presidential assent. All this has been done within the framework of the Constitution which also means the need for evolving mechanisms to find a way out of the impasse instead of heading for a confrontation. Punjab should call a meeting of all political parties and stakeholders to evolve a common stance inviting the Centre to play the moderator.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future. — **Franklin D Roosevelt**

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

## The Tribune.

LAHORE, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1920

### COL. WEDGWOOD'S MESSAGE.

THE first important political speech delivered by Col. Wedgwood in India was made at the dinner given in his honour by Mr. Jamnadas Dwarkadas, and which was attended, among others, by Sir Chimanlal Sitalvad, Pandit Motilal Nehru and Mr. Jinnah. After pointing out that "the duty of every Indian was to work heart and soul for the liberty of India," the Colonel went on to say that it was immaterial whether it was Home Rule or independence, and that for his own part, he believed that the connection between England and India would be in the interests of both countries. This is, of course, only a commonplace and Col. Wedgwood knows very well what large numbers of Indians would say in reply. The connection between England and India, they would say, is good, and so far as the people of India are concerned, they have never yet said or done anything to jeopardise this connection. But on what basis is this connection to continue—on the present basis of India's subordination, or on the only basis on which permanent association can be built up or secured, the basis of free and equal partnership? That is the only real question, and this question was anticipated by Col. Wedgwood. The whole future of the globe, he said, rested on the union of the free people of the British Commonwealth with America, and India, representing one-fifth of the human race, could not fail to be a predominant partner in that great union. But is this not itself the most serious obstacle in the path of India being a partner? India, just because it constitutes one-fifth of the human race as well as because its people are as highly civilised as any other people on earth, cannot, of course, be a partner in a federation without being a predominant partner. But will "the religion of the white race," to use Mr. Andrews' pregnant phrase, allow this?

# Youth on political landscape

They might be 'successful', but doubts remain if they will usher in new values



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SOCIOLOGIST

IT is impossible to deny the fact that many of us tend to look at the mainstream electoral politics with heightened cynicism. Despite the ritualisation of periodic elections and even transfer of power, the ground reality does not alter fundamentally. We continue to live amid socio-economic inequality, culture of violence and elaborate network of corruption. Hence, there are moments when we wish to believe that if young minds join the political domain, we might see a new language of political activism—a qualitative change from the prevalent decadence. This is hope amid despair. And hence, it is not surprising that at this time of elections in Bihar, many media persons and political analysts have begun to ask whether young politicians like Tejashwi Yadav, Chirag Paswan and Kanhaiya Kumar would be able to bring about some refreshing change.

Well, it is not wrong to have hope in the youth. Quite often, we associate this stage of the life-cycle with creative zeal, radical experimentation and boundless energy. And it is also true that the youth have often participated in radical socio-political movements—and at times, with heightened idealism and spirit of rebelliousness. For example, the youth movement of the 1960s in the West (with its quest for a 'counter culture'), the Naxalite movement in India (and we know how brilliant/idealist youngsters from our colleges and universities failed to resist the dream of a grand revolution), the protest against Indira Gandhi's Emergency: these are striking illustrations that, as an optimist would say, make us feel that to be young is to rebel and



**TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE:** It is not easy to believe that a Yadav or a Paswan has come to alter Bihar's caste-centric, feudal social milieu.

### Some have managed to retain their consciousness, but will they succumb to efforts to isolate or co-opt them?

dream; or to say 'yes' to solidarity and comradeship, and 'no' to hatred and exploitation.

Possibly, this is the time for yet another storm or another breakthrough. After all, what exists in the name of mainstream politics is brute, immoral and exploitative. Let us think of its three negative manifestations. First, the criminalisation of politics, or the use of money and muscle power has almost been normalised. This has nothing to do with what Gandhi—the father of the mass political movement in India—regarded as the unity of the political and the spiritual. Second, it is a politics of diversion. In a country characterised by malnutrition, child labour and school dropouts; poverty and unemployment; and caste exploitation and gender violence, the real issues of collective concern are seldom talked about. Instead, in the name of narrow/fragmented identity politics (excite or stimulate the voter only in the name of caste, and keep calculating the mathematics of Yadav/Jatav/Brahmin votes for promoting the narcissism of Machi-

avellian leaders) and exclusivist religious nationalism (make a poor Hindu believe that a poor Muslim is his primary enemy; and meanwhile, let the Adanis and the Ambanis expand their business empire as usual), the real struggle for an egalitarian and nonviolent social landscape is almost forgotten. In a politics of this kind, there is neither Marx nor Gandhi; and even Ambedkar or Lohia would have felt disappointed had they seen the politics of the likes of Mayawati or Akhilesh Yadav. And third, it is purely instrumental politics. It is just the craving for immediate power that, as we are witnessing rather frequently in the name of 'defection', transforms a politician into a commodity for sale. The Congress today, the BJP tomorrow: this circus reveals the death of commitment to an ideology or conviction for a cause. Is it the reason that average citizens expect nothing from their representatives, beyond some small 'favours': say, a gas connection, or the child's admission in the Kendriya Vidyalaya!

The moot question is whether the

youth can change this politics. In fact, when we reflect on the young faces on the political landscape over the years, we see the continuity of dynastic politics—not limited merely to the Nehru-Gandhi family. Will it be wrong to say that from Omar Abdullah to Jyotiraditya Scindia, or from Sachin Pilot to Tejashwi Yadav, they all inherited politics as some sort of private property? This privilege often deprived them of evolving an organic connectedness with ordinary people and their broken dreams and miseries. They might be 'successful' and closer to power, but this by no means assures that they exist to bring new values in politics. Hence, it is not very easy to be an optimist and believe that a young Yadav or a Paswan, for instance, has come to alter Bihar's caste-centric/feudal/poverty-stricken social milieu.

However, we are also witnessing the arrival of new youth leaders who have evolved through social movements. For instance, Kanhaiya Kumar and Jignesh Mevani have brought some freshness in the political discourse with their critical orientation to the issues relating to the state of the subaltern, and violence implicit in the discourse of militant nationalism. Possibly, unlike the non-reflexive young crowd heavily manipulated by shrewd and dishonest political bosses and their empty slogans, they have managed to retain their intellectual clarity and critical consciousness. But then, it is too early to say whether the system would allow them to function; or whether all efforts will be made to isolate or co-opt them.

Well, in recent times, we have also witnessed young students who came on the streets, reimagined Gandhi, Ambedkar and Bhagat Singh, and reminded us of what we are fast losing in the age of rising authoritarianism: the spirit of cultural and religious pluralism, human dignity and fundamental rights. Will some of them join politics in a more engaged way? Or who knows, as the epidemic of sedition charges indicates, their voices might be silenced?

# Pagri, Jatt and Punjab

COL HP SINGH (RETD)

THE railway station, a short distance from my village, is abuzz with activity these days. What is otherwise a nondescript halt, mainly for passenger trains, has now become a platform for an agitation by farmers against the laws recently passed by the government. 'Why can't you Punjabis walk together with the rest of the country? Why are you guys always waiting to take up cudgels for the heck of it?' Even though I was not against the new laws, my friend's caustic remark hurt my Punjabi pride. 'Subjugation is not in our blood, and if not convinced, compliance is a far cry,' a rebuttal was necessary.

Alexander conquered the then known world but struggled when he entered the land of the five rivers. His empire could not expand any further. The Mughals and the Persian rulers used all their might to subdue this lot, but failed to tame them. Abdali, who massacred them in thousands, was frustrated when the survivors looted his convoys with booty on his way back to Afghanistan. It was a matter of time when the Khyber pass, the gateway to Hindostan, exchanged hands from Kabul to Lahore. A revision of history was necessary for the benefit of my friend and the audience gathered around us.

Long before Gandhi's call for Satyagraha, it was Baba Ram Singh who started the boycott movement,

resulting in his followers being blown by cannons. The Ghadar movement, an international political movement to overthrow the British, comprised mostly of expatriate Punjabis. Events like the Jallianwala Bagh massacre gave birth to the likes of Bhagat Singh, Lala Lajpat Rai, Udham Singh etc, who not only galvanised the Indian youth, but also expedited the achievements of Swaraj.

Come Independence and half the state found itself partitioned right down the middle. While the rest of India rejoiced at the stroke of midnight, Punjab was up in flames. But it took less than a decade for them to get back to their feet. They carved a niche for themselves through sweat and toil when the Green Revolution provided

the much-needed food security for the country. Being the sword arm of the nation, it defended its borders with blood and valour in all wars post Independence. When the Emergency was imposed, Punjab was the first state to pioneer the movement for the restoration of democracy. It was Punjabiyaat that got the better of evil forces during the dark days of militancy. My adrenaline levels had lowered as I finished.

Love them, hate them, or ridicule them, Punjabis have brought far too many laurels for Bharat *desh* to be ignored. '*Pagri sambhal Jatta*' is not just a revolutionary song but a way of life for these people. My friend's silence after the discourse suggests that he now has a better insight into the Punjabi psyche.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Wallowing in hubris

The US could be in an electoral mess, yet again. To each nation its election laws, architecture of control and supervision. But what is inviolate is that every vote cast within the parameters is sacrosanct and accounted for. This is where the US is found wanting. The efficacy of centrality of an EC should have been more relevant to the US after the fracas in the Bush-Gore face-off, and now to perhaps revisit in 2020. With varying election methodology and rulings practically in the ambit of each state and a federal election agency without teeth, the lower judiciary acts as an arbiter with contrasting directives. In a close election, this is inviting disaster. In India, the empowered EC, with its state wings, stands out in professional excellence. But given its hubris of being the ultimate in democracy, the US election architecture may never reform.

R NARAYANAN, NAVI MUMBAI

#### Can go either way

Apropos of 'Battle for US presidency set for close finish', the opinion polls show that Biden is holding on to a firm lead. However, an analysis of politics since 2017 reveals how voters might regard Trump's performance, disregarding what they may have said in response to opinion surveys. He came to power on what was essentially a

nativist call to put 'America First', to fight for middle-class workers losing jobs to foreigners or immigrants. The divisive rhetoric that his 2016 campaign employed continued to yield rich political dividends for him. However, it changed with the onset of the pandemic. Trump may have won voter sympathy, perhaps because some appreciated his desire to reopen the economy. Given that the Republican-controlled Senate recently rushed to fill an empty seat with conservative judge Amy Coney Barrett, the 6-3 majority favouring the conservatives may well have a bearing in such an eventuality. Only a strong performance by Biden on the election day will obviate this possibility.

VANDANA, CHANDIGARH

#### For the record

The Pakistan government's sensational admission that it succeeded in the Pulwama attack which claimed the lives of 40 CRPF personnel has unmasked its face before the world. This is the first time a Pakistan minister has admitted what India has long maintained — that the country directly and indirectly supports terror groups that target India. But, it's neither shocking nor befuddling to hear it from the horse's mouth. It's a terrific challenge before the country to deal

with such a notorious neighbour. N SADHASIVA REDDY, BENGALURU

#### Perils of straw burning

Refer to 'Tackling straw burning'; instead of educating farmers about the ill-effects of smoke emanating from straw burning, the government has been busy in enacting Acts to deter farmers. The need of the hour is to inform farmers, through various means, to desist from burning residue. Straw burning is not the only cause of pollution in Delhi-NCR. Vehicles and construction are the other major sources, which need to be examined before putting the entire blame on farmers. The cities of Punjab, from where the smoke is generated, as per the government, are not as polluted. Scientific solutions must be found to get respite from the cascading effects of smoke during winter.

WG CDR JASBIR S MINHAS (RETD), MOHALI

#### Require alternative

Air quality is deteriorating at a fast pace, which is contributing to health risks for the public. The government must come up with effective measures as farmers are left with no hope, except to set paddy straw ablaze. Not all farmers can afford Happy Seeder machines and also subsidised equipment does not cover all peasants. The government must come up with

imaginative ideas to check the rise in cases of stubble burning that is leading to poor air quality.

AKASH BHAKRI, PHILLAUR

#### Electoral mockery

Refer to 'PM Modi mocks double yuvraj'; it's proved that parties are their best while pointing the flaws in other leaders. It's a pity to see how in Bihar, elections are being fought on the basis of being the least worst rather than on the pre-eminence of skills. Certainly, the failures of other parties turn out to be the grounds for decision-making, but laying out a practical strategy by the potential government is more crucial than just mocking the other parties and leaders.

AGAM GARG, BY MAIL

#### Being a woman

Refer to 'Touchstones' (*Sunday Tribune*, Nov 1); it's difficult to achieve a balance between one's passionate profession and responsibilities towards family, especially in Indian society that is unfortunately male dominated, and then, managing a smile at the end of the day without any grudge. Undoubtedly, nature has made women highly capable of taking on this role. The kind remembrance of the dazzling smile of Karuna Goswamy was touching.

PANKAJ MADAN, ZIRAKPUR



# Protective discrimination, layer by layer



In a federal structure, the state government cannot be denied the power to make laws to give preferential treatment to sub-categories within the reservation list.” Making this observation recently in an appeal against a decision of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court has dissented from a contrary decision on exactly the same issue given 15 years earlier by another Constitution Bench. It is a rare, though not unprecedented case, in which due to differences of opinion between two five-judge Benches of the court, the matter has to go to a larger Bench of seven or more judges.

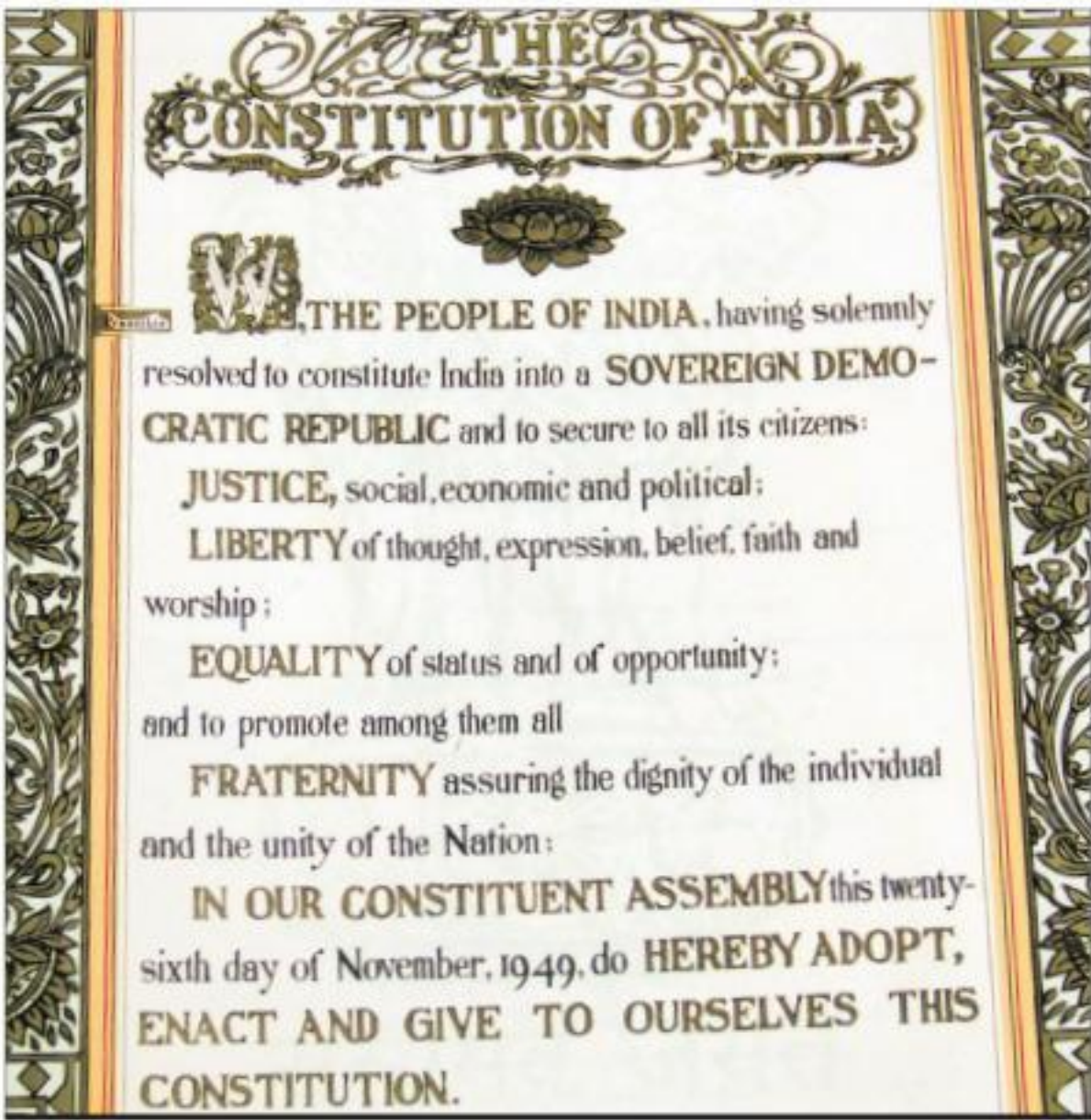
Both these cases relate to reservation for the Scheduled Castes. The Constitution of India sanctions what has come to be known as ‘protective’ discrimination and ‘affirmative’ action in favour of the so-called ‘lower’ castes among certain chosen religious communities. The Constitution, when enforced in 1950, did not identify them and left it to the President of India (read the government of the time) to issue their first list. No sooner than the enforcement of the

new governing charter of the country, a Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order was promulgated, to be periodically updated by Parliament. In the course of time, a mechanism, involving state governments and special commissions, was evolved to assist Parliament in religiously undertaking this exercise.

