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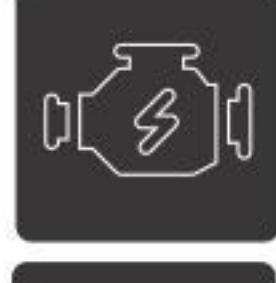


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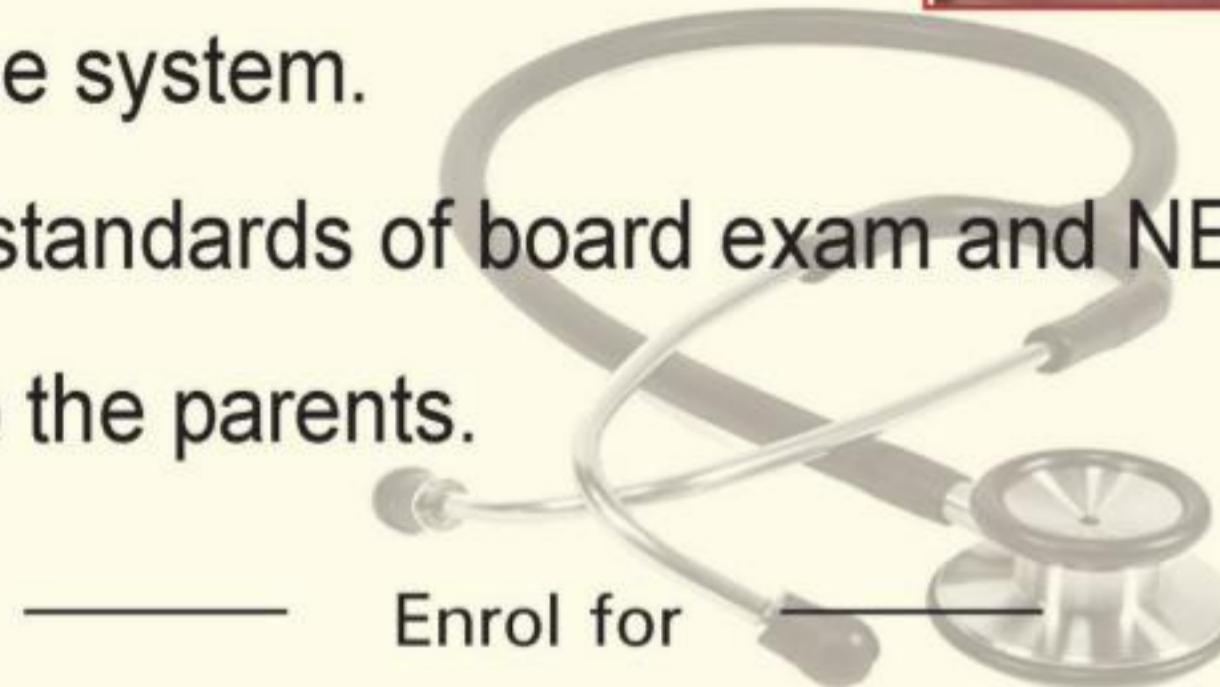
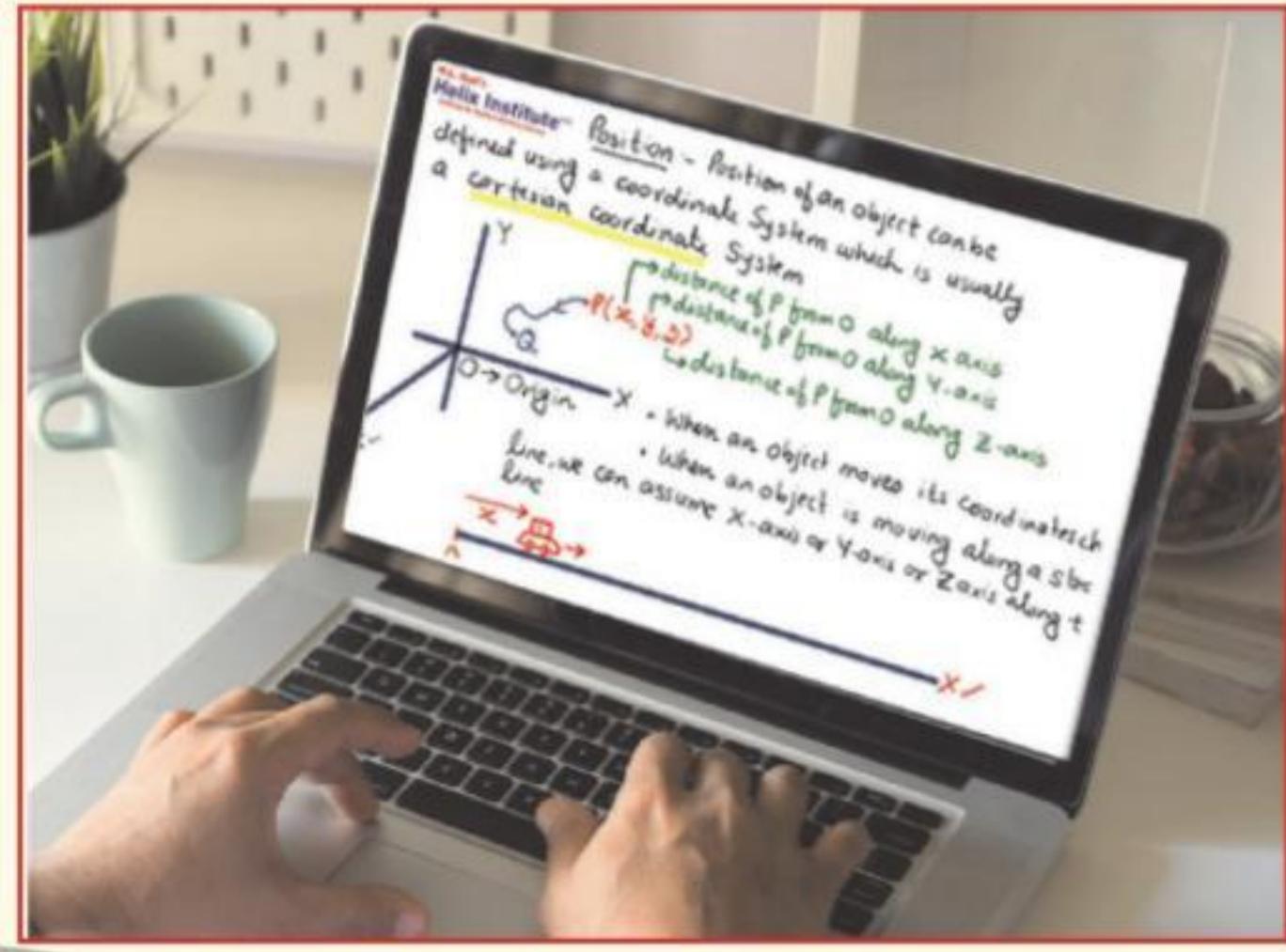
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UN World Food Programme gets Nobel Peace Prize

ROME: The United Nations' World Food Programme (WFP) on Friday won the Nobel Peace Prize for its efforts to combat hunger and food insecurity in regions of conflict and hardship around the globe. The Rome-based organisation provided assistance to almost 100 million people in 88 countries last year. "With this year's award, the committee wishes to turn the eyes of the world to the millions of people who suffer from or face the threat of hunger," said Berit Reiss-Andersen of the Norwegian Nobel Committee. **WORLD**

HAL man held for leaking info to ISI

MUMBAI: A Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) employee has been arrested for allegedly supplying Indian fighter aircraft details to Pakistan's ISI agency, the Maharashtra Police said on Friday. A case under the Official Secrets Act has been registered against the 41-year-old man, an official said. Arrested from his house in Nashik, the accused was sent to ATS custody for 10 days. **PAGE 11**

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₹1-lakh cr push for key sectors, including auto, pharma, agri

RBI keeps repo rates unchanged | GDP expected to shrink by 9.5% in FY21

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

Keeping the benchmark interest rate unchanged, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday announced several additional measures to revive the economy, including a Rs 1 lakh crore liquidity chest for banks for lending via bonds and commercial papers in specific sectors.

Addressing the media after the three-day meeting of the reconstituted Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), RBI chief Shaktikanta Das gave an insight into the government's thinking about reviving the economy. "In my view, it is likely to be a three-speed recovery, with individual sectors showing varying paces, depending on sector-specific realities," he said.

The sectors that would "open their accounts first" are agriculture and allied activities, FMCG, two-wheelers, passenger vehicles and tractors; drugs and pharmaceuticals; and electricity generation, especially renewable.

The central bank signalled more easing ahead to support an economy that it sees contracting 9.5 per cent in the current fiscal. The MPC voted unanimously to retain



SOME HOPE IN Q4

- The RBI expects the GDP to decline by 9.5% for 2020-21 as a whole
 - But it says some positivity is expected in fourth quarter ending March
 - The economic growth had slumped by 23.9% in the April-June quarter
- | Quarter | Projected Growth (%) |
|---------|----------------------|
| Q1 | -23.9% |
| Q2* | -9.8% |
| Q3 | -5.6% |
| Q4 | 0.5% |
- (*RBI projections for Q2, 3 & 4)

the repo rate at 4 per cent while keeping its policy stance accommodative, implying it could ease again.

INFLATION LIKELY AT 4%

The RBI expects inflation to ease close to targeted range of 4% (plus or minus 2%) in Q4. It says the recent pick-up in inflation was due to supply disruption during the lockdown.

SILVER LINING VISIBLE

By all indications, deep contractions of Q1 are behind us; silver linings are visible in flattening of Covid curve.

Shaktikanta Das
RBI GOVERNOR

SENSEX RALLIES 327 PTS

- Extending its gains for the seventh straight session, the longest winning streak in almost a year, the Sensex rose by 326.82 points to 40,509.49 on Friday
- Rupee gained 8 paise to close at 73.16 against the US dollar

₹20,000 crore

for open market operations; will be used for buying govt securities to ease liquidity conditions

₹7.5 crore

new 'Regulatory Retail' threshold, up from ₹5 cr, to facilitate higher credit flow to retail and SME segments

24X7 RTGS FROM DEC

To facilitate more convenience for online fund transfers, the RTGS system will be available round the clock from December this year

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the size of the loan as well as the loan-to-value ratio (LTV).

