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LTC cash vouchers, fest advance to spur demand

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FM Nirmala Sitharaman with MoS Anurag Thakur at a press meet in New Delhi on Monday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MUKESH AGGARWAL

₹12K CR TO STATES

₹5,675 CR cash vouchers in lieu of LTC for 2018-21

₹1,900 CR if scheme extended for PSUs/banks

₹4,000 CR cost of interest-free festival loan to staff

₹12,000 CR interest-free 50-year loans to states

₹25,000 CR for capital expenditure already announced



HELPING THE POOR

We want to incentivise people to boost demand for the benefit of the less fortunate. Nirmala Sitharaman, FM

₹450 CR FOR HIMACHAL

Of ₹12,000 crore 50-year loans to states, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand will get an assured loan of ₹450 crore each. The eight Northeastern states will also get ₹200 crore each.

Dispute part of China mission: Rajnath

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 12

After Pakistan, China has created a dispute at the border with India as if it is part of a "mission", Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Monday as Indian and Chinese troops remain locked in a standoff in eastern Ladakh.

The Defence Minister was speaking at an online event after inaugurating 44 bridges in the western sector and Himalayan region.

"You are well aware of the conditions created along our northern and eastern borders. First it was Pakistan, and now it is China, it's as if a

INDIA, CHINA HOLD TALKS

India and China on Monday held the seventh round of high-level military talks with the agenda of finalising a roadmap for disengagement of troops from all friction points in eastern Ladakh.

GREENFIELD AIRPORT

The government has approved a greenfield airport at Hollongi in Arunachal Pradesh. The facility will be built by Nov 2022, said the Airports Authority of India.



44 bridges inaugurated

10 IN J&K | 8 EACH IN LADAKH, U'KHAND, ARUNACHAL | 4 EACH IN PUNJAB, SIKKIM | 2 IN HP

PROJECTS IN PIPELINE

■ 290-km-long road linking Darcha in HP to Nimu, near Leh. Crucial for movement of troops to Ladakh region

■ 450-metre-long Nechipu Tunnel in Arunachal Pradesh to ensure all-weather connectivity

border dispute is being created under a mission. We have a 7,000-km border with these countries where tension continues," Rajnath said.

The 44 bridges have been built in strategic areas. Constructed by the Border Roads Organisation, a body under the Ministry of Defence, a

majority of these bridges are expected to significantly improve the movement of troops in areas along the border with China.

Top US diplomat holds talks with Jaishankar, Shringla

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 12

Top US diplomat Stephen Biegun arrived here today and met External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla to exchange views on

WE'VE BEEN TOO CAUTIOUS TO EXPAND QUAD: BIEGUN

the regional situation and deepen the bilateral strategic cooperation, the MEA said.

The import of the US Deputy Secretary of State's visit goes beyond the fact that he arrives within a week of Jaishankar meeting US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo in Tokyo. —TNS

Pb BJP chief gheraoed; farmers split on talks

JALANDHAR/CHANDIGARH, OCT 12

A day after the Centre's offer for talks, six farmers' unions on Monday gheraoed the BJP meeting venue at Maqsudan in Jalandhar for over six hours and clashed with the police. Punjab BJP chief Ashwani Sharma and general secretary Subhash Sharma were among those present at the meeting.

In no mood to relent, the Bhartiya Kisan Union (Ekta-Ugrahan) insisted that the new farm laws must be repealed. The Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee too



rejected the Centre's offer, announcing that the protests would continue. "The proposed October 14 meeting at

New Delhi will be an exercise in futility" opined Baldev Singh Latala, All-India Kisan Sabha, Punjab unit. However,

Call spl session or face protest, says SAD

NOTICE TO CENTRE

The SC on Monday issued a notice to the Centre on petitions challenging the validity of the recently enacted farm laws, seeking a response in 4 weeks. It refused to entertain advocate ML Sharma's plea, saying "Mere passage of legislation can't be a valid cause of action." —TNS

the Jamhoori Kisan Sabha, and the BKU-Kadian are keen on negotiating with the Centre. —TNS

PSA slapped on 3 Shopian teachers

SRINAGAR: Three teachers of a religious school in Shopian district of south Kashmir were arrested on Monday under the stringent Public Safety Act (PSA) for allegedly spreading hatred while teaching, police said. The three were booked after it came to the fore that some of the school students and alumni were involved in militant activities. INSIDE

Lashkar commander shot dead in Valley

SRINAGAR: Two Lashkar-e-Toiba militants, including a top Pakistani commander involved in several recent attacks on security forces, were killed on Monday here, the police said. The security forces had launched a search operation after receiving a tip-off about the presence of militants in the area. INSIDE

SC allows second round of NEET exam

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Monday allowed the National Testing Agency to conduct second round of the NEET (UG) for the Covid-19 affected students and those in containment zones on October 14. A Bench headed by CJI SA Bobde said the result should be declared on October 16. TNS

Hathras victim's family members appear in HC

LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 12 Family members of the 19-year-old Dalit woman who died after being allegedly raped by four upper caste men in Uttar Pradesh's Hathras appeared before the Lucknow Bench of the Allahabad High Court, which fixed November 2 as the next date of hearing.

They were heard by the Bench of Justices Pankaj Mital and Rajan Roy today.

The UP Additional Chief Secretary, DGP and the ADG (Law and Order) also deposed in the court, along with the Hathras DM and SP. The DM told the court that the decision to cremate the

Kin of Hathras victim arrive at the HC in Lucknow on Monday. PTI

BACK FAMILY: RAHUL

New Delhi: Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Vadra on Monday appealed for people's support for justice in the Hathras case terming the Uttar Pradesh Government's conduct in the matter insensitive and inhuman.

States adamant, GST meet again ends in deadlock

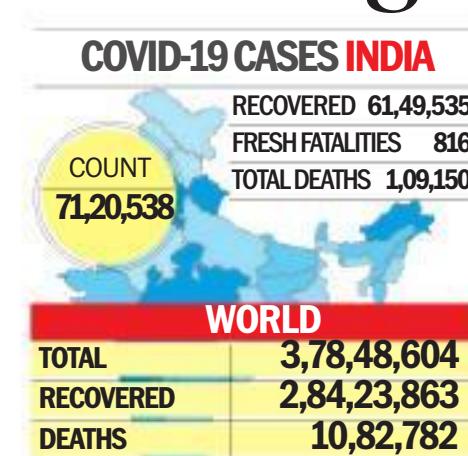
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 12 A second meeting of the GST Council on Monday ended inconclusively as 10 Opposition-ruled states stuck to their stand that the Centre should borrow money to meet the shortfall in guaranteed compensation due to them.

At the end of the GST Council meeting, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman was clear that the Centre would not borrow on behalf of the states because it had already finalised the borrowing calendar. Any further addition would jack up the bond yields, thus making borrowings dearer for the states and the private sector. —TNS

Govt wary as Covid graph flattens

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 12 Steady decline in the active caseload continued with currently 111 people making up only 12.10 per cent of the total Covid-19 cases, which rose to 71,20,538 today.

Active cases remained below the 9-lakh mark for the fourth day in a sign of the disease graph stabilising, but the officials are not letting the guard down in view of the festive season when congregations can create fer-



tile ground for the spread of the virus. The toll climbed to 1,09,150 with 816 deaths in a day, while the total recoveries rose to 61,49,535, making up 86.36 per cent of the confirmed cases.

In another positive and stable trend, 71,559 patients recovered in the last 24 hours — more than the new confirmed cases, which were 66,732. New recoveries have outstripped new cases for over three weeks now. —TNS

Haryana air quality dips as stubble fires shoot up



PARVEEN ARORA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KARNAL, OCTOBER 12 With cases of stubble burning reaching 1,042 in Haryana till Sunday, the air quality in most districts of the state has started deteriorating. The air quality index in the rice producing districts like Kurukshetra and Karnal has turned poor, revealed the data of the Central Pollution Control Board.

Out of the 1,042 farm fires detected so far, Kurukshetra with 213 cases is leading the tally, followed by Karnal (204),

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SHIMLA, OCTOBER 12 The Congress today threatened to launch a statewide stir if the foundation stone of the Rohtang tunnel laid by UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi on June 28, 2010, was not restored.

State Congress president Kuldeep Rathore wrote to CM Jai Ram Thakur, terming the removal of stone as undemocratic and illegal.

"Such a step is only indicative of the political agenda of a particular ideology," he said.

Threatens statewide stir after 15 days

Rathore also sent a letter to the Director General of Police (DGP), seeking the arrest of miscreants "against whom no action has been taken despite the registration of an FIR."

Restore Rohtang stone laid by Sonia, demands Cong

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The damaged car of BJP state chief Ashwani Sharma (inset) at Dasuya police station. TRIBUNE PHOTO

BJP state chief injured in assault

DASUYA (HOSHIARPUR), OCT 12

Punjab BJP president Ashwani Sharma was injured in an attack by a group of unidentified persons at Cholang toll plaza on the national highway here this evening. BJP workers blocked the highway to protest the attack.

Sharma was returning from a meeting with party workers in Jalandhar when some persons surrounded his car as it passed the toll plaza near Cholang village on the national highway, where farmers were also sitting. The cars in his convoy were attacked and vandalised.

Cops, farmers clash at Jalandhar venue

Sharma was also assaulted and manhandled, causing injuries. He was rescued by his security guards and taken to the Dasuya police station.

BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh in a statement suspected Youth Congress leaders' role in the attack. He accused the state government of giving patronage to assaulters.

Terming the attack a well-

planned move to disturb peace in the state, Sharma said it seemed to be the handiwork of anti-social elements.

"Farmers can never do such an act," he said, adding the anti-social elements would never succeed in their designs. Hundreds of BJP workers blocked the national highway and raised slogans against the government.

In Jalandhar, the venue of the meeting presided over by Sharma was gheraoed by farmers for six hours. Farmers clashed with police twice as the latter tried to keep them at bay.—OC

Call spl session within 7 days, SAD asks Capt

Core committee threatens to gherao CM's residence

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CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 12

Taking an aggressive posture against the state government, the SAD today gave a seven-day ultimatum to Chief minister Capt Amarinder Singh to convene a special Vidhan Sabha session to declare the entire state a notified mandi (principal market area) and reject the Centre's recent Acts on farm marketing as well as repeal its own amended APMC Act of 2017.

The SAD said in the event the CM refused to convene a session, the party would gherao his residence. A decision to this effect was taken at a special meeting of the SAD core committee chaired by party president Sukhbir Singh Badal here this afternoon.

The committee reiterated its continued support to the farmers' organisations fighting for the cause of the peasantry especially with regard to the three central Acts.

Harcharan Bains, principal adviser to the SAD president,



Reiterates party's support to farmers

said: "The ultimatum to Capt Amarinder Singh has become necessary in view of the CM's continued refusal to take a clear stand against the anti-farmer Acts of the Government of India as well as his refusal to declare the entire state a principal market area where the Centre's Acts would no longer be implementable."

The core committee also decided to take up the issue of early reopening of the Kartarpur corridor with the

External Affairs Minister soon to ensure Sikh pilgrims could pay obeisance at the Pakistan shrine in the run-up to the 551st Parkash Purab of Guru Nanak Dev.

"The core committee also served an ultimatum to take action against SC Welfare Minister Sadhu Singh Dharamsot in the Rs 69 crore SC scholarship scam or be ready to face an agitation," said Bains. The committee expressed concern at the mishandling of the Hathras incident by the UP Government and asked it to ensure the victim family received justice. It was also decided the entire organisational structure of the party would be completed by November 15.

Those present at the meeting included Balwinder Singh Bhunder, Tota Singh, Prof Prem Singh Chandumajra, Charanjit Singh Atwal, SGPC president Gobind Singh Longowal, Jammeja Singh Sekhon, Maheshinder Singh Grewal, Sikander Singh Maluka, Bikram Singh Majithia and Sharanjit Singh Dhillon.

Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh has already said he would ensure

Cabinet to take call at tomorrow's meet

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CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 12

The Punjab Government is likely to call a special session of the Vidhan Sabha on the controversial farm Act next Monday, subject to formal approval in the Punjab Cabinet meeting scheduled for October 14.

Congress president Sonia Gandhi has already asked the party-ruled states to negate the agriculture-related Central laws by passing their own legislations. In an advisory sent to the Congress-ruled states, it has been asked to explore the possibilities to pass laws in their respective states under Article 254(2) of the Constitution, which allows the state legislatures to pass a law to negate the Central laws encroaching upon the State's jurisdiction.

Sources in the government said the state government had sought legal opinion on the issue. A few days ago, the kisan unions had issued an ultimatum to the state government for convening the special session.

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DON'T NEED YOUR ADVICE ON SESSION

Convening Assembly session is my govt's prerogative. The SAD has neither the moral right nor any political standing to dictate terms to me or my govt.
Captain Amarinder Singh, CHIEF MINISTER

NEW SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME ON CARDS

A state scholarship scheme to fund post-matric students studying in government and private institutions will come up for discussion in the Cabinet meeting. It is likely to be named after Dr BR Ambedkar.

that nothing was allowed to obstruct his government's efforts to save the livelihood of the farmers and secure the future of their children.

Farmer unions divided over Centre's invite

All eyes on today's crucial meeting in Jalandhar amid call for no let-up in protests

AMRITSAR/LUDHIANA, OCT 12

Farmer organisations seem divided on whether or not to attend the meeting convened by the Union Ministry of Agriculture on Wednesday. They are slated to meet tomorrow to reach a consensus on the issue.

The Kirti Kisan Union feels there is nothing new in the invitation of the Union Government, while the Bhartiya Kisan Union (Qadiani) seems inclined to participate in the meeting.

Interestingly, one of the major organisations of farmers having a pan-Punjab presence — the BKU (Lakhawali) — has not been invited for the talks as the outfit was expelled for rushing to the Supreme Court with a writ petition against the farm Acts without taking other farmer bodies into confidence.