There has been a trend in some states to create what is called ‘quota within quota’: preferential reservation in government jobs for certain underserved groups within the broader community of Scheduled Castes approved by Parliament. In 2005, the issue of the validity of such a provision made in Andhra Pradesh was contested by rival groups and had eventually reached the Supreme Court where a Constitution Bench had ruled that the state governments had no power to create sub-categories of Scheduled Castes for the purpose of reservation (*EV Chinnaiah*, 2005).

The very next year, the state legislature in Punjab enacted the Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes (Reservation in Services) Act 2006 under which the ‘first preference’ in the matter of reservations for Scheduled Castes in public services was to be given to the Balmiki Hindus and Mazhabis Sikhs. The validity of this provision was challenged in the state high court, which in the light of the Chinnaiah ruling, declared it to be ultra vires of the Constitution.

A number of appeals were filed against the decision in the apex court. A Constitution Bench led by Justice



Arun Mishra decided them in August this year in favour of the appellants. Also decided by a Constitution Bench, the 15-year old Chinnaiah ruling was, however, a hurdle in giving finality to the new opposite decision. Observing that “we cannot revisit *Chinnaiah* being the decision of a Bench of coordinate strength,” Justice Mishra requested the Chief Justice to constitute a larger Bench of seven or more judges for the final decision of the

intricate constitutional issue. The matter, thus, is hanging in the air and, as the grapevine has it, the larger Bench is being constituted soon.

The legal position apart, the caste system remains the order of the day. The Constitution prohibits discrimination between citizens on the ground of religion, caste or gender, but leaves a wide room for it on each of the three grounds; and the judiciary has been lending its weight to it. As regards caste, in a case

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Validation Act 1937, the Hindu Marriage Disabilities Act 1946, and, finally, the Hindu Marriage Act 1955 — but remain a taboo and often give rise to problems connected with the bonanza of reservations for the Scheduled Castes.

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Be that as it may, reservation for particular castes — envisaged by the Constitution as a transitory measure to be enforced till the society gets upgraded to an egalitarian state — has become a permanent fixture of the social fabric in India which politicians cannot even think of revisiting except at the cost of electoral debacles.

I have personally been dead set against all sorts of reservations and have a convinced opinion that merit alone should be the criterion, for both admissions to educational institutions and appointments to government posts. As the Law Member of the Rangnath Misra Commission, I had drafted its report which, endorsed by the full commission, had emphatically said that this would truly translate into action the provisions of the Constitution, ensuring equality before law and equal protection of laws to all citizens.

It, however, was, and remains, too late in the day to even dream of such an ideal situation.

## Indian-Americans’ voice being heard in US poll



Because of the experience in the 2016 elections, both candidates are reaching out to ethnic groups as even a small chunk of votes could potentially be decisive. Like any democracy, the demographic size is at the heart of the community’s leverage in the electoral contest and, in this connection, both the present and potential strength of the community needs to be factored in.

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THE Indian-American electorate of nearly 2 million voters is a powerful force that can make all the difference — from North Carolina and Virginia to Pennsylvania and Michigan to Georgia and Texas and across the country,” wrote Democratic Party presidential nominee Joe Biden in an oped piece in the *India West*, an Indian-American community media outlet in the US.

During the US elections, it is common for the parties to tap into the vast network of Spanish language channels or newspapers across the country to put their message across. However, this may be a rare occasion when a contender in the US presidential race has written an oped article to woo the relatively small Indian-American vote.

The reason is obvious. Because of the experience in the 2016 elections, both candidates are reaching out to various ethnic groups in the battleground states as even a small chunk of votes could potentially be decisive. Like any democracy, the demographic size is at the heart of the community’s leverage in the electoral contest and, in this connection, both the present and potential strength of the community needs to be factored in. At the same time, the aspirations of the community, particularly its younger members, need to be framed in the contemporary political and social realities of the US.

The first phase of migration of Indians, prominently from Punjab, started in the early years of the 20th century through the modern tech hub of San Francisco, California. The immigrants, marginal in number due to legal restrictions for Asians, looked for railroad, lumber, or agricultural jobs. Even Congressman Dalip Singh Saund, who had got his doctorate from



**VISA REFORMS:** Democratic Party’s Vice-President nominee Kamala Harris has specifically mentioned the need to address the problems faced by H1B visa holders.

the University of California, Berkeley, in 1924, had to work as a farmer as he was denied citizenship till 1949. Born in Amritsar and an alumnus of the Prince of Wales College, Jammu, he later became the first Asian-American, the first Indian-American, and the first Sikh to be elected to the US Congress from California in 1956.

The second phase started after the immigration Bill was signed by President Lyndon B Johnson on October 3, 1965 that removed stipulations on migration from Asian countries. This enabled highly educated Indians to study and work in the US. Many of them went on scholarships. Journalist Anita Raghavan in her book — *The Billionaire’s Apprentice: The Rise of the Indian-American Elite and the Fall of the Galleon Hedge Fund* — made the expression ‘generation twice blessed’ famous as she described this group of immigrants. This group benefited from both the relaxation of US

immigration laws and the enormous investment that India made in education following Independence, particularly in the research and engineering institutes. It was the role of some prominent Indian-Americans who came to the US in the 1970s that proved to be pivotal in the signing of the US-India nuclear deal.

The third phase was the post-1995 migration which was triggered by the sudden explosion in the demand for technological workers, including the Y2K migration project, coupled with an interest in India’s emerging markets, which opened the avenues for many finance professionals as well. Equipped with a strong background in science, technology, engineering and mathematics and a functional knowledge of the English language, nearly 75 per cent of the H1B non-immigrant visa programme applications started coming from India and many who got the visa became Amer-

ican citizens in a decade or so.

However, as the number of visa holders further increased, there were structural impediments for the next step. There is a stipulation of seven per cent quota for each country in the US to acquire permanent residency rights, which is the first step to acquire American citizenship. Coming from one of the most populous countries, it will take at least 15 to 20 years, or even more, for many of the recent Indian immigrants to become US citizens.

It is here that the Democratic Party’s Vice-President nominee Kamala Harris, who is a Junior Senator from California, the state where, arguably, the maximum number of H1B visa holders reside, becomes important. Being well versed with the problems facing the H1B visa holders, she is one of the national politicians who have specifically mentioned the need to address this issue. Any reform that favours this vast group of the US residents and paves the way for their permanent resident status and, eventually, citizenship will further increase the political weight of the Indian-American community.

Even with a small strength, the community had already started registering its political presence. In the past, it has had two Republican Governors, namely Bobby Jindal, Louisiana and Nikki Haley, South Carolina. The lack of appeal of both is primarily because of the fact that younger members of the community are overwhelmingly Democrats and in line with the party’s commitment to working towards social justice and equality.

The highest strength of the Indian-American community is in California, Texas, New Jersey, New York and Illinois. Except Texas, all other states are

Democratic. However, even the state of Texas, once the bastion of the Republican Party, is now attracting a lot of interest as it has become competitive. And the Indian community’s presence may be one of the factors underpinning this change from bottom up. A vast Indian-American community has its large presence in places like Houston and Dallas as they are employed in the energy sector, healthcare industry and NASA. Along with the ongoing presidential elections, there is also a Congressional election in Texas’ 22nd congressional district (part of the Greater Houston metropolitan area). The Democratic Party’s congressional candidate is former US diplomat Sri Preston Kulkarni, whose late father was an Indian immigrant.

The sudden noticeability of Indian-American community may be because of the peculiarity of the 2020 presidential elections. It is also a unique time for the community. Unencumbered by the parental expectations to take up narrow professional domains like medicine or finance, several millennials or super-millennials from the community are choosing varied professions and, thereby, also actively influencing the ongoing national debate. There is a recent explosion of Indian-American celebrities, particularly on popular streaming services like Netflix, for example, Mindy Kaling, Hasan Minhaj and Aziz Ansari.

The old notions of racial and social privilege are being questioned in the US as the country becomes more and more diverse. And, like the others, particularly the minorities, the Indian-American community’s voice is finally being heard and registered in the US political arena.

QUICK CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**

1 Erroneous (8)  
5 Plausible (4)  
9 Play for time (5)  
10 Integral (5-2)  
11 Refuse to listen (4,1,4,3)  
13 Squeamish (6)  
14 Open declaration (6)  
17 Habitually forgetful (6-6)  
20 Assorted (7)  
21 Speak (5)  
22 Infrequent (4)  
23 Deeply respectful (8)

**DOWN**

1 Conceal (4)  
2 Moral calibre (7)  
3 Everyone (3,3,6)  
4 Incorporate (6)  
6 Supple (5)  
7 Support financially (8)  
8 Bad luck (12)  
12 Spend wastefully (8)  
15 To struggle (7)  
16 Hinder (6)  
18 Separate by cutting (5)  
19 Ill-behaved child (4)

**YESTERDAY’S SOLUTION**

**Across:** 1 At a low ebb, 8 Acorn, 9 Instant, 10 Lavish, 11 Safari, 12 Nowadays, 15 Coalesce, 18 Truism, 20 Author, 21 Cheaply, 22 Going, 23 Hold water.

**Down:** 2 Tonga, 3 Lethal, 4 Winnings, 5 Banana, 6 Logical, 7 In the swim, 11 Sea change, 13 Wretched, 14 Captain, 16 Enough, 17 Guyana, 19 Solve.

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MEDIUM

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 3, 2020, TUESDAY

- Vikrami Samvat 2077
- Shaka Samvat 1942
- Kartik Shaka 12
- Kartik Parvishte 18
- Hijari 1442
- Krishna Paksha Tithi 3, up to 3.25 am
- Prigha Yoga up to 6.37 am
- Rohini Nakshatra up to 2.30 pm
- Moon in Taurus sign

YESTERDAY’S SOLUTION

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FORECAST

**SUNSET:** TUESDAY 17:33 HRS  
**SUNRISE:** WEDNESDAY 06:40 HRS

	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy	Rainy	Foggy
CITY	MAX	MIN			
Chandigarh	30	13			
New Delhi	30	11			
Amritsar	30	12			
Bathinda	31	11			
Jalandhar	30	11			
Ludhiana	30	11			
Bhiwani	30	12			
Hisar	30	09			
Sirsa	30	12			
Dharamsala	22	11			
Manali	21	03			
Shimla	20	10			
Srinagar	20	01			
Jammu	31	13			
Kargil	11	-03			
Leh	12	-03			
Dehradun	30	14			
Mussoorie	20	11			

TEMPERATURE IN °C



Fresh snowfall in Lahaul

Farmers’ stir hits Baddi industry hard

Manali-Leh NH blocked again | HRTC suspends service

Supply of raw material, finished goods disrupted | Pharma, textile units most affected

**DIPENDER MANTA**  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**MANDI, NOVEMBER 2**

Fresh snow has hampered the traffic movement in Lahaul-Spiti, which affected the normal life in the region. Keylong has received over 20 cm snowfall, while the Baralacha La on the Manali-Leh highway has received 45 cm fresh snow.

The Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC) Depot at Keylong has suspended its bus service.

The Manali-Leh highway has been blocked to traffic because Baralacha La has received heavy snowfall. The BRO had restored the Manali-Leh highway on Saturday, when it was blocked because of heavy snowfall at the Baralacha La.

The district administration has stopped traffic beyond Keylong towards Leh and



Snow falls at Keylong in Lahaul and Spiti district on Monday. PTI

**AMBIKA SHARMA**  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**SOLAN, NOVEMBER 2**

The disruption of rail traffic by Punjab’s farmers, who are agitating against the Centre’s farm laws, has adversely hit the export-oriented units (EOUs) of the Baddi-Barotiwal-Nalagarh (BBN) belt as the transportation of both raw material and finished goods has been affected.

Major problems are being faced by textile, engineering tools and pharmaceutical investors, who are facing undue delay in receiving containers of raw materials as well as sending finished goods to various ports.

Exports are transported through containers from the Baddi-based inland container depot to dry ports at Dapper and Ludhiana in Punjab. Since rail traffic has



A container with finished goods at an industrial unit at Baddi.

**‘IMAGE TARNISHED’**

“The delay in meeting export orders is tarnishing our image abroad and our customers are even exploring the option of shifting their orders to China as such disruptions have become routine”

**Sandeep Verma, DIRECTOR, ASHOKA SPANNERS, BADDI**

to Europe and US, said, “Though manufacturing had picked up after the lockdown, the disruption of rail traffic in Punjab has severely hit us as finished goods are piled up in the units.” “The delay in meeting the export orders is severally tarnishing our image abroad and our customers are even exploring the option of shifting their orders to countries like China as such disruptions have become routine,” said Verma.

SL Singla, Advisor, Himachal Drug Manufacturers Association, said, “I am awaiting transportation of my goods for the last 20 days to Tehran, Afghanistan, Pakistan. In the absence of any alternative, my containers packed with finished goods are lying on the unit premises as engaging trucks for their transportation will also invite additional costs.”



Students at a government school in Shimla on Monday. AMIT KANWAR

## Schools open, attendance in towns thin

Only 30% turn up on Day 1 | In rural areas, schools witness 80% presence of kids

**SHIMLA, NOVEMBER 2**

Regular classes, started after 230 days in 1,862 government schools today, drew a lukewarm response from parents as only 30 per cent students of class IX to XII attended the school on the first day. The percentage of

students was more in rural areas as compared to urban areas. There are about 3,00,250 students in class IX to XII in government schools. The number of students was more in rural areas where the students walk to schools and some schools witnessed

80 per cent attendance while in urban areas like Shimla, the parents were cautious and avoided sending students to schools and the attendance in some schools was below 10 per cent, said Director, Higher Education, Amarjeet Sharma.

**Education Minister**

Govind Thakur has asked officers to identify areas and routes where special buses are needed to ferry students.

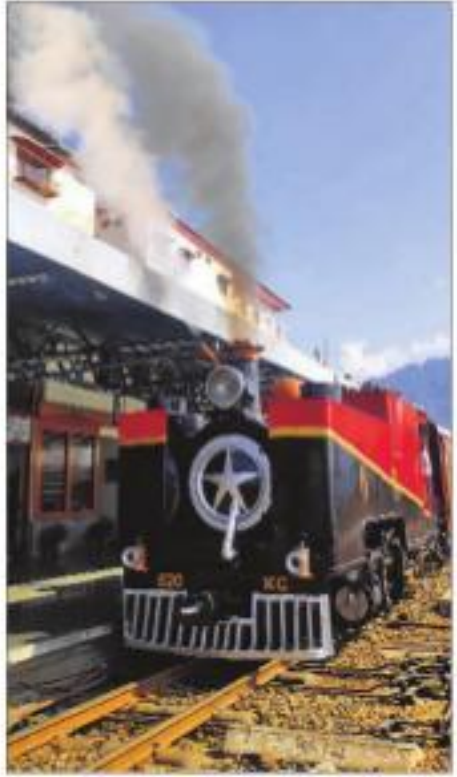
“We have asked the parents not to compel their wards to attend schools. Online classes will continue,” Sharma said. — TNS

## Heritage rly engine goes for trial run

**BHANU P LOHUMI**  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**SHIMLA, NOVEMBER 2**

The trial run of the 114-year-old heritage KC 520 steam locomotive engine was held on the Shimla-Kalka UNESCO World Heritage railway track on a 44-km stretch from Shimla to Kaithlight today.



The KC-520 steam engine runs on Shimla-Kaithlight track in Shimla on Monday.

“It was a routine trial for internal check as the engine has been standing for the past 10 months. The engine, along with two coaches, started from Shimla around 11:15 am,” said Station Superintendent Prince Sethi, adding that the heritage engine KC 520, built by the North British Locomotive Company for Rs 30,000, was commissioned in 1906 and was used to drive trains till 1970 before it was replaced by diesel engines.

The steam engine was taken out of service in 1971 and repaired and rehabilitated in 2001. Since then, the engine has been used for joyrides and comes on the track on a few occasions on tourist demand. The engine weighs 41 tonnes

and can pull double its weight. Meanwhile, the occupancy of the special train with seven coaches (182 seats), including two first class coaches and three chair cars and two general coaches, started in view of the festival season on October 21, has increased to 30-50 per cent and is likely to increase during Diwali.