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State funeral today



Prime Minister Narendra Modi offers condolences to the family of Union Minister Ram Vilas Paswan. The LJP patron will be accorded a state funeral in Patna on Saturday. PTI **BACK PAGE**

Active cases below 9L after 1 month

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

Even as India's cumulative Covid-19 caseload inched closer to seven million today, signs of the disease stabilising firmed up with active infections dropping below 9 lakh for the first time since September 9.

In another strong sign of the disease graph steady, daily new recoveries surpassed new cases for the third week in a row. The active infections settled today at 8,93,592.

The Health Ministry has issued norms for the opening of entertainment parks and theatres from October 15.

The ministry said one person on alternate stairs on escalators would be allowed, 6-ft distancing was mandatory in

Covid-19 Cases India

RECOVERED 59,06,069
FRESH FATALITIES 964
TOTAL DEATHS 1,06,490

COUNT 69,06,151

World

TOTAL 3,69,05,174
RECOVERED 2,77,57,364
DEATHS 10,68,717

China in Covax Group

Beijing: China has joined the WHO Covax alliance to equitably distribute Covid-19 vaccines around the globe. It has also agreed to buy 15 Covax vaccines for its nationals. PTI

HP to monitor BP, diabetes patients

SHIMLA, OCTOBER 9

The Himachal Pradesh Health Department will launch a special campaign to prevent Covid deaths among vulnerable sections. The focus will be on monitoring the health of 11 lakh people suffering from diabetes and hypertension.

Of the total 233 patients who succumbed to the virus in the state till yesterday, 171 had comorbidities, including sugar and hypertension. During the drive, to be launched on October 12, each Asha worker will speak to at least 10-12 patients daily for an update on their health. **INSIDE**

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Father Stan among 8 charge-sheeted

KOREGAON CASE Accused of inciting violence near Pune on Jan 1, 2018

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

The NIA today said it had arrested octogenarian human rights activist and tribal leader Father Stan Swamy from his house in Ranchi for his alleged role in the Bhima-Koregaon violence near Pune on January 1, 2018. Father Stan has been remanded in judicial custody till October 23.

Sources said he was an active member of the proscribed CPI (Maoist) and had received funds through an associate for the organisation's activities. "He is a convenor of the Persecuted Prisoners Solidarity Committee



Social activists in Ranchi protest Father Stan Swamy's arrest. PTI

in contact with Bhima-Koregaon conspirators Sudhir Dhawale, Rona Wilson, Surendra Gadling, Arun Ferreira, Vernon Gonsalves, Hany Babu, Shoma Sen, Mahesh Raut, Varavara Rao, Sudha Bharadwaj, Gautam Navlakha and Anand Teltumbde for furthering the group's activities.

The NIA has filed a charge-sheet against eight persons, including Navlakha, Father Stan and Teltumbde, for allegedly inciting violence in Bhima-Koregaon. The cleric is the sixteenth person to be arrested in the case. — TNS

LANDS IN POLICE NET

- Hisar trader fabricates an incident of getting robbed and being set ablaze in his car
- He had recently got insured for ₹1.10 cr from a private firm and for ₹50 lakh from LIC
- Police are probing murder angle as a charred body was recovered from the car

Mehar (48), who owns an industrial unit in Barwala town, to Hisar on the intervening night of October 6 and 7, the police got information

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Nawanshahr judge indicted by HC for 'undue' favour

SAURABH MALIK

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CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 9

Indicting Nawanshahr District Judge for non-application of judicial mind, ignoring principles of law, failure to perform administrative duty and showing undue favour to a contesting party, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has sought explanation from the judicial offi-

Asked to give explanation within 30 days

cer on no less than 13 counts. The High Court has also withdrawn the appeal pending before him and transferred it to another judge.

Justice Arvind Singh Sangwan made it clear the explanation to be submitted by District Judge Amrinder Singh Grewal through the Registrar-General within 30 days, would be placed before the Administrative Judge concerned. The matter was brought to the High Court's notice after

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Jobs vanish: ₹65k/month to zilch

AAKANKSHA N BHARDWAJ

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Pb youth in dire straits, asked by employers to quit amid pandemic

papers, saying the firm didn't have enough work because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Since then, Vishal is in search of a job, but with no luck so far. Having exhausted his savings, he had to sell his car to meet household expenses and discontinue his daughter's NEET coaching.

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Farmers block roads for Hry brethren

Condemn Sirsa lathicharge, resolve to fight it out till Centre rolls farm laws back

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PATIALA/BATHINDA, OCTOBER 9

To protest the recent police lathicharge on farmers in Haryana's Sirsa, state farmers today blocked the border with the neighbouring state at the Shambu barrier for two hours. The road blockades were reported from several parts of the state also. At many places, farmers staged a sit-in and raised slogans against the Haryana Government.

Condemning the police action in Haryana, the farmers said they stood united with farmers of the neighbouring state in the fight against three contentious agriculture Acts.

"Today's 'Chakka Jam' was against the police action of Haryana. "We (farmers) are united against the Acts. One should not take this as a daylong or weeklong protest.

It is an indefinite protest, which continue till the Bills are rolled back," said Buta Singh, a farmer leader.

Swaran Singh, another farmer leader, said: "If the Modi government believes farmers are divided, they are mistaken. We will not be scared by the lathicharge or the cases against us. The protest will be intensified in the days to come."

Protesting farmers blocked the Patiala-Sirhind road near Baran village, Patiala-Samana



Protesters hold a sit-in on the Mansa-Dabwali flyover in Bathinda against the lathicharge on Haryana farmers. PHOTO: PAWAN SHARMA

road near Dhaintal and Patiala-Nabha road near Kalyan village.

In Bathinda also, farmers blocked roads. A major protest was held on the GT Road connecting Mansa and Dabwali roads near ITI Chowk flyover.

BKU (Ekta Ugrahan) state secretary Shingara Singh Mann said: "Apart from ongoing protests, BKU today staged separate protest at seven places against the cane charge incident." In Sangrur too, farmers blocked the Barnala Chowk and announced to intensify their agitation against the farm Acts.

'WON'T BE SCARED BY PRESSURE TACTICS'

Q There is no space for discussion, expression and dialogue right now. We won't be scared by lathicharge and other pressure tactics. We will resist the Acts till our last breath. **Saudagar Ghudani, GENERAL SECRETARY, BKU (EKTA UGRAHAN)**

"The government can't scare us by using force. We will further intensify our agitation against the farm Acts," said Bhupinder Singh Longowal, a leader of the Kirti Kisan Union.

In Mandi Ahmedgarh, farmers staged dharnas on the Ludhiana-Malerkotla highway. While the dharna in front of a filling station of Reliance con-

tinued for the ninth day, protesters began a sit-in today at a toll plaza for an indefinite period. At Doraha in Ludhiana district, residents of several villages joined the protest led by the BKU (Ekta Ugrahan), resolving not to move even an inch till their demand for revocation of the contentious farm legislations was met.

Commuters a harried lot on national highways

Ropar: Commuters faced harrowing times as traffic remained disrupted due to dharnas by farmers on two national highways. A large number of vehicles were stranded on the Chandigarh road and Morinda bypass on the Kharar-Ludhiana road as farmers protested.

The traffic was diverted towards Bahampur, Zamindara and Khabra villages. The narrow village roads failed to accommodate a heavy traffic of the national highways.

The Tribune INTERVIEW: TARUN CHUGH, BJP NATIONAL GENERAL SECRETARY

'BJP will form next govt in state'

NEWLY appointed BJP national general secretary, who belongs to Amritsar, terms Congress leader Rahul Gandhi a 'part-time politician' and Akalis the 'real killers of democracy' for supporting the farm reforms in private and opposing them in public. Speaking to **Jupinderjit Singh**, the leader expresses confidence that the BJP will form the next government in Punjab.

■ How do you view SAD-BJP alliance break-up?

The BJP has followed the coalition dharma. The Akalis spoke different languages in private and public. It is not ethical to break the alliance on the farmers' issue and claim the moral high ground, while supporting the farm Bills earlier.

They talk about democracy, but democracy died when SAD Bathinda MP Harsimrat Kaur Badal supported the farm ordinances in the Cabinet only to oppose these outside.

■ Do you think BJP stands a chance in state?

The BJP got more than 16 per cent vote share in the 1992 Assembly elections when it contested 65 seats, with the Akalis boycotting it. Many leaders are looking to join us. We will form the next government in Punjab. Our fight will be with



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name, who is way junior in the party.

■ Senior Badal is saying BJP is tampering with federalism and killing democracy?

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■ Rahul claims Modi government is selling India to corporates. What do you have to say?

Rahul is a part-time politician. He wakes up from slumber to venture on political tourism. He returns to enjoy his ultra-luxurious life style and waits for the next opportunity to embark on tourism again. Where was he when more than 120 persons died due to hooch?

■ Are reports that Sidhu may join BJP as the CM face in the 2022 polls true?

The Sidhus are more of a problem for the Congress than us. The cricketer-turned-politician's wife Navjot Kaur Sidhu has indicated many times she wants to join the BJP. The question on Sidhu's future should be asked to the Congress leaders, especially Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh and state affairs in charge Harish Rawat.

16.7LMT paddy arrives in state mandis

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CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 9

Mandis across the state recorded an arrival of 16.70 lakh metric tonne of paddy till Thursday evening.

Food and Civil Supplies Minister Bharat Bhushan said this year, the paddy procurement season commenced from September 27 with four state procurement agencies — Pungrain, Markfed, Punsup & PSWC — involved in the process. Besides, the FCI also participated.

A grade variety selling at MSP of ₹1,888 per quintal

The minister said the A grade variety of paddy was being procured at a minimum support price of Rs 1,888 per quintal and as per the specifications laid down by the Government of India.

The state government had made arrangements to procure an estimated 170 LMT paddy for KMS 2020-21. A cash credit limit amounting to Rs 30,220.82 crore had also got sanctioned from the RBI on account of making MSP payment to farmers, he said.

The Centre has been pushing Punjab for two years now to make direct payment to farmers. The state government has been avoiding this, mainly because the arthiyas or commission agents enjoy political patronage because of their money power.

Of the total paddy that has arrived in the mandis, 15.91 LMT has been procured by government agencies and the remaining by private traders. Lifting of the procured crop has been going smoothly and a total of 7.15 LMT paddy has already been lifted.