Kirti Kisan Union patron Hardev Singh Sandhu said the Centre was apparently not keen on a dialogue with agitating farmers. He stressed farmers would accept nothing less than revocation of all three farm Acts and the withdrawal of the electricity Bill. On the other hand, BKU (Kadian) president Harmeet Singh



AAP MP Bhagwant Mann and party workers protest the farm laws at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi. MR BHU

'CENTRE NOT KEEN, FUTILE EXERCISE'

• The Centre is apparently not keen on a dialogue with protesting farmers. Also, there is no indication from the PM nor any of his Cabinet colleagues about accepting our demands. Hardev Sandhu, KIRTI KISAN UNION PATRON

'LET'S SEE WHAT GOVT HAS TO OFFER'

• There is no harm in meeting the Centre. It will be easier for us to chalk out the future course of action once we meet them. But we will abide by the collective decision. Harmeet Singh Kadian, BKU (KADIAN)

Kadian seems inclined to initiate a discussion with the Centre. He, however, was quick to add that his union would abide by the decision taken at the Jalandhar meeting.

The Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee has outrightly rejected the proposed talks. Committee's state general secretary Sarwan Singh Pandher said the

Centre had never created a conducive environment for it. "We will continue to hold protest till the three farm Acts are repealed by the Centre," he said.

He said the letter of invitation was sent by the Agriculture Secretary, who is not an authority to make amendment or resolve the issue by conducting meeting with farmers.

"Moreover, our Haryana counterparts were left out of this invitation. We have unanimously decided not to hold talks and will intensify our agitation till the Centre revokes these Acts," he said.

On the other hand, Rattan Singh Randhawa, vice-president, Jamhoori Kisan Sabha, opined that every solution to the problem ultimately

emerged over the negotiating table. He urged all farm organisations to share a common platform for the cause.

In Mandi Ahmedgarh, farmers see little hope in the proposed meeting, but they wish their leaders to accept the invitation. However, they said they would welcome the decision to be taken at a joint meeting.

Baldev Singh Latala, an office-bearer of the All-India Kisan Sabha, apprehended that the proposed meeting might prove a futile exercise as no mention of three farm Acts had been made in the communiqué received by representatives of 29 kisan sabhs from the Centre.

BKU (Qadiani) state president Harmeet Singh Qadiani said: "It is too early to comment on the invitation. The situation is slightly different from earlier invitation as the government has now invited all constituents of the joint front."

Railway officials said the New Delhi-Jammu Tawi Rajdhani Express, Haridwar-Amritsar Jan Shatabdi Express and Kalka-Ambala Cantt Express would remain cancelled from October 12 to 14. Besides, the Mumbai Central-Amritsar Golden Temple Mail, Bandra Terminus-Amritsar Humsafar Express and Dibrugarh-Amritsar Express would remain par-

tionally cancelled between Ambala Cantt and Amritsar up to October 14; Bandra Terminus-Amritsar Pashchim Express between Ambala Cantt and Amritsar up to October 15; Nanded-Amritsar Sachkhand Express between New Delhi and Ambala Cantt up to October 15; and Jaynagar-Amritsar Saryu-Yamuna Express between Ambala Cantt and Amritsar on October 12 and 14.

Other trains that will remain off track partially are Jaynagar-Amritsar Shaheed Express between Ambala Cantt and Amritsar on October 13 and 15 and Ferozepur-Dhanbad Gangotri Sutlej Express. —OC



Farmers fasten their hands with chains to protest the farm Acts at a railway track near Amritsar. VISHAL KUMAR

Trains to stay cancelled

LUDHIANA, OCTOBER 12

With farmers continuing to squat on rail tracks in protest against the Central farm Acts, the railways has extended the cancellation and partial cancellation of several trains passing till October 14.

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Mansa farmer leader attacked

MANSA, OCTOBER 12

Punjab Kisan Union senior vice-president Gora Singh Bhaiji Bagha was allegedly attacked by unidentified assailants in Mansa last night.

Union state president Ruldu Singh said: "This incident occurred last night when Gora Singh after staging a protest on the railway tracks was returning to Bhiani Bagha village on a motorcycle. The assailants hit him in the head and face with rods. He lost three teeth in the incident besides suffering internal injuries." The police have initiated a probe into the incident. —OC

Protest over tardy lifting in Fazilka grain market



MLA Davinder Singh Ghubaya, along with party workers, protests outside the Deputy Commissioner's office in Fazilka. TRIBUNE PHOTO

FAZILKA, OCTOBER 12

Fazilka MLA Davinder Singh Ghubaya, his father and former MP Sher Singh Ghubaya and their supporters today gheraoed the office of Deputy Commissioner Arvind Pal Singh Sandhu and blocked the Fazilka-Ferozepur highway, demanding the cancellation of the tender of the contractor for tardy lifting of paddy from the grain market.

They raised slogans against the administration for its alleged failure in lifting the produce promptly and preventing inconvenience to farmers. The MLA alleged that they met the Deputy Commissioner and District

Food and Supplies Controller Gurpreet Singh Kang several times, but to no avail.

He said the contractor violated the contract norms by pressing tractor-trailers into service to lift the produce. No commercial vehicle could be used to ferry the crop other than trucks, he added.

Commission agents led by their president Om Setia and former Fazilka Congress MLA Dr Mohinder Kumar Rinwa also sat on a dharna, demanding to speed up the lifting process. After the protests, the administration allowed tractor-trailers to lift the paddy from the grain market to clear the glut. —OC

Abohar labourers lock cotton yard

OUR CORRESPONDENT



ton purchasers and sellers had not agreed to give them labour charges higher than the last year.

There were complaints that many trailers laden with cot-

ton were being offloaded directly in cotton ginning and pressing factories on the directions of the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI), affecting the labour work.

Farmers claimed that since the CCI was not coming forward to ensure the purchase at the minimum support price, they had to sell the produce at a lower price.

Resume trade with Pak: Cong MP to PM

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 12

Congress MP from Amritsar Gurjit Singh Ajlaja today wrote to PM Narendra Modi demanding resumption of bilateral trade with Pakistan and consideration of a new trade policy that is more acceptable in a post-Covid world.

"Bilateral trade between India and Pakistan is today languishing at around \$2.5 billion annually, while the potential, according to the World Bank, is \$37 billion. Therefore, in order to give a fresh start to agriculture and economic rejuvenation of the region, I request your good office to consider opening of diplomatic channels for the resumption of trade and also for a fresh trade policy more acceptable in the post-pandemic world," Ajlaja said in a letter to PM.

He noted: "The border district of Amritsar has suffered manifold due to imposition of 200 per cent customs duty on imports from Pakistan in February 2019, reckless termination of trade in August 2019 by Islamabad, Covid-19 pandemic



Says ₹30-crore loss to Amritsar every month

and now with the introduction of farm Bills. The direct impact of a disruption in border trade is felt most in Punjab, especially among more than 20,000 families in Amritsar dependent on this trade."

"Amritsar's economy has suffered a net loss of nearly Rs 30 crore earned every month from this border trade. With the opening of the Kartarpur corridor, possibility of looking at bilateral relations from a different perspective had emerged. It is worth considering whether Punjab can be made center to the India-Pakistan relationship fortifying trade route running through Punjab," said Ajlaja.

Mall, fuel station shut in Ropar

ROPAR, OCTOBER 12

A mall and a fuel station owned by a private group remained closed as the farmers continue to protest against the farm Acts here today. Similarly, farmers didn't allow the Solakhian toll plaza to be operational on the Chandigarh road.

The protesting farmers

Paddy straw gutted in Abohar

ABOHAL, OCTOBER 12

Paddy straw laden on a tractor-trailer was gutted after it reportedly came in contact with low-hanging power cables near Rattatibba village on the Abohar-Muktsar road today. Farmer Devi Lal and a helper, however, jumped from the vehicle and detached the tractor to save it from fire. —OC

Post split, Harsimrat all praise for NDA govt

Attends Central varsity event alongside Union Minister

SUKHMEET BHASIN

Tribune News Service

BATHINDA, OCTOBER 12

Former Union Minister and SAD MP Harsimrat Kaur Badal shared an online event with BJP leader and Union HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank and heaped praises on the Narendra Modi-led NDA Government.

She was speaking at the virtual inauguration of a new building of the Central University of Punjab (CUP), Bathinda, at Ghudda. This was her first participation in an official event after her resignation and breaking of alliance with the BJP.

Pokhriyal said it was a matter of pride for Punjab that the teachers at CUP got trained from the best universities in countries like America, Canada, Germany, England, Israel, Japan and Australia.

While addressing the function online, Harsimrat showered praises on the

STATE SAW BIG GROWTH UNDER MODI GOVT

Whenever the NDA formed government at the Centre, Punjab has seen huge growth. Parkash Singh Badal brought the Cancer Research Institute when the NDA came to power. This was followed by AIIMS. Harsimrat Kaur Badal, SAD MP



PRESENT SITUATION TAUGHT US TO BE SELF-RELIANT

The present situation in the world taught us that a 'self-reliant India' (Atmanirbhar Bharat) is the only path to move ahead and the National Education Policy will guide us to achieve our mission of making India a global knowledge and innovation centre of the world.

Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank, UNION HRD MINISTER

NDA Government.

She said Akali Dal patriarch Parkash Singh Badal brought the Cancer Research Institute when the NDA came to power. This was followed by AIIMS. Even Rs 19,000-crore refinery and thermal plant was also brought here.

After the breaking of the alliance, SAD president

Sukhbir Badal had said the party felt betrayed by the alliance partner on farmers' issues.

Akali Dal spokesperson Dr Daljeet Cheema said, "This is her grace. Differences can be there with the former alliance partner, but good work done in the past cannot and should not be negated. She has set new standards in political propriety."

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 12

In the sharpest attack on the Centre over the non-payment of Goods and Services Tax (GST) compensation, Punjab has accused the Centre of setting up a wrong precedent by ignoring the tenets of the Constitution of India and the Compensation Law in the GST.

At a GST Council meeting in Delhi today, Punjab Finance Minister Manpreet Singh Badal reportedly minced no words as he made the state's stand clear that it wanted the compensation of Rs 9,000 crore that the Centre owed, as per the original plan.

Talking to *The Tribune*, Badal said he had made the state's stand clear: If a pragmatic change is necessary, amend the law. "The Centre cannot split the compensation into two parts, as is being proposed in the GST Council meetings. There is no legal basis to apply seven per cent growth (from the earlier pro-

FORM MECHANISM TO ADJUDICATE DISPUTES

Manpreet Singh Badal has stressed the need for establishing a mechanism to adjudicate disputes between the Centre and state/states or between Centre and state/states on one side and one or more states on the other, arising out of the recommendations of the GST Council or implementation of thereof.

posed 10 per cent growth in compensation). It has to come from the Compensation Fund, as defined in Section 10. It cannot come through borrowings as is now being suggested.

"Unless the Union Government first borrows and credits it to the Compensation Fund, it is not compensation. The Attorney General of India has opined that compensation must be paid within the five years of transition period and cannot be delayed beyond these five years," he said.

Reacting to the narrative that since a majority of the states agree to the Centre's option of additional borrowing, they can go ahead with it, Badal countered saying the

AG had also said unless all states agreed to delay receiving compensation beyond five years, it could not be effected.

"Is this what the Constitution of India and Compensation Act imagined — to leave dissenting states to fend for themselves?" he said.

In a veiled jibe, Badal said he shuddered to think of a situation where states could cite today's precedence later and amend the GST laws, imposing their own rates of GST or grant exemptions on the grounds that the council's recommendations were not binding on legislature.

"I hope the council will rise above immediacy and guide itself by law rather than expediency," he said.

Two aides of gangster held

PATIALA, OCTOBER 12

Two close aides of gangster Dilpreet Singh Baba, currently lodged at the Maximum Security Jail in Nabha, have been arrested by the Patiala police. A Swift car, two pistols, live cartridges and magazines have been seized from their possession.

SSP Vikram Jeet said the two were in constant touch with Dilpreet, who was apparently running his gang from the jail. The accused have been identified Gagandeep Singh, alias Gaggi Lahoria, a resident of Abohar, and Kulwant Singh Jaggu of Mansa. They were arrested near a dhaba in Doraha, Ludhiana.

The SSP said the two had recently opened fire at a scrap dealer in Baddi, Himachal Pradesh, for extortion on the directions of the gangster.

Dilpreet had hatched a plan to snatch a car at gunpoint on October 6 near Chheetawala village on the Nabha road.

SSP Duggal said Gaggi was facing FIRs, while three cases were registered against Jaggu. — TNS

Were in regular touch with jailed Dilpreet Singh Baba



Arms and ammunition seized from the accused. TRIBUNE PHOTO

the SSP. "The two accused have admitted to their role in Nabha carjacking and opening fire at the scrap dealer in Baddi for extortion. However, it is yet to be investigated as to how Dilpreet was communicating with his aides," he added.

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1.8 kg heroin seized, peddler held in Ferozepur

OUR CORRESPONDENT

FEROZEPUR, OCTOBER 12

The Ferozepur police have nabbed a suspected drug peddler and seized 1.8 kg heroin, worth around Rs 9 crore in the international market, from his possession.

SSP Bhupinder Singh said based on specific inputs, Mallanwala police station SHO Jaswinder Singh intercepted Harpreet Singh, alias Gopi, a resident of Basti Kishan Singh on the outskirts of the town. On search, 1.8 kg heroin was recovered from his possession.

He said the police impounded the motorcycle being used by the accused. The SSP said a case under Sections 21, 61 and 85 of the NDPS Act had been registered against the accused and investigations were on to find out the source of the consignment and the intended recipient.

Daily infections fall below 600

COVID CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS	DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Ludhiana	19,236	802	Moga	2,402	77
Jalandhar	14,114	439	Fatehgarh Sahib	2,038	97
Amritsar	11,203	411	Tarn Taran	1,870	78
Patiala	12,191	357	Kapurthala	3,787	159
Sangrur	3,744	157	Fazilka	2,720	44
SAS Nagar	11,492	196	SBS Nagar	1,802	57
Gurdaspur	6,541	181	Faridkot	2,980	53
Bathinda	6,386	131	Barnala	1,942	47
Hoshiarpur	5,107	187	Ropar	2,297	92
Ferozepur	4,037	113	Muktsar	2,739	54
Pathankot	4,122	95	Mansa	1,785	33
Total	124,535	3,860			

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 12

A gradual decline in the Covid cases continued even on Monday with under 600 new infections being reported for the first time in weeks.