**EMPLOYMENT NOTICE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT, H.P. NEW HIMRUS BUILDING, NEAR HIMLAND HOTEL, SHIMLA — 171001**

Applications are invited on prescribed proforma for filling up of various categories of posts on contract basis reserved for the Persons with benchmark disabilities in the **DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT, H.P., NEW HIMRUS BUILDING, NEAR HIMLAND HOTEL, SHIMLA — 171001** from the eligible applicants only from Himachal Pradesh as per details given as under:-

Sr. No.	Name of Post	No. of Post & category of post	Emoluments	Essential Qualification	Desirable Qualification	Age Limit
1.	Junior Office Assistant (IT) (on contract basis) (Class-III)	2 (Two) (Unreserved) (One post for Low Vision and One post for Deaf and Hard of Hearing)	Rs. 7860/- p.m. (For contract appointee)	i) Should have passed 10+2 Examination from a recognized Board of School Education/University.  <b>OR</b> Matriculation from recognized Board of School Education with one/two year's Diploma/ Certificate from an Industrial Training Institute (ITI) in information Technology (IT) & Information Technology Enabled Sectors (ITES) as notified by Director General of Employment & Training (Govt. of India) from time to time or three years Diploma in Computer Engineering/Computer Science/IT from a Polytechnic as approved by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE); ii) Computer typing speed of 30 words per minute in English or 25 words per minute in Hindi. Provided that visually impaired persons selected/ recruited under 1% quota will be exempted from acquiring Diploma in Computer Science/ Computer Application/ Information Technology and passing of Typing Test instead they shall be imparted necessary basic training including computer training course by the Department concerned through Composite Regional Centre (CRC) Sundernagar or National Institute for the Visually Handicapped (NIVH), Dehradun or Composite Training Centre (CTC), Ludhiana. They shall have to complete the above training for which three chances will be afforded. If the incumbent fails to qualify the same his/her services shall be terminated. However, the incumbents already in the service shall be afforded sufficient number of chances to complete the aforesaid training. Provided further that differently abled persons who are otherwise qualified to hold clerical post as certified being unable to type, by the Medical Board, may be exempted from passing the typing test. Explanation:- The terms, "differently abled persons" does not cover visually impaired persons or persons who are hearing impaired but cover only those whose physical disability/ deformity permanently prevents them from typing. The above criteria for grant of exemption from passing the typing test shall also be applicable to the Skill Test Norms on Computers.	Knowledge of customs, manners and dialects of Himachal Pradesh and suitability of appointment in the peculiar conditions prevailing in the Himachal Pradesh.	Between 18 to 45 years (as on 01.01.2020). The upper age limit for appointment to Class-I, II, III & IV posts/ services as prescribed in the respective Recruitment & Promotion rules may be allowed to be relaxed by 5 years in respect of persons with benchmark disabilities.
2.	Clerk, Class-III	2 (Two) (Unreserved) (One post for Low Vision and One post for Deaf and Hard of Hearing)	Rs. 7810/- p.m. (For contract appointee)	i) Should have passed 10+2 Examination or its equivalent from a recognized Board of School Education/ University. ii) Should possess a minimum speed of 30 words per minute in English typewriting or 25 words per minute in Hindi typewriting on Computer. Provided that visually impaired persons recruited under 1% quota shall be imparted necessary basic training including computer training by the Department concerned through Composite Regional Centre (CRC) Sundernagar instead of passing typing test. They shall have to complete the above training during which three chances will be afforded. If the incumbent fails to qualify the same his/her services shall be terminated. However, the incumbents already in the service shall be afforded sufficient number of chances to complete the aforesaid training. (iii) Should have the knowledge of "Word Processing" in computer as prescribed by the Recruiting Authority.	Knowledge of customs, manners and dialects of Himachal Pradesh and suitability of appointment in the peculiar conditions prevailing in the Himachal Pradesh.	Between 18 to 45 years (as on 01.01.2020). The upper age limit for appointment to Class-I, II, III & IV posts/ services as prescribed in the respective Recruitment & Promotion rules may be allowed to be relaxed by 5 years in respect of persons with benchmark disabilities.
3.	Peon (Class-IV)	3 (Three) a) One post for Low Vision, b) Two posts for locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims	Rs. 6200/- p.m. (For contract appointee)	Should have passed Matriculation Examination or its equivalent from recognized Board of School Education/Institution.	Knowledge of customs, manners and dialects of Himachal Pradesh and suitability of appointment in the peculiar conditions prevailing in the Himachal Pradesh.	Between 18 to 45 years (as on 01.01.2020). The upper age limit for appointment to Class-I, II, III & IV posts/services as prescribed in the respective Recruitment & Promotion rules may be allowed to be relaxed by 5 years in respect of persons with benchmark disabilities.

**Note:-** (1) The application on prescribed proforma along with following relevant supporting documents should reach in the office of the Labour Commissioner-cum-Director of Employment, H.P. Shimla – 1 on or before **03.12.2020**.

Sr. No.	Documents/Certificates required to be attached with application	Space for Photo
1.	Essential Educational Qualification	
2.	Age proof	
4.	Bonafide Himachalis	
5.	Employment Exchange Registration Card	
6.	Disability Certificate of Medical Board/Authorities	
7.	Belonging to notified Backward Area or Panchayat as the case may be	
8.	Landless Family/Family having land less than 1 Hectare to be certified by the concerned Revenue Authority	
9.	Non-employment Certificate to the effect that none of the family member is Government/Semi Government	
10.	BPL Family having family annual income (from all sources) below Rs. 40,000/- or as prescribed by the government from time to time	
11.	Widow/divorced/desitute/single woman	
12.	Single daughter/Orphan	
13.	Training of atleast 6 months duration related to the post applied for from a recognized University/institution, if any.	
14.	Experience up to maximum of 5 years in Govt./Semi Govt. Organization relating to the post applied for, if any.	

The applications received after the last date or found incomplete and not accompanied by certificates mentioned above will be rejected summarily and no correspondence in this regard will be entertained.

(2) A candidate shall be eligible for appointment to Class-III posts(s), if he/she has passed Matriculation and 10+2 and Class-IV post(s), if he/she has passed Middle or Matriculation from any School/Institution situated within Himachal Pradesh as per Notification No. Per(AP)-C-C(17)2/2018 dated 19.11.2019. However, this condition shall not apply to Bonafide Himachalis.

(3) Candidate should affix his passport size photograph in the prescribed application form.

**Amit Kashyap., I.A.S., Labour Commissioner-cum-Director of Employment, H.P.**

**Application Proforma**  

1. Name of post applied for .....  
2. Name of Department .....  
3. Name of applicant (In Block letters) .....  
4. Father's Name .....  
5. Category .....  
6. Type of Disability .....  
7. Percentage of Disability .....  
8. Date of Birth .....  
9. Permanent Home Address .....  
10. Address for correspondence .....  
11. E-mail I.D. ....  
12. Contact No. ....  
13. Whatsapp No. ....  
14. Essential Qualification.....  
15. (a) Name of Employment Exchange where registered...  
(b) Registration No. ....  
(c) Registration No. of Special Employment Exchange for Specially abled persons .....

**DECLARATION**  
I ..... hereby declare that the particulars furnished by me in this application form are true to the best of my knowledge & belief in case any information is found to be false my candidature shall be liable to be rejected/cancelled.  
Date: .....  
Signature of Candidate

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NITTTR Chandigarh (affiliated to Panjab University, Chandigarh) invites applicants for regular M.E. in: CSE (spl: Internet of Things), ME in Mechanical Engg (spl: Robotics), ME in ECE (spl: Artificial Intelligence), and ME in ECE for the session 2020-21 from fresh B.Tech. graduates or faculty or industry personnel having B.Tech. Admission will be based on the B.Tech. score (Minimum Eligibility is 60% Aggregate Marks of All Semesters). Applicants attend the Online Counselling via Google Meet. The Link for Online Counselling and Instructions to Join the Meeting will be provided in our institute website [www.nitttrchd.ac.in](http://www.nitttrchd.ac.in).

**DIRECTOR**

DI-12992 Sd/- Asstt. Admn. Officer

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**ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਬੋਲੀਆਂ ਮੰਗਣ ਦਾ ਨੋਟਿਸ**  
**ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਨੰ: 6 (2020) ਮਿਤੀ: 02.11.2020**  
ਰਾਜਕਾਰੀ ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ (ਸ), ਪੰਜਾਬ ਮੰਡੀ ਬੋਰਡ, ਸੰਗਰੂਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ (1) ਮਾਰਕੀਟ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਮੁਤਾਬ, ਖਲੋਹੀ, ਸੂਰੀ, ਅਰਗੜ੍ਹ ਅਤੇ ਬੋਹਪੁਰ ਅਧੀਨ ਆਉਂਦੀਆਂ ਧੰਝੂ ਲਿੰਕ ਸੜਕਾਂ ਦੀ ਹਿਯਾਬਤ ਪੁਰਸ਼ਾਹ ਪੁਨੇਕਰ 2020-2021 ਤਹਿਤ ਰੋਡਾਂ (2) Extension of APF at Focal Point Jaulian in MC Bhawanigarh (3) Raising of APF & D.B. Roads at Purchase Centre Bhatiwala Kalan in MC Bhawanigarh (4) Extension of APF at Focal Point Gehlan in MC Bhawanigarh, Distt. Sangrur ਦੇ ਕੰਮਾਂ ਲਈ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਮੰਡੀ ਬੋਰਡ ਨਾਲ ਸੂਚੀਕ੍ਰਿਤ ਠੇਕਦਾਰਾਂ/ਦੋਸ਼ੀਆਂ ਤੋਂ ਟੈਂਡਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਠੇਕਦਾਰਾਂ/ਦੋਸ਼ੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਵੱਖ-ਵੱਖ ਕੰਮਾਂ ਲਈ ਵੱਖ-ਵੱਖ ਇਨ੍ਹਿਲਿਸਟੇਸ਼ਨਾਂ ਜਿਵੇਂ ਕਿ ਰੋਡ ਵਰਕ, ਹਾਟ ਮਿਕਸ ਪਲਾਂਟ, ਬਿਲਡਿੰਗ ਵਰਕ ਅਤੇ ਬ੍ਰਿਜ ਵਰਕ ਦੀ ਇਨ੍ਹਿਲਿਸਟੇਸ਼ਨ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕਰਨੀ ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਹੋਵੇਗੀ। ਹੋਰ ਵੇਰਵੇ ਲਈ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> ਦਾ ਹਵਾਲਾ ਲਿਆ ਜਾਵੇ।  
ਨੋਟ:- ਲੜੀ ਨੰ: 2, 3 ਅਤੇ 4 ਦੇ ਕੰਮ ਰੁ. 60 ਲੱਖ ਤੋਂ ਘੱਟ ਦੇ ਹਨ। ਸੋ, ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੀਆਂ ਹਦਾਇਤਾਂ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਰੁ. 60.00 ਲੱਖ ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਟੈਂਡਰਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ/ਅਧਿਕਾਰਤ ਸਹਿਕਾਰੀ ਸਭਾਵਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਪਹਿਲ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।  
ਜੇਕਰ ਕੋਈ ਸੋਧ ਹੋਵੇਗੀ ਤਾਂ ਸਿਰਫ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ 'ਤੇ ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।  
Sd/- Executive Engineer (C), Punjab Mandi Board, SANGRUR.  
DPR/Pb/98383

**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB**  
**Tender Notice Reference No. 29 Dt. 28.10.2020**  
On the behalf of Governor of Punjab, The Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, PWD B&R, Sangrur invites offline bids for the following works under Head 2059 M&R:-

Sr. No.	Item	Quantity
1	Special Repair of Govt. Primary School, Ramgarh	1
2	Repair/Raising of boundary wall of Govt. Primary School, Ramgarh	1
3	Special Repair of Govt. Primary School, Turi including approaches	1

DNIT and detailed terms and conditions can be seen in the office of undersigned at any working day during working hours.  
Tender forms will be issued on cash payment of **Rs. 2000/- (Rupees Two Thousand only)** each up to 2:00 P.M. on **09.11.2020**.  
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Provincial Divn. PWD B&R, Sangrur (Pb).  
DPR/Pb/98583

**POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH**  
**E-TENDER NOTICE: PGI/ENGG/ELECT/2020/123**  
The Hospital Engineer (Electrical), PGIMER Chandigarh invites on behalf of the Director, PGIMER Chandigarh, online Percentage rate bids from the enlisted contractors of CPWD/Department of Posts/BSNL/Railways/M.E.S./Chandigarh Administration/CHB/MC Chandigarh/State PWD's/HUDA/PUDA/State Electricity Boards & Corporations dealing in Electrical works on two bid system (Eligibility-cum-Technical Bid and Financial Bid), who fulfil the Eligibility Criteria for the work "Providing fluorescent floor level indication in front of all lifts, PGIMER, Chandigarh". Estimated Cost: Rs. 7.95 Lakh, Earnest Money: Rs. 15,900/-. Period of Completion: 2 Months. The last date & time of submission of bid is 10.11.2020 up to 03:00 P.M. The last date and time of submission of Original EMD in physical form is 11.11.2020 up to 03:15 P.M. The date and time of opening of Eligibility-cum-Technical Bid is 11.11.2020 at 03:30 P.M. The date and time for opening of Financial Bid is to be Declared later.  
The original EMD as scanned & uploaded shall be deposited physically by all the intending bidders in the office of H.E. (Elect.) as per above schedule failing which the bid shall be treated as invalid. The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website: <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> and official website of the PGIMER [www.pgimer.edu.in](http://www.pgimer.edu.in). Contractors are requested to get their firm registered on the website <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> for participating in e-tendering process (Help Desk No. for registering - 9989447863).  
DI-12977 HOSPITAL ENGINEER (ELECT.)

**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB**  
**DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION, PUNJAB**  
**TENDER NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS**  
**THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION, PUNJAB INVITES ONLINE BID FOR THE FOLLOWING ONE NO. WORK:**  
1. Providing and Laying of PVC pipeline at Village Sangdoh, Block Derabassi, District S.A.S. Nagar Under Head 4215-01-102-36-99-53 (30%), 4215-01-789-13-99-53 (20%), JJM (50%).  
Closing Date and Time: **10.11.2020**.  
For details login to:- <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>  
**Note:-** Any corrigendum to the Tender/RFP Notice shall be published on the website only.  
Sd/- Executive Engineer, W/S & Sanitation Division No. 3, Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar.  
DPR/Pb/98429

**GOVT. MEDICAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL, CHANDIGARH**  
**(HOSPITAL BUILDING, SECTOR-32, CHANDIGARH — 160047)**  
**(Telephone: 0172-2601023, Fax 0172-2608488)**  
**(ACADEMIC BRANCH)**  
**CENTRALIZED ADMISSION NOTICE**  
**FOR M.B.B.S., B.D.S & B.H.M.S. COURSES—2020**  
The online applications are invited to apply for admission to MBBS, BDS & BHMS Courses. The candidates willing to apply should visit website of this institute i.e. [www.gmch.gov.in](http://www.gmch.gov.in) for further details. The Prospectus is available on the website from **02.11.2020** onwards and online application forms are also available on the website from **02.11.2020 to 09.11.2020 up to 4.00 p.m.** The last date of receipt of online application is **09.11.2020 up to 4.00 p.m.**  
Coordinator, Centralized Medical Admissions—2020 & Director Principal, Govt. Medical College & Hospital, Sector 32-A, Chandigarh.  
No. GMCH/TA-1/4/2020/ Dated: 02.11.2020  
**WEAR MASK, WASH YOUR HANDS, WATCH YOUR DISTANCE**

**OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA — 171002.**  
(spl-phq-hp@nic.in) (0177-2621796, 2621614) EXT. 134  
No.PL-1(Purchase)-SAP-2019-20-25341 Dated 02/11/2020  
**E-TENDER NOTICE-III CALL**  
The Director General of Police, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla invites E-tender/online bids for the supply and installation of **14 Nos. of Vehicle Mounted Camera Systems** as per following detail:-

Tender Fee/Cost.	Rs. 500/-
Earnest Money.	Rs. 50,000/-
Publication date.	03/11/2020 at 03:00 PM.
Pre-Bid Meeting	10/11/2020 at 11:30 AM.
Bid submission end date.	09/12/2020 up to 05:00 PM.
Bid Opening date.	10/12/2020 at 03:00 PM.

The detailed tender notice and tender documents can be downloaded from the website <https://hptenders.gov.in> and [www.hppolice.gov.in](http://www.hppolice.gov.in). Any change/modification in the tender enquiry will be intimated through above websites only. Bidders are, therefore, requested to visit our websites regularly to keep themselves updated.  
Sd/-  
**For Director General of Police, HP, Shimla-2.**  
DPR/HP/519



# 3 Hizb aides held for 90% of UT land can’t be sold to outsiders: Govt attack on BJP leader

**SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 2**  
Three militant associates of Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) were arrested in connection with an attack on a BJP leader in Ganderbal district last month, the police said on Monday.  
Militants had attacked the BJP’s district vice-president Ghulam Qadir at Nunner in the central Kashmir district on October 6. However, he survived the attack. A militant was killed on the spot in a retaliatory fire, while a police constable, Mohammad Altaf, also lost his life.  
Sheikh tried to dodge the investigating officers upon questioning and technical details were sought through the electronic surveillance unit which revealed some “startling facts”.  
Sustained questioning of the subject revealed he was an active member of the HM and had been instrumental in the attack, the official said.  
Accordingly, Sheikh was arrested and on his disclosure, a pistol, a pistol mag-

azine with three rounds and some Pakistani flags were recovered by the police, he said.  
Sheikh also disclosed the names of two other militant associates — Hilal Ahmad Mir of Bernbugh Kangan working as an ATM guard at SKIMS, and Asif Ahmad Mir of Serch, a private security guard at the SMHS, the official said, adding they, too, were arrested.  
He said the police recovered a Chinese pistol and ammunition, two detonators, Pakistani flags and other incriminating material at their instance. “All the three had come in contact with terror operatives in south Kashmir and were tasked to prepare a kill list of local political workers and attack them,” the official said, adding further investigation in the case was going on and more arrests were expected. — PTI



old agrarian-based economy and required to be modified for modern economic needs. Besides, they were beset with ambiguities, contradictions and redundancies and in many cases, were clearly regressive. For instance, a number of laws had contradictions leading to scope for discretionary interpretation and rent seeking.  
An official statement said the Prohibition of Conversion of Land and Alienation of Orchards Act, 1975, not only prohibited alienation of orchard lands, it surprisingly restricted creation of new orchards too. Similarly, the old Agrarian Reforms Act prohibited the selling of land distributed to tillers even after 44 years. The

# 8 deaths, 385 fresh Covid cases in J&K HC rejects parole plea of Kathua rape accused

**SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 2**  
J&K on Monday recorded 385 new Covid cases, while eight fatalities took place in the last 24 hours, taking the number of infected persons to 95,710 and the death toll to 1,490 in the UT, officials said.  
Out of the fresh cases, 134 were from the Jammu division and 251 from Kashmir. Jammu district recorded the

highest of 108 cases, followed by 71 in Srinagar, they said.  
There were 6,080 active cases, while 88,140 patients had recovered so far, the officials said.  
Meanwhile, the UT reported eight deaths due to Covid in the last 24 hours — three from the Jammu division and five from the Kashmir valley. — PTI

prayer at this stage,” the Bench of Justice S Muralidhar and Justice Avneesh Jhingam asserted, while dismissing the petition.  
A Pathankot court on June 10, 2019, had convicted six of the seven accused in the rape and murder case. In his petition filed against the State of Jammu and Kashmir and other respondents, Sanji Ram had prayed for eight-week parole to attend the marriage. Jammu and Kash-

mir was represented by senior advocate RS Cheema and Arshdeep Singh Cheema.  
As the case came up for hearing through videoconferencing, a report by the Senior Superintendent of Police, Crime Branch, Jammu, dated October 31 was placed on record. It stated that the victim’s relatives had returned from the high-er reaches to Rasana village, where the marriage was scheduled to take place.  
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 2  
Six smugglers were arrested with 6 kg of cannabis and Rs 1 lakh in Udhampur district on Monday, officials said here. Acting on tip-off, a police party of Udhampur intercepted a four-wheeler and two Scooties on the highway at Thard. During search of the vehicles, the cannabis and the cash were found and seized, the officials said, adding that six persons were arrested. — PTI

**Government of Punjab**  
**Tender Notice Reference No. 28 Dt. 28.10.2020**  
On behalf of the Governor of Punjab, Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, PWD B&R, Sangrur invites online bids for the following works:-  

Sr. No.	Item	Quantity
1	Various works of repair/maintenance of War Hero's Stadium, Sangrur under Head 2059 M&R.	6

**Closing date & time:-** Will be intimated later on website <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>  
For details logon to:- <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>  
**Note:** Any corrigendum(s) to the Tender Notice shall be published on the above website only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,  
Provincial Divn. PWD B&R,  
Sangrur (Pb.).