A farmer inspects his crop at a grain market in Patiala. PHOTO: RAJESH SACHAR

Centre allows one-time payment through arthiyas

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'SAVE OUR INTERESTS'

Q Arthiyas' removal from the procurement process won't be tolerated. We are sure the state government will safeguard our interests. **Vijay Kalra, ARTHIYAS' FEDERATION PRESIDENT**

'GOVT IS WITH YOU'

Q The state has been assured that the arthiyas are legal entities under the APMC Act. We are firm that arthiyas cannot be removed. **Bharat Bhushan Ashu, FOOD SUPPLIES MINISTER**

grain from the state.

The state government had earlier pleaded with the Centre to allow payments through the arthiyas, citing Covid-19 and farmers' stir

The regional office of Food Corporation of India (FCI) has been directed by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution to ensure that the directions of making direct payment to farmers are followed from the next crop marketing season before accepting the food

was disbursed for wheat procured in April-May, Rs 35,500 crore is to be disbursed for the paddy purchase.

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AMRITSAR REGISTERS MAXIMUM OF 857 CASES

While 245 stubble burning cases have been reported from nine Malwa districts so far, Amritsar alone has recorded the highest 857 farm fire cases, followed by Tarn Taran (366) and Gurdaspur (95).

« A farmer burns stubble on the Jalandhar-Nawanshahr road near Phagwara. MALKIT SINGH

burning stubble and when they act by pooling in resources by taking loans, it doesn't honour its own word," said BKU (Ekta Ugrahan) president Shin-gara Singh Mann said.

Kinnow sale brings cheer

ABOHAL, OCTOBER 9

The purchase of kinnow and malta has begun in the local mandi located at the new grain market complex here.

Abohal contributes about 65 per cent of the total kinnow and malta produce in the state. Despite drain water fury which affected dozens of orchards in the villages falling in the Ballanana constituency, the subdivision was expecting a bumper crop, said a fruit grower.

Even as kinnow was not ripe, it was transported to retail juice processors. Besides, the first lot of 800 quintals was purchased by some businessmen at Rs 7 per kg. However, about 250 pieces of malta were sold at



Kinnow and malta on sale at a market in Abohal. TRIBUNE PHOTO

the rate of Rs 25 to 29 per kg, bringing cheer on the faces of farmers, who still prefer to grow citrus instead of its hybrid combination with orange known as kinnow. A trader said kinnow, after

ripening, might fetch a wholesale price of Rs 15 per kg after a month or so. "I have been receiving orders for green kinnow from Delhi, Noida, and Meerut," said the trader. — OC

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BATHINDA, OCTOBER 9

A total of 245 stubble burning cases have been reported from nine Malwa districts of the state so far.

As per the Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB) data, Patiala has recorded the highest 104 farm fire cases, followed by Ludhiana (50), Sangrur (41), Ferozepur (28), Faridkot (11), Barnala (5), Mansa (3) and Bathinda, Muktsar and Fazilka (one each).

PPCB officials said the harvest started early in the Majha region so a significant number of farm fire cases have been reported from there. Amritsar has recorded

the highest 857 farm fire cases, followed by Tarn Taran (366) and Gurdaspur (95).

Agricultural experts said the harvest was yet to gather pace in Malwa. If authorities don't act timely, farm fires

would increase at a rapid rate in the coming weeks.

"PPCB is fully prepared to tackle the emerging situation and has already started imposing a fine on farmers burning stubble," said Surinder Math-



aru, XEN, PPCB.

"We, especially the marginal farmers, have no alternative but to burn paddy straw. On the one hand, the government promises compensation to farmers not

Challan filed against two cops in Behbal firing case

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LAWYER, CAR DEALER NAMED TOO

FARIDKOT, OCTOBER 9 The Punjab Police special investigation team (SIT) today submitted a supplementary challan in the 2015 Behbal Kalan police firing case in the court of Judicial Magistrate here.

The challan has been filed against Bikram Singh, then SP at Faridkot, Amarjit Singh Kular, then SHO at Bajakhana police station, Suhail Singh Brar, a Faridkot advocate, and Pankaj Bansal, owner of a car agency in Moga.

Both advocate and car agency owner were nominated by the SIT as accused in the case recently, accusing them of fabricating fake bullet marks on a police

Gypsy to allegedly implicate protesters at Behbal Kalan in a criminal case.

On April 24, 2019, the SIT had filed a challan against former Moga SSP Charanjit Singh Sharma in the case. Two protesters, Krishan Bhagwan Singh and Gurjot Singh, were allegedly killed in the police firing on October 14, 2015.

On September 27, the SIT probing the Behbal Kalan police firing incident had nominated then Punjab DGP Sumedh Singh Saini and then IGP Paramraj Singh Umranangal as accused. However, the SIT did not file challan against Saini and Umranangal on Friday. Sources in the SIT said the challan against both would be filed later as investigation against them was under way.

While nominating Saini and Umranangal as accused in the case, the SIT had claimed both officers had

been found prima facie guilty on the basis of documentary evidence and the statement of witnesses.

As SIT has not yet served notice on Saini and Umranangal asking them to join investigation, so both might be challaned later, said sources.

The SIT has also not filed challan against Gurdeep Singh Pandher, then SHO of Kotkapura and one of the nominated accused in this case.

After Pandher challenged his nomination in the Punjab and Haryana High Court accusing a senior SIT member of bias, the court had barred the SIT from submitting supplementary challan against him till further orders.

In high spirits

TREBUNE PHOTO: MALKIAT SINGH



■ Constables rejoice after their passing-out parade at the Punjab Armed Police grounds in Jalandhar on Friday.

■ As many as 52 men and 30 women recruits from across the state were inducted as constables in the Punjab Police.

Fresh cases dip to record low

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COVID CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS	DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Ludhiana	19,040	791	Moga	2,377	76
Jalandhar	13,912	429	Fatehgarh Sahib	2,011	95
Amritsar	11,021	401	Tarn Taran	1,839	75
Patiala	12,072	349	Kapurthala	3,723	154
Sangrur	3,710	155	Fazilka	2,643	42
SAS Nagar	11,195	196	SBS Nagar	1,768	56
Gurdaspur	6,371	171	Faridkot	2,930	51
Bathinda	6,290	129	Barnala	1,911	47
Hoshiarpur	5,002	179	Ropar	2,261	90
Ferozepur	3,977	109	Muktsar	2,677	52
Pathankot	3,987	93	Mansa	1,742	33
Total	122,459	3,773			

ed from Ludhiana with 19,040 cases and 791 fatalities. Amritsar, after showing signs of recovery, again reported 94 fresh cases. The holy city also topped the toll chart by recording five deaths.

Capt tests negative
CM Capt Amarinder Singh tested negative for Covid. He had come in contact with Health Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu during a rally organised earlier this week.

Spurious products make way into market

6,555 kg adulterated ghee seized from dairy | Another firm fined ₹5 lakh for violations

SUKHMEET BHASIN

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

BATHINDA, OCTOBER 9 Ahead of the festival season, the problem of spurious ghee and food items in the region has come to haunt the residents again. The Bathinda Police have registered a case against the owner of an Australian dairy located on the Gillpati village road here for supplying spurious ghee to people.

A case under Section 420 of the IPC has been registered at the Thermal police station against Yogesh Kumar of Faridkot district. The police got a tip-off that the accused was making spurious products at his dairy. Later, the

police conducted a raid and seized 6,555 kg spurious ghee.

Last year, during the festival season, food safety teams had cracked down on 11 ghee manufacturing units. The licences of eight firms in Bathinda, namely New SK Agro Industry, Ashoka Agro, Anmol Food Rampura Phul, Shri Balaji Trading, BS Agro, Goyal Sons, AR Agro Industry and Merry Agro, had been cancelled. The licences of two firms of Mansa, namely Ganesh Agro Foods and Shri Krishna Foods, and one of Barnala, namely Jugal Kishore and Company, had also been cancelled.

Last month, the Punjab and Haryana High Court



A case has been registered against the owner of an Australian dairy on the Gillpati village road for supplying spurious ghee to people. FILE PHOTO

had denied bail to Bathinda District Health Officer Ramesh Maheshwari, who is facing allegations of taking bribe from milk sellers, grocery shops, dairies and ghee factories for not collecting samples from them.

Meanwhile, taking a serious view of violations of the Food Safety and Standards Act, Additional Deputy Commissioner-cum-Adjudicating Officer (Food Safety) Rajdeep Singh Brar has slapped a fine of Rs 5 lakh on Fine Food

Products company over violation of norms.

Brar said a team led by the District Health Officer had taken samples of various products. He said violations had been found in the report sent by the food analyst. He said products like Utstav Cooking Medium, Home Day Cooking Medium and Star Fresh Cooking Medium had been fined Rs 1 lakh each over non-compliance to the standards set under the Food Safety Act.

Raids are conducted throughout the year to check the supply of adulterated food, but some systemic loopholes make it an uphill task for the Health Department to enforce the rules strictly.

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New laws will improve farmers' lot: Dhankar

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PANIPAT, OCTOBER 9 State BJP chief Om Prakash Dhankar has said the new farm laws are revolutionary steps by the BJP-led Union Government in agriculture and these would actually work to strengthen the financial condition of farmers. The Congress is spreading confusion over these only for politics, he said.

Dhankar was addressing farmers in a thanksgiving tractor 'kisan dhanyawad rally' by the BJP held in the grain market at Gohana on Friday. Dhankar, along with Agriculture Minister JP Dalal, reached the rally venue on a tractor which was driven by MP Karnal Sanjay Bhatia.

Taking a dig at the Congress, the BJP state chief said that the politics of Congress is being run on lies and the people have understood their policies. The Congress has now adopted the politics of opposing everything, he said.

The Congress in its manifesto had promised that when the party comes to



State BJP president OP Dhankar, Karnal MP Sanjay Bhatia and Agriculture Minister JP Dalal in Gohana on Friday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

power, it would amend the agricultural produce market committees' laws and would abolish all restrictions on export of agricultural produce and trade in other states. But when the BJP has made these amendments, they are opposing those, Dhankar said.

The Congress is creating a

scene that grain markets would be closed, MSP would be eliminated, the farmers' land would be sold to corporate houses, but nothing like these would happen, the BJP state president claimed.

JP Dalal said that the massive crowd at the rally was sufficient to prove that the laws are pro-farmer.

Hooda: Make law to ensure MSP



Former CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda in Karnal on Friday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KARNAL, OCTOBER 9 Former CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda on Friday reiterated the demand for a law to ensure that crops were not procured below the MSP.