As per the media bulletin, the state reported 581 positive cases and 27 deaths in the past 24 hours. The number of active cases has declined further to 8,258 and over 1.12 lakh people have recovered from the disease.

With this, the total count has reached 1,24,535. Among dis-

tricts, Jalandhar topped with 82 cases, followed by Ludhiana (62), SAS Nagar (58), Bathinda (54) and Amritsar (48).

The total number of deaths in the past seven months has reached 3,860. In district-wise breakup, Gurdaspur topped with five deaths, followed by Amritsar (4); Ludhiana (3); Ferozepur, Hoshiarpur, Jalandhar and Patiala (2 each); and Faridkot, Fatehgarh Sahib, Fazilka, Kapurthala, Muktsar, SBS Nagar and Pathankot (1 death each). — TNS

Class 9 to 12 attendance optional from October 15

Online learning stays preferred mode of teaching

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 12

The Punjab Government today gave the option to students of classes 9 to 12 to attend schools and coaching institutions from October 15, with mandatory parental consent and without making attendance compulsory. However, online/distance learning would continue to be the preferred mode of teaching.

Issuing fresh guidelines on the basis of the September 30 orders of the Ministry of Home Affairs, the state Home Department in its orders has allowed opening of schools, coaching institutions and higher educational institutions in a graded manner after October 15 in areas outside containment zones, following the laid down stand operating procedure (SOPs).

After the MHA orders, the state government had asked for recommendations from differ-

ent departments on the opening of educational institutions. A senior government functionary said schools were being allowed to open after October 15, on the basis of SOPs being issued by the Department of School Education.

All higher educational

institutions such as state universities, private universities have been permitted to open after October 15 only for research scholars (PhD) and postgraduate students in science and technology streams requiring laboratories/experimental works.

OTHER ACTIVITIES ALLOWED BY STATE GOVT

- Swimming pools for sportspersons
- Business-to-business exhibitions
- Social, academic, sports, entertainment, cultural, religious, political functions with a ceiling of 100 persons
- 50 per cent occupancy in halls with a ceiling of 200 persons in closed space

While talking to *The Tribune*, Pushpinder Kumar, president of teachers union, and Rajpal Singh, president of the non-teaching employees' union, said the employees were on the verge of starvation and were finding it difficult to make both ends meet. Most of them had taken loans from banks and were unable to pay the instalments and even the school fee of their wards.

Pushpinder Kumar said ironically, the highly educated

lor Pritpal Singh said the state government had not released scholarships of SC students, which amounted to approximately Rs 15 crore. The university was facing a financial crunch. He had talked to the SGPC president in this regard and was assured that some amount would be released soon. He understood the problem of the employees and was making all-out efforts to resolve the issue, the VC added.

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I, Pooja Sharma w/o Rakesh Sharma r/o No. 796/1, Gaushala Road, near Division No. 3, Ludhiana, I have changed my name from Pooja Rani to Pooja Sharma. (CL20050281)

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I, Kulwant Singh s/o Basant Singh resident of 461, Church Street, Randhawa Colony, Post: Mukerian, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab, have changed my name to Kulwant Singh Attal. (CL20050265)

I, Parwinder Singh s/o Sh. Surjeet Singh r/o VPO Jandiala, Patti Dhuani Ki, Tehsil Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar, have changed my name from Parwinder Singh to Parwinder Singh Johal. All concerned please note. (CL20050267)

I, No. JC52251N Sub Pawan Kumar s/o Lala Ram Village Makhera PO Cholhara Tehsil Sarkaghat Distt. Mandi HP, declare that my wife name and Date of Birth wrongly mention in my Army record as Sapna Devi 15.09.1981 correct name Sapna Kumari Dob 02.03.1982. Please note. (CL20050268)

The AGBM of Sirhind Club Ltd., Ambala for the FY 2019-20 will be held on Friday, 06 November 2020 at 5 p.m. via Video Conferencing. Members are requested to register their Email IDs on clubsirhind@gmail.com. Hon Secretary 0171-2643602. (CL20050291)

I, Jatinder Kumar s/o Surjit Lal r/o 91/2 New Deol Nagar Jalandhar, have changed my name as Jatinder Uppal. (CL20050300)

I, Sandeep Wadhwa s/o Darshan Lal r/o Jalalabad, Distt. Fazilka, have changed my name Sandeep Kumar. All concerned note it. (CL20050313)

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I, Aastha Rishi d/o Santosh Rishi r/o Arvind Colony Bathinda Road, Kotkapura, (Fazilka) hereby declared that before marriage my name is Aastha Rishi but after my marriage my name changed to Aastha Rishi Garg. Kindly note that my name is Aastha Rishi Garg. (CL20050295)

I, Hitherto known as Savita Kalra w/o Gautam Nayyar resident of 787, White Enclave, Kohara Road, Sahnewal, District Ludhiana, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Kamya Nayyar. (CL20050309)

I, Kulbir Kaur w/o Late S. Bachan Singh Senior Name. 631576 (Rank Sigma) hereby declare that my date of birth in husband's Army service record is 28 Aug 1952 but my actual date of birth is 11 Mar 1947. Please note. (CL20050311)

I, Shakuntla Devi wife of Mohinder Singh, resident of VPO Sansarpur Terrace, Tehsil Jaswan, District Kangra HP, declare that my name in my Indian Passport No. H7692108 (expired on 27.1.20) wrongly entered as Shakuntla Devi. Whereas my correct name is Shakuntla Dadwal. Concern note. (CL20050310)

I, Mohinder Singh s/o Ishwar Singh resident of VPO Sansarpur Terrace, Tehsil Jaswan, District Kangra HP, declare that my name in my Indian Passport No. H7695626 (expired on 27.1.20) wrongly entered as Mohinder Singh. Whereas my correct name is Mohinder Singh Pathania. Concern note. (CL20050312)

I, Varinder son of Gurdaas Mal, holder of Indian Passport No. L4171371, issued at Amritsar, on 06.12.2013, permanent address (VPO Jiwani Arain, Teh. Guruharsahai, District Ferozepur, PIN 15222, Punjab, India), and presently residing (Apartment 307, 112, 4th Avenue North, Williams Lake, BC, Canada, V2G2C7) do hereby change my name Varinder to Varinder Kamboj, with immediate effect. Subject to the approval of Indian High Commission in Canada. (CL20050308)

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Amid paper 'leak' claims, result of dental officers' test withheld

BFUHS conducted exam for 1,017 posts of medical, pharmacy officers

BALWANT GARG

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

FARIDKOT, OCTOBER 12

Following allegations of 'leaking' of question paper for the recruitment test for 1,017 posts of medical officers (general, dental) and pharmacy officers, Baba Farid University of Health Sciences (BFUHS) on Monday withheld the result for the posts of medical officer (dental).

The BFUHS conducted the written test for recruitment in the state Health Department at various centres in the state on Sunday (October 11). For 500 posts of medical officers (general), 35 posts of medical officers (dental) and 482 posts of pharmacists,

MIRED IN CONTROVERSY

■ About 1 hour and 20 minutes before the test, the question paper for the medical officer (dental) test went viral on social media. The paper was leaked from a centre at Goindwal Sahib

■ In another controversy at an exam centre in Amritsar, a dental candidate allegedly got a special seat in the office of the principal of a nursing college to write the exam

about 11,000 candidates had appeared in the test.

The controversy started when about 1 hour and 20 minutes into the starting of the test, the question paper for the medical officer (dental) test went viral on social media. The test had started at 11 am.

Investigation by the BFUHS found that the question paper was leaked from a centre at Goindwal Sahib in

Tarn Taran district. It is alleged that one of the candidates gained entry into the exam hall with a mobile phone. He allegedly used WhatsApp to send the question paper outside the exam hall to seek favour. While the BFUHS has already lodged a complaint with the Tarn Taran police, the candidate could score only 0.5 marks in the written test of 90 marks.

Another controversy erupted at an exam centre in Amritsar where a dental candidate allegedly used his "doctor-family's connections" to get a special seat in the office of the principal of a nursing college to write the exam. This arrangement for the candidate led to the university receiving many complaints. While the BFUHS has started a probe, his performance in the test was highly dismal. He scored minus 2 marks in the test of 90 marks.

Amidst the controversies, the university on Monday withheld the result of medical officer (dental) test. The result of medical officer (general) and pharmacists have been declared.

CPI leader attacked, 22 booked

FAZILKA, OCTOBER 12

As many as 22 persons were booked today for allegedly assaulting Hans Raj Golden, Secretary, CPI district unit.

On October 6, Golden and other CPI leaders had demanded the arrest of Aman Kamboj Skoda, who had been involved in criminal cases of duping persons of huge amount in Fazilka.

Golden said Skoda had been declared a proclaimed offender by the court, but the police were hesitant to take any action against him due to alleged patronisation by some senior police officers.

The CPI activists had also met SSP, Fazilka, and DIG, Ferozepur Range, in this regard, but to no avail.

The CPI had announced to stage a dharna outside the

office of SSP, Fazilka, on October 13. Before the activists could stage the protest, some persons allegedly assaulted Golden on Saturday, resulting in a fracture in his leg and hand.

Golden said when he was returning to his car after addressing the farmers in Shama Khanke village, a group of assailants, led by Bhim Sain, dragged him to a

secluded place, and attacked him on the instructions of Skoda.

The CPI activists took out a procession in Jalalabad, demanding the arrest of the assailants. They blocked the highway on the Udhampur chowk in Jalalabad yesterday.

They said they would launch a state-level agitation if the accused were not held. — OC

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'Chakka jam' by farm unions on Nov 5

Burn PM Modi's effigies on Dasehra, BKU leader exhorts peasants

NITISH SHARMA

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KURUKSHETRA, OCTOBER 12
Farmer unions have postponed the nationwide 'chakka jam' to protest the three farm laws in view of byelections in the Baroda segment of Haryana and some Assembly constituencies of various states.

The protests will now be organised on November 5 instead of November 3. The decision was taken by leaders of various farmer unions during a meeting at Cheeka in Kaithal district on Monday.

Leaders of around 30 farmer unions and organisations had given a call to block national highways for six hours on November 3

during a meeting in Kurukshetra on October 8.

"A call was given to block national highways from 10 am to 4 pm on November 3. The protests have been postponed as polling in Baroda and other Assembly constituencies is on the same day. The 'chakka jam' will now be held on November 5," said Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU-Charuni) chief Gurunam Singh Charuni.

"During the meeting in Kurukshetra, we had forgotten that polling was scheduled for the same day. There has been no communication with the government so far," he said. The Bharatiya Kisan Union (Charuni) gave a call for



A hoarding decrying Home Minister Anil Vij installed in Ambala Cantonment.

APPEAL TO FARMERS

It has been decided that we will burn effigies of Prime Minister Modi on Dasehra. He has struck deals with corporates. I appeal to farmers to paste photographs of local Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders and supporters on the effigies too. I appeal to all farmers to burn effigies at the block level at 1 pm on Dasehra. — Gurunam S Charuni, FARMER LEADER

burning effigies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and local Bharatiya Janata

Party (BJP) leaders on Dasehra across the state. "It has been decided that

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The union installed posters and hoardings decrying Home Minister Anil Vij at various locations in Ambala, Kurukshetra and Yamunanagar over the lathicharge on farmers in Pipri. "The hoardings have been removed at some places, but we will get these reinstated," Charuni said.

Judges err, admits HC

SAURABH MALIK

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 12

Judges err, the High Court has ruled. In an candid observation on the functioning of the subordinate judiciary, the High Court has asserted that at times, flawed orders with errors in fact or law have been passed by judicial officers. The HC has directed the compiling of such errors before pointing these out to judicial officers during induction and refresher training courses.

The back to the benches from the Bench order by Justice Arun Kumar Tyagi came on an appeal by Kanta Devi and another appellant against Rana Kumar and another respondent. The appellants were seeking enhancement in compensation awarded by the Panipat Motor Accident Claims Tribunal.

Justice Tyagi asserted that the tribunal had deducted Rs 26,67,168 of the total compensation of Rs 35,56,069 on the grounds that salary with allowances at Rs 31,75,2 would be payable to appellants and dependants of victim Balwan Singh for seven years.

Justice Tyagi noted that the victim was a resident of Haryana, but employed with the Delhi Development Authority, which had not enacted rules similar to the Haryana 2006 Rules, extending compassionate financial assistance to dependants of deceased employees by payment of amount equal to pay and allowances last drawn.

The former CM had on Saturday said all sections of society were fed up with the BJP-JJP government and were waiting for an opportunity to teach the dispensation a lesson. The BJPs and Congress had not declared their candidates yet. Hooda, who launched a campaign in Baroda soon after his party MLA's death in April, had been accusing the BJP-JJP government of failure on all fronts.

Justice Tyagi stated that evidently, the observations in the award were made by the tribunal's presiding officer on the erroneous assumption that the victim, a resident of Haryana, was a government employee in Haryana.

Holding that the claimants were entitled to compensation of Rs 36,26,069 with costs and interest, Justice Tyagi observed that erroneous

orders, with fault in fact or law, might result in grave miscarriage of justice in case of non-filing of appeal or revision.

"It will be appropriate that judicial officers are periodically sensitised for preventing recurrence of errors committed by them and avoiding errors frequently committed by other judicial officers."

Justice Arun Kumar Tyagi, PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT

Covid cases halve in 4 wks

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 12
Fresh Covid cases in Haryana halved in the past four weeks as the week ended September 13 recorded 17,092 cases while the week ended October 11 had 8,277 new cases.