DPR/Pb/98577

**ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਕਾਰਜਕਾਰੀ ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ, ਪ੍ਰਾਂਤਕ ਮੰਡਲ ਨੰ. 1, ਭਵਨ ਤੋ ਮਾਰਗ ਸ਼ਾਖਾ, ਪਟਿਆਲਾ**  
**ਈਮੇਲ: eepd1tptawdpb@gmail.com Ph. No. 0175-2356435**  
**ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਨੰ. 74 ਮਿਤੀ: 02.11.2020**  
ਇਸ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਦੇ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਨੰ. 73, ਮਿਤੀ 29.11.2020 ਰਾਹੀਂ Construction of New Bus Stand Patiala (Bus Stand Block) ਅਤੇ Construction of New Bus Stand Patiala (Work Shop Block) ਦੇ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਲਗਾਏ ਗਏ ਸਨ। ਹੁਣ ਇਸ ਕੰਮ ਦਾ ਨਾਂਮ Construction Of New Bus Stand & Workshop at Patiala ਪੜ੍ਹਿਆ ਜਾਵੇ। ਥਾਂਕੀ ਦੀਆਂ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਹੀ ਰਹਿਣਗੀਆਂ।  
**ਸਹੀ/- ਕਾਰਜਕਾਰੀ ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ, ਪ੍ਰਾਂਤਕ ਮੰਡਲ ਨੰ. 1, ਭ ਤੋ ਮ ਸ਼ਾਖਾ, ਪਟਿਆਲਾ।**  
DPR/Pb/98634

**ADMISSION OPEN FOR**  
**Govt. College Sanjauli, Shimla - 171006**  
M.A. in English, M.A. in Hindi and PGDCA (Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Application)  
All forms should be filled and submitted online latest by **13th Nov. 2020**.  
**For further enquiry visit: [www.gcsanjauli.com](http://www.gcsanjauli.com)**  
**Principal,**  
**Dr. C.B. Mehta,**  
**Govt. College Sanjauli, Shimla.**  
**Tel. 0177-2640332.**  
DI-12956

**Office of The Municipal Council, Ahmedgarh (Distt. Sangrur)**  
**ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਅਹਿਮਦਗੜ੍ਹ, ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਸੰਗਰੂਰ**  
Office Ph. No: 01675-240016, E-mail: [ddlgp\\_ahmedgarh@yahoo.com](mailto:ddlgp_ahmedgarh@yahoo.com)  
No: 4014 Date: 30.10.2020  
**ਪਬਲਿਕ ਨੋਟਿਸ**  
ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਅਹਿਮਦਗੜ੍ਹ ਸਵੱਛ ਸਰਵੋਤਮ 2021 ਵਿਚ ਭਾਗ ਲੈਣ ਜਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ ਤੇ GFC 3 ਸਟਾਰ ਲਈ ਅਪਲਾਈ ਕਰ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ, ਜਿਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਸਾਰੀਆਂ ਕੌਂਡੀਸ਼ਨਾਂ ਪੂਰੀਆਂ ਕਰ ਲਈਆਂ ਗਈਆਂ ਹਨ। ਜੇਕਰ ਕਿਸੇ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਹੋਵੇ ਤਾਂ 15 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼/ਸੁਝਾਅ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਅਹਿਮਦਗੜ੍ਹ ਵਿਖੇ ਦੇ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ।  
**ਸਹੀ/- ਕਾਰਜਸਾਧਕ ਅਫ਼ਸਰ, ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਅਹਿਮਦਗੜ੍ਹ।**  
DPR/Pb/98447

**Press Notice**  
**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB**  
**WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**  
<http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>  
**E-Tendering Notice No. 05/46-A Dated 31.10.2020**  
The Department of Water Resources, Punjab (Drainage Organisation) invites online bids for the works of CONCRETE SIDE LINING OF BALIAN DRAIN FROM RD 14500-29000 AND PIPE LAYING OF CITY DRAIN-1 AND CITY DRAIN-2 (details in website) vide online mode through <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.  
**Important Dates/Time:-**  

	31.10.2020	13.00 HRS
1 Start of Sale of tenders	31.10.2020	13.00 HRS
2 Closing of Sale of tenders	10.11.2020	11.00 HRS
3 Opening of Technical bid	10.11.2020	12.00 HRS
4 Opening of Financial bid	Will be intimated later	Will be intimated later

Cost of tender form for each work is 1500/- For detail terms & conditions refer to above website.

1. If COVID-19 condition persists during the working time, the safety of the entire team of Contractor/Agency will be their responsibility only and Contractor/Agency bound to indemnify the department regarding this and is bound to follow all instructions issued by the Government regarding safety form Covid-19.

2. Corrigendum and Addendum, if any, will be published on website only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,  
Drainage Construction Division, Sangrur.  
[xendrainage\\_sng@yahoo.in](mailto:xendrainage_sng@yahoo.in)  
Mobile No. 9915746469.

DPR/Pb/98380

**Deptt. Of Water Supply & Sanitation, Government of Punjab**  
**Under Head 4059-C.O.H.A.J.1PWS 3.2(2)Court**  
**REQUEST FOR QUOTATION**  
Executive Engineer Invite Bid (to be submitted in the e-procurement Portal) for the following works:  

S. No	Brief Description of Works	Est. Cost (in Rs.)	Date/ Time submi-ssion	Date/Time opening of Technical Bid
<b>Under Head 4059-C.O.H.A.J.1PWS 3.2(2)Court</b>				
(I)	PROVIDING & INSTALLATION A NEW TUBE WELL OF SIZE 200MM ID STRAIGHT TO BE DRILLED UPTO 200 MTR DEPTH B.G.L WITH REVERSE ROTARY RIG, PUMPING MACHINERY, CHLORINATION PLANT, PROVIDING AND FIXING 100MM ID RISING MAIN, CONSTRUCTION OF UGSR 20000 LAC LTR (100000 LTR FOR WATER SUPPLY & 100000 LTR FOR FIRE FIGHTING SYSTEM), CAPACITY INCLUDING PUMP HOUSE FOR FIRE FIGHTING ARRANGEMENT, PROVIDING CONSTRUCTION OF PUMP CHAMBER, CUM STAFF QUARTER WITH SIZE 400 SQ FT, PROVIDING DI-K7 ESTATE WATER SUPPLY COMPLETE IN ALL RESPECT IN JUDICIAL COURT COMPLEX AT HOSHIARPUR DISTT HOSHIARPUR	3500682/-	19.11.20 upto 11:00 Hrs	19.11.2020 upto 15:00 Hrs

- Bidders advised to note minimum qualification criteria & instructions in bidding document.
- Visit <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> for detail & downloading bidding documents. Corrigendum if any, will be issued on website only.

Sd/- Er.Simranjeet Singh, Executive Engineer,  
Water Supply & Sanitation Division No. 02, Hoshiarpur  
Phone No. 01882-252973  
E-mail: [eevws.dv2hoshiarpurpb@yahoo.com](mailto:eevws.dv2hoshiarpurpb@yahoo.com).

DPR/Pb/98382

**ਸਿੰਚਾਈ ਵਿਭਾਗ, ਪੰਜਾਬ**  
**ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰਿੰਗ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਨੰਬਰ 04/2020-21 ਮਿਤੀ: 30.10.2020**  
**ਟੈਂਡਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਸੂਚੀਅਤਰ ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਪੋਸ਼ਕਾਰੀ**  
ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਰਾਜਪਾਲ ਜੀ ਦੀ ਤਰਫ਼ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੇ ਵੇਰਵਿਆਂ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਿੰਚਾਈ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਤੋਂ ਮਨਜ਼ੂਰਦਾਰ ਅਤੇ ਯੋਗ ਨਿਰਦਾਰ/ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ, ਐਂਡ ਸੀ. ਸੁਸਾਇਟੀਆਂ ਤੋਂ ਸਾਡੀ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> ਰਾਹੀਂ ਵਰਕ ਆਰਡਰ ਆਧਾਰ 'ਤੇ ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰਾਂ/ਕੁਟੇਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ।  

ਲੜੀ ਨੰ.	ਘਟਨਾਵਾਂ	ਮਿਤੀ	ਸਮਾਂ
1	ਬਿੰਡ ਭਾਕੂਮੈਂਟ ਦੀ ਵਿਕਰੀ ਦਾ ਆਰਡਰ	30.10.2020	17.00 ਵਜੇ ਸ਼ਾਮ
2	ਵਿਕਰੀ ਦਾ ਅੰਤ ਅਤੇ ਬੋਲੀ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ ਪੱਕਾ ਕਰਨਾ ਬੰਦ ਹੋਵੇ	12.11.2020	16.30 ਵਜੇ ਸ਼ਾਮ
3	ਟੈਕਨੀਕਲ ਬਿੰਡ ਬੇਲੂਣਾ	13.11.2020	12.00 ਵਜੇ ਸਵੇਰੇ
4	ਵਿੰਡੀ ਬਿੰਡ ਦਾ ਬੇਲੂਣਾ	13.11.2020	14.00 ਵਜੇ ਦੁਪ.

**ਨੋਟ:-** ਕੀਮਤ ਦੀ ਲਿਸਟ ਅਤੇ ਹੋਰ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਮਹਿਕਮੇ ਦੀ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> 'ਤੇ ਦੇਖੀਆਂ ਜਾਣ। ਜੇਕਰ ਕੋਈ ਕੋਰੀਜੈਂਡਮ/ਅਡੰਡਮ ਲਗਾਇਆ ਜਾਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਮਹਿਕਮੇ ਦੀ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ 'ਤੇ ਹੀ ਚਿੱਠਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ।

- ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਟਾਈਮ ਸ਼ਿਫਟਿਊਲ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ ਵਿਚ ਦਿੱਤੇਆਂ ਟੈਂਡਰਿੰਗ ਲਈ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਮਾਨਸਾ ਮੰਡਲ ਆਈ.ਬੀ. ਜਵਾਹਰਕੇ ਦੇ ਸਾਰੇ ਕੰਮਾਂ ਲਈ ਹੈ।
- ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰਿੰਗ ਪ੍ਰੋਸੈਸ ਵਿਚ ਈ ਟੈਂਡਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਵਿਕਰੀ, ਬੋਲੀਆਂ ਪੱਕਾ ਕਰਨਾ, ਰਕਮ ਬਿਯਾਨਾਂ ਜਮ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਰਵਾਉਣਾ ਅਤੇ ਹੋਰ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਸਾਡੀ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> ਉਪਰ ਵਿਸਤ੍ਰਿਤ ਐਨ.ਐਚ.ਟੀ. ਦਾ ਹਵਾਲਾ ਦਿਓ।
- ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਸਾਰੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਪ੍ਰੋਜੈਕਟ ਲਈ ਕ੍ਰਿਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ 01632-233914 'ਤੇ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰੋ।
- ਟੈਂਡਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਕਿਸੇ ਸਮੀਖਿਆ ਲਈ ਕ੍ਰਿਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਹੇਲਪਡੈਸਕ ਨੰਬਰ 0172-2791326, 0172-2791226 'ਤੇ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰੋ।
- ਡਿਲੀਕਟ ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਅਤੇ ਹੋਰ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ/ਕੌਂਡੀਸ਼ਨਾਂ ਸਿੰਚਾਈ ਵਿਭਾਗ, ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੀ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> ਨਿੱਘੇ/ਐਪ 'ਤੇ ਵੇਖੀਆਂ ਜਾਣ।

**ਸਹੀ/- ਕਾਰਜਕਾਰੀ ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ, ਮਾਨਸਾ ਮੰਡਲ ਆਈ.ਬੀ. ਜਵਾਹਰਕੇ।**  
DPR/Pb/98335

**PUNJAB WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD**  
**E-TENDER NOTICE NO.-15/PWSSB D-1/BTI DATE- 28.10.2020**  
The Department of Pb. W/s & Sewerage Divn. No. 1 Bathinda invites online bids for the followings works from the Eligible bidders/L&C societies.  

S. No.	Name of the work-	Bid security/ Earnest Money (Rs.)	Cost of Document/ Tender Fees/(Rs.)	Period of compl- etion	Approx Value of work (Rs. in Lac)
1	Prov. & laying of DI K-7 (S&S) pipe 150 mm dia R/M from Rambagh to Existing line Gali No. 1 Janta Nagar Bathinda (As per DNIT)	37100/-	100/-	3 Months	18.55
5	Painting White washing of Staff Quarters in Office Complex, Reserve Stock PWSSB Divn No. 1, Bathinda (As per DNIT)	4000/-	100/-	1 Month	2.00

**Processing fees - As applicable**  
**Closing date & Time** : 20.11.2020 Upto 11:00 AM  
**Date & Time of Opening of Eligibility Criteria** : 20.11.2020 at 3:00 PM  
**For details logon to** : [www.eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in)  
**Note** : Any corrigendum (s) to the tender notice shall be published on the above website only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,  
Pb. W/S & Sew Divn. No. 1, Bathinda

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**ਇੰਸਟੀਚਿਊਟ ਮੈਨੇਜਮੈਂਟ ਕਮੇਟੀ, ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਉਦਯੋਗਿਕ ਸਿਖਲਾਈ ਸੰਸਥਾ, ਪਟਿਆਲਾ।**  
ਇੰਸਟੀਚਿਊਟ ਮੈਨੇਜਮੈਂਟ ਕਮੇਟੀ (ਆਈ.ਐਮ.ਸੀ.), ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਉਦਯੋਗਿਕ ਸਿਖਲਾਈ ਸੰਸਥਾ, ਪਟਿਆਲਾ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਸੋਲਸ 2020-21 ਅਤੇ 2020-22 ਜਾਂ ਕੋਰਸ ਖ਼ਤਮ ਹੋਣ ਤੱਕ ਜਾਂ ਰੈਗੂਲਰ ਇੰਸਟਰਕਟਰ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧ ਤੱਕ ਜਾਂ ਵੀ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਹੋਵੇ, ਗੈਰਟ ਟੈਕਨੀਕੀ ਠੇਕੇ ਦੇ ਆਧਾਰ 'ਤੇ ਯੋਗ ਉਮੀਦਵਾਰਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਅਰਜ਼ੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਅਸਾਮੀਆਂ ਆਈ.ਐਮ.ਸੀ. ਵੱਲੋਂ ਨਿਰਭਾਸ਼ਿਤ ਆਰਜ਼ੀ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਹਨ। ਇਸ ਇਜ਼ਾਹਤ ਦਾ ਕਿਸੇ ਕਿਸਮ ਦੀ ਪੱਕੀ ਨਕਲ ਨਾਲ ਕੋਈ ਸਬੰਧ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਕਾਰਜ ਦੇ ਵਿਵਾਦ ਵਿਚ ਚੁਣੇ ਉਮੀਦਵਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਸੀ.ਟੀ.ਐਸ./ਡੀ.ਐਸ.ਟੀ. ਸਕੀਮ ਅਧੀਨ ਉੱਥਾਪ੍ਰਾਂਤ 15000/- ਰੁ. ਪ੍ਰਤੀ ਮਹੀਨਾ ਅਤੇ ਭਲਾਈ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਦੀ ਸ਼ਰਮੀ ਅਧੀਨ ਉੱਥਾਪ੍ਰਾਂਤ 14000/- ਰੁ. ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ। ਟੈਂਡਰਾਂ ਦਾ ਵੇਰਵਾ ਅਤੇ ਯੋਗਤਾਵਾਂ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੇ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਹਨ:-  