"We stand by farmers and want their produce to be produced at MSP. The government should bring in a fourth law, making it mandatory to purchase farmers' produce at MSP, failing which they will be penalised," he said.

He said his government had made amendments in the Agricultural Produce Market Committee Act in

14 more succumb; 1,250 fresh cases

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 9

The Covid tally in the state reached 1,39,932 on Friday with the addition of 1,250 cases. The toll went up to 1,562 with 14 more deaths.

Gurugram reported a maximum of 263 cases, followed by Faridabad (153), Hisar (108) and Sonepat (89). Panipat reported three deaths, Gurugram, Hisar, Jhajjar and Yamunanagar two each and Ambala, Rohtak and Bhiwani one each. — TNS

COVID-19 CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

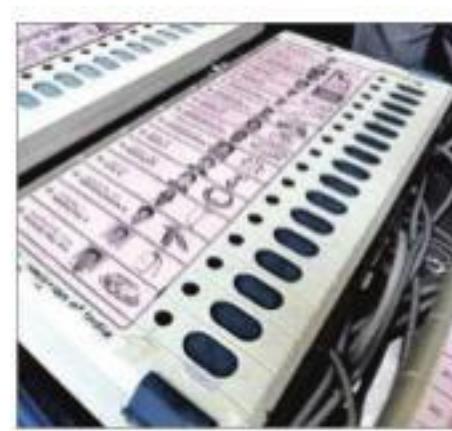
DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Gurugram	23,036	183
Faridabad	21,187	230
Sonepat	8,801	48
Ambala	8,416	102
Karnal	7,788	111
Panipat	7,627	96
Hisar	7,187	84
Panchkula	6,492	100
Rohtak	6,511	70
Rewari	6,225	33
Kurukshetra	5,987	95
Yamunanagar	4,569	88
Sirsia	4,236	70
Mahendragarh	3,797	7
Bhiwani	3,064	40
Palwal	2,852	19
Jhajjar	2,774	30
Kaithal	2,614	41
Fatehabad	2,531	45
Jind	2,398	42
Nuh	1,189	24
Charkhi Dadri	702	4
Total	1,39,932	1,562

Postal ballot for differently abled in Baroda bypoll

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 9

In view of the Covid pandemic, the Election Commission of India (ECI) has decided to issue postal ballot papers for physically challenged voters and those above 80 years of age for the Baroda bypoll.



2 file papers on Day 1

Panipat: Two candidates filed their nomination papers for Baroda Assembly seat on the first day of nomination on Friday.

Ashish Kumar, returning officer, said that Ramesh Khatri Nambardar (59) of Garhi Brahman village and Dikshit Khatri of ward 30 in Sonepat have filed their nomination as independent candidates. — TNS

SVEEP activities should be implemented in the Assembly constituency as per the directions issued by Election Commission of India during the Covid pandemic and thorough adherence to the model code of conduct should be ensured.

He directed that all polling stations should be verified well in advance in the presence of the Supervisory Officer and also to ensure that all polling stations had basic facilities like Internet, electricity, water and toilets.

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Liquor trader shot in Sonepat, 12 booked

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PANIPAT, OCTOBER 9 A 28-year-old liquor trader was shot, while two others sustained bullet injuries in Liwaspur village here today.

The police said the deceased, also a history sheeter, was suspected to be killed due to old enmity.

The police recovered 27

rounds from the spot, while 24 bullet injuries were found on the deceased. Twelve persons were booked under the IPC and Arms Act.

The deceased has been identified as Sukhvinder alias Dhola of Liwaspur. His elder brother Ravinder and Sandeep of the opposite party were injured and being treated at a hospital.

Vikas, younger brother of the deceased, told the police that Sukhvinder was out with his one-and-a-half-year-old daughter Bhavika when the incident occurred.

He said when Sukhvinder neared Sandeep's house, the latter stopped him and around seven persons opened fire at Sukhvinder.

Ravinder tried to save

Sukhvinder, but the assailants shot at him. After hearing the gunshots, scores of villagers reached the spot.

Vikas said Sukhvinder had enmity with Sooraj, Pradeep alias Bholia, Kuldeep of Khewra and Deepak of Liwaspur. Deepak was in Faridabad jail, while Pradeep had come out of the jail two months ago.

Four Left parties back farmers' stir

ROHTAK, OCTOBER 9

Four Left parties have announced their support to the agitation of farmers against the three controversial farm laws. The announcement was made at a meeting here on Friday.

Prem Singh Gehlawat,

Surender Singh and Inderjit Singh of the CPM, Daryao Singh Kashyap and Satpal Beniwal of the CPI, Satyawan and Anoop Singh of the SUFI (Communist) and Prem Singh Gehlawat of the CPI (Marxist-Leninist) were present. — TNS

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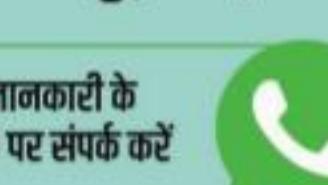


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GDP pangs

Major stimulus needed to expedite economic recovery

AS the first half of the current financial year gets over, the curve of active Covid cases seems to be flattening across the country. The second half is expected to witness brisk economic activity, though a second wave of the pandemic is not ruled out. Echoing the World Bank's forecast for Indian economy, the RBI has said that the GDP is likely to contract by 9.5 per cent in the ongoing fiscal. The massive downturn was a foregone conclusion after India imposed the world's most stringent lockdown in late March in a bid to contain the virus, bringing economic operations to a grinding halt and wreaking havoc on millions of livelihoods. The economy contracted by a record 23.9 per cent in the April-June quarter, during which nationwide restrictions were in place. Though unlocking has been in progress from July, the adverse impact of the lockdown is still being felt, and the government has been slow in rising to the challenge.

On the bright side, the World Bank expects India's growth to rebound to 5.4 per cent in the next fiscal. The RBI is hopeful that the GDP could turn positive at 0.5 per cent as early as January-March 2021. With positive growth being merely wishful thinking as of now, the government would have to act decisively—and quickly—just to keep the contraction below 10 per cent. Ironically, agriculture, the only sector that bucked the negative trend during April-June, finds itself at the crossroads amid the farmers' widespread protests against the new laws. The Centre needs to resolve the issues flagged by the farming community on priority so that agriculture and allied activities can lead economic revival by boosting rural demand.

The upcoming festival season could prove to be a double-edged sword—spurring consumption on the one hand and heightening the risk of infection due to increased public movement on the other. It's here that a major stimulus is required to sustain the gains. The Rs 1 lakh crore liquidity chest for banks is not enough. According to the RBI, private investment and exports are likely to remain subdued. The sooner India offsets the damage caused by Covid, the easier it will be to restore investor/buyer confidence.

Five-fold field fires

Farmers' agitation may worsen the situation

WITH the wheat-sowing season approaching, incidents of stubble burning have registered a five-fold rise in Punjab than those reported in the corresponding period in the past two years, pointing to the inability or reluctance of the authorities to check the menace. The alarm bells had rung when NASA images showed farm fires in the state, but the authorities were then of the view that the magnitude of the problem was not that serious and because of the agitation over the farm laws, it would not be appropriate to take strict action against the offenders.

With industrial and other economic activity yet to regain normalcy, it might be tempting for the farmers to take recourse to this environmentally hazardous method, but the government should take steps to curb the practice instead of looking the other way. In Punjab, farmers have been advised to plough back the straw into the soil instead of burning it and the compliance remains to be seen.

The burning of crop straw has been a festering problem and there have been suggestions to look into the possibility of formulating a strategy for agricultural waste management to channelise its use for various purposes. Haryana has instituted a system of awarding panchayats that refrain from burning crop stubble and the possibility of a similar practice for Punjab can be looked into. Experts have repeatedly pointed to the fact that the practice of burning stubble needs changes in agricultural practices like the crop pattern and growing of varieties that are more environment-friendly while fetching good yield and prices. Bringing about change is not easy and the farmers have to be educated about the benefits to make them stick to the practice. Not that it had been easier earlier, but with their apprehension over the fate of the MSP regime, conforming to the rules will not be smooth for the farmers.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Every tier of society in almost every culture tries to dominate a group it perceives as beneath it. —Marlon Brando

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

LAHORE, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1920

The "Englishman's" Puzzle.

THE Englishman is in a difficulty. It has convinced itself that both the Government and the Congress are dishonest. The difficulty is only as to the relative culpability of the two. In a recent issue, it states the case against both with remarkably impartiality." This as regards the first:—"There are, of course, degrees of dishonesty and the unbiased observer must admit that the Government is not so dishonest as the Congress. But it ought not to be dishonest at all, and any virtue that it gains by comparison is more than lost when one remembers that *noblesse oblige* and that much more is expected from an official in a high position than from a politician who has no responsibilities". But the Congress, it seems, is not enjoying even this doubtful compliment. We go on to read:—"If on the one hand, the Government is in much more responsible position, on the other, individual members of it are not continually laying their hands upon their hearts and calling upon the whole world to witness how pure and good and noble-minded they are. Every Congressman is, according to his own words, a self-sacrificing, self-denying patriot, whose sole desire is to lay down his life for his countrymen. His motives are of the highest kind. Not for him a life of luxury, but a bed of thorns. Having delivered himself of these sentiments and been duly cheered, he climbs into his high-powered motor car and drives smoothly to the palace in which he lives." After this absolutely convincing process of argument, if all Congressmen—the overwhelming majority of whom, of course, have never seen a motor car in their lives except from a distance and whose houses are no more palaces than the houses in which the Englishman's juniormost assistant lives, do not hang down their heads in shame, it is not the Englishman's fault.

Hathras and Hindutva

Hideous nationalism that we see is merely celebration of toxic masculinity



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PAINFUL REALITY: Hathras is a metaphor for people who are powerless.

Gandhian nationalism made every dominant group man feel guiltier about the accident of his birth than even a racist ruler.

RAPE is a painful reality of our lives and times; so are soul-numbing, torturous gang-rapes leading to death. But the entire administration of a state descending on a hapless family, even forcing a narco test after having lost a 19-year-old daughter and sister is a new beginning in the conduct of criminal investigations in the new India of Yogi Adityanath. Someone, somewhere thought that the Hathras girl could become the Nirbhaya for Yogi, dragging the Uttar Pradesh government down the drain of political misfortunes; hence, the government decided to gag the family, shut the district and shun the media. The sliced tongue of the Hathras girl thus became a sort of metaphor for a people who are powerless to speak against atrocities on a helpless girl, a distressed community and a silenced nation.