With 1,066 cases, the tally in the state jumped to 1.43 lakh today. Thirteen deaths pushed the toll to 1,592. Three deaths were reported from Hisar, two each from Sirsa, Bhiwani, Jhajjar and Panipat and one each from Gurugram and Kurukshetra. Gurugram reported a maximum of 274 fresh cases, followed by Faridabad (162), Rewari (64), Hisar (61), Kurukshetra (51) and Sonepat (50). — TNS

COVID-19 CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Gurugram	23,815	185
Faridabad	21,636	231
Sonepat	8,976	48
Ambala	8,515	104
Karnal	7,868	111
Panipat	7,675	98
Hisar	7,512	88
Panchkula	6,640	101
Rohat	6,637	70
Rewari	6,458	33
Kurukshetra	6,113	96
Yamunanagar	4,659	92
Sirsa	4,368	72
Mahendragarh	3,883	7
Bhiwani	3,137	43
Pahlala	2,916	19
Jhajjar	2,845	32
Kaithal	2,684	41
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Even ordinary BJP worker can defeat Hooda: Khattar

SUSHIL MANAV

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 12

An interesting war of words has erupted between Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and Leader of Opposition Bhupinder Hooda in the run-up to the Baroda bypoll.

Hooda had been daring Khattar to contest against him in the bypoll to test his government's popularity.

In response to Hooda's challenge, Khattar on Monday said he did not need to contest against the Congress leader as even an ordinary worker of the BJP was enough to defeat the former Chief Minister.

Speaking on the sidelines of an event, Khattar said the Congress had tried the experiment of fielding national-level



People misled: Hooda

"The government has done nothing for Baroda in six years. But CM Khattar has been misleading people that I didn't do anything. It was in this context that I dared him to contest against me in the bypoll. Let the people decide." — Bhupinder Singh Hooda, FORMER CM

el leader Randeep Surjewala in the Jind bypoll last year, but an ordinary worker of the BJP made him bite the dust.

"Let the party do a similar experiment this time too if

Hooda is so keen to contest. An ordinary worker of the BJP will be enough for him," Khattar said in reply to the former CM's challenge.

The BJP and Congress had not declared their candidates yet. Hooda, who launched a campaign in Baroda soon after his party MLA's death in April, had been accusing the BJP-JJP government of failure on all fronts.

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Open letter to CJI

Thorough probe into Andhra CM's allegations a must

THE judiciary has hit the headlines for the wrong reasons once again. In an unprecedented move, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jaganmohan Reddy has written to Chief Justice of India SA Bobde, levelling serious allegations against Justice NV Ramana, the senior-most Supreme Court judge, and some judges of the state high court. He talked of attempts to 'destabilise' his government. Alleging that Justice Ramana was close to TDP leader Chandrababu Naidu, Reddy wrote to the CJI that 'Justice Ramana has been influencing the sittings of the high court, including the roster of a few hon'ble judges and instances of a few matters important to Telugu Desam have been allotted to a few judges.'

Naidu and some of his associates are facing corruption charges in connection with land deals. Last month, the Andhra Pradesh High Court restrained the media from reporting about allegations of corruption in land deals in Amaravati. Coming from a CM facing a large number of cases, the allegations have to be taken with a pinch of salt. Also, the Reddy government's move to go public with the content of the CM's letter, without waiting for the CJI's decision, can't be appreciated. But it's equally true that successive governments at the Centre have misused the CBI and other Central agencies to settle political scores with rival leaders. The UPA government instituted several cases against Jaganmohan after his father's death in a helicopter crash.

But the issues involved are far more serious than corruption allegations against the CM or the TDP leader who are engaged in a political slugfest. Justice Ramana is likely to be the next CJI in April 2021, after Justice Bobde demits office. Reddy's letter raises questions which can't be simply termed as an attempt to scandalise the judiciary. He is neither an activist, like advocate Prashant Bhushan, nor a disgruntled judge like Justice CS Karnan who levelled mindless allegations against several judges, inviting contempt proceedings from the Supreme Court. What is at stake is the very credibility of the judiciary as an institution. It's high time the CJI takes steps to address the matter.

Nadal's French miracle

Amazing title win ties him with Federer

RAFael Nadal proves the age of miracles is not past. His win over Novak Djokovic in the final of the French Open on Sunday was nothing less than astounding for its ease. Nadal swatted aside one of the greatest players ever as if toying with a novice, to win his 13th French Open crown and equal Roger Federer's record of 20 Grand Slam titles. As Djokovic said later, the conditions were supposed to favour him: The tournament being played in the cool autumn rather than the usual May-June slowed the ball down and took the edge off Nadal's dreaded top-spin forehand; the closed roof for the final was also to the advantage of Djokovic. He had the form, too, having won all his matches this year except for the defeat suffered through suspension at the US Open after accidentally hitting a line judge. Nadal, on the other hand, was supposed to be rusty after a long layoff due to the Covid pandemic.

All that mattered little when Nadal took court — aware that he must stamp his dominance early, he blasted Djokovic off the court without conceding a game in the first set before completing a facile 6-0 6-2 7-5 win. Djokovic was left shattered, staring at the red clay, shaking his head in disbelief at the level his rival was playing at. Nadal, though ecstatic, said the scoreline did not matter: 'Maybe it's a little bit more beautiful to win 6-4 in the fifth, than winning in straight sets, no?' This comment shows Nadal, the ultimate fighter, revels in the thrill of the contest, not mere numbers.

Nadal tying Federer's record will enliven the debate over the greatest player of all time. Nadal, Djokovic and Federer each seem to have a legitimate claim on the 'greatest' tag. Federer is the only man to have won three separate Grand Slams at least five times and has over 100 professional title wins. Nadal's record is lopsided though as 65% of his Grand Slam titles have been won in Paris. Djokovic has beaten his two great rivals more than he's lost to them. It makes greater sense, however, to halt the comparisons and enjoy what remains of the golden era of men's tennis.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Challenge your own status quo before someone else does. — Ron Kaufman

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

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Independence and Self-defence

WHILE in Egypt an attempt is being made by a class of people to represent the independence granted to her as something very real and substantial, in India the same class of people are betraying an extreme anxiety to represent the same thing as something utterly unreal. The "Pioneer," which is the principal organ of this class in this country, has told us again and again during the last few weeks that "in effect the Egyptians have gained domestic self-government, but very little else," and in a recent issue, it went so far as to say that those in this country who were anxious "to substitute for dominion self-government a claim to the Egyptian type of independence" were in reality "rejecting the substance for the shadow." It evidently did not occur to the journal that what India had got and what under the official dispensation she was likely to get in the immediate future had as little in common with "dominion self-government" as with "the Egyptian type of independence", and so there was no question of her rejecting the one and hankering for the other. For the rest, the "Pioneer" knows that having been led to so excessive an extent on hopes and promises for so long, India has no particular appetite for shadows of either one description or another; that what she wants is the solid reality of freedom and self-determination, and not high-sounding phrases empty of meaning. The journal seems to imagine that it is telling us something new, when it lays down the commonplace that there can be no real independence without the power of self-defence. Will it surprise the writer to learn that this is what the nationalist press in India has been saying all along? Writing on the 27th August, we said that true independence was out of the question "so long as the integrity of Egypt from foreign aggression has to be guaranteed by Britain, so long as Egypt has not an army and navy sufficient for the purpose of her defence."

In troubled waters

Bangladesh roping in China on Teesta project a challenge for India



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BIGGER GAME: The ongoing border issue is not so much about 10-20 km in an inhospitable area, but the larger geopolitical confrontation between India and China.

THE situation in eastern Ladakh may be deadlocked, but China's regional challenge is not about to go away. Actually, what it reveals is that the issue is not so much about 10-20 km in an inhospitable area, but the larger geopolitical confrontation between India and China.

We have been seeing important developments in Bangladesh and Sri Lanka in recent months. In June, Dhaka asked Beijing for funds for nine new projects worth \$6.4 billion, including for a new port at Payra, the Barisal-Bhola bridge and a technology park. During Xi's 2016 visit, the two countries had signed an MoU for implementing infrastructure projects worth \$24 billion. Chinese investment plans announced then included 27 MoUs worth \$24 billion and 13 joint ventures valued at \$13.6 billion.

But the real sign of the times has been the report that Bangladesh is considering a proposal from China on the management and restoration of the Teesta river that flows down from Sikkim and West Bengal into the country.

A deal with India on the sharing of Teesta waters has been in the works for a decade, with little progress. Opposition by CM Mamata Banerjee at the last minute prevented a deal from being signed in 2011. The drop in water levels of Bangladesh's fourth longest river during the summer months because of irrigation canals and dams upstream, has caused a great deal of unhappiness in the country. The problem is not easy to resolve because it is the outcome of farmers on both sides wanting

to cultivate an additional crop of paddy in the dry season.

The Bangladeshi project of water management involves building embankments on both sides of the river till its confluence with the Brahmaputra and involves a cost of nearly \$1 billion, of which 85 per cent will come from China, including the expertise in designing and executing it.

As in all Chinese projects, fears have been raised about a debt trap but these are probably overstated. An August paper by Lee Jones and Shahar Hameiri of Chatham House has debunked the notion that China is using "debt trap diplomacy" to further its interests. China's involvement in a river management project with a country that shares as many as 54 rivers with India is not good news. As it is, the Teesta project is in an area adjacent to the sensitive Siliguri corridor.

Take Sri Lanka. Last week, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa made an emphatic defence of China's projects in Sri Lanka, denying that they are in any way part of a debt trap setup of China. He said the two countries planned to go ahead with their cooperation and even restart talks on a free trade agreement.

The Rajapaksas have been emphasising that Sri Lanka has an 'India first' policy, as evidenced by the virtual summit between Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and PM Narendra Modi recently. Mahinda's brother Gotabaya, who was elected President in November last year, too, ensured that New Delhi was his first port of call. But New Delhi should be aware that this is just a bit of positioning by the Rajapaksas who have no love lost for India.

Last week, state councillor Yang Jiechi visited Sri Lanka and held meetings with the two brothers. China has sanctioned a new loan worth \$500 million to help Sri Lanka cope with the pandemic. Sri Lanka already owes some \$5 billion

to China and is looking for a loan moratorium, just as it wants with New Delhi. China is currently involved in building Sri Lanka's ambitious Port City project being constructed by a subsidiary of the China Communications Construction Company (CCCC) which was placed under sanctions by the US recently.

China considers Sri Lanka as a vital link in the maritime component of its BRI. Of late, the US has also begun wooing Sri Lanka. Last year, Sri Lanka got a \$480 million loan from the US for building its infrastructure. Washington is also seeking a status of forces agreement with Colombo. One outcome of the talk on debt traps was that following Yang's visit, China announced a \$90 million grant to be used for medical care, education and water supplies by Sri Lanka.

Another area that needs attention from India is Southeast Asia. China has just started a diplomatic drive to win over Southeast Asian countries. This week, Foreign Minister Wang Yi will visit Cambodia, Malaysia, Laos, Thailand and Singapore. In June, the ASEAN surpassed the EU as China's largest trading partner. In an era when supply chains are being rejigged, having those which are nearby is a great advantage. RCEP's passage will only deepen these linkages.

India's Look East and Act East policy have been premised on closer ties with the ASEAN. In 2018, 10 ASEAN leaders attended the Republic Day parade as chief guests. But instead of an effective follow through, ties have been regressing. At the last minute, New Delhi decided to stay out of the RCEP. And to add insult to ASEAN injury, it has been seeking a review of its FTA with ASEAN as part of a larger renegotiation with Japan and South Korea as well. New Delhi needs to work out a positive agenda across the board, rather than being seen as a naysayer that knows what it doesn't want, but has no idea of what it does.

'Singh's English' saved the day!

LAL SINGH

YEARS ago, I read Khushwant Singh's article in *The Tribune* on 'Singh's English'. Recently, it reminded me of an incident during my interview in 1953. In college, I got an interview call for a marine engineering course at the Naval Dockyard, Bombay, for which I had taken a written test. The interview was held at Jalandhar and the board chairman was an Englishman, Navy Commander Jeffery in uniform, with other members from the Army and the defence ministry.

Being my first interview, I was nervous when I saw so many eyes on me. My first few questions were from other members, whose English I could comprehend and was prompt

in answering them, but when the Englishman asked me a question I replied in halting English, because his diction was difficult to understand.

He whispered something to the member sitting beside him, who spoke in Punjabi, 'Commander saheb says though you answered his questions correctly, he has some difficulty in following your English.' I don't know how I mustered the courage to blurt out, 'Sir, Commander saheb is speaking in King's English, but I am replying in Queen's English, as now Elizabeth has been crowned the Queen of England.' At this, there was pin-drop silence for a few moments, and then they all began laughing. Before I could realise the gravity of my reply and

sure failure at the interview, Mr Jeffery confirmed my selection.

He was the principal of the Naval Dockyard Apprentice School, where theory classes were held. Whenever I saw him, his first query was about whether I could now follow his English. My response was a blushing nod.

When I topped my batch in the final year, Commander Jeffery called me to his office, and after congratulating me, said his decision for my selection at the interview stood vindicated. I was elated.

After completing the course, I cleared the qualifying examination held by the Mercantile Marine Department under the Ministry of Transport, and joined merchant navy.

In due course, I rose to the top rank of chief engineer of a ship. In 1969, during my ship's call at Liverpool (UK), I went ashore for sight-seeing. I chanced upon an elderly Englishman staring at me from a distance. When I went closer, I recognised him as Commander Jeffery. Before I could pay my respects, he saluted me and shook my hand, addressing me as 'Captain Singh', when he noticed four stripes on my jacket sleeves.

We both exchanged pleasantries and even had a cup of tea or coffee, as the British call it. In a parting shot, he asked me with a glint in his eyes whether our conversation was in King's English or Queen's English! Amused, I left just short of saying, 'Sir, mine is now in Singh's English!'

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Failing system

'When the entire system fails' (*The Sunday Tribune*) provides a graphic account of the soul-stirring misery and eventual death of a young woman victim of the system. The Hathras incident is a comment on the failing and failing social, law and order, health and political system which stands inherently weakened and subverted by vested interests. Frequent demand and transfer of cases to the CBI bespeaks poorly of the state police, besides denting the image of the Central agency which politicians are out to manoeuvre to shift the focus from them. Such a situation develops when various institutions are without spirit and exist only in form, as is evidenced by the treatment meted out to the poor victim at the hands of various authorities from the time of deadly attack to the day of her death.

JAGVINDER SINGH BRAR, PATIALA

Police reforms

It is high time the police and the bureaucracy are freed from political influence. Police reforms must be implemented at the earliest. The investigating agencies must follow SOPs for serious crimes so that valuable evidence to prosecute the accused is not lost. Senior civil servants and police officers must implement

the rule of law for every citizen as per the guidelines.