ਟੈਂਡਰਾਂ ਦੇ ਨਾਂ	Essential Qualifications
ਮਸ਼ੀਨਿਸਟ, ਰੈਵਰੀਜ਼ਰੇਨਟ ਆਰਪੇਟਰ, ਡਰਾਫਟਮੈਨ ਵਿਜ਼ਲ, ਮੋਟਰ ਮਕੈਨੀਕ ਵਰਗੀਕ, ਆਟੋ ਬਾਡੀ ਪੇਂਟ ਆਟੋ ਬਾਡੀ ਰਿਪੇਅਰ ਭੀਜ਼ਲ ਮਕੈਨੀਕ, ਪਲੰਬਰ ਟੂਲ ਐਂਡ ਡਰਾਈ ਇਲੈਕਟ੍ਰੀਸ਼ੀਅਨ, ਸਰਵੇਅਰ ਟਰਲਰ, ਵੇਲਡਰ, ਫਿਕ੍ਸਡ ਡੂਫ਼ ਐਂਡ ਬੈਦਰਜ਼ ਸਰਵਿਸ ਆਸਿਸਟੈਂਟ, ਫੂਡ ਪ੍ਰੋਸੈਸਿੰਗ ਹਾਰਟ ਆਫ਼ਿਸ ਆਸਿਸਟੈਂਟ	B.Voc/Degree in appropriate Branch of Engineering from AICTE/UGC Recognized Engg. College/University or Equivalent with One Year Experience in the relevant Field. OR Three Years Diploma appropriate Branch of Engineering from AICTE/Recognized Board of Tech. Edu. or Relevant Advanced Diploma (Vocational) from DGT with 2 years Experience in relevant field. OR NTC/NAC passed in the Relevant Trade with 3 years experience in the Relevant Field. & Relevant National Craft Instructor Certificate (NCIC) Under DGT (CTI)
ਮੈਟ੍ਰਿਕੁਲੇਸ਼ਨ ਪੱਧਰ 'ਤੇ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਪਾਸ ਹੋਣਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ।	
ਡਿਪਟੇਸ਼ਨ ਐਂਸਪੈਕਟਰ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਡਿਗਰੀ/ਡਿਪਲੋਮਾ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੀਆਂ ਹਦਾਇਤਾਂ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਮੰਨਣਯੋਗ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ।	
ਤਜਰਬਾ ਉਮੀਦਵਾਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਖੇਤਰ ਦਾ ਤਜਰਬਾ ਕਿਰਤ ਇੰਸਪੈਕਟਰ ਪਾਸੋਂ ਵੇਰੀਫਾਈ ਅਤੇ ਟੀਚਿੰਗ ਤਜਰਬਾ ਨਕਲ ਆਈ.ਟੀ.ਆਈ./ਤਕਨੀਕੀ ਸਿੱਖਿਆ ਬੋਰਡ/ਯੂਨੀਵਰਸਿਟੀ/ ਨਵੀਂ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀ ਪਾਸੋਂ ਵੇਰੀਫਾਈ ਹੋਣਾ ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਹੈ। ਮਿਤੀ 31.10.2020 'ਤੇ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ। ਆਈ.ਐਮ.ਸੀ. ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਅਸਾਮੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਕਾਰਨ ਦੇ ਚੋਣ ਕਰਨ ਜਾਂ ਗਿਣਤੀ ਵਧਾਅ/ਘਟਾਅ ਸਕਦੀ ਹੈ।	
ਸਹੀ/- ਮੈਂਬਰ ਸੈਕਟਰ ਆਈ.ਐਮ.ਸੀ. ਕਮ-ਪ੍ਰਿੰਸੀਪਲ, ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਉਦਯੋਗਿਕ ਸਿਖਲਾਈ ਸੰਸਥਾ, ਪਟਿਆਲਾ।	

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**ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਮਾਨਸਾ**  
Email: [eomcmansa@gmail.com](mailto:eomcmansa@gmail.com)  
ਨੰ. 2847 To 48 ਮਿਤੀ: 02.11.2020  
**ਪਬਲਿਕ ਨੋਟਿਸ**  
ਹਰ ਆਮ ਅਤੇ ਖਾਸ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਮਾਨਸਾ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਨਿਮਨਲਿਖਤ ਠੇਕੇ ਖੁੱਲੀ ਬੋਲੀ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਇਕ ਸਾਲ ਦੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਲਈ ਮਿਤੀ 06.11.2020 ਨੂੰ ਸਵੇਰੇ 11.00 ਵਜੇ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਮਾਨਸਾ ਵਿਖੇ ਨਿਲਾਮ ਕੀਤੇ ਜਾਣੇ ਹਨ:-  

ਲੜੀ ਨੰ.	ਠੇਕੇ ਦਾ ਨਾਮ	ਬੋਲੀ ਦੇਣ ਦਾ ਸਮਾਂ	ਅਮਾਨਤੀ ਰਕਮ	ਰਾਖਵੀਂ ਕੀਮਤ
1	ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਮਾਨਸਾ ਦੇ ਬੱਸ ਆੱਡਾ ਫੀਸ ਦੀ ਵਸੂਲੀ	06.11.2020 ਸਵੇਰੇ 11.00 ਵਜੇ	1,00,000/- ਰੁਪਏ	32,13,000/- ਰੁਪਏ
2	ਠੇਕ ਪੇਪ ਕੋਰਨ	06.11.2020 ਸਵੇਰੇ 11.30 ਵਜੇ	50,000/- ਰੁਪਏ	8,98,200/- ਰੁਪਏ
3	ਠੇਕਾ ਚਾਰ, ਦੁੱਧ, ਸਬਜ਼ੀ ਵਾਲੀ ਸਟਾਲ	06.11.2020 ਦੁਪਹਿਰ 12.00 ਵਜੇ	50,000/- ਰੁਪਏ	6,01,000/- ਰੁਪਏ
4	ਠੇਕਾ ਬਿਸਰਤ, ਗੋਲੀ, ਟੈਂਕੀ, ਭੂਜੇ ਦਾਣੇ ਦੀ ਸਟਾਲ	06.11.2020 ਬਾ.ਦੁ. 12.30 ਵਜੇ	25,000/- ਰੁਪਏ	2,41,200/- ਰੁਪਏ
5	ਠੇਕਾ ਆਈਸ ਕਰੀਮ, ਕੁਲਫੀਆਂ, ਤਾਜ਼ੇ ਫਲ ਆਦਿ	06.11.2020 ਬਾ.ਦੁ. 01.00 ਵਜੇ	25,000/- ਰੁਪਏ	2,70,900/- ਰੁਪਏ
6	ਠੇਕਾ ਮੁਨਿਆਰੀ ਦੀ ਸਟਾਲ	06.11.2020 ਬਾ.ਦੁ. 01.30 ਵਜੇ	25,000/- ਰੁਪਏ	2,16,000/- ਰੁਪਏ
7	ਠੇਕਾ ਅਖ਼ਬਾਰ, ਰਸਾਲੇ	06.11.2020 ਬਾ.ਦੁ. 02.00 ਵਜੇ	25,000/- ਰੁਪਏ	49,500/- ਰੁਪਏ
8	ਠੇਕਾ ਅਖ਼ਬਾਰ, ਰਸਾਲੇ ਦੀ ਰੱਦੀ ਵੇਚਣਾ	06.11.2020 ਬਾ.ਦੁ. 02.30 ਵਜੇ	500/- ਰੁਪਏ	-----

ਉਕਤ ਠੇਕਿਆਂ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਵੇਰਵੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਕੌਮ-ਕਾਸ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਮਾਨਸਾ ਵਿਖੇ ਵੇਖ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ ਅਤੇ ਇਹ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਵੇਰਵੇ ਬੋਲੀ ਮੌਕੇ ਵੀ ਦੇਸ਼/ਸ਼ਟਾਏ ਜਾਣਗੇ। ਜੇਕਰ ਨਿਲਾਮੀ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਕਿਸੇ ਕਿਸਮ ਦੀ ਕੋਈ ਫ਼ੁੱਟੀ ਹੋ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਇਹ ਨਿਲਾਮੀਆਂ ਅਗਲੇ ਕੌਮ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਇਸੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਸ਼ਿਫਟਿਊਲ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਕਰਵਾਈਆਂ ਜਾਣਗੀਆਂ। ਲੌਡ ਪੇਟ 'ਤੇ ਉਕਤ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਮੌਕੇ 'ਤੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਦਾ ਬਦਲਾਅ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਬੋਲੀ ਨੂੰ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਅਗਾਊਂ ਸੂਚਨਾ/ਕਾਰਨ ਦੇ ਚੋਣ ਕਰਨ ਦੇ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਨਿਮਨਸ਼ਾਬਦ ਪਾਸ ਹੋਣਗੇ।

**ਸਹੀ/- (ਵਿਸ਼ਾਲਦੀਪ), ਕਾਰਜਸਾਧਕ ਅਫ਼ਸਰ, ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਮਾਨਸਾ।**  
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**No. S.E. (O&M)/NIT-423/CE/WS/G Dt. 30.10.2020**  
**MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, JALANDHAR**  
**LOCAL GOVT. DEPTT. PUNJAB**  
**NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS (O&M Branch)**  
**(Website: eproc.punjab.gov.in)**  
**E-tender No. MCJ/OM/2020/047A**  
Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar invites e-tenders on Two Bid System for the O&M works mentioned at [www.eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in) from the contractors enlisted with Local Government Department Punjab & Co-op L/C Societies (Registered in Punjab State). Time to time instructions issued by Govt./CVO will be followed for bidding as well as execution of works. All the bidders should comply with the latest instructions issued vide notification No. 5/82/2018-21g4/1892 dt. 02.08.18.  
**05 Works Related to Sewer & Water Supply.**  
**SCHEDULE OF TENDERS FOR CO-OP. L/C SOCIETIES:-**  

Availability of E-tenders online for bidding	Last Date & Time for online sub-mission of E-bids	Date & Time of opening of Eligibility/ Tech. Bid	Date & Time of opening Financial Bid of Qualified Bidders
From 03.11.2020 14:00 Hrs	18.11.2020 up to 14:00 Hrs	18.11.2020 up to 14:00 Hrs	19.11.2020 12:00 Hrs
Notify later on			

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

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

Availability of E-tenders online for bidding	Last Date & Time for online submission of E-bids	Date & Time of opening of Eligibility/ Tech. Bid	Date & Time of opening Financial Bid of Qualified Bidders
21.11.2020 14:00 Hrs	07.12.2020 up to 14:00 Hrs	07.12.2020 15:30 Hrs	Notify later on

Other terms & conditions can be seen at E-tender website [eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://eproc.punjab.gov.in)

Sd/- Er. Satinder Kumar,  
Superintending Engineer (O&M),  
M: 9646046223

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**TENDER NOTICE**  
**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB**  
Executive Engineer-2, DWSS Division, Moga invite online bids for the following works:  

Group	Item	App. Cost (Rs. in Lac)	Bid Security Rs.
<b>Construction of 39 New RCC OHSRs and repair of 2 OHSRs in various villages of Block Bagha Purana and Nihal Singh Wala and providing and laying of Rising and Delivery main pipeline etc. For detail design please refer website <a href="http://eproc.punjab.gov.in">http://eproc.punjab.gov.in</a></b>			
<b>Village of Block Nihal Singh Wala, District Moga:-</b>			
Group-1	Burj Duna (5000 Ltr), Rania Zone-C (75000 Ltr), Rau Ke Kalan Zone-A (100000 Ltr)	56.65	Rs. 1,14,000/-
Group-2	Baude (75000 Ltr), Malliana (50000 Ltr), Lopon (100000 Ltr)	58.80	Rs. 1,18,000/-
Group-3	Bir Rau Ke (75000 Ltr), Pato Hira Singh (100000 Ltr), Ranish Khurd (50000 Ltr)	59.11	Rs. 1,18,500/-
Group-4	Kussa (100000 Ltr), Nangal (75000 Ltr), Takhtupura (150000 Ltr)	69.86	Rs. 1,40,000/-
Group-5	Himat Pura (150000 Ltr), Rama (75000 Ltr)	45.42	Rs. 91,000/-
Group-6	Bilas Pur (100000 Ltr-Zone-A), (25000 Ltr-Zone-B), (75000 Ltr-Zone-C)	54.12	Rs. 1,09,000/-
Group-7	Burj Hamira (50000 Ltr), Raunta (150000 Ltr), Saido Ke Kalan (150000 Ltr)	67.03	Rs. 1,34,500/-
<b>Villages of Block Bagha Purana, District Moga:-</b>			
Group-8	Bhalor (75000 Ltr), Lande (100000 Ltr), Mal Ke (150000 Ltr)	68.12	Rs. 1,36,500/-
Group-9	Gholla Kalan (100000 Ltr), Gholla Khurd (150000 Ltr), Rajana (75000 Ltr)	69.57	Rs. 1,39,500/-
Group-10	Budh Singh Wala (100000 Ltr), Sahoke (50000 Ltr), Sekha Kalan (150000 Ltr)	65.93	Rs. 1,32,000/-
Group-11	Sangat Pura (100000 Ltr), Smadh Bhai (200000 Ltr)	53.82	Rs. 1,08,000/-
Group-12	Manu Ke (200000 Ltr.), Thraj (150000 Ltr)	59.03	Rs. 1,18,500/-
Group-13	Mari Mustafa (100000 Ltr), Thathi Bhai (150000 Ltr.), Bambhi Bhai (50000 Ltr)	68.04	Rs. 1,37,500/-
Repair only of Existing OHSR Cap. 50000 Ltr in Village Sukhanand, Zone-A			
Group-14	Rode Gurpura (25000 Ltr), Smallsar Zone-A (250000 Ltr), Smallsar Zone-B (100000 Ltr)	75.06	Rs. 1,51,000/-
Repair only of Existing OHSR Cap. 250000 Ltr in Village Roda			

Date & time of start of sale of Bid document: **04.11.2020 at 12:00 Noon**  
Last date & time for submission of Bids: **20.11.2020 up to 11.00 Hrs.**  
Technical opening of Bids on: **20.11.2020, 11.05 Hrs onward**  
Bid processing fee: **As per website.** Completion period for Each Group: **6 Months.**  
For detail logon to: <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>  
**Note:** Any corrigendum(s) to the Tender Notice shall be published on the above website only.

Ph.: 01636-237378  
Email: [xenrws\\_moga@yahoo.com](mailto:xenrws_moga@yahoo.com)

Sd/- Executive Engineer,  
WS & Sanitation Division No. 2, Moga.

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# Trump gears up for legal battle against prolonged vote count

Prez, Biden woo battleground states on last full day of campaign

FAYETTEVILLE, NOVEMBER 2

US President Donald Trump has denied that he is planning to prematurely declare victory after the presidential polls are over on Tuesday and hinted that he is gearing up for a legal battle against a vote count that stretched past the election day.

"No, no that was a false report," Trump told reporters on Sunday at the Charlotte airport in North Carolina amid a news report that he is planning to prematurely declare victory on the election night.

Americans have rushed to vote early, already casting nearly 92 million mail-in ballots that could take days or weeks to be counted in some states, meaning a winner might not be declared in the hours after polls close on Tuesday. Trump indicated that his team was gearing up for a legal battle.

Trump lamented Supreme Court's rulings that allowed for Pennsylvania and North Carolina to count absentee ballots that are postmarked before election day but arrive shortly after Tuesday.

"I think it is a terrible thing when ballots can be collected after an election. I think it is a terrible thing when people or states are allowed to tabulate ballots for a long period of time after the election is over because it can only lead to one thing," Trump said.

He criticised the decision taken by the Supreme Court to allow ballots to be received after the election day in several battleground states.

"I think there is a great danger to it and I think a lot of fraud and misuse can take place," the president said. "I think it is a very dangerous, terrible thing. And I think it is terrible when we cannot know the results of an election the night of the election in a modern-day age of computers. I think it is a terrible thing," he added.

Critical of the Supreme Court decision, Trump said: "I think it is a very dangerous decision because you are going to have one or two or three states, depending on how it ends up, where they are tabulating ballots, and the rest of the world is waiting to find out. And I think there is a great danger to it, and I think a lot of fraud and misuse could take place."



## THREATENS TO FIRE FAUCI AS RIFT DEEPENS

**Opa-Locka:** President Donald Trump is suggesting that he will fire Dr Anthony Fauci after Tuesday's election, as his rift with the nation's top infectious disease expert widens. Trump expressed frustration at the rising virus cases, sparking chants of "Fire Fauci" from his supporters. AP

**'POLL' DANCE:** Donald Trump dances during a rally at Miami Opa-locka, and (below) a Joe Biden supporter. AP/REUTERS

## 'WILL NEVER FORGET WHAT CHINA DID'

**Fayetteville:** President Donald Trump has said the US will never forget what China did to it by failing to prevent the spread of Covid, which he said has devastated America's economy. He, however, said America was on the track of its economic revival. PTI

## 'WILL HOST SUMMIT OF DEMOCRACIES'



**Fayetteville (US):** Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden has said if he is elected, he will convene a global summit of democracies in the first year of his presidency to counter the "rising authoritarianism" in the world and address issues of election security and human rights. He also said he would put into place a Covid-19 action plan on the first day of his presidency. PTI



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misuse could take place." Trump has repeatedly claimed widespread fraud connected to mail-in voting. He said if people wanted to get their ballots in, they should have gotten their ballots long before.

"They do not have to put their ballots on the same day, they could have put their ballots in a month ago. And we think it is a ridiculous decision," he said.