Nirbhaya's rape was an opportunistic crime committed by total strangers in a metropolitan milieu with all the concomitants of the urban jungle that is Delhi. But the Hathras girl was attacked in her own village because she was poor, or worse, because she was a Valmiki—the lowest of all the low castes on the great Indian caste ladder. The perpetrators knew who she was and so, obviously, knew that she could do nothing but suffer the ignominies of atrocities that are de rigueur in a regular rural Indian setting. Thus, the Hathras girl is a victim of the village where prejudices get fossilised for centuries. This is a familiar context, be it a UP *gaon* or a Punjab *pind*, where some dominant-caste boys believe that low-caste girls could be preyed upon, hunted and hounded

out, snapping the umbilical cord with their place of birth. Afterwards, some live, some don't.

But the story of the Hathras girl becomes different because of the way the UP government handled this familiar context. The incompetent, bumbling Indian state and its miniature versions in the districts and villages cannot obviously stop these atrocities, but they often show empathy to the victim and her family as a guilt-ridden afterthought. The state allowed the anger of the feminine half of urban India to overflow in December 2012 in the aftermath of Nirbhaya's gang-rape and murder and then came out with a piece of tough legislation to atone for its sin of letting toxic masculinity prevail in the streets of Delhi. Not the line of action for Yogi or his party. Here we see the same ugly male entitlement with a saffron mark on its forehead abusing the victim's family and challenging the entire system—nay, proclaiming *they* are the system!—because they belong to the caste of their chief minister, which is obviously the dominant one.

A group is termed dominant, even in a democracy, when it asserts more influence and power than are its due,

and at the same time oppresses the weaker groups within a small geographical unit. What better proof of dominance than the friends and family of the accused holding a meeting of support after the state administration had slapped Section 144 in the district, banning all meetings! This brings to the fore the ideological underpinnings of the Yogi government that has made the thugs of this village continue to behave the way they do. Even on Thursday, they had the temerity to write a letter shaming the victim, which was promptly flashed in the media as if now the onus of trying to prove their innocence is on the dead victim and her family. The state administration's conduct does not leave much to speculate on. So, it is important to examine the Hathras case politically to understand why Hindu nationalist politics, or Hindutva, is instinctively benign towards dominant groups.

For a post-colonial society, nationalism ought to remain an idealistic unifying force. Every time colonial and neo-colonial investments in divisive agendas using identity projects seem paying dividends in terms of separatist politics, quietly, unconsciously

nationalism gets fore-grounded as an overriding, coalescing force. This is the expression of the desire of the people, who want a unified, strong and proud nation. It is this unconscious expression of a progressive programme that gets hijacked by Hindutva nationalism. Yet, in the Hindutva nationalist scheme, a Valmiki family does not get the same treatment as a Thakur one does, proving that the Hindutva nationalism has a top-down, condescending, if not oppressive, approach towards the Hindu society and not just the minorities. Hindutva nationalism, thus, is more a militant celebration of masculine violence of dominant groups, which use the saffron *tilak* and the *Bharat mata ki jai* slogan for legitimacy, than being a force that binds a nation or creates a nation. Shivaji is supposed to have created a new Hindu nation igniting the martial valour among *mahars*, *mangs* and all the oppressed castes, something that the subsequent Peshwa rule overturned. In fact, Hindutva nationalism cannot create a Hindu nation.

Contrast this with Gandhian nationalism, which attempted to create modern India. It had space for everyone, particularly those from the old manual scavenging castes to which the Hathras girl belonged. His nationalism was not merely aimed at the brutal colonial government; rather, it made every dominant group man feel guiltier about the accident of his birth than even a racist ruler. Ideologically, it was the responsibility of every Gandhian nationalist to lend his or her hand to those below on the caste ladder and cleanse oneself of racism by this contact. Gandhi's solution for untouchability was to tell dominant group people that they are in communion with god or *Hari* when they touch a manual scavenger.

Unfortunately, India has regressed so badly that now the politics of caste arrogance is par for the course. Backward caste leaders practising identity politics are gambling away the gains of the Constitution without realising that they are pitted against a force that can beat them at their own game. The way forward is that of Gandhi.

Tales of love, steeped in legend

SUMIT PAUL

I'VE often wondered as to why Pakistan evokes so much anger in India. There's heartening news that the Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa government in Peshawar has decided to purchase and restore the ancestral havelis of Bollywood stalwarts Dilip Kumar and Raj Kapoor. Yet, a section believes that Pakistan has done this out of fear. Will they explain why it should be so? This was done more as a gesture of love and respect for the actors who were born in Peshawar.

As a regular visitor to Pakistan's premier universities as an exegete of Al-Furqan and Islamic theology, let me put things in perspective. Had the Pakistan government wanted, it could have demolished the mansions

in Peshawar. But it didn't do that. Let me ask these patriotic Indians whether they've heard of Daya Ram Sahni, KN Dikshit and Rakhaldas Banerji? Most Indians, much less the younger generation, haven't heard of them. These gentlemen were the assistants to Sir John Marshall, who excavated the Indus Valley Civilisation at Mohenjo-Daro in Larkana district of Sindh in Pakistan.

Banerji discovered Mohenjo-Daro in 1922. Visit this well-maintained world heritage site and you'll be surprised to know that a museum is dedicated to Banerji, unlike the Yogi government's decision to have a museum near the Taj Mahal named after Shivaji.

Karachi University's archaeology department has Sahni and Banerji

Chair for advanced research. Indians go ga-ga over the great Mohammad Rafi, but when I wanted to pursue a doctorate on the tonal quality of Rafi's voice, no university helped me. Finally, I pursued it from Lahore University. I again faced hurdles, when I suggested pursuing my PhD in Urdu on *Sukhan-e-Firaq mein humjinsi anasir* (sexuality in Firaq's poetry). The subject was a taboo to Indian universities and is condemned in Islam, but Karachi University accepted my thesis and conferred an A-level degree on my rather polemic subject on the redoubtable Raghupati Sahay 'Firaq' Gorakhpuri.

When no Indian university helped me retrieve Ghalib's 151 Persian ghazals, believed to be lost forever, a retired Lieutenant General of the

Pakistan Army, Zia Altaf sent all the Persian poems of Ghalib. The legendary poet was his great-great grandfather. When yours truly teaches Islam, despite being a non-believer, no Muslim student or scholar ever questions as to how an atheist can teach Islam, Koran and the Hadis.

Until we visit, we remain prejudiced about a place and its people. I've seen the way locals on Qissa Khwani—the street of storytellers—helped maintain the ramshackle buildings of the Bollywood legends by paying from their pockets. It's time to change perceptions and realise that it was once the same country with the same cultural ethos and bonhomie. Hatred leads us nowhere. It's a proverbial dead albatross that we carry around our necks.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Shaheen Bagh protests

This refers to the editorial, 'Shaheen Bagh' (Oct 9); the protests were largely spontaneous, mostly leaderless, sheltered under the portraits and banners of the founding fathers of the Constitution along with the Tricolour, with the agitators demanding the rollback of a law that specifically excludes Muslims from its promise of fast-tracked citizenship to religious minorities. In its response, the government sought to label the protests as anti-national, and even criminalised them. By ignoring it, the Supreme Court constricts the definition of the public sphere.

SS PAUL, NADIA

Unfit cops

The Punjab and Haryana High Court has rightly pulled up the Punjab Police for having unfit cops entrusted with the task of raiding drug peddlers and bootleggers. It is not only physical fitness but a bigger malaise which facilitates the escape of accused from the spot. Apart from agility, it is the deliberate willful act of cops which helps the accused flee from the spot with an intent to weaken the case in lieu of illegal gratification. There is a need to identify the black sheep in the force besides overhauling

the primitive mechanism associated with the raids.

ANIL VINAYAK, AMRITSAR

Justified or not

This refers to the news item 'Accused write to SP, hint at honour killing' (Oct 9); how can it be ascertained that what the accused have said in the letter is true? Definitely these four men want to save themselves by saying ridiculous things about the victim's family. The two sides, that of the accused and the victim, only want to prove their point. Between them, justice will not be served. And again it will take another few years to get justice.

NIKITA BHATI, RAJASTHAN

Why such rumours?

The media, apart from being the fourth pillar of democracy, is a powerful source of information. When people lose all hope of getting justice, the media helps them raise their voice. If the media is being trusted, then why are they indulging in unhealthy rivalry? By doing so, they are losing respect and only trying to gain publicity. Much wrong stuff is shown without evidence which creates anger among the people.

EKTA SHARMA, GURUGRAM

Paswan leaves a void

The death of Ram Vilas Paswan will lead to a paradigm shift in the Bihar elections. Paswan had an uncanny acumen of reading the political pulse, which his son, Chirag, seems to have inherited. The issues in Bihar are numerous, but this time, it will be a plebiscitary election for Nitish Kumar and may even see a re-run of the Maharashtra post-election scene, with the BJP calling the shots along with the LJP and Nitish as a bronze medalist. This was evident with the exit of the LJP from the Bihar alliance.

RAJIV BOOLCHAND JAIN, ZIRAKPUR

IAF strength

Refrer to the news item 'IAF to scale up combat capability: Bhadauria' (Oct 9); the induction of the proposed 125 advanced combat jets will help plug the shortages, but the procurement will take some years to complete. The painfully slow procurement process, therefore, needs to be hastened. Otherwise, its very purpose would be defeated. Let us also desist from raising unnecessary controversies as has happened in the Rafale deal. Indigenous production of fighter jets is fast picking up. There has to be a judicious mix. Over-dependence on one source of supply should be avoided.

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20 years of Modi's rise and counting...



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plaints of regular power cuts boasted of electrification of all villages, with uninterrupted power supply to every household during Modi's tenure — a first for the state of Gujarat.

The fact that a well-built road was not just a privilege of a few in urban centres but also the right of every village became evident in the years Gujarat was served by this son of the soil. The establishment of Vikas Path, Pragati Path and Kisan Path — a network of roads covering the needs of the entire state — was one such stellar example.

Is it any wonder then that the *Pradhan Sevak* in his disposition at the Centre unveils the most ambitious infrastructure projects upon which will be built a New India? Be it the sum of Rs 100 lakh crore allocated to national infrastructure projects or his promise of ensuring a roof over the head of every Indian by 2022, Narendra Modi has not only set administrative targets but is oft also celebrated for achieving these goals within the pronounced timelines.