SANJAY KAPOOR, SAMRALA

Physician, heal thyself

Following the Hathras case and its subsequent mishandling by the UP Police, the Centre's advisory to all states and UTs regarding mandatory police action is like closing the stable door after the horse has bolted. The Central leadership kept silent for long to let the dust settle down. But the Yogi government touched the nadir of ignominy by not allowing the victim's family to see her body, and then cremating it at midnight. Realising the damage to the party image and possible loss in the forthcoming Bihar elections, now comes the MHA advisory which is just a repetition of the one issued on December 5, 2019, prescribing proactive action in crime against women.

Is the government serious about impartially enforcing the law? Instead of giving the incident a communal colour, the government should acknowledge its blunders from the beginning of the case, and then apply balm to the injury.

ARUN BALA, BATHINDA

Beyond Hathras

Apropos of 'Hathras and Hindutva' (*Nous Indica*), criminals do not belong to any caste, creed or religion nor do they believe in any ideology or nationality. Thus, so long as society lives, crime will take place, but it can be contained to the minimum through active vigilance and by creating the fear of law among criminals. Rape is the meanest of mean crimes. It leaves a black spot on the face of society. When such a heinous crime occurs, all merits of the government are negated. In view of the gravity of the Hathras incident, the government should deal with the case honestly and abide by the law of the land. Justice should be delivered to the victim and her family. Gandhi's teachings should become a way of life for the people.

NIRMAL KUMAR, PANCHKULA

Tales of love and hate

Refer to 'Tales of love steeped in legends'; had the writer made serious efforts in Indian universities, he could have met eminent scholars and poets of the Urdu language in India. In Ambala, every year an Indo-Pak mushaira used to be organised to promote cultural ties among the people of the two countries. India has invited Pakistani singers, actors, and poets on various occasions for better relations. The writer should tell tales of love to the rulers and the army of Pakistan, who send terrorists to

India. Unfortunately, the creation of Pakistan was the result of communal hatred which still lingers on in the minds of the political leaders and religious clerics and fanatics.

KRISHAN MALHOTRA, AMBALA CANTT

Maximum caution

Refer to 'Active cases fall...'; it is heartening for Punjab, but it is not so for all states, like Kerala, that once had a recovery rate of 95% and seemed to have contained the virus spread. They are again undergoing a harsh resurgence. Globally, too, the second wave is round the corner. There should be no laxity by the administration and the people till a sure-shot vaccine arrives. Some incorrigible elements can lead to a catastrophic spurt in cases.

MEHUL MONGA, AMRITSAR

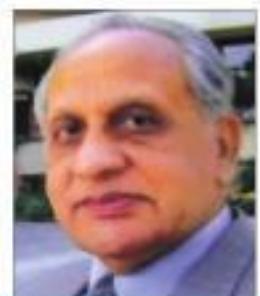
Some good steps

The government has taken a praiseworthy step in making the charging of interest illegal for the loans below Rs 2 crore. It will give a good boost to the industry during these days of pandemic. The government has also increased the moratorium period for tourism and other important sectors. This is also a welcome step. It should also increase the moratorium period for builders and real estate.

NPS SOHAL, CHANDIGARH

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Shaheen Bagh and dissent in a democracy



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No doubt, it is the responsibility of the respondent authorities to take suitable action, but then such suitable action should produce results. In what manner should the administration act is their responsibility and they should not hide behind the court orders or seek support therefrom for carrying out their administrative functions. The courts adjudicate the legality of the actions and are not meant to give shoulder to the administration to fire their guns from." This is a comment made by Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul of the Supreme Court on the Delhi High Court's order of January 14 this year in the case of the Shaheen Bagh protest against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act of 2019.

I have known Sanjay Kishan since the 1980s when I was a young teacher in Delhi University's law faculty and he a student there pursuing the basic law degree course. When, after about two decades of practice at the Bar, he was appointed a judge of the Delhi High Court, my faculty colleagues and

I eagerly waited to see what policies he would adopt as a dispenser of justice. He did not disappoint us and in fact earned our admiration for his balanced verdicts giving high priority to the people's human and constitutional rights.

I was especially enamoured by his dictum in the criminal proceedings against nonagenarian artist Maqbool Fida Husain who had been accused of obscenity and sacrilege. "Democracy has wider moral implications than mere majoritarianism" and "freedom of speech has no meaning if there is no freedom after speech," Sanjay Kishan had observed, and quashed all summons and warrants of arrest. After his elevation as the Madras High Court Chief Justice, Sanjay maintained his zeal for protecting authors' and artists' constitutional freedoms against the growing intolerance in society. His 2016 judgment in another obscenity case, involving celebrated Tamil writer-professor Perumal Murugan, too long but brilliant, was no less appreciable. The wake-up call was issued in that judgment: "It is a matter of concern that as an evolving society, our tolerance level seems to be on the decline." It added to his stature as a people's judge always ready to protect their rights and freedoms.

With the pleasant memories of these observations of the liberal judge of Maqbool-Murugan fame fresh in my mind, when I looked at his October 7 judgment in the Shaheen Bagh case, I was a bit disappointed. I had publicly



ABOUT RIGHTS: Must not the citizens of a self-ruled democracy have greater freedom to censure the actions of their elected rulers?

appreciated in my media columns the apex court's initial handling of the matter with the wisdom and pragmatism expected from a judicial body having a constitutional obligation to protect the citizens against arbitrary actions of the powers that be. By saying in the judgment that "we had noted in our order dated 17.02.2020 that despite the law facing a constitutional challenge before this court, that by itself will not take away the right to protest of the persons who feel aggrieved by the legislation" and "we are conscious that we charted a different path and thought of an out-of-the-

box solution towards an effort which can loosely be called a mediation", the court has reminded itself of its people-friendly stand at the beginning.

The final judgment is, however, disappointing in that there is not even a whisper in it on the background events that had led to the Shaheen Bagh protest — suppression of young citizens' constitutional rights on the campuses of the Capital's two educational institutions of international fame which had prompted a section of women citizens to stage the Shaheen Bagh protest, knowing well that it would be like sitting on a volcano. The

Shaheen Bagh was not an ordinary protest by ordinary people against an ordinary state action. It was an extraordinary protest by extraordinary people against an extraordinary action unduly taken by the state authorities. The intellectuals who had hailed it are not pygmies or lesser patriots than those who have been attributing sinister designs to it. Impartial journalists have written books on Shaheen Bagh. They never had political aspirations and their well-researched works cannot be brushed aside as fiction.

Sanjay Kishan has concluded his judgment by saying, "We only hope that such a situation does not arise in the future and protests are subject to the legal position as enunciated above, with some sympathy and dialogue, but are not permitted to get out of hand." To this pious hope, he could have also added a word of caution to the custodians of state authority to refrain from taking an indiscriminate action that has the potential of sparking a genuine protest by duty-conscious citizens. This would have added another feather to his cap.

Confronting the Orwellian world of today



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Sadly, the present state of affairs calls attention to the escalation of the phenomenon of the corruption of consciousness.

Although not totalitarian, a wide range of states have sought to control individual thought and action and to homogenise society by ridding it of difference. — Hannah Arendt

We are passing through the dark and haunted intellectual landscape of the new millennium, a resounding echo of what the world experienced in the 1930s and 1940s. Some who realise this remain intrepidly engaged in a desperate struggle against the inhuman, the non-secular and fundamentally negative and indifferent view of the human predicament.

Confronted by a history that has seen a fair share of injustice and suffering, a lack of transparency in the deliberate stalking of blameless academics and students, and the compromised over-reaction of the state in handling everyday gruesome rapes, many have remained daring in the face of a totalitarian state that has left politics in a state of disdain, perceptible in the open complicity of the state machinery. It is a public reaction to the brutal violation of human rights and civil liberties.

The unprecedented scale of the insensitive escalation of irrational forces visible in the current nightmare of wars, nuclear threats, climate upheavals and the widespread sectarian violence has reached demonic dimensions.

At such junctures, it becomes a veritable act of faith to assert confidence in the survival of not only the human spirit but also the struggle for justice and freedom in an Orwellian world. Winston, the protagonist of 1984, firmly believes in the undying spirit as the only antidote to the tyrannical Big Brother breathing down your neck.



VICTIMISATION: The all-seeing eyes of the Big Brother cast a spell of interrogation on every aspect of public activity that stands opposed to the state.

Orwell is of the view that "the real problem of our time is to restore the sense of absolute right and wrong when the loss of moral values has become the inherent malaise of the modern-day social and political order."

Dissident writers and thinkers have not hesitated to express forthrightly a faith in the human ability to speak up and salvage civilisation through the return of traditional moral values.

The 'religion of humanity' that Orwell speaks of is the religion of loyalty to a cause, even at the existential consequences of self-sacrifice.

Being able to risk your life in payment for self-expression is what one learns from the diary and the crystal paperweight that Winston buys in spite of the criminalising of the act of writing and critical thinking, the raison d'être of human existence that survives in a culture of fear propagated by the state and, to which, many submissively succumb. To Winston,

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mistic' obsession of orthodox Marxism, especially when seen in the light of the ideological superstructure that has the connotations of the revolutionary aspect of beliefs as the offspring of the critical thinking of public intellectuals, poets and writers.

In the contemporary nation-state, religion, no doubt, is being made into the "opium of the people" who fall into the trap of religious nationalism, thereby losing out on the moral and spiritual aspect of social behaviour that must be prioritised as a necessary salient of a society not founded on mere realism, ethnic purity or war.

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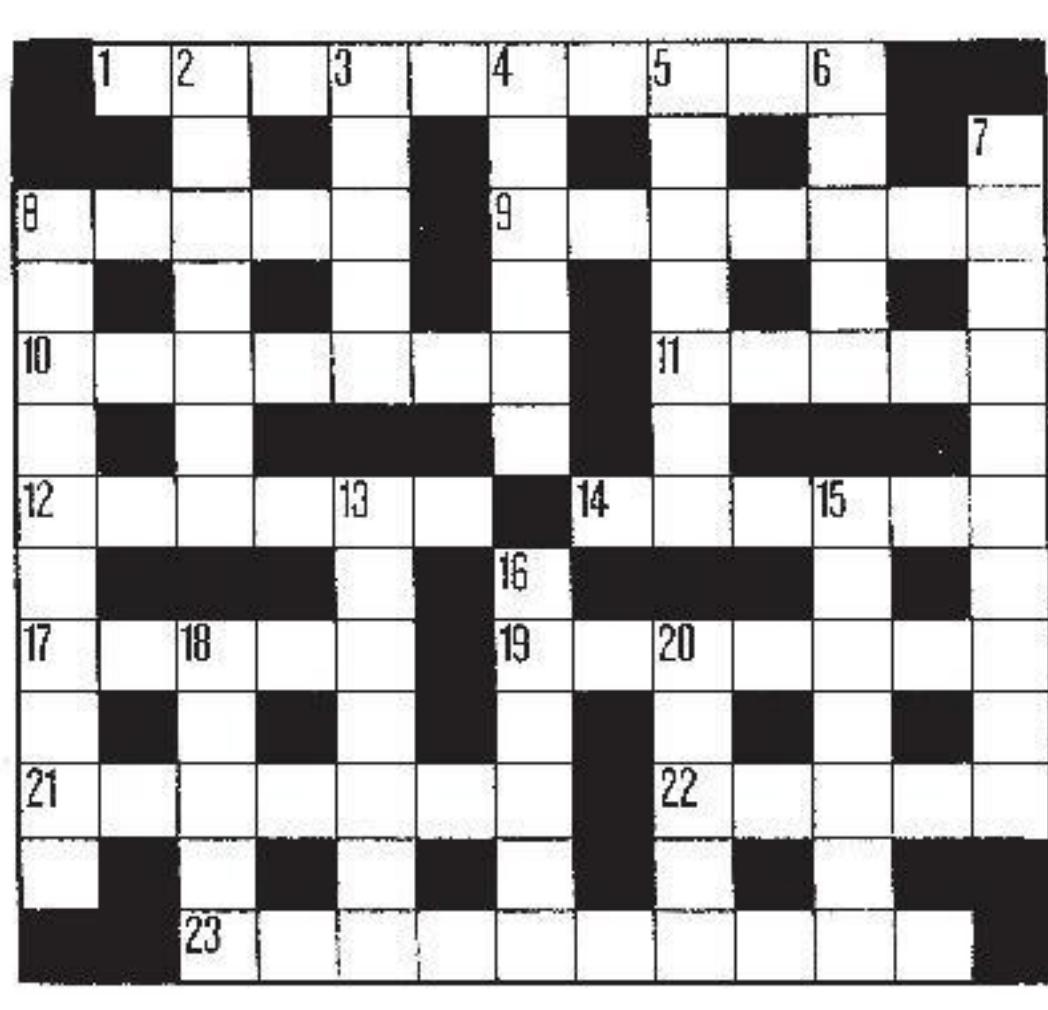
constant defiance of the public values of the ruling class. A more authentic and engaged public intellectual like Nietzsche, Sartre or Orwell is the need of the hour, especially when the authoritarian state is controlled by a party or a system that imagines its infallible roadmap geared fully to take the people towards happier days of historical fulfillment.

Breaking out of silence, and at the risk of torture and death, the search for justice and freedom remains an ongoing struggle with a marked existential distrust of the Big Lies of the state as well as the deceitful acceptance of the ready-made opinions ingrained in the biased and, to use Orwell's expression, "smelly little" policies of the state. Indignation, therefore, is often expressed at the innocent, falsely accused day in, day out, of misgivings and revulsion at the scourge of lies and suspicion, accentuating the narrative that anyone who speaks for justice or the oppressed is the antagonist of the state and must be silenced.

Very few realise what it is to be wrongly accused or threatened by confinement or death, especially in a country where one imagines the predominance of public institutions and the rule of law. The most far-fetched accounts of conspiracy, sedition and sabotage circulate our world, giving impetus to the continued resentment against injustice and betrayal by the so-called 'democratic' state.