The President said he was doing well in the election. "We have great crowds. The first two were extremely cold. But they

are great people, so that warmed it up," he said.

Polls show Democratic nominee Joe Biden with a large lead among early voters in key states, while Trump maintains a significant advantage among those who have yet to vote.

The candidates spent Sunday making their final pitches to voters ahead of Tuesday's election. Trump made stops in Michigan, Iowa, North Carolina, Georgia and Florida. Biden, meanwhile, held multiple events in Philadelphia as he seeks to win Pennsylvania. — PTI

# Radhakrishnan NZ's first minister of Indian origin

MELBOURNE, NOVEMBER 2

Priyanka Radhakrishnan on Monday became New Zealand's first-ever Indian-origin minister, after Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern brought five new ministers into her executive.

Born in India, Radhakrishnan, 41, went to a Singapore school before moving to New Zealand to further her education. She has spent her work life advocating on behalf of people whose voices are often unheard – women survivors of domestic violence, and migrant workers who have been exploited.

She was elected first as a Member of Parliament belonging to the Labour Party in September 2017. In 2019, she was appointed the Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Minister for Ethnic Communities. Her work in that area has helped her build the base for her new role of Minister for



## ABOUT HER

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Diversity, Inclusion and Ethnic Communities.

In addition, she has become the Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector and Associate Minister for Social Development and Employment. She has

become New Zealand's first-ever Kiwi Indian Minister, the New Zealand Herald newspaper quoted Indian Weekender as saying.

Radhakrishnan, who is from the 2017 intake of new MPs, is a minister outside of the Cabinet.

She lives in Auckland with her husband. Announcing the names of the new ministers, Prime Minister Ardern said: "I am excited to be bringing in some new talent, with first-hand experience in the areas that they will be working in, and reflecting the New Zealand that elected us on the 17th of October. Within this lineup, I'm playing to people's strengths."

"This is a Cabinet and an executive that is based on merit. It also happens to be incredibly diverse," Ardern said, days after her centre-left Labour Party won a landslide victory in the country's general election. — PTI



## S Korean ex-Prez jailed again for corruption

**SEOUL:** Former South Korean President Lee Myung-bak was sent back to prison on Monday, four days after the country's top court upheld his 17-year prison term for corruption crimes. A Seoul district court initially sentenced Lee to 15 years in prison in 2018. He was bailed out of prison several months later but was taken back into custody this February. AP

## Armed group kills 32 in Ethiopia, houses set afire

**ADDIS ABABA:** An armed group killed 32 persons in an attack on Sunday in Ethiopia's Western Wollega Zone region and burnt at least 21 houses, a regional administrator said. "About 700 to 750 people were displaced from the area. The killing was committed by OLF Shane," said the region's administrator. REUTERS

## 16 killed in Philippines typhoon

MANILA, NOVEMBER 2

At least 16 persons were killed as Typhoon Goni lashed the Philippines over the weekend. About 13,000 shanties and houses were damaged or swept away in the eastern island province that was first hit by the ferocious storm, officials said Monday.

Goni blasted into Catanduanes province on Sunday morning as a super typhoon with sustained winds of 225 km (140 miles) per hour and gusts of 280 kph (174 mph). But the storm weakened considerably after making landfall and shifted direction to spare the capital, Manila, before blowing out into the South China Sea. — AP

# Germany enters partial shutdown

BERLIN, NOVEMBER 2

Germany became the latest European country to embark on a partial shutdown on Monday as the authorities across Europe scramble to flatten a rapid rise in Covid cases that threaten to overwhelm their healthcare systems.

In parts of Europe, the new restrictions — which vary in strictness — are prompting protests by people frustrated at once again having to forgo freedom. And the prospect of a second month-long lockdown is causing discontent even in Britain's governing party, which is proposing the measure.

In Germany, restaurants, bars, theaters, cinemas, gyms and other leisure facilities closed again on Monday in a

TRACKING COVID	
NATIONS	DEATHS
US	2,36,505
BRAZIL	1,60,104
MEXICO	91,895
UK	46,717
PERU	34,529

WORLDOMETER  
TILL NOV 2, 10 PM

## PRINCE WILLIAM TESTED +VE IN APRIL

**London:** Britain's Prince William contracted Covid in April at a similar time to his father Prince Charles, a source close to his Kensington Palace office said. William, 38, kept his diagnosis a secret because he did not want to alarm the country. PTI

## WHO DIRECTOR-GENERAL TO SELF-QUARANTINE

four-week "wave-breaker" shutdown that seeks to force daily new infections back to manageable levels. Germans have been asked not to travel and hotels are barred from accommodating tourists.

German officials say they can't trace the source of three-quarters of new Covid cases. Health Minister Jens Spahn, who himself caught the virus, says he doesn't know how he was infected. — AP

# BUSINESS

USD \$	EURO €	POUND £	JPY ¥	YUAN 元	CAD C\$	AUD A\$	SGD S\$	HKD HK\$
₹74.42	₹86.70	₹96.16	₹0.71	₹11.13	₹56.0	₹52.34	₹54.51	₹9.60

**BSE**  
143.51  
39,757.58

**NSE**  
26.75  
11,669.15

**GOLD**  
₹50,898  
Mumbai (MCX)

**SILVER**  
₹61,855  
Mumbai (MCX)

## The Tribune CORPORATE BROADBAND

### PFC observes Vigilance Awareness Week

Power Finance Corporation Ltd (PFC) observed "Vigilance Awareness Week-2020" from October 27 to November 2. Ravinder Singh Dhillion, CMD, along with PK Singh, director (commercial) and Ms Parminder Chopra, director (finance) administered "Satyanishtha Pratigya" to all staff members.

### IndianOil signs MoU with IISc, Bengaluru

The R&D centre of IndianOil Corporation has signed an MoU with the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru (IISc) to develop and demonstrate biomass gasification-based hydrogen generation technology to produce fuel cell grade hydrogen at an affordable price.

### LT Foods' Q2 net profit up 63% at ₹77 crore

LT Foods has posted a 63% jump in consolidated net profit at Rs 77.46 crore for the September quarter. Net income rose to Rs 1,218.15 crore from Rs 984.35 crore in the year-ago period.

### CAIT unveils logo of e-comm portal 'BharatEMarket'

The Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) has launched a logo of its upcoming e-commerce portal "BharatEMarket" with an object of clubbing physical trade with the growing e-commerce market.

### Benelli gets overwhelming response to Imperiale 400

Benelli-Chandigarh has the festivities in full swing with customers flocking to the dealership to be a part of the Italian heritage and own the Retro-Classic Imperiale 400. The bike is inspired by the Moto-Bi range produced by the Italian superbike brand in the 1950s.

### Engg students of Aryans shine in varsity exams

Students of Aryans College of Engineering, Rajpura, have brought laurels to the college in the examinations conducted by MRS-PTU, Bathinda. Dr

Anshu Kataria, chairman, Aryans Group, congratulated the students and faculty for their achievement.

### DLF Hyde Park offers 188 plots for sale at New Chandigarh

DLF Hyde Park Estate, New Chandigarh, is offering 188 plots for sale with various schemes, including construction incentives. With ground+2 floors, spread over 350 sq yd plots, these 3BHK condos have back and front lawn, extra space for servant quarter, 100% power backup and an elevator.

### MBD Group launches 'AASOKA' learning app

MBD Group has launched "AASOKA" — the powering, adaptive and personalised learning app that enables students and teachers sustain a seamless teaching learning process.

### Mahindra Electric unveils Treo Zor at ₹2.73 lakh

Mahindra Electric Mobility Ltd has launched electric three-wheeler Treo Zor. It is priced at Rs 2.73 lakh (ex-showroom Delhi, net of FAME 2 and state subsidies).

### Joyalukkas offers free gold coin with jewellery

Joyalukkas is offering a slew of schemes this festive season. On offer is free 1 gm gold coin on purchase of diamond jewellery worth Rs 1 lakh and above, 200 mg free gold coin on purchase of gold jewellery worth Rs 50,000 and above and Rs 3,250 off on silver per kg.

### Vardaan IVF Centre, Jalandhar, to open facility in Amritsar soon

Jalandhar-based IVF facility, Vardaan Medical Centre will open its centre in Amritsar soon. Vireesh Kumar, MD of Vardaan IVF Centre, said the it would be located at Court Road, Amritsar.

### Mahindra First Choice Wheels opens new stores

Mahindra First Choice Wheels Ltd has opened its franchise stores in Punjab and Haryana. The new stores are

located at Peermuchalla near Chandigarh, Hoshiarpur, Ludhiana, Amritsar, Karnal, Jind, Hisar and Lakhan Mazra.

### Shriram Farm Solutions develops innovative seeds

Shriram Farm Solutions has developed innovative research-driven products to enable farmers enhance their yield and farm productivity. Since their launch, both Shriram Super 252 and 272 wheat seeds have gained popularity among farmers.

### McDonald's introduces spicy chicken strips

McDonald's has introduced spicy chicken strips for the snack lovers, offering them a choice to enjoy it as a snack or add a portion of it to their favourite meal. These are made with boneless chicken rolled into a crispy batter, and fried to perfection.

### Forevermark unveils diamond jewellery for 'Karva Chauth'

Forevermark has showcased an array of diamond jewellery made from some of its most rare, unique and beautiful diamonds for the 'Karva Chauth'. The collection includes solitaire rings, diamond bangles, necklaces, earrings among others.

### M&M hands over All-New Thar #1 to auction winner

Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd has handed over the All-New Thar #1 to Aakash Minda, winner of the online auction for the very first vehicle. Minda, CEO of Minda Corporation, made a bid of Rs 1.11 crore in the auction.

### DSP Mutual Fund launches 'Vision 20/20' concept

DSP Mutual Fund has revealed an assessment concept "Vision 20/20" to envision the future of business. It assigns the first number (out of 20) to their investment team as analysts and fund managers and their level of visibility when assessing portfolio companies. The second 20 represents the idealistic and impractical 'perfect' market participant.

## Oil prices fall as lockdowns widen in Europe

LONDON, NOVEMBER 2

Oil prices fell on Monday on worries that widening coronavirus lockdowns in Europe would weaken fuel demand while concerns remain over potential turbulence resulting from this week's US presidential election.

Brent crude was down 80 cents, or 2.1%, at \$37.14 a barrel by 1140 GMT. US West Texas Intermediate fell 93 cents, or 2.6%, to \$34.86. Both contracts fell more than \$2 earlier in the session.

Countries across Europe have re-imposed lockdown measures to try to slow Covid infection rates that have accelerated over the past month. Global oil trading companies expect further demand destruction, though estimates differ. A tight race in the lead up to the US election also prompted investor caution in global markets. — Reuters

## HDFC Q2 net dips 57% to ₹4,600 crore

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 2

Mortgage lender HDFC Ltd on Monday said its consolidated net profit declined by 57.5% to Rs 4,600 crore in the July-September quarter of 2020-21.

The consolidated profit after tax attributable during the corresponding three months of 2019-20 stood at Rs 10,389 crore, HDFC said. Total income on a consolidated basis rose to Rs 34,090.45 crore in the said quarter from Rs 32,850.89 crore a year ago. — PTI

# Factory output at 13-yr high in Oct



## DEMAND BOUNCES BACK

- The IHS Markit India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) rose from 56.8 in September to 58.9 in October, pointing to the strongest improvement in the health of the sector in over a decade
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- In PMI parlance, a print above 50 means expansion, while a score below that denotes contraction

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 2

India's manufacturing sector activity improved for the third straight month in October with companies raising output to the greatest extent in 13 years amid robust sales growth, a monthly survey said on Monday.

The headline seasonally adjusted IHS Markit India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) rose from 56.8 in September to 58.9 in October, and pointed to the strongest improvement in the health of the sector in over a decade.

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"Levels of new orders and output at Indian manufacturers continued to recover from the Covid-induced contractions seen earlier in the year, with the PMI results for October highlighting historically sharp monthly rates of expansion," said Pollyanna De Lima, Economics Associate Director at IHS Markit.

Lima further noted that "companies were convinced that the resurgence in sales will be sustained in coming months, as indicated by a strong upturn in input buying amid restocking efforts". Manufacturers indicated that the ongoing relaxation of Covid restrictions, better market conditions and improved demand helped them to secure new work in October. — PTI

## Emergency credit scheme extended till November 30

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 2

Faced with a continuing reluctance of the industry to borrow, the government has extended the Rs 3-lakh crore Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) for MSMEs by one month till November 30 with the hope that the festival season might see higher offtake.

"This extension will provide a further opportunity to such borrowers who have not availed of the scheme so far, to obtain credit under the

## An amount of ₹2.03 lakh crore has been sanctioned under the scheme so far

scheme," said a statement. While banks have been quick to sanction loans, actual disbursements have been slow. According to the statement, Rs 2.03 lakh crore has been sanctioned so far to 60.67 lakh borrowers while actual disbursements are just Rs 1.48 lakh crore, six months after the scheme was launched.

Another Rs 30,000-crore special liquidity scheme, which was closed on the due date, saw less than a quarter of funds disbursed to stressed NBFCs.

Announced in May, the ECLGS has had a sluggish start despite review meetings with bankers at the highest levels by PM Narendra Modi and Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.



# Captain Morgan leaves it to gods

## KKR need a favour from Mumbai to make it to playoff stage

DUBAI, NOVEMBER 2  
Kolkata Knight Riders captain smashed a 35-ball 68, led the team to victory over Rajasthan Royals, keeping alive the team's hopes of making it to the playoff stage — and said it's up to the gods now. KKR finished their league campaign with the big win on Sunday to get into the top-4 with 14 points. However, the team's qualification to the playoffs hinges on Sunrisers Hyderabad losing their final league game to defending champions Mumbai Indians on Tuesday.  
“Whatever happens from here is up to the gods,” Morgan said after the match. KKR's net run rate (-0.214) is worse than SRH's (+0.555). SRH are currently on 12 points from 13 games, and victory over Mumbai Indians would see them edge ahead of KKR. “Yes, I was aware of the numbers (about net run rate) but you need to first get yourself into a winning position. I don't think we could have done anything more today,” Morgan said.  
Morgan said his team's

huge total was a ‘par’ score. “I thought it was around a par score. Every batsman who came back in said it was a beautiful wicket with the dew in. We lost wickets between 10th and 15th overs, and to finish like we did was really good,” said Morgan.  
“The impressive thing was our collective bowling. We were outstanding. Regardless of qualification, we feel we have given everything that we have,” said Morgan.

**Early wickets**  
With Rajasthan Royals getting knocked out with this defeat, skipper Steve Smith said losing wickets in a heap upfront harmed their cause. “It was around a 180 wicket. There was a bit of dew. Losing four (wickets) in the Power-play, it was always going to be tough from there,” said the Australian. “(Pat) Cummins bowled nice lengths, made us play some good shots. We got off to a flier, but then we lost wickets in a clump. Unfortunate way to end. We started off really well, won the last two before this one. In the



KKR's players celebrate after defeating RR on Sunday. PTI

middle we lost our way.” Smith was not happy with his top-order batsmen. “Our batters, the top four or five didn't take responsibility, perhaps. Couple of real positives. Jofra (Archer) has been exceptional pretty much every game,” he added. “(Rahul) Tewatia obviously has pulled a few out of the hat throughout the tournament. He has bowled exceptionally well throughout the tournament.” — PTI

### BRIEFLY

**SOUTHAMPTON (BERMUDA)**  
**Lahiri ends T-11 in Bermuda**  
Indian golfer Anirban Lahiri was left ruing small errors as he missed out on a top-10 finish, signing off at tied-11th with a 4-under 67 in the final round of the Bermuda Championship here. Lahiri tied for the most birdies made this week, but he also gave away a lot of bogeys, including a double-bogey on the third day. On the brighter side, this season he has made the cut in each of his four starts with one top-10, one T-11 and two top-40 finishes. An extra birdie or one more par saved would have seen him inside the top-10 for the second time in the new season. The former Asian Tour No. 1 totalled a 10-under 274. “I made too many small errors on and around the greens that added up to hurt me enough. Disappointed not to finish in the top-10,” said Lahiri. Brian Gay, 48, claimed his fifth PGA Tour victory with a playoff win over Wyndham Clark.

**PAPHOS (CYPRUS)**  
**Shubhankar finishes T-14**  
Shubhankar Sharma rounded off a consistent week by carding a 2-under 69 in the final round to finish a creditable tied-14th at the Cyprus Open golf tournament here. It was Sharma's best finish of the season, bettering his T-26 at the Scottish Open earlier on. Sharma, who had rounds of 67-66-69-69, had as many as 17 birdies and an eagle for the week, but he also dropped five shots. “Still I am happy that the game and consistency are coming around,” said Sharma, who has one more event in Cyprus in the coming week and a three-event swing in South Africa. Meanwhile, Callum Shinkwin defeated Kalle Samooja in a playoff to win his first European Tour title.