Though many described Modi as the 'Infrastructure Man' during his stint at the state, there were some who were witness to a societal transformation that his administrative agenda brought to the fore. Never before was a state witness to a programme like Mission Mangalam which helped congregate self-help groups in order to strengthen their administrative structures and help engage them with credit institutions to enhance their livelihood prospects. A reflection of this very initiative is visible in the success of schemes like Mudra under which 70 per cent of the beneficiaries are the

enterprising women of our country.



The man who directed institutions under his care to reform and perform today is acknowledged as the torch-bearer of some of the most significant legislative interventions which have served the purpose of a resilient nation. A man in office who not only swore allegiance to the Constitution but also declared it as his personal guiding light, and ensured that 'one nation' is governed under the principles of a single Constitution by abrogating Article 370.

The cacophony of a political clan defeated by the will of the people did not deter Modi from undertaking tasks deemed impossible in the 73

years of our democratic existence. The recent bills which ushered in agriculture reforms, the enforcement of one nation one ration card, the belief that one nation one market under the GST regime which will usher in bountiful opportunities for a nation blessed with ample resources are a manifestation of the slogan, 'Modi hai toh mumkin hai.'

While his 20 years of administrative journey is publicly measured, what seems to be subdued in the narrative is the possibility called Narendra Modi, as envisioned by many a common citizen. That the *chaiwallah* jibe created a public and political uproar at the onset of the General Election in

2014 is not forgotten; however, those who struggle to emerge from economic and societal challenges viewed Modi from the prism of aspiration. To them, he became an example of *purusharth* of what could be achieved through pursuit of excellence and single-minded dedication, no matter how hard the struggle.

Today, as we face the brunt of a global pandemic, citizens take comfort in the leadership of a man with a history of administrative foresight and a reformist temperament. That the past six months have witnessed a humane government reaching out to 80 crore citizens and providing them with free ration, that in time of distress a Rs-20-

lakh-crore package addressing the need of small industries and farmers was pronounced along with the unfolding of a sustained reform agenda defines the intent and aptitude of the Modi administration.

The continued attention to issues such as access to free and clean fuel by eight crore families under the Ujjwala Yojana and direct transfer of Rs 30,000 crore in the bank accounts of 20 crore women is testimony that Modi's governance agenda leaves no one behind. And today, 20 years and counting... we, the citizens of India, are assured that it is on the shoulders of this *Pradhan Sevak* that we will fulfil the aspirations of an *atmanirbhar Bharat*.

'INFRASTRUCTURE MAN': Modi has allocated ₹100 lakh crore to national infrastructure projects and promised a roof over everyone's head by 2022.

Equitable access to Covid vaccine a challenge



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SCIENCE COMMENTATOR

BY all indications, the likelihood of a vaccine effective in tackling Covid-19 becoming available in 2021 is high. Dozens of vaccines are under development globally and a few of them are undergoing various stages of human clinical trials in many countries, including India. Russia has claimed the success of its Sputnik vaccine in early trials and is looking to India for further trials and mass-manufacturing.

The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has begun preparations for distribution of the vaccine and is drawing up strategies to roll it out, in anticipation of one becoming available before mid-2021.

The WHO also sees a vaccine becoming available during the next one year.

While everyone is eagerly awaiting a vaccine, the biggest worry should be about an equitable access to such a vaccine or an effective drug, whenever it becomes available.

In early 2020, when the pandemic was in its formative days, world bodies like the UN and WHO talked about putting up a united fight against the pandemic. As the virus spread to all continents, infecting millions of people and killing thousands, the race to develop medical tools like vaccines and pharmaceuticals also picked up.

The WHO and national governments put vaccine development on the fast track. In April, the WHO, along with a few global health entities, launched the 'Access to Covid-19 Tools Accelerator', or the ACT, to boost the development and production of new therapeutics, diagnostics and vaccines. This was supposed to be the face of the so-



EYE ON PROFIT: Companies engaged in vaccine development have already filed patents, which will hit accessibility and distribution.

called global pandemic response with rich nations promising support to it.

However, the ACT lost steam and a new actor entered the scene — COVAX — as the vaccine pillar of ACT. It was touted as a platform to support research, development and manufacturing of a wide range of Covid-19 vaccine candidates, and negotiate their pricing. It promised the world that it would make available two billion doses of the vaccine by the end of 2021.

Actually, COVAX is not a new player, but old wine in a new bottle. It is supposed to be a three-way partnership of the WHO, Vaccine Alliance (earlier known as GAVI) and the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI). In effect, however, it is a partnership between WHO and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, because both CEPI and Vaccine Alliance are its babies.

The result: though the ACT has been floated by WHO, it is the Gates foundation which is in the driving seat through COVAX. What appears to be a so-called public-private partnership has been turned into a front for a privately owned and managed charity. This is hugely problematic, given that the Gates foundation and entities created by it are not transparent and are answerable only to their trustees.

By outsourcing an important function in its pandemic response — coordinating the availability and distribution of vaccine — WHO has disappointed its member-nations. Equity and access are important principles in global health, which the world body is expected to uphold at any cost.

So far, 76 of WHO's member-countries have signed up for COVAX as 'self-financing' members. Another

92 low- and middle-income countries are eligible to participate through the Advance Market Commitment (AMC) mechanism of GAVI. Many rich countries, like the US, have decided to stay out of all this.

Developed countries that have signed up with this facility are also entering into bilateral deals with vaccine manufacturers separately.

If there is going to be a finite number of doses of an effective vaccine available, then such countries may claim assured supplies through COVAX as well as directly from manufacturers with promising vaccines. This could put others in a disadvantageous position as all likely supplies of vaccines may have been booked in advance this way.

Instead of letting WHO pass on the ACT leadership to the Gates foundation, the UN should have brought together its agencies — WHO, the World Trade Organisation and World Bank — to put up a joint response. This approach should have been used to develop and make available effective as well as affordable medical tools. All such tools should have been declared 'global public goods', freeing them from any kind of patents or intellectual property protection under WTO rules so that they could be made available universally.

Doctors Without Borders had demanded this in May, and this week, India and South Africa have moved the WTO, requesting the waiver of the relevant sections of the TRIPS Agreement 'in relation to prevention, containment or treatment of Covid-19 till widespread vaccination is in place globally.'

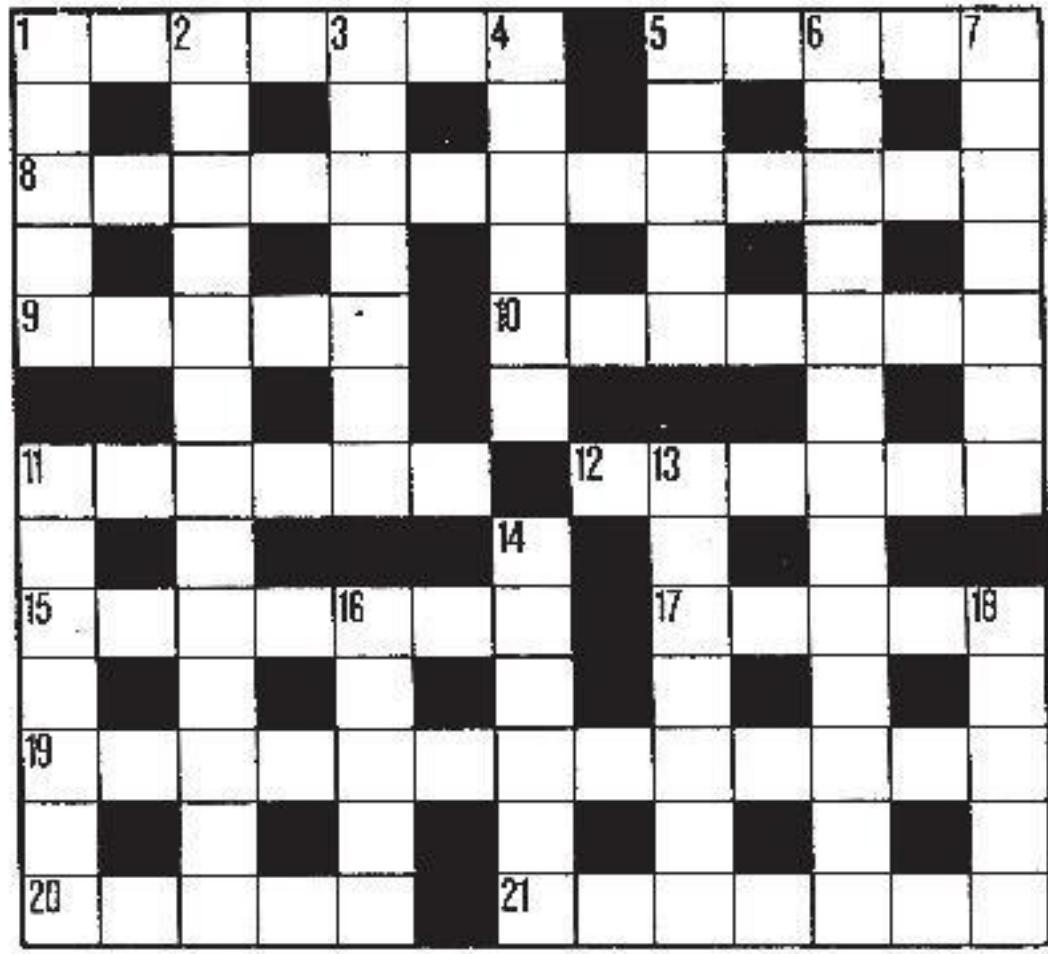
In view of the unprecedented situation posed by the pandemic, the two countries want the WTO to ensure that 'intellectual property rights such as patents, industrial designs, copyright and protection of undisclosed information do not create barriers to the timely access to affordable medical products' or scaling up of research and development.

Some countries are already planning changes in national patent laws to expedite the issue of compulsory licences for Covid-related medical tools. At the same time, companies engaged in vaccine development have already filed patents relating to vaccine platforms, like the mRNA.

Once medical tools are declared 'global public good', the World Bank or International Finance Corporation could have developed the financial mechanism necessary for vaccine development and equitable distribution. All public funds and funds from charities like the Gates foundation could have been pooled for development, field-testing, distribution, stockpiling, etc. If a couple of vaccines become successful, and freed from patents, they could be manufactured in a decentralised manner in different countries like India which have a high quality vaccine manufacturing capacity.