The nation, therefore, needs to awaken to a sense of compassion at the victimisation of the innocent with a national indignation against the 'protective stupidity' of the state machinery that obstructs in the name of justice by refusing to face the truth or at least value the inner voice of the wronged and the underprivileged.

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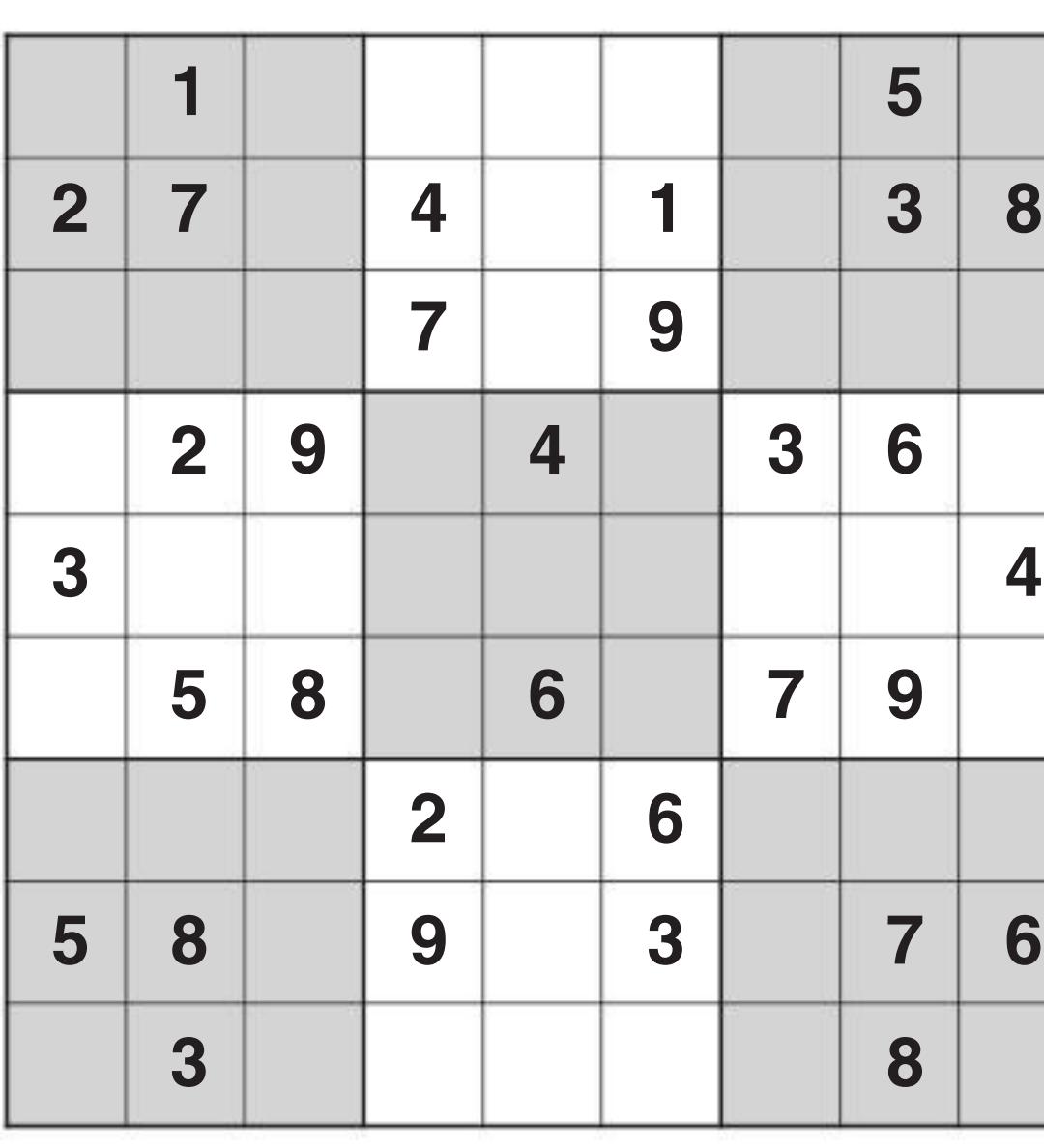
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- 14 Photographer's workroom (6)
- 17 Urgency of action (5)
- 19 Raise in status (7)
- 21 Australian bush country (7)
- 22 Signify (5)
- 23 Starting to malfunction (2,3,5)

DOWN

- 2 Downwind (7)
- 3 Increase scope of (5)
- 4 Annual (6)
- 5 Handbill (7)
- 6 Space of time (5)
- 7 Consider important (3,5,2)
- 8 Out of trouble (3,3,4)
- 13 Tasteful (7)
- 15 Straight-faced (7)
- 16 Collapse under pressure (6)
- 18 Vigorous argument (3,3)
- 20 Question intensely (5)

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EASY

CALENDAR

OCTOBER 13, 2020, TUESDAY

■ Vikrami Samvat	2077
■ Shaka Samvat	1942
■ Ashwin Shaka	21
■ Ashwin Parvishtha	28
■ Hijri	1442
■ Krishna Paksha Tithi 11, up to 2:36 pm	
■ Shubha Yoga up to 5:42 pm	
■ Magha Nakshatra up to 10:54 pm	
■ Moon in Leo sign	
■ Gandmool up to 10:54 pm	

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

6	3	8	4	7	5	1	2	9
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FORECAST

SUNSET: TUESDAY 17:54 HRS
SUNRISE: WEDNESDAY 06:25 HRS

Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy	Rainy	Foggy

CITY	MAX	MIN
Chandigarh	34	21
New Delhi	35	20
Amritsar	36	18
Bathinda	36	16
Jalandhar	35	17
Ludhiana	35	18
Bhiwani	36	19
Hisar		

Government of Punjab
Department of Local Government
(Local Government-4 Branch)
(Punjab Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh)
It is brought to the attention of general public that the Government of India has prepared draft Model Tenancy Act, 2020. Suggestions/Comments can be submitted to this department at Punjab Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 3, Sector 35 A, Chandigarh or on email lg4branch@gmail.com till 31.10.2020. Copies of draft MTA in Punjabi, English and Hindi version has been uploaded on department's website lgpunjab.gov.in.
DPR/Pb/88683

INDIAN RAILWAYS
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (Bharat Sarkar)
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (Rail Mantralaya)
RAILWAY BOARD
No. RS(S)/2020/747/1 New Delhi, Dated: 12.10.2020
CORRIGENDUM
Sub : E-Tender No. 2020IS200 for procurement of Structural items
THROUGH e-RA METHOD.
1. Due date of closing of subject tender is extended from 15.10.2020, 14:30 hrs. to 29.10.2020, 14:30 hrs.
2. All other Terms and Conditions of e-Tender shall remain unchanged.
Director, Railway Stores (W)
2193/20 Railway Board
SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
PWD B&R BRANCH
NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS
TENDER NOTICE NO: 08 DATED: 12.10.2020
On behalf of Governor of Punjab Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, PWD B&R Branch, Ferozepur re-invites fresh bids from eligible bidders enlisted under "Civil Works (Buildings)" category with PWD (B&R) for the work of Construction of I.T.I. at Village Tibbi Kalan Block Mamdot District Ferozepur falling under the jurisdiction of Provincial Division, PWD B&R Br, Ferozepur.
Detail terms and conditions of notice inviting bids, refer to our website <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>. In Corrigendum if any will be issued on website.
Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Provincial Division, PWD B&R Br, Ferozepur.
eepdfzrpwdp@gmail.com
Ph: 01632-292529
DPR/Pb/88704

CORRIGENDUM
Due to administrative reasons tenders of NIT No. 01/E-Tender/SE/LG-IT Amritsar/2020-21, East Constituency Line no. 22, 23 South Constituency Line no. 3 & Trust Schemes Line no. 11 has been extended. For detail log onto: www.cproc.punjab.gov.in
S.No. Tender closing date & time Technical opening date & time
1. 26.10.2020 at 15:00 26.10.2020 at 16:00
Other Terms and Conditions Remains Same.
--Sd--
Trust Engineer
Amritsar Improvement Trust
Amritsar.

NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE
For & on behalf of the President of India, Chief Workshop Manager, N.Rly. C/W workshop, Jagadhari Workshop/Yamuna Nagar invites open e-tender for the following work:
1. Name of work POH/Repair of CASNUB Bogies for BOXN, BCN, BRN Series wagons as per RDSO maintenance manual for CASNUB bogie G-95 in WR Shop at Jagadhari Workshop Northern Railway.
2. Location Northern Railway, Carriage & Wagon Repair Shop, Jagadhari Workshop, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana-135002
3. Cost of Work/Tender Value Rs. 4576094.68
4. Quantity 1440 CASNUB bogies
5. Cost of Tender form Nil as per GCC July-2020
6. Earnest money amount Rs. 91,500/-
7. Completion period of the work 12 months from the date of issuance of Letter of Acceptance
8. Date & Time for submission of tender form 02.11.2020 till 15.30 hrs.
9. Opening of tender 02.11.2020 till 15.35 hrs.
Tender opening will be done any time after the tender closing time. The tenders are not required to be present during the opening. Railway reserves the right to open the tender any time after closing of tender.
10. Website particulars [www.ireps.gov.in](http://ireps.gov.in)
No: 6-S/59/Tender/2019-20 Dt: 10.10.2020 2188/2020
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E-TENDER NOTICE
INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONTRACTORS FOR e-TENDERING FORMING PART OF NIT AND TO BE POSTED ON WEBSITE
The Executive Engineer, Project Public Health Division No. 3, Chandigarh on behalf of President of India, invites online, percentage rate bids from approved Enlisted contractors of public health wing of Engineering Department UT Chandigarh in the appropriate category and class for the work of:- Repair and Renovation of toilets, Augmentation
Sr. No. Name of work & location Estimated cost put to tender Earnest Money Period of Completion Last date & time of submission of tender on website Time & date of opening of tender
1 Repair and Renovation of toilets, Augmentation of Water storage and other PHS Work at Bal Niketan (Ashram) in Sector 15 C, Chandigarh (Construction of UGR of Capacity 25,000 Ltrs). Rs. 5.30 Lacs 10,600/- 3 Months 16.10.2020 at 11.00 AM 16.10.2020 at 12.00 PM
The bid document consisting of schedule of quantities of various types of items to be executed and the set of terms and conditions of the contract to be compiled with other necessary document can be seen from "website <http://etenders.chd.nic.in/nicgep> free of cost."
Executive Engineer,
Project P.H. Divn. No. 3,
5th Floor, Addl. Delux Building,
Sector-9, Chandigarh.

WEAR MASK, WASH YOUR HANDS, WATCH YOUR DISTANCE

NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE
Sr. DEE/G/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders ([www.ireps.gov.in](http://ireps.gov.in)) against below titled Tenders. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only.
Tender No. Name of work Approx. Cost (in ₹) Earnest Money (in ₹) Compli- tion period Opening of tender Website Particulars
251-Elect/ T-14/ 2020-21 Electrical work in connection with Repair and Renovation of Dy. CE (Construction) office at Jalandhar City & Jamnu Tawi including Construction Officers rest house at Pathankot. 15,49,062.01/- 31,000/- 180 Days 04.11.2020 after 15:00 hrs. www.ireps.gov.in
251-Elect/ T-13/ 2020-21 Annual Comprehensive Operation and Maintenance of 1 MWp Solar Power Plant installed at various locations at Shri mata Vaishno Devi Katra Railway Station building, platform shelters and other service buildings in and around Katra including replacement of spare parts and man power required for operation and maintenance. 22,58,120/- 45,200/- 24 Months 04.11.2020 after 15:00 hrs. www.ireps.gov.in

No.: 251-Elect/T. Notice No. 19-Elect/2020-21 Dated: 12.10.2020 2195/2020
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PUNJAB AGRO INDUSTRIES CORPORATION
Plot No. 2A, Sector-28A, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh 160002
Phone: 0172 2651561, 2657472 CIN: U51219CH1966SGC002630 www.punjabagro.co.in
NOTICE INVITING BIDS
Tender bids are invited from eligible bidders for the project/works detailed in the following table:

Name of Project / Work / Works	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Tender Fee (Rs.)	Approx. rate per pallet (in Rs.)
Supply of Material Handling equipments i.e. Steel Reinforced 100% Virgin HDPE, perforated pallets & hand pallet truck at PAIC Hoshiarpur & Ludhiana.	Rs. 25,000/-	Rs. 5,000/-	To be furnished by the bidder

Last date for submission of online bid is 18.10.2020 upto 2.00 PM. Technical bids will be opened on the same day at 4.30 PM.

The details of the tender can be downloaded from Punjab Govt.'s website i.e. <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>. For any clarification, please send an email at bhupinder.singh28@punjab.gov.in or contact us at: 9914500655.

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CM tests Covid positive, tally mounts to 17,578

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, OCTOBER 12

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur tested positive for coronavirus here today. He had been in home quarantine for the last one week. In a tweet, the Chief Minister stated that he had been in home quarantine for the last one week. "It was following the appearance of some symptoms in the last two days that I got my test done today, the report of which is positive," he said.

Though it could not be said with certainty from whom the Chief Minister got the infection, his private secretary RN Batta, who had tested Covid positive and had travelled in the helicopter with him to and fro Manali, could be a source.

Besides, Banjar MLA Surinder Shourie tested Covid positive on October 1, before Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Manali for the inauguration of the Atal Tunnel. The MLA had spent the



STATE TRACKER

Samples tested	326,654
Recovered	14,670
Active cases	2,637

Positive cases 17,578

Deaths 246

DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Una	1,422	15
Solan	3,332	34
Kangra	2,656	54
Chamba	980	12
Hamirpur	1,026	8
Sirmaur	2,005	16
Mandi	2,113	28
Bilaspur	1,019	5
Shimla	1,692	54
Kullu	874	15
Kinnar	211	4
Lahaul & Spiti	228	1
Total	17,578	246

SOURCE NOT CLEAR

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entire day with the Chief Minister while reviewing the preparations for Modi's visit. After Shourie was found infected with virus, Forest Minister Rakesh Pathania had also gone in home isolation as a precautionary measure.