**MANCHESTER**  
**Gunnars beat United**  
Tottenham Hotspur moved above Everton into second place in the Premier League after substitute Gareth Bale gave them a 2-1 win over Brighton & Hove Albion on Sunday while Carlo Ancelotti's side fell to a 2-1 defeat by Newcastle United. Manchester United remain winless at home in the league this season after Arsenal enjoyed their first win at Old Trafford in 14 years thanks to a Paul Pogba foul handing Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang the chance to convert a penalty. AGENCIES

**TODAY ON TV**

IPL

HYDERABAD VS MUMBAI

STAR SPORTS 7:30PM

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

LOKOMOTIV VS ATLETICO 11:25PM

SALZBURG VS BAYERN

REAL MADRID VS INTER MILAN

MAN CITY VS OLYMPIACOS

ATLANTA VS LIVERPOOL (1:30AM) (WEDNESDAY)

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### DC seal 2nd spot with win; RCB also qualify

ABU DHABI: Delhi Capitals qualified for the IPL playoffs at the second position after a six-wicket win over Royal Challengers Bangalore here today. RCB also made it to the playoffs after DC took more than 17.3 overs to complete their chase. Invited to bat, Bangalore scored 152/7. Devdutt Padikkal top-scored with a 41-ball 50. DC chased down the target with six balls to spare. **Brief scores: RCB: 152/7** (Padikkal 50, de Villiers 35; Nortje 3/33, Rabada 2/30); **DC: 154/4** in 19 overs (Rahane 60, Dhawan 54; Shahbaz 2/26, Sundar 1/24). PTI

IPL STANDINGS						
TEAM	P	W	L	PTS	NRR	
Mumbai	13	9	4	18	1.29	
Delhi	14	8	6	16	-0.10	
Bangalore	14	7	7	14	-0.17	
Kolkata	14	7	7	14	-0.21	
Hyderabad	13	6	7	12	0.55	
Punjab	14	6	8	12	-0.16	
Chennai	14	6	8	12	-0.45	
Rajasthan	14	6	8	12	-0.56	

R Ashwin celebrates the wicket of Virat Kohli. PTI

\*Read under Team, Played, Won, Lost, Points, Net Run Rate

### कार्यालय उपायुक्त, करनाल

#### नीलामी सूचना

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि लघु-संचिवालप, सेक्टर-12, करनाल में चाय केन्टीन के स्थान का ठेका वर्ष 01.12.2020 से 30.11.2021 तक की बोली की जानी है, जिसके लिए नियम व शर्तों की प्रति उपायुक्त कार्यालय, करनाल के नजारे शाखा में उपलब्ध है। इच्छुक व्यक्ति निम्नलिखित सूचना के अनुरूप बोली में भाग लेना सुनिश्चित करें।

क्र. नं.	बोली द्वारा दिये जाने वाले स्थान का नाम	बोली की तिथि	बोली का समय	धरोहर राशि	धरोहर राशि जमा करवाने की तिथि व समय	रिमाक्स
1.	चाय केन्टीन का ठेका	06.11.2020	दोपहर 12.00 बजे	50,000/-	06.11.2020 को प्रातः 11.00 बजे से पूर्व	उक्त बोली तिथि अनुसार उपायुक्त कार्यालय के सम्पादन में की जाएगी।

यह नीलामी लघु संचिवालप, उपायुक्त कार्यालय, प्रथम तल पर कार्मेक्स हॉल, सेक्टर-12, करनाल में होगी। सभी इच्छुक व्यक्ति मौका पर पहुंच कर बोली दे सकते हैं। बोलीदाताओं को बोली आरंभ होने से पूर्व रु. 50000/- रु. (पु. पचास हजार रु.) की राशि अधिम तौर पर जमा करवानी होगी। सकल बोलीदाता बोली समाप्त होते ही बोली की 25 प्रतिशत रकम उसी समय जिला नाजर, उपायुक्त कार्यालय, करनाल के पास जमा करवाएंगे तथा शेष 75 प्रतिशत राशि एक सप्ताह के अंदर-अंदर जिला नाजर के पास जमा करवाएंगे। सफल बोलीदाता उसी समय मौका पर बोली की रकम जमा नहीं करवाएंगे/जमा करवाने में असमर्थ रहता है तो बोलीदाता का ठेका रद्द कर दिया जाएगा तथा अधिम राशि रु. 50000/- रु. जमा कर ली जाएगी, दूसरे नंबर पर रहने वाले बोलीदाता को यह ठेका दे दिया जाएगा। बाकी अस्पष्ट बोलीदाताओं को उनकी अधिम राशि बोली के तुरंत बाद वापस लीट दी जाएगी। ठेका यान्त्रिक उपायुक्त महोदय द्वारा स्वीकृत किये जाने पर ही मान्य होगा तथा उपायुक्त महोदय को ठेका/बोली स्वीकृत/अस्वीकृत करने का पूर्ण अधिकार होगा। शर्तें जिला नाजर कार्यालय उपायुक्त, करनाल के पास किसी भी कार्यदिनस में देखी जा सकती हैं जो मौका पर भी सुनाई और दिखाई जाएगी।

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कृते : उपायुक्त, करनाल।

### मोरनी पहाड़ी क्षेत्र तथा रायतन क्षेत्र के 15 गांवों के लिए डिप्लोमा इन एलिमेंट्री एजुकेशन के लिए प्रवेश सूचना सत्र 2020-21

मोरनी पहाड़ी क्षेत्र तथा रायतन क्षेत्र के 15 गांवों जिन की सूची आवेदन-पत्र के साथ संलग्न है, के निवासियों से राजकीय प्रार्थमिक अध्यापक प्रशिक्षण संस्थान धारला स्थित मोरनी में शिवालिंक विकास बोर्ड द्वारा प्रायोजित डिप्लोमा इन एजुकेशन कोर्स में कुल 50 सीटों के लिए प्रवेश हेतु आवेदन-पत्र आमंत्रित हैं।

- आवेदन-पत्र 17.11.20 या रायतन क्षेत्र के साथ सक्षम अधिकारी से प्राप्त मोरनी पहाड़ी क्षेत्र अथवा रायतन क्षेत्र के 15 गांवों जिनकी सूची आवेदन-पत्र के साथ संलग्न है, के निवासी होने का डेमिसाइट प्रमाण-पत्र (रिहायशी प्रमाण-पत्र) संलग्न करना होगा।
- अध्यर्थी को मोरनी पहाड़ी क्षेत्र या रायतन क्षेत्र के उपरोक्त 15 गांवों का स्थाई निवासी होना अनिवार्य है। यदि डोमीसाइट प्रमाण-पत्र संलग्न नहीं होगा तो आवेदन-पत्र रद्द कर दिया जाएगा और इस पर बाद में कोई विचार नहीं किया जाएगा।
- अध्यर्थी अपने संबंधित मूल प्रमाण-पत्रों सहित दिनांक 19.11.2020 को प्रातः 10.00 बजे जिला शिक्षा अधिकारी, पंचकूला के कार्यालय सेक्टर-7 में काउंसलिंग हेतु स्वयं उपस्थित हो। मूल प्रमाण-पत्रों के बिना अध्यर्थी का काउंसलिंग नहीं होगी तथा इसके पश्चात अध्यर्थी को और अवसर नहीं दिया जाएगा।

जिला शिक्षा अधिकारी, पंचकूला।

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GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE						
Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./AUTH.	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE & CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT/ EMD (Approx.) in Rupees	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/CORP./AUTH. TENDER NO.	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAIL/S/ EMAIL
1	GURUGRAM METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	ANNUAL MAINTENANCE OF MASTER ROAD OF ASSET ID-3140 FROM IMT MANESAR TO PATAUDI ROAD, GURUGRAM	02.11.2020 09.11.2020	88.03 LACS	https://www.gmda.gov.in/TENDER No. 2020_HRY_147330_1	xen1nfra1.gmda@gov.in
2	CHAUDHARY RAMBIR SINGH UNIVERSITY, JIND	ANNUAL RATE CONTRACT FOR SUPPLY OF SPORTS KITS/DRESS/TRACK SUITS/ SHOES & SOCKS/TOWELS/CARRYING BAGS AND SPORTS EQUIPMENTS ETC.	03.11.2020 23.11.2020	EMD 2,50,000/-	www.crsu.ac.in	01681-241004 registrar@crsu.ac.in
3	CHAUDHARY RAMBIR SINGH UNIVERSITY, JIND	VIRTUAL AND SMART CLASS ROOMS: SETTING UP OF LECTURE RECORDING, STORING AND LIVE STREAMING SOLUTION (05 CLASS ROOMS SETUP WITH UNLIMITED INSTALLATION)	03.11.2020 23.11.2020	200 LAKHS	www.crsu.ac.in	01681-241008 uic@crsu.ac.in
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeaprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.hic.in PRDH/83562						

### The Haryana State Co-operative Supply & Marketing Federation Limited

(HAFED) Hafed Corporate Office, Sector 5, Panchkula, Haryana — 134109  
LL No. (0172) 2590520-26 Extn:137 & 139

### HAFED INVITES EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR APPOINTMENT OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS FIRM FOR CONDUCTING INTERNAL AUDIT OF ITS OFFICES/UNITS FOR THE F.Y. 2020-21.

The Haryana State Co-operative Supply & Marketing Federation Limited (HAFED) invites Expression of Interest in sealed Quotations from experienced Chartered Accountants firms for Conducting Internal Audit of its offices/units for the F.Y. 2020-21.

Interested firms of practicing Chartered Accountants empanelled with Comptroller & Auditor General of India having committed professionals/resource persons may apply to the Chief Accounts Officer (F&A), Hafed, Panchkula in the prescribed proforma available on Hafed's website: <https://www.hafed.gov.in> along with the eligibility criteria and other terms and conditions. The sealed quotations must be received in this office in person or through registered post by **05:00 P.M. on 20.11.2020**. Shortlisted CA Firms shall be intimated for technical discussions.

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**MANAGING DIRECTOR**

NORTHERN RAILWAY NOTICE INVITING TENDER							
Sr. DOM/FZR acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-tender for the work mentioned here under. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date 23.11.2020 at 15.00 Hrs. Only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders and any such manual offer received shall not be considered. Bidders are allowed to make payment against this tender towards cost of tender document and earnest money only through online payment mode available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. manual payment through demand draft, Banker Cheque, deposit receipt, FDR etc. are not allowed.							
Tender No.	Name of work	App. Cost	Cost of tender Form	Date & Time of submission of tender	Earnest Money	Work completion period	Opening of tender
1509-2020-OPTG-FZR	Loading unloading of approx. 81 Nos. guard's Toolline boxes daily (Total approximately 29565 Nos. for one year) at Pathankot and Bijnai path paprola (PTK+BJPL) after alighting from B/ivan or B/ivan or locomotives at Station and yard to Box room & form Box room to B/ivan or Loco Motives for One year (365 days)	Rs. 3,87,597.15 (including GST)	Rs. 1,000	Up to 23.11.2020 at 15.00 Hrs.	Rs. 7,800/-	12 Months	23.11.2020
No.: 380-T/Box Porter/Tender/PTK+BJPL/2020 Dated: 28.10.2020. 2404/2020							
Serving Customers with a Smile							

### कौशल विकास एवं औद्योगिक प्रशिक्षण विभाग, हरियाणा

#### कौशल भवन, प्लाट नं. आई.पी.-2, सेक्टर-3, पंचकूला

#### वेबसाइट [www.itiharyana.gov.in](http://www.itiharyana.gov.in)

### सत्र 2020-21 के दाखिला हेतु काउंसलिंग एवं नए आवेदन फार्म बारे सूचना

हरियाणा राज्य में स्थित सभी राजकीय एवं निजी औद्योगिक प्रशिक्षण संस्थानों में सत्र 2020-21 के दाखिले के लिए चतुर्थ दाखिला काउंसलिंग कार्यक्रम निम्न अनुसार सभी प्रकार की रिक्त/आरक्षित सीटों को सामान्य वर्ग में परिवर्तित करते हुए मैरिट के आधार पर किया जाएगा।

Counseling Round	Activity	Dates
4th Counseling	Display of vacant seats Opening of Portal for revision of options/ preferences Merit cum seat allotment	6th November, 2020 7th - 9th November 10.11.2020, 5:00 p.m.
	*Online Documents verification of admitted candidates at ITI Level (without visiting any ITI) Online Deposit of Admission fee in Govt. ITIs Offline Deposit of Admission fee in Pvt. ITIs Confirmation of Seat Allotment.	11th - 12th November 11th - 14th November 12th - 16th November

चतुर्थ ऑनलाइन काउंसलिंग के पश्चात संभावित रिक्त रहने वाली सीटों के प्रति नए ऑनलाइन पंजीकरण/नए आवेदन भी विभागीय वेबसाइट [www.itiharyana.gov.in](http://www.itiharyana.gov.in) पर दिनांक 05.11.2020 से 16.11.2020 तक लिए जाएंगे, जिन्हें पुराने आवेदनों के साथ पांचवीं दाखिला काउंसलिंग में ही शामिल किया जाएगा जिसका काउंसलिंग कार्यक्रम निम्न प्रकार से होगा :-

Counseling Round	Activity	Dates
5th Counseling/ Final round	Display of vacant seats Opening of Portal for revision of options/ preferences by previous/new applicants Merit cum seat allotment	17th November, 2020 18th - 19th November 20.11.2020, 4:00 p.m.
	*Online Documents verification of admitted candidates at ITI Level (without visiting any ITI) Online Deposit of Admission fee in Govt. ITIs Offline Deposit of Admission fee in Pvt. ITIs Confirmation of Seat Allotment	21st - 22nd November 21st - 24th November 22nd - 26th November

पांचवीं दाखिला काउंसलिंग में कोई भी आरक्षण लागू नहीं होगा। नए आवेदक, फार्म भरने उपरांत भरे हुए ट्रेड/संस्थान के विकल्प में रिक्त सीटों अनुसार दिनांक 19.11.2020 तक फेरबदल/नए विकल्प भर सकते हैं। दाखिला से संबंधित दिशा-निर्देशों के लिए विवरण पत्रिका, संस्थानों की सूची एवं दाखिले के लिए ट्रेड/कुल संस्थानवार सीटों बारे सूचना उपरोक्त वेबसाइट पर उपलब्ध है। आवेदकों से अनुरोध है कि वह दाखिला वेबसाइट का नियमित अवलोकन करते रहें। कोविड-19 महामारी के मध्यनजर शैक्षणिक योग्यता, आरक्षण एवं स्थायी निवासी इत्यादि मूल-प्रमाण पत्रों को scanned प्रतियां दाखिला फार्म के साथ ही आनलाइन अपलोड करवाई जाएंगी ताकि दाखिले हेतु प्रतियोगी को संस्थान में जाने की आवश्यकता न पड़े। दाखिले के इच्छुक आवेदकों के पास निजी ई-मेल आई.डी. एवं मोबाइल नं. एवं आधार नं. का होना अनिवार्य है तथा ऐसे नए आवेदक ही आवेदन के पात्र होंगे। जिन उम्मीदवारों को पहली बार काउंसलिंग में सीट अलॉटमेंट के बाद भी दाखिला फीन न भरने के कारण अगली काउंसलिंग में भाग लेने से वंचित कर दिया गया है, वे भी आवेदन नवीनीकरण फीस, जो लड़कियों के लिए 545 रु. एवं लड़कों के लिए 590 रु. है, पुराने आवेदन में ही भर कर पांचवीं काउंसलिंग में भाग ले सकते हैं। नए आवेदन एवं पुराने आवेदनों की संयुक्त मैरिट सूची बनाई जाएगी। जिन उम्मीदवारों ने पहले आवेदन किया हुआ है उन्हें पुनः आवेदन करने की आवश्यकता नहीं है। आवेदकों की सुविधा के लिए हेल्पलाइन सेवा मोबाइल नंबरों 7888490270-74 पर प्रातः 9.00 बजे से सायं 5.00 बजे तक उपलब्ध रहेगी।

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PRDH-83551

# New SAI centre opens in Zirakpur

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

ZIRAKPUR, NOVEMBER 2  
Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Kiren Rijiju today virtually inaugurated the Sports Authority of India's (SAI) new regional centre in Zirakpur, which will now act as one of the main SAI centres for the northern region. The newly-constructed complex is adjoining the Nabha Sahib Gurdwara on Patiala road. The sports minister con-

gratulated the coaches and athletes who would be training at the new centre. “The northern region covers a huge region, from Jammu and Kashmir and Leh to Himachal Pradesh and we are doing a lot of development in this region with the aim of building world-class sporting facilities in India,” Rijiju said.  
Pawan Kumar Mattu, Director Incharge, SAI, Zirakpur, said, “... several other sporting facilities will be added soon.”

### EXCISE AND TAXATION DEPARTMENT, HARYANA

Excise & Taxation Department, Near Sports Complex, Sector-12, Faridabad **TENDER FOR HOUSE KEEPING; SECURITY SERVICE AND ANNUAL MAINTENANCE FOR EXCISE & TAXATION DEPARTMENT, NEAR SPORTS COMPLEX, SECTOR-12, FARIDABAD**  
Applications are invited from contractors/firms having adequate experience and satisfactory record for the above work in Government Department/MNC Buildings. Full details and application forms can be obtained from office premises at Excise & Taxation Department, Near Sports Complex, Sector-12, Faridabad between 10:00 a.m. to 03:00 p.m. up to 11.11.2020. Duly completed applications in prescribed format with required documents should be submitted by 03:00 P.M on 12.11.2020 to Sh. Surajbhan, Office Nazir (**Mobile: 9910774975**), Faridabad (North) at Room No. 39, Ground Floor, Excise & Taxation Office, Sector-12, Faridabad. The undersigned reserves the right to cancel any or all applications/offers received without assigning any reason.  
**Dy. Excise & Taxation Commissioner (ST) Faridabad (North)**  
PRDH/83559

### HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION Bays No. 67-70, Sector 2, Panchkula — 134154 (www.hssc.gov.in)

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

**Final Result (EBPGC) for the post of Junior Scale Stenographer (English) for Various Boards/Corporations and Departments Against Advt. No. 12/2015, Cat No. 04.**  
In continuation of earlier notice dated 17.09.2019 and on the basis of Written Examination (Online Computer Based), Shorthand & Transcription test and Scrutiny of Documents and interview/Viva-Voce the post of Junior Scale Stenographer (English), Against Advt. No. 12/2015, Cat. No. 04 for Various Boards/Corporations and Departments, the Commission has finalised and declared the result. The result has been shown Roll No. wise and category wise and the marks secured by the last selected candidate in each category have been shown in the bracket.