This approach would have helped keep costs affordable. Together, multilateral agencies could have funded research, helped manufacturers and raised funds for equitable distribution. A transparent governance platform under the aegis of the UN would, perhaps, be more credible and acceptable to the world community than an opaque, privately-driven mechanism.

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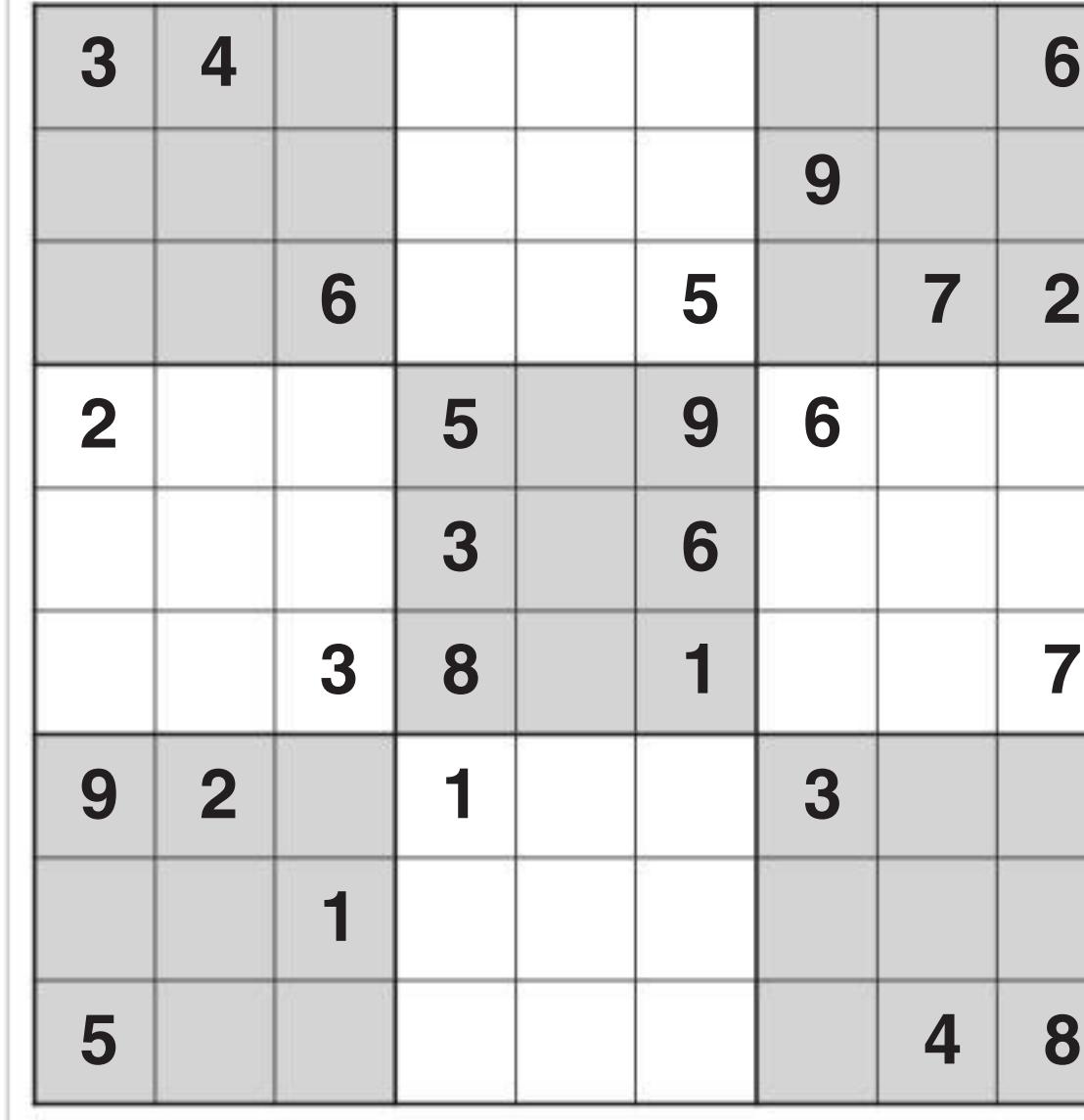
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Down: 2 Hand it to, 3 Make good, 4 Potato, 5 Tangy, 6 Claim, 7 Idler, 12 Fee, 13 Rub, 14 High life, 15 Go easy on, 19 Bunkum, 20 Blast, 21 Steak, 22 Elude.

ACROSS

- 1 Natural environment (7)
- 5 A ship's officer (5)
- 8 Slighting depreciation (13)
- 9 Become finally (3,2)
- 10 Hold in one's mind (7)
- 11 Wagnerian tragic heroine (6)
- 12 Fatal (6)
- 15 Clad (7)
- 17 Charmingly mischievous (5)
- 19 Well-deserved retribution (6,7)
- 20 Big and strong (5)
- 21 Company that makes beer (7)
- DOWN**
- 1 Avoid commitment (5)
- 2 Distraught (6,7)
- 3 Caught (7)
- 4 Worthless (6)
- 5 Without printed music (2,3)
- 6 Behave disobediently (4,3,2,4)
- 7 To be expected (7)
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- 18 Poverty-stricken (5)

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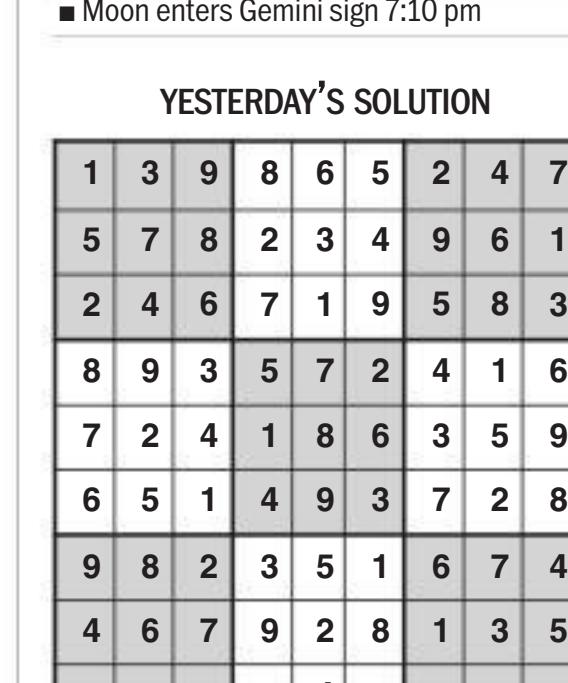
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Arora boy 28.03.93, 5'-9", Bathinda, B.Tech, (Mech), pursuing MBA, job in MNC Chd. 98883-90336. (CL20047604)

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South Delhi based Punjabi (Kohli Khatri) affluent business family seeks alliance from well established & educated Non-Manglik girl with progressive & family values for their only son 1987 born (5'-6") having B.Tech from USA & MBA working for own family business. Contact with Astrological details through WhatsApp No. 98111-41614 or E-mail: navinkohli@gmail.com (CL20047687)

B.Tech, MBA, fair, handsome Punjabi Khatri boy, Aug 1991/ 5'-11", wkg. reported. Parents at Delhi, 9 LPA. Father Merchant Navy C Eng (Retd). Mother University Dean & Professor (Retd) settled at Rohtak, States b'f' working girl from status family. 98121-45453. (CL20047722)

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Professionally qualified match for CA Arora boy, 19.02.1990, 5.45 pm, Jalandhar, 5'-10", owned Commercial office. High income. Upper caste no bar. WhatsApp: 9988958330, 9041182283. (CL20047917)

High status, handsome boy, 06.06.1995, 03:55 pm, 5'-8", B.Com. Hons. Own business, 72068-84934. (CL20047923)

Suitable working match for handsome Arora Khatri boy, 29 years, 6'-1", B.Tech., working in MNC, Package 20 Lacs PA. Preference Govt employed in Tricity. Contact or WhatsApp: 984279-ashokindu28@gmail.com (CL20047955)

Australian Arora boy 6/28.5.91, Kotkapura 9 p.m. Interior Decoration Contractor. Preference beautiful girl more than 5'-3". 98818-00566. (CL20048041)

Tricity working vegetarian girl for Godrej Mohali working 7.00,000/- per annum, 16.09.1988, 19:46, 5'-10", parents retired. Banker. 99918-46842. (CL20048051)

SM4 handsome Arora Manglik boy Central Excise Inspector, 01.11.1989, 6:50 am, Bathinda, 5'-6". Preferred Central Govt. Employee, Bank Officer transferable. C.A. 94171-30335. (CL20048106)

Suitable match for 6 feet October 1987 handsome boy, working Senior Executive Officer Pharma MNC Baddi. Residing Panchkula with good income. Educated family. 94661-02151. (CL20048127)

Match for smart convenient educated, Arora boy, 22.12.1989, 04:45 am, Chandigarh, 5'-6", working Govt. Bank. 88266-59501, 70159-94846. (CL20048133)

Match for Arora boy Anshik Manglik 17.01.84 (4 am Ambala), 5'-7", B.Tech, own business 94664-12933. (CL20048145)

Reputed status Arora handsome businessman Anshik Manglik boy 5'-9", 5.9.92, 1:32 pm, Dhuri. Required qualified beautiful match. 99883-05578. (CL20048282)

Arora Manglik boy, 27.07.1991, 8:10 am, Kurukshetra, 5'-9", B.Tech, MBA, pursuing working MNC Gurgaon, package 15+ lakh. 79882-36623. (CL20048170)

PQM for handsome Khatri Arora Manglik boy, working MNC Noida, 5'-8", 6.12.90, 1.04 pm, Ludhian, Pkg. 8.5 Lakh Contact after matching kundi, 9417054244. (CL20048363)

Professionally qualified match for Hindu Khatri (Kakkhan) Manglik boy, 8 August 1992, 2:25 am, Fazila, 5'-7", fair handsome, B.Tech, (Textile), MBA, employed Ludhiana 7.20 lac. 98150-41090. (CL20048374)

Entrepreneur (M.Com) very handsome boy 32 age. Own house height 5'-8". Caste no bar. WhatsApp: 99539-18712. (CL20048422)

Khatri Arora vegetarian, handsome boy 1992, 5'-7", M.Tech, CSE, working MNC Bangalore, package 17 lac, have USA, Canada, Europe visa. Sister married USA Family in Punjab. Upper case no bar. Marriage bureau excuse. WhatsApp: 989685-51721. (CL20048492)