About 12 MLAs, including Reeta Dhiman, Paramjit Singh Pammi, Lakhwinder Rana, Rakesh Jamwal, Vinod Kumar, Mohan Lal Brakta and Surinder Shourie, had tested Covid positive, with most of them having recovered. Rajya Sabha MP Indu Goswami, too, was found infected with the virus.

170 fresh cases reported

A total of 170 new cases were reported on Monday, taking the tally to 17,578. The fatality figure reached 246 as one person succumbed to the virus in the last 24 hours. The death took place in Una district.

The highest number of 36 cases was reported in Shimla, followed by 24 in Kullu, 18 in Kangra, 17 in Mandi, 15 in Sirmaur, 12 in Solan, 10 each in Lahaul Spiti, Bilaspur and Chamba, seven each in Una and Hamirpur and four in Kinnar.

The number of active cases in the state today was 2,637 out of a total of 17,578 total positive cases.

So far, three ministers in the Jai Ram Cabinet have tested positive for coronavirus — Power Minister Sukh Ram Chaudhary, Irrigation and Public Health Minister Mahender Singh and Urban Development Minister Suresh Bhardwaj.

The minister said only symbols of deities would come to Dhalpur to carry out the traditional rituals. The steps had been taken to prevent the spread of Covid. Cultural programmes would not be held in Kala Kendra. No commercial activities would be permitted in the Dhalpur ground during the festival. — OC



Garbage littered near Sissu village in Lahaul valley.

Litter piling up as tourists make beeline for Lahaul

ABHINAV VASHISHT

KULLU, OCTOBER 12

The Atal Tunnel at Rohtang near Manali has emerged as a new tourist spot, leading to increase in the number of visitors to the Lahaul valley. As a result, littering and open defecation by tourists are being witnessed in the absence of proper amenities. There are no toilets at both portals of the tunnel and garbage has started to pile up in the absence of dustbins.

Garbage is also flowing into the Chandra river near the Sissu helipad, near the north portal of the tunnel.

Littering by tourists visiting various places in Lahaul has become a cause for concern for the local residents. Shakti Singh, a local resident, says that the facilities in the valley are insufficient to cope with the tourist influx, causing degradation of the environment of the region.

He says that visitors are throwing garbage on the roadsides at various places. He adds that the local administration will have to take strict action against the guilty persons to protect the fragile ecology of the area.

Sujan Singh, a tourist from Punjab, says that the Lahaul valley is paradise but there are no basic facilities at various tourist spots. He adds that tourists should be provided

environmentalists have also raised serious concern over the increase in visitors' influx after the opening of the tunnel. They are apprehensive about the inadequate tourism infrastructure in terms of roads, parking and other public amenities. They say that the government will have to cap the number of tourists.

Breather as state receives ₹450 cr interest-free loan

PRATIBHA CHAUHAN

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, OCTOBER 12

The Rs 450-crore special interest free 50-year-loan to Himachal Pradesh by the Union Finance Ministry could prove to be a major breather for the sagging economy which is already under a huge debt trap, with little revenue generating avenues.

The announcement by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, providing additional Rs 25,000 crore as capital expenditure for giving a boost to economic growth today has come as a major relief to the hill states. The fact that Himachal is amongst the top beneficiary states in the country is a clear indication of Union Minister of State for Finance Anurag Thakur's endeavour to provide maximum possible allocation to his home state of Himachal.

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in infrastructure development like construction of roads, water supply and urban development.

The 69 national highway projects announced by the Centre for Himachal are languishing for want of funds despite good connectivity being a major pre-requisite for tourism promotion, a major revenue generating sector for the hill state.

Himachal's debt trap has already crossed Rs 54,000 crore and the state has had to practically manage with loans for most of its development works and to meet the hefty salary and pensionary financial burden. The state has raised loans of ₹5,067 crore between January 2019 to March 2020 and ₹5,677 crore since April to July 2020

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Thakur. He added that never before has Himachal received this kind of allocation and that too at a time when there is revenue shortfall due to pandemic.

The assistance will go a long way in generating employment, creating self-employment opportunities and providing strength to local businesses which have been hit severely by the Covid pandemic. The allocation is expected to help states to incur extra capital expenditure that will hopefully lead to a demand situation.

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Minister wants online registration for patients

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, OCTOBER 12

Long queues at registration counters and for collecting test reports at the Indira Gandhi Medical College and Hospital (IGMC) and Kamla Nehru Hospital (KNH) may finally become a thing of past with Health Minister Rajiv Saizai and Secretary (Health) Amitabh Avasthi stressing on providing these basic facilities online to the patients. "The minister has

asked us to develop an app that would allow patients to register online, book an appointment, and get their reports on it," said a member of the Rogi Kalyan Samiti, which met here today.

"A team would study online services being provided at the PGI and the GMCH-32, Chandigarh, and include those, too, in the extension counters on the hospital premises up to March 2021, following which fresh tenders would be floated.

Top Pak LeT ultra among 2 militants killed in encounter

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 12

A top Pakistani Lashkar-e-Toiba terrorist and his local accomplice were killed on Monday in a fierce gunfight with security forces in the Old Barzulla area of Srinagar, the police said.

Saifullah, the Pakistani terrorist who masterminded at least three attacks on security forces during the past month, was killed in the encounter with security forces, a police official said.

He said Saifullah was the first Pakistani terrorist to be killed in several years during an operation in Srinagar.

Security forces had launched a cordon and search operation in the Old Barzulla locality of the city in the early hours of Monday after receiving specific inputs about the presence of militants in the area, the official said.

The official said around 7:45 am, when the searches were going on, militants fired at the forces, leading to an encounter.

Two militants were killed in the gunfight, the official said.

Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh said Saifullah was a Pak-



Security personnel near the encounter site at Old Barzulla in Srinagar on Monday. PTI

WAS INVOLVED IN ATTACKS ON SECURITY MEN

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| On October 5, Saifullah was involved in an attack on New Bypass, Tairgan, Nowgam, in which two CRPF personnel were killed and three injured. | He was involved in an attack in Kaisarmullah, Chadoora, on September 24 in which an ASI of the CRPF was killed and his rifle snatched. | He was involved in a terrorist attack on September 21 on New Bypass. He was involved in killing of two policemen on August 14. |
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istani and a top commander of the LeT and was involved in several recent attacks on security forces in and around Srinagar.

A top Lashkar commander from Pakistan, named Saifullah, has been killed in the operation. He was involved in

three back-to-back major attacks on security forces in Nowgam, Chadoora and Kandzaal here," Dilbag Singh told a press conference at the Police Control Room here.

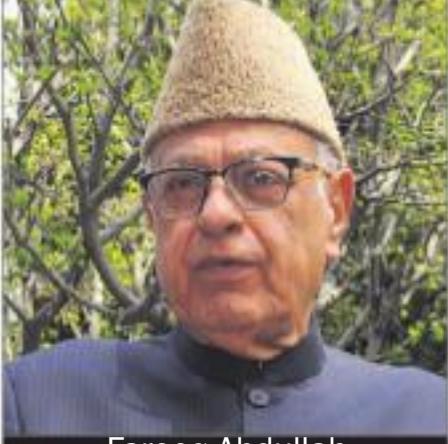
The DGP said Srinagar city had witnessed eight encounters so far this year in which

18 militants have been killed.

"In total, this year so far 75 successful anti-militancy operations have been carried out in which 180 terrorists have been killed. Also, 138 militants and their associates have been arrested this year," he said. — PTI

Farooq's statement on abrogation seditious, says BJP

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE



MP CAN'T SAY THIS

Farooq Abdullah is saying that with the help of China we will bring back Article 370. How can a sitting MP say this?

Sambit Patra, BJP SPOKESPERSON

Constitution, which conferred special status on Jammu and Kashmir, will be restored. He noted that China was not happy with the nullification of Article 370. 'As far as China is concerned, I didn't bring Chinese president here. Our Prime Minister invited him to Gujarat and even did 'jholia sawari' with him. He (PM Modi) even took him to Chennai and had food with him,' Abdullah said amid the ongoing LAC stand-off between India and China.

"According to Abdullah, abrogation by Indian Parliament had irked and disturbed China, that's why China is justified for aggression (against India). In a way by making the anti-national statement he is justifying the Chinese aggression."

"He is saying that with the help of China we will bring back Article 370. How can a sitting MP say this? If you have reservations against any decision of the Parliament you are free to express them but to say what Farooq Abdullah has said is absolutely seditious," said Patra.

National Conference president Farooq Abdullah in an interview on Sunday said he wished that with China's support, Article 370 of the

Constitution, which conferred special status on Jammu and Kashmir, will be restored. He noted that China was not happy with the nullification of Article 370. 'As far as China is concerned, I didn't bring Chinese president here. Our Prime Minister invited him to Gujarat and even did 'jholia sawari' with him. He (PM Modi) even took him to Chennai and had food with him,' Abdullah said amid the ongoing LAC stand-off between India and China.

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3 Shopian schoolteachers held

PUBLIC SAFETY ACT Students, alumni engaged in militant activities

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 12

Three teachers of a religious school in Shopian district of south Kashmir were arrested on Monday under the stringent Public Safety Act (PSA) for allegedly spreading hatred while teaching, the police said.

They said the three were booked under the PSA, which allowed authorities to detain a person for up to two years without a trial, after it came to the fore that some of the school's students and alumni were involved in militant activities.



The police action came a day after it was reported that the religious school was under observation by investigating agencies after 13 of its students were found to have joined terror groups.

Inspector General of Police (IGP), Kashmir, Vijay Kumar

told a press conference here that the school was affiliated with the banned Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI) outfit.

"The school's name is Siraj-uloom Imam Sahib. It is not that this school has not been under observation. We have already booked three teachers of the school, namely Abdul Ahad Bhat, Rouf Bhat and Mohammad Yusuf Wani, under the PSA," Vijay Kumar told the reporters.

The institution's alumni include Sajjad Bhat, an accused in the February 2019 suicide attack on a

CRPF convoy in Pulwama that left 40 personnel dead.

The IGP said about half a dozen other teachers of the school were under surveillance.

"(Conduct of) five to six teachers of the school are under surveillance (under Section 107 of the CrPC). Basically, the affiliation of the school is with JeI. It is under surveillance, and right now we are taking action against individuals and if need arises, we will take action against the school," the IGP said. — PTI

Pakshells Poonch

JAMMU, OCTOBER 12

Pakistani troops violated ceasefire by resorting to heavy firing and mortar shelling in forward areas in three sectors along the LoC in Poonch district on Monday, prompting the Indian Army to give a befitting reply, officials said.

"At about 2.45 pm today, the Pak army initiated unprovoked ceasefire violation by firing with small arms along LoC in the Khari Karmara sector in Poonch district," a Defence spokesman said. — PTI

Another arrest in former DSP terror link case

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 12

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday arrested one more person in connection with the case related to former DSP Davinder Singh, who has been charged with the agency for providing support to the banned terror group Hizbul Mujahideen, a spokesperson said.

He said Parimoo played a key role in supplying arms and ammunition to another accused named Tariq Mir, a former sarpanch of Maldera village of Shopian, who further passed them on to Hizbul terrorists in Shopian. — PTI

7,000 pilgrims to be allowed at Vaishno Devi

JAMMU, OCTOBER 12

As many as 7,000 pilgrims will be allowed per day to pay obeisance at the cave shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi from October 15, an official of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board said on Monday. Reviewing the yatra arrangements for the Navratras, CEO of the board Ramesh Kumar said the earlier limit of 5,000 pilgrims per day was being increased to 7,000 pilgrims from October 15. — PTI

REGD. NO. D.L.-33094/99					
Sl. No.	Survey Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area in Hectare	Name of the Land Owner/Interested Person Part Survey No.:
1	2	3	4	5	6
20	320/1	Private	Ghasni	0.0974	Chander Mohan S/o Anant Ram equal share 44 share Smt. Leelawati W/o Lt. Anant Ram S/o Devi Ram 11 share 319/1
21	327/1	Private	Ghasni	0.0156	Total 6 share Smt. Indera W/o Lt. Chander Mohan S/o Anant Ram 1 share Bhupender, Bhopesh son & Kumari Geeta, Kumari Tripta D/o Chander Mohan S/o Anant Ram equal share 4 share, Smt. Leelawati W/o Lt. Anant Ram S/o Devi Ram 1 share residence Sanwara 320/1
22	133/1	Private	Banjar Kadim	0.0188	Total 3 share Rajesh Kumar 2 share son & Smt. Kanta Devi 1 share W/o Geeta Ram S/o Daulat Ram local resident 133/1
23	147/3	Private	Kuhai Abai	0.0564	Tika Ram S/o Prashotam S/o Namalam local resident 147/3
24	570/427/102/2/2/1	Private	Ghasni	0.0188	Total 4 share Ram Lal, Amar Singh equal share 3 share son & Smt. Asha 1 share W/o Sant Ram S/o Mathru Ram local resident 570/427/102/2/2/1
25	573/184/1	Private	Banjar Kadim	0.0038	Smt. Sunita Devi W/o Vijay Kumar S/o Namalam Kathiog, Teh. Dehra, Dist. Kangra 573/184/1
26	97/2/2	Private	Ghasni	0.0865	Shyam Lal alias Shyam Dayal, Sher Singh, Tara Chand, Hem Chand, Bhomi Dutt, Govind Ram son & Smt. Shakuntla D/o Charan Dass S/o Chetiya equal share local resident 97/2/2
27	27/1	Private	Gair Mumkin Fulwari	0.0017	M/s H.P.L. Protection Technology Pvt. Ltd. through Director Gauram Seth S/o Lalit Seth 35 Sunder Nagar New Delhi 27/1
28	28/1	Private	Gair Mumkin Sehan	0.0036	M/s H.P.L. Protection Technology Pvt. Ltd. through Director Gautam Seth S/o Lalit Seth 35 Sunder Nagar New Delhi 28/1
29	31/1	Private	Gair Mumkin Ahata	0.014	M/s H.P.L. Protection Technology Pvt. Ltd. through Director Gautam Seth S/o Lalit Seth 35 Sunder Nagar New Delhi 31/1
30	930/557/272/1	Private	Gair Mumkin Sadak	0.0504	Om Prakash, Tara Chand S/o Roop Ram S/o Namalam equal share resident Runan Ghodha Teh. & Distt. solan 930/557/272/1
31	1175/910/2/1	Private	Jay Safaid	0.0025	Sher Singh S/o Gajji Ram S/o Namalam local resident 1175/910/2/1
32	903/802/19/2	Private	Gair Mumkin Makaan	0.005	Smt. Kamlesh W/o Shiv Nath S/o Anant Ram local resident 903/802/19/2
33	471/169/45	Private	Banjar Kadim	0.0378	Total share 128 Mohan Lal S/o Devi ram S/o Mast Ram 48 share Krishan Kumar S/o Lachchmi Ram S/o Chanuan Ram 23 share Smt. Sarla Devi W/o Krishan Kumar S/o Lachchmi Ram 26 share local resident Amar Singh S/o Daya Ram S/o Suraj Ram 3 share resident of Hathon The. Kandaghast Khem Singh S/o Janak Singh S/o Amar Singh 14 share Sanjeev Kumar, Sandeep Kumar Rajiv Kumar S/o Dharam Raj S/o Sri Ram equal share 14 share local resident 471/179/45
34	308/264/210/177	Private	Charand	0.0675	Kapoor Singh, Kali, Sis Ram, Brij Rani S/o Rati Ram S/o Jeet Rani equal share local resident 342/308/264/210/177/1
35	590/1	Private	Bagicha Bangar	0.0018	Manoj S/o Devi Chand S/o Deendayal local resident 590/1
36	591/1	Private	Bagicha Bangar	0.0043	Manoj S/o Devi Chand S/o Deendayal local resident 591/1
37	628/1	Private	Bagicha Bangar	0.0152	Manoj S/o Devi Chand S/o Deendayal local resident 628/1
TOTAL				0.9926	[F. No. NHA/BOT/11019/22/2004/LA-187/3A4/3D4] RAJESH GUPTA, Dy. Secy.