<b>Cat. No. 04, Junior Scale Stenographer (English) Total 29 Posts</b>			
<b>General Waiting</b>			
1215400175			(126)
<b>EBPGC (04 Posts)</b>			
1215405742	1215410812	1215411088	1215406172 (119)
<b>EBPGC Waiting</b>			
1215407676	1215405783	1215402645	1215410905 (114)

#### CRITERIA ADOPTED FOR SELECTION

- 1.) WRITTEN EXAMINATION ..... 200-MARKS
  - 2.) VIVA-VOCE ..... 25-MARKS
- TOTAL: 225-MARKS**

**Note:**

1. While every care has been taken in preparing and uploading the result, possibility of inadvertent/technical errors cannot be ruled out. The Commission reserves the right to rectify the same later on.
2. The result is also available on the website of HSSC i.e. [www.hssc.gov.in](http://www.hssc.gov.in).

Sd/- Secretary,  
Haryana Staff Selection Commission.  
Dated: 31.10.2020

### HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION Bays No. 67-70, Sector 2, Panchkula — 134154 (www.hssc.gov.in)

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

**Final Result (EBPGC) for the post of Junior Scale Stenographer (Both Languages) for Various Boards/Corporations and Departments against Advt. No. 12/2015, Cat No. 06.**  
In continuation of earlier notice dated 10.09.2019 and on the basis of Written Examination (Online Computer Based), Shorthand & Transcription test and Scrutiny of Documents and interview/Viva-Voce the post of Junior Scale Stenographer (Both languages), Against Advt. No. 12/2015, Cat. No. 06 for Various Boards/Corporations and Departments, the Commission has finalised and declared the result. The result has been shown Roll No. wise and category wise and the marks secured by the last selected candidate in each category have been shown in the bracket.

<b>Cat. No. 06, Junior Scale Stenographer (Both Languages) Total 62 Posts</b>			
<b>General Waiting</b>			
1215600101	1215600449	1215601166	1215601743
1215601889	1215602853	1215603178	1215603376
(118)			
<b>EBPGC (8 Posts)</b>			
1215600371	1215600862	1215601047	1215601201
1215601674	1215602749	1215602883	1215603064
(121)			
<b>EBPGC Waiting</b>			
1215600292	1215602464	1215602929	1215603268
1215604750			(109)

#### CRITERIA ADOPTED FOR SELECTION

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Sd/- (Secretary),  
Haryana Staff Selection Commission.  
Dated: 31.10.2020

### HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION Bays No. 67-70, Sector 2, Panchkula — 134154 (www.hssc.gov.in)

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

**Final Result (EBPGC) for the post of Senior Scale Stenographer (Both Languages) for Various Boards/ Corporations and Departments Against Advt. No. 12/2015, Cat No. 08.**  
In continuation of Earlier notice dated 22.08.2019 and on the basis of Written Examination (Online Computer Based) and Scrutiny of Documents and interview/Viva-Voce the post of Senior Scale Stenographer (Both languages), Against Advt. No. 12/2015, Cat. No. 08 for Various Boards/Corporations and Departments, the Commission has finalised and declared the result. The result has been shown Roll No. wise and category wise and the marks secured by the last selected candidate in each category have been shown in the bracket.

<b>Cat. No. 08, Senior Scale Stenographer (Both Languages) Total 55</b>			
<b>General Waiting</b>			
1215800386	1215802003	1215802698	(125)
<b>EBPGC (08 Posts)</b>			
1215801674	1215802167	1215802377	1215802480
1215803238	1215803427	1215804729	1215805022
(119)			
<b>EBPGC Waiting</b>			
1215800735	1215800831	1215800884	1215801748
1215801786	1215802499	1215804475	(109)

#### CRITERIA ADOPTED FOR SELECTION

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- TOTAL: 225-MARKS**

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The second phase will commence from November 17 on the western front in the Arabian Sea.

## Amid China tension, Quad Malabar exercise from today

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 2

After a gap of 13 years, India, US, Australia and Japan will conduct their first joint naval drill, called Malabar exercise, from tomorrow.

It will be the 24th edition of the exercise and the first phase will be held in the Bay of Bengal. The second phase will commence from November 17 on the western front in the Arabian Sea. The drill is unique as it will be the first time that the four countries will be participating as a bloc called the 'Quadrilateral' or the 'Quad'.

China had protested when these countries exercised together last time and termed it as an "anti-China" grouping. For long, the US had wanted India by its side as a counterweight to China. New Delhi balanced its ties among global heavyweights like Russia and more recently China. But the current border dispute between Indian and China has pushed New Delhi to make 'Quad' more meaningful. — TNS

### ABOUT INDIA'S PARTICIPATING FLEET

Destroyer INS Ranvijay, frigate INS Shivalik, off-shore patrol vessel INS Sukanya, fleet support ship INS Shakti, submarine INS

Sindhuraj, advanced jet trainer hawk, long-range maritime patrol aircraft P-8I and Dornier maritime patrol aircraft

### 3 MORE RAFALE JETS ARRIVE TOMORROW

- Three more Rafale jets are scheduled to arrive in India on Wednesday. The IAF base at Ambala already has five planes.
- The three jets will fly non-stop from Istres in France to Jamnagar in India. It will be an eight-hour non-stop flight.
- The first batch of five Rafale jets was formally inducted into the 'Golden Arrows' squadron on September 10.
- India has ordered 36 aircraft and the delivery is expected to be completed in the next 26 months.



## NIA arrests 'Al-Qaida conspirator' from WB

KOLKATA, NOVEMBER 2

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested a madrasa teacher, who was allegedly working as an Al-Qaida conspirator to carry out terror attacks in India, from West Bengal.

The accused has been identified as Abdul Momin Mondal, 32, of West Bengal's Murshidabad, a spokesperson of the NIA said. On September 11, a case was registered pertaining to anti-national activities by a group of 10 Jihadi terrorists inspired by globally proscribed terrorist organisation Al-Qaida, he said. So far, 11 accused have been arrested in connection with the case.

Six from West Bengal and three from Kerala (of West Bengal origin) were arrested in September. Another suspect Shamim Ansari was also arrested the same month.

Mondal was working as a teacher in Raipur Darul Huda Islamia Madrasa in Murshidabad. According to the NIA, Mondal was involved in a series of conspiratorial meetings convened by the members of Al-Qaida in September. Mondal was also trying to recruit new members for the group and was raising funds for terrorist activities. The residential premises of the accused was searched and digital devices were recovered. — TNS

## Immense scope for India-Germany synergy: Shringla

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 2

India has sought to position itself as a reliable partner for Germany at a time when the Indo-Pacific region has begun to occupy an important place in Berlin's strategic outlook.

In his interaction with think-tanks in Germany in the last leg of his three-nation European tour, Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla pointed out that German companies could find in India everything that they were looking for.

India is one of the fastest growing economies, the fourth largest start-up ecosystem with 21 unicorns, and a large and growing market. Its rapidly growing digital sector has one of the largest data ecosystems in the world and has a major focus on adopting the principles of Industry 4.0, AI, etc. These are all high on the priority list for the German industry and provide immense scope for collaboration, suggested the Foreign Secretary.

Germany has invested heavily in China which was reflected in frequent visits to Beijing by its Chancellor Angela Merkel. Shringla argued that the pandemic had given the space for realignment to countries and regions, which would emerge as the prime-movers of

### 'FASTEST GROWING ECONOMY'

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Harsh Vardhan Shringla, FOREIGN SECRETARY

the global growth engine and would shape the global governance architecture of the future. In this regard, India could not be left on the periphery of any such analysis.

Among measures that the government has taken recently are greater liberalisation for MSMEs and enhancing their ability to access finance and to grow. Germany's "Mittelstand" is both a role model and a natural partner for India's SME sector, he said.

In India, he said, key indicators have turned positive. Peak power demand is higher over last year, rail freight is returning to normal levels and e-way bills are 15 per cent higher than last year.

SATYA PRAKASH

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 2

Attorney General KK Venugopal on Monday told the Supreme Court that judges needed to be educated on gender sensitisation to ensure that they didn't trivialise sexual violence against women.

"On the face of it, the (MP) High Court judge seems to have got carried away as this order was nothing less than a drama that must be condemned," Venugopal told a Bench headed by Justice AM Khanwilkar.

"Courts must restrict themselves to conditions under Sections 437 and 438 of the CrPC," the Attorney General told the Bench during a hearing on a PIL filed by nine women lawyers against a Madhya Pradesh High Court order granting bail to a molestation accused on the condition that he would request the victim to tie him a 'Rakhi'.

The petitioners wanted the top court to restrain courts across India from imposing

### ACCUSED WAS TOLD TO GET 'RAKHI' TIED BY VICTIM

The MP HC had on July 30 granted bail to a molestation accused, saying he should visit the house of the complainant and request her to tie a 'Rakhi' to him.

Alleging that such an order amounted to trivialisation of sexual offences by courts, the petitioners said the bail condition further victimised the complainant.



### AG SAYS NO TO CRIMINAL CONTEMPT AGAINST AP CM

AG KK Venugopal on Monday declined consent to initiate criminal contempt proceedings against Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jaganmohan Reddy and his aide Ajaya Kallam, who levelled certain allegations against Justice NV Ramana even as he disapproved of their contumacious conduct.

### 'EXPEDITE HEARING IN FOREIGN TABLIGHIS CASE'

The SC on Monday asked trial courts to expedite hearing in cases against foreign Tablighi Jamaat members for alleged violation of visa norms. A Bench headed by Justice AM Khanwilkar listed the petitions challenging the blacklisting of foreign members of Tablighi Jamaat for further hearing on November 20.

such bail conditions against the principle of law.

"So far as gender sensitisation is concerned, gender sensitisa-

tion and grievance redressal committee is there in the Supreme Court and lectures need to be given to subordinate

## Four booked for offering 'namaz' in UP temple

MATHURA, NOVEMBER 2

The police on Monday booked four persons after a video clip showing them offering 'namaz' on the premises of a temple here surfaced on social media. Mathura SP (Rural) Shrish Chandra said one of the accused — Faizal Khan — was nabbed in Delhi and being interrogated.

The other three had been identified as Chand Mohammad, Alok Ratan and Neelesh Gupta. According to the FIR, the accused reportedly belonged to a Delhi-based organisation, Khudai Khidmatgar, and came to Mathura's Nand Baba temple on Thursday, where they first offered prayers.

Kanha Goswami, a temple priest, said he was impressed as Faizal Khan chanted a few lines of the Ramcharitmanas and showed his photographs with noted seers.

Later, Faizal and Chand Mohammad offered "namaz" at a secluded place on the temple premises without permission, he said. It is also suspected in the FIR that the accused might have made the video of the incident that has gone viral on social media. — PTI



Activists of the Hefazat-e-Islam Bangladesh, an Islamist political party, protest in Dhaka. REUTERS

## Hindu homes vandalised in B'desh over rumours on FB

DHAKA, NOVEMBER 2

The houses of several Hindu families have been vandalised and burnt by some radical Islamists in Bangladesh's Comilla district over rumours about an alleged Facebook post slandering Islam, according to a media report on Monday.

The households were vandalised and later set on fire on Sunday after a Bangladeshi man, who lives in France,

allegedly praised President Emmanuel Macron for taking steps against "inhumane ideologies" after a teacher in Paris was decapitated for showing caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad. The headmaster of a kindergarten school in Purbho Dhur welcomed Macron's action in a comment on the post. As the rumours about the Facebook post spread, tension mounted in the area on Saturday, the report said.

The police arrested two persons on charges of hurting the religious sentiments on Sunday, the report quoted Qamruzzaman Talukder, Officer-in-Charge of Bangra Bazar Police Station, as saying. They include the headmaster of the kindergarten. The other person is a resident of nearby Andikot village. "The situation is under control now," Md Abul Fazal Mir, DC of Cumilla district, said. — PTI

## Govt: Open to negotiations with Gujjars

JAIPUR, NOVEMBER 2

The Rajasthan Government on Monday said it was open to further negotiations with Gujjars demanding reservation even as the protest by the Gujjar Aarakshan Sangarsh Samiti entered its second day with a rail track being blocked in Bharatpur and road traffic hit in many parts of the state. A North-Western Railways spokesman said routes of several passenger trains were changed in the wake of the agitation. According to the police, youths in large numbers blocked a rail track in Bharatpur's Bayana and also damaged other tracks.

Roadways buses were stopped on Dausa, Bharatpur, Karauli, Dholpur and Hindaun routes and road traffic movement entering from Uttar Pradesh was also affected due to the agitation. The issue was also raised in the Rajasthan Assembly session. As soon as the session began, Deputy Leader of Opposition Rajendra Rathore sought a reply from the state government on the issue, saying the Cabinet sub-committee held talks with Gujjars but members of the community were still blocking railway tracks. — PTI

## Portugal MP elected IPU President

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Portugal MP Duarte Pacheco has been elected the new President of Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU) for a three-year term. He defeated Muhammed Sanjrani (Pakistan), Akmal Saidov (Uzbekistan) and Salma Ataulhajan (Canada).

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla congratulated Pacheco on his election and hoped that his belief in the rule of law, consensus building and multilateralism would help build a stronger and more focused IPU. Sources said Sanjrani might have lost because of his inexperience while the Canadian candidate did not have the full backing of her government.

The election process to elect the new IPU President through remote electronic secret ballot with a 24-hour window for casting votes began at 7.30 pm on Sunday.

The Indian Parliamentary delegation, led by the Lok Sabha Speaker, consisted of Poonamben Maadam Swapna Dasgupta. During the day, Laurence Rühlmann Rielle (Switzerland) and Beatriz Argimon (Uruguay) were unanimously elected to the IPU Executive Committee. — TNS

## Marked improvement in RS panels' functioning

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 2

The eight department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees (DRSCs) of the Rajya Sabha have reported a marked improvement in their functioning during 2019-20, clocking the best performance in the past three years, officials said on Monday.

According to them, each meeting of these panels lasted

for an average of two hours and 10 minutes 2019-20, thus crossing the two-hour mark for the first time and this also marked an improvement of 55 per cent over that of 2018-19 and a 25 per cent increase over the average of the previous two years.

The average duration has been one hour and 51 minutes during 2017-18 and one hour and 25 minutes during 2018-19.



The average attendance at 117 meetings of these eight committees comes to 49.20 per cent during 2019-20, again the best in the past three years. The average attendance

crossed the halfway mark with 50.73 per cent for the first time during the first half of 2019-20, the officials said.

"It however, came down to 41.15 per cent at the meetings held in the second half during the pandemic period, marking a decline of over 9.50 per cent. But the committees met for an average duration of 2 hours 23 minutes during the pandem-

ic," an official said.

The Rajya Sabha secretariat has analysed the functioning of the committees of the Rajya Sabha during the past three years on the directions of Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu. The number of meetings held without the required quorum has declined to 10 per cent this year, the lowest in the past three years. — TNS

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may be influenced by CM Nitish Kumar's response to the calamity, a challenge for the RJD would be the upper caste clout that could influence voting. The NDA alliance has fielded a fair share of upper caste nominees for the second phase.

Sources said the grand alliance was hoping for issues of life and livelihood to trump the

caste factor. Records show the NDA has performed better than the others in the 94 seats in the past. In 2015, the JDU-BJP combine bagged 53 of the 94 seats, while the RJD won 30, the Congress seven and the CPM one. The active presence of LJP chief Chirag Paswan is also being watched with curiosity. LJP has 52 candidates in the fray.

## Brace up for harsher, extended winter, says IMD

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With temperatures dropping below normal over many parts of Northwest, bringing a sudden nip in the air, meteorologists are suspecting a "harsher/colder and an extended winter" this season due to various reasons-local/regional apart from prevailing La Nina conditions.

The national capital today recorded a minimum temperature of 10.8 degrees Celsius, the lowest this season so far. Normally in the first week of November the Safdarjung Observatory records a mini-

mum of 14 to 16 degrees Celsius. The mercury dips to 11-12 degrees Celsius by the last week of November, according to IMD officials.

The IMD says temperatures remained "appreciably below normal (-3.1°C to -5.0°C) at places over Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Gilgit-Baltistan and Muzaffarabad and below normal (-1.6°C to -3.0°C) over West Uttar Pradesh, East Rajasthan, Haryana, Chandigarh and Delhi in the past 24 hours with Hissar recording the minimum temperature of 8.9 degrees Celsius.

As per Mahesh Palawat of Skymet Weather, November 1 was the coldest in the past 10



People huddle around a bonfire in New Delhi. PTI FILE

years in the capital and that similar conditions are also prevailing in adjoining regions.

Predicting a "harsher and extended winter this season", he says there are three main

reasons for early drop in temperatures this year — dry weather, lesser/weaker West-

ern Disturbances and clear skies. "There has not been much snowfall in the hills as most of the WDs have been feeble. Around Diwali, a strong WD is expected to bring snow to hills, which will result in a drop in temperatures. Also, this is a La Nina year and La Nina conditions coincide with extended winter," Palawat said.

IMD Director-General Mrityunjaya Mohapatra said: "Generally, during a La Nina year temperatures remain low but a lot depends upon regional factors, winds, etc. The IMD will be issuing a detailed weather forecast for the season later this month."