The notice is issued under section 3-G (3) of the National Highway Act, 1956. It is hereby notified to all concerned through this Public Notice that Parwanoo to Solan presently four lane highway No. 22 (new NH-05) Km. 67.000 to Km. 106.139 (which is in Distt. Solan) to make it 4 lane, a notification under article 3-D of National Highway Act as been published above to acquire the land of survey number of villages of various Talukas.

In pursuance of article 3-G of National Highway Act 1956 it is hereby informed to all concerned that claim for compensation in respect to schedule attached with the notification for acquiring land will be submitted within 21 days with Competent Authority of Land Acquisition-Cum-Sub Divisional Officer, Solan, Mini Secretariat, Solan, (Room No. 403), Near New Bus Stand Solan, Himachal Pradesh. Objection will not be entertained after stipulated time limit. The compensation related to objection submitted will be under validity and the responsibility to produce valid witness will be of concerned claimant.

Sub Divisional Magistrate (C) cum Competent Authority of Land Acquisition (CALA) Distt. Solan, H.P.

BRIEFLY

WENTWORTH (UK)

Shubhankar finishes T-48

at Hatton wins

Indian golfer Shubhankar Sharma carded a 1-over 73 in the final round to sign off tied-48th at the BMW PGA Championship here. Sharma's total was even-par 288. Tyrrell Hatton earned a dream victory at his home event. He finished at 19-under.

NEW DELHI

Former India football captain Chapman dies

Former India football captain Carlton Chapman, who formed a deadly trio at the club level with Bhaichung Bhutia and IM Vijayan in the 1990s, died today following a heart attack in Bengaluru. He was 49. A creative midfielder, Chapman played for India between 1995 and 2001. The country won the 1997 SAFF Cup under his captaincy. At the club level, he had successful spells with East Bengal and JCT Mills.

CAIRO

Ghosal, Chinappa make winning starts in Egypt

India's leading squash players Saurav Ghosal and Joshua Chinappa tasted success in their first competitive outing in six months, comprehensively winning their opening matches at the Egyptian Open here. World No. 13 Ghosal beat 34th-ranked Tom Richards 11-9, 11-4, 11-1, while No. 11 Chinappa beat Lisa Aitken 7-11, 11-4, 11-3, 11-6 win in the second round..

MILAN

Portugal, France play out draw; England beat Belgium

Portugal and France lost their perfect records in this season's UEFA Nations League after playing out a 0-0 draw against each other, and Belgium saw their 13-match unbeaten run ended by a 2-1 defeat to England.

PHILADELPHIA

South Korea's Kim claims maiden Major title

Kim Sei-young tapped in the winning putt to claim the Women's PGA Championship on Sunday. Kim's triumph put paid to her status as the most prolific winner on the LPGA Tour among active players never to have won a Major title. AGENCIES

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Nadal's incredible 13th in Paris

ROHIT MAHAJAN

It's the greatest feat of tennis' Golden Age



Rafael Nadal poses with the trophy, with the Eiffel Tower in the background, in Paris on Monday. REUTERS

Rafael Nadal's feat of winning 13 French Open titles is, as Roger Federer noted minutes after Nadal's win in Paris, among the greatest achievements in sport. In later times — and with Nadal very likely to take that number to 14, maybe 15 or even more — his achievements in Paris would be seen akin to Don Bradman's batting average of 99.94, or Usain Bolt's feat of winning the 100m-200m double in three Olympic Games in a row. These are records that seem to defy the bounds of man's physical and mental abilities.

The French Open is physically a very demanding tournament. Winning it two years in a row is a very fine achievement. Since the 1990s, only three men before Nadal had retained the French Open crown. To win the French Open three years in a row is almost unheard of — only three men before

Nadal had done this since the tournament began in 1897. Nadal won four in row in one streak (2005, 2006, 2007, 2008), then five in a row (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014), and the current streak stands at four. Nadal has won

100 matches and lost only two at Roland Garros. This is superhuman, almost miraculous. Nadal has turned miracles into banalities.

Golden Age
Roger Federer is 39 years

old, Nadal is 34 and Djokovic 33. The three have won 57 Grand Slam titles among them. The Golden Age of tennis is now. These three are the greatest masters of tennis. It's very likely they would have been the dominant players of any era in the past — it's difficult to imagine even top-form Bjorn Borg beating Nadal in Paris, or top-form Pete Sampras beating Federer at his best at Wimbledon or US Open, or an in-form Andre Agassi beating top Djokovic in the Australian Open.

Rod Laver achieved the Grand Slam twice — all four Majors in 1962 and 1969. He's considered the greatest ever by some. However, it's important to point out that Laver won nine of his 11 Grand Slam crowns on grass — Wimbledon, US Open and Australian Open were played on grass in his time.

Federer has eight grasscourt Grand Slam titles at Wimbledon, Pete

Sampras has seven. It's likely that if two more grasscourt Grand Slams had been available to Federer or Sampras, their overall Grand Slam count would have been much higher. In truth, Laver is a candidate to be called the greatest grasscourt player ever.

After winning on Sunday, Nadal uttered wise words about the times we're living in, the need to place unity over discord. He spoke wiser words about living one's life by one's own rules: "You can't be always unhappy because your neighbours have a bigger house than you or a bigger boat or have a better phone. You have to live your personal life, no? Personally, that's the thing that I did during all my career. Just try to follow my road, try my best every single day."

Nadal elevates sport; he wields the racquet like a bludgeon, but he's got the mind of a philosopher. He is a role model worthy of emulation.

Lakers claim record-tying 17th NBA title

NEW YORK, OCTOBER 12

Los Angeles Lakers captured a record-tying 17th NBA Championship on Sunday with a 106-93 victory over Miami Heat that sealed the best-of-seven title series 4-2, restoring the storied franchise to the top of the basketball world.

Lakers' victory tied them with Boston Celtics for most NBA championships and capped an unprecedented season that resumed in July at a spectator-free campus at Disney World in Florida after a four-month Covid-19 shutdown.

Finals MVP LeBron James led the way for Lakers, scoring 28 points, 14 rebounds and 10 assists while spearheading a defensive masterclass that doused Heat's offense.

"It means a lot to represent this franchise," said James, who joined the team in the summer of 2018 after they had missed the playoffs five seasons in a row. "I told (Lakers president) Jeanie (Buss) when I came here that I was going to put this franchise back in the position where it belongs. We just want our respect," he said. — Reuters

AB stars in RCB's big win

SHARJAH, OCTOBER 12

A clinical bowling display, led by spinners Yuzvendra Chahal and Washington Sundar, after AB de Villiers' batting pyrotechnics helped Royal Challengers Bangalore beat Kolkata Knight Riders by 82 runs in an IPL match here today. De Villiers smashed a sensational 33-ball 73 not out to power RCB to 194/2 after opting to bat.

Then, Sundar (2/20) and Chahal (1/12) reduced the match to a no-contest, stifling KKR to 112/9 in 20 overs. Pacer Chris Morris (2/17) chipped in at the death to hand RCB a comprehensive win. The win lifted RCB to second spot with 10 points from seven matches, while KKR dropped one place down to fourth with eight points.

Earlier, de Villiers produced a batting master class to lift the RCB total to 194 after a



AB de Villiers hit 6 sixers and 5 fours. PTI

mid-innings muddle. Opener Aaron Finch (47 from 37 balls) and captain Virat Kohli (33 not out) were the other notable contributors. — PTI

Brief scores: RCB: 194/2 (de Villiers 73*, Finch 47; Krishna 1/42); KKR: 112/9 (Gill 34; Morris 2/17, Sundar 2/20)

*Read under Team, Played, Won, Lost, Points

Ishant Sharma out of IPL with ribcage injury

DUBAI, OCTOBER 12

Veteran pacer Ishant Sharma was today ruled out of the Indian Premier League with a ribcage injury, his team Delhi Capitals said. Earlier, leg-spinner Amit Mishra's campaign ended due to a ring-finger fracture.

The 32-year-old Sharma had featured in only one of the seven games that Delhi Capitals have played so far.

Sharma's participation in the Test series in Australia later this year will now depend on how his rehabilitation programme goes.

Injured Rishabh Pant out for at least a week

Capitals' wicketkeeper-batsman Rishabh Pant has been ruled out for at least a week due to a hamstring injury, team captain Shreyas Iyer said. — PTI

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मैन्युअल काउंसलिंग हेतु प्रवेश सूचना

इस संस्था में डिप्लोमा इंजीनियरिंग की रिक्त सीटों पर प्रवेश हेतु संस्था स्तर मैन्युअल काउंसलिंग करवायी जायेगी, जिसका विवरण इस प्रकार से है :

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01	Diploma Engg.	Computer Engg. Chemical Engg. Mechanical Engg. Electrical Engg. Textile Technology	Passed 10th Std/SSC Examination. Obtained at least 35% marks (33% in case of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes category or Kashmiri Migrants Category).	16.10.2020 (For all categories)
02	Diploma Engg. (L)	—do—	10+2 (Non Medical) or 2 Years ITI or 10+2 Science with Technical Vocational subject or NSQF level 4 will be eligible for consideration in various Diploma Engineering courses as per the compatibility of the courses.	19.10.2020 (By merging the SC and SC-D categories).
				20.10.2020 (By merging the vacant seats of reserved categories, if any)

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NOTICE FOR DESTROYING MEDICAL RECORD

This is to bring the notice of general public that Civil Hospital Sector-6, Panchkula will be destroying OLD IPD Record pertaining to year 2007 to 2009 and OPD 2008 to 2014.

Regarding any query related to the Hospital Record of this period please contact Medical Record Room, 4th Floor, C Block, Sec-6 Panchkula between 10.00 AM to 3.00 PM (Monday to Friday).

Sd/- Principal Medical Officer,
Civil Hospital, Sec-6,
Panchkula.

PRDH/83170

Government of Haryana
Chief Secretary's Office
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS
ORDER

No. 7/8/2011-3AR, Dated Chandigarh the, 7th October, 2020

In partial modification of orders issued vide No. 7/8/2011-3AR, dated 22.09.2020, the Governor of Haryana is pleased to constitute a Search Committee to search suitable candidates for appointment as Chief Commissioner in the Haryana Right to Service Commission under the Haryana Right to Service Act, 2014.

The Search Committee shall comprise of the following:

(a) Sh. Vijai Vardhan, IAS Chairman
(b) Sh. T.V.S.N. Prasad, IAS Member
(c) Dr. B.K. Kuthiala Member

2. Terms of reference of the Search Committee for making recommendations to the post of Chief Commissioner of Right to Service Commission, Haryana to the Statutory Committee will remain the same.

Vijai Vardhan,
Chief Secretary to Government Haryana.

PRDH/83183

HARYANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Bays No. 1-10, Block-B, Sector-4, Panchkula

RESULT

The Haryana Public Service Commission has finalized the result for recommendation of the candidates for the posts of Horticulture Development Officer (Class-II) in Horticulture Department, Haryana against Advertisement No. 5 (XIII) of 2018 published on 29.12.2018 published in various newspapers. The result is category-wise. The Roll Numbers shown below are in ascending order and not in order of merit.

Category: General (No. of posts = 59-2 ESM-1 PH = 56)

70182	70309	70372	70386	70437	70819	71016
71079	7109					

\$400 mn pact with Maldives for mega connectivity project

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

STEPPING UP TIES WITH ISLAND NATION

- The mega project will dwarf the Maldives-China Friendship Bridge, say govt sources
- Post Galwan, India has welcomed the US signing a defence framework pact with the Maldives
- Just seven years ago, it had strongly opposed a proposed US security partnership with the nation

The Maldives has received 5.5 tonnes of essential medicines from India which also helped in evacuation of Maldivians from Wuhan. India has gone the extra mile to help the Maldives financially through a transparent mechanism. The RBI raised Treasury Bonds which were sold to the State Bank of India

ship with the Maldives.

The then government had felt that the American entry in the Maldives would trigger misgivings at a time when it thought India and China could co-exist in the Indian Ocean.

Earlier, the Indira Gandhi government had kicked up a row when the US sought to renew lease on a Sri Lankan transmitter. Located in Trincomalee, New Delhi thought the CIA was using it for intelligence gathering.

No such reservations now remain after India and China clashed in the Galwan Valley on June 15 this year, said sources.