Suitable match for handsome boy done BBA, belongs to well established business family, 5'-11", 19-10-1992, Ambala, 06:54 pm, Kharia. 70270-7155. (CL20048554)

Suitable match for handsome Advocate boy 33 yr, 6 ft., Engineer, M.Sc., LLB High Court Chandigarh having Canada PR highly educated family Tricity preferred. 99901-55400. (CL20048711)

Very handsome, intelligent, 5'-8", Khatri, Senior Software Engineer, slim, 3.12.1990, 2:10 pm, Birth place Hisar 15 lakh. Parents in Panchkula. Please send profile and current photos only by WhatsApp 98140-26601, 8284-66994. (CL20048711)

Govt. employed match for handsome boy, PO Govt. Bank Rampur (UP), 01.10.1990, Firuzpur, 5'-7", 1:05 pm, WhatsApp 95018-51048. (CL20048743)

Khatri upper caste for MNC employee, own kothi Mohali, Postgraduates 5'-8"-, excellent package 14.08.1990, Nangal, 09:30 am, 73802-51459. (CL20049205)

Seeks beautiful smart girl for Arora boy, 8.10.91, 3.30 pm, Jalandhar, 5'-6", B.Com, LLB. Professional business. Mob: 98764-88930. (CL20049257)

Arora boy 33/ 3-5', MBA, M.Com, B.Ed, private Bank Officer, 5.00 Lac package. WhatsApp: 95499-88821. (CL20049648)

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KHATRI

Match for handsome Khatri boy, BAMS Doctor, 6', 28.01.1993, 11:09 a.m. Contact: 94642-97551. (CL20049032)

Suitable match for Hindu Khatri boy, 10.5 LPA, looking for working girl. Marriage bureau please excuse. 8474907555. (CL20044795)

Suitable Medic/o/ Non- Medic/o match for Khatri handsome Surgeon 38 yrs, 5'-10", mutually divorced, issueless. Running own Hospital, parents Doctor. 94160-20051. doctorjaspal169@gmail.com (CL20045990)

High status family required preferably from Tricity suitable match for Anshik Manglik very handsome 5'-11", 27, PR Australia, having business in India and Melbourne. Girl should be very beautiful, slim, educated and smart. Contact: 92161-11559. (CL20049176)

Professional qualified match for Chandigarh based Hindu Arora/Khatri Architect, boy, non-drinker/smoker, 1.11.93, 5'-8", Own office/residence. General caste no bar. WhatsApp: 94172-02131. (CL20049279)

Business family seeking working girl for Manelik boy, MBA 29.03.88, 11:16 a.m. Contact: 99884-55674. (CL20049287)

Working/non-working match for an extraordinary handsome boy (personality like model) very fair, height 5'-11", Khatri, Radha Soami, Advocate, DoB 29.01.1985 at 08.30 a.m. Income more than 3 Lacs per month. Phone No.: 95307-69002, 82646-25253. (CL20047638)

Match for handsome Khatri boy, 1987-88, 11:05 a.m. 05:00 pm. Own business income 50K per month. 70151-94800. (CL20049378)

Professional qualified match for Hindu/ Arora vegetarian boy, 21.11.1989, 6 pm, Karnal, 5'-6", B.Tech NIT, working in Gurgaon, 15 LPA. Call or WhatsApp: 92157-46251. (CL20049413)

Hindu Arora boy 5.11.1991, Jalandhar, 5'-11", B.Tech, MBA, Software Engineer Gurgaon. WhatsApp: 98760-04546. (CL20049457)

Qualified match for Chartered Accountant 1991, 5'-8", smart, package 10 lacs pa. Working Tricity contact 94161-42940, 83073-95506. (CL20049512)

Bathinda based boy (Grover) 31, 5'-5", M.Tech, job at Noida. WhatsApp: 95305-62200. Brokers excuse. (CL20048020)

Well-educated match for Arora handsome boy, very well-settled businessman, teetotaller, 5'-8", 16th October 1989, 19:55, Jalandhar, 94630-09700, 94170-61222. (CL20049690)

Manglik Khatri Arora boy 4.19, 84:5 am, Sangrur, 5'-8", BA own business, WhatsApp: 98499-71041. (CL20047722)

Match for Manglik Khatri boy, 21.12.92, 9:45 p.m. Patiala, 6'-1", B.Tech, (Tihar), MBA, working in MNC Pune, 9 LPA. Parents retd. Govt. Officials. 95888-088080. (CL20047726)

Match for Khatri boy 5'-11", 24.01.1982, Haryana Govt. service own house at Panchkula. 88470-16338, gopalkrishan6011@gmail.com (CL20047718)

Match for Manglik Khatri boy, 21.12.92, 9:45 p.m. Patiala, 6'-1", B.Tech, (Tihar), MBA, working in MNC Pune, 9 LPA. Parents retd. Govt. Officials. 95888-088080. (CL20047719)

Match for Khatri boy 11May 1988, 5'-10", B.Tech, LLB from Punjab University CHD. Preferred well-settled business family. 99146-00011, 97794-44251. (CL20047718)

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NRI

Brahmin Canada PR boy, Dec. 91, 5'-7", M.Tech. in IT preferred. M.Tech. Canada girl, 98158-78555. (CL20048515)

Suitable match for turbaned non-trimmer Gursikh boy, 6 ft, fair and slim, Canadian PR, Salary 6 digits, well settled, has own house in Toronto, working as a Product R&D Manager in an established software firm, 17.1.1990/ 9:11pm/ Chandigarh. Girl should be professionally qualified above 5'5" and willing to settle in Canada. Contact 93160-03421. (CL20040076)

Canadian Lubana Sikh boy 32' 5"-11', want bds/ any other qualification girl caste no bar. WhatsApp +91 94646-36721, +91 1468-224721. (CL20049481)

Suitable match for Newzealand PR Radhasoami Arora boy, 5'-9", 10.11.1988, 6:25 a.m. from Hanumangarh, working as Quality Control Analyst in Newzealand. 07/014671148. (CL20039891)

Suitable match for Sikh Khatri boy, Canadian work permit holder boy, 25/ 5'-6", mother father Government employees 84279-50870, 94631-46870. (CL20048938)

Professionally qualified match for clean shaven Jatt Sikh boy, 28 yrs, 5'-6", son only PR New Zealand own business, upper caste no bar. Contact: 98157-42950. (CL20049096)

British passport holder Ramgarhia boy, Software Engineer cleanhaven, non veg, 6', 85, well-settled in London need non veg educated, respectable girl, (No bar), 79737-81212. (CL20049320)

Wanted PQM for a Sikh Kamboj boy 6'-3", 1990 born, Master's degree in Engineering from USA. Presently working with a company in USA on H1B visa. Green card holder preferred. Send biodata on WhatsApp No. 87146-15551. (CL20049235)

Wanted PR or work visa girl for Hindu Khatri boy, 27, 5'-8", Newzealand PR (Applied). 98725-25543. (CL20047757)

Punjabi Khatri, Canadian citizen 63'/6", divorcee, Government job, looking for simple homely girl. Prefer who is in Canada/have student or tourist visa of Canada. 85957-88174. canadiango@hotmail.com (CL20049380)

USA Citizen 1989, 5'-10", MS (Engineering) Wrk facebook \$200.001, Red, B'f'l match. Caste no bar. 97887-04027, 70675-80283. (CL20049399)

Upper class Arora Sikh family's only son, 26, 6', cleanshaven, Masters (USA), H1B job (USA), seeks professionally qualified girl. Preferred American/ Canadian/H1B, +91-95012-61600. (CL20049446)

Educated match for Australian citizen Mahasha boy 1986/ 5'-7", Caste no bar. Few days divorce. Mob. No. 97792-30954. (CL20049466)

Professionally Qualified Beautiful Punjabi match for Handsome Saini Sikh Cleanshaven boy 43 years, 5'-7", Divorcee, German citizen, Working Permanent job in Hospital in Germany. Family Chandigarh based, B.Sc Nursing/ Medico/ Beauty Parlour course girl from Tricity Preferred. Upper caste no bar. Contact WhatsApp: 0449-17485743. (CL20049612)

Suitable match for Saraswat Brahmin boy 05.10.1988, 3:35 pm, Ferozepur Pb., 5'-9", GNM Nurse at Waliorhupur UK (Govt. Job), work permit, caste no bar. 96464-27012. (CL20049793)

Wanted Sikh beautifully educated girl for Gursikh Khatri boy, 33, 5'-10", B.Tech and MBA from USA. Caste no bar. Boy working in USA. 9417265840. (CL20047982)

Singh boy 17.08.1990, 5:68 am, Patiala, 6'-2", MCA, Software Engineer, Canada PR (divorced, issueless), B.Tech., 5'-11", Aug. 86 boy. Required Canada study/PR/ Tourist preferred. sukhmeetkaur91@yahoo.com (CL20047827)

Match for Canada PR Nai boy, 1992, 5'-11", B.Com, Postgraduate. Working MNC Canada. Seeks professional girl from India/Canada, study/work/permit/ PR. 94170-67451. (CL20047886)

Professional Match for Parjapati Sikh boy 1990, 6'-2" Software Engineer, USA Seattle H1B Visa. Upper cast no bar. 96464-27012. (CL20049793)

Wanted Sikh beautifully educated girl for Gursikh Khatri boy, 33, 5'-10", B.Tech and MBA from USA. Caste no bar. Boy working in USA. 9417265840. (CL20047982)

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Suitable match for Ramgarhia Sikh cleanshaven Canadian PR (divorced, issueless), B.Tech., 5'-11", Aug. 86 boy. Required Canada study/PR/ Tourist preferred. sukhmeetkaur91@yahoo.com (CL20047827)

Match for Canada PR Nai boy, 1992, 5'-11", B.Com, Postgraduate. Working MNC Canada. Seeks professional girl from India/Canada, study/work/permit/ PR. 94170-67451. (CL20047886)

Suitable match for Anshik Manglik Saraswat Brahmin smart boy, 20.9.87, 4.50 am, Jalandhar, 5'-7", practicing Advocate. Father Advocate, Mother retd. Bank official. Upper caste no bar. 98554-68935. (CL20048185)

Match for Manglik/ Non Manglik Saraswat Brahmin handsome boy, 5'-5", Dob 28.10.1992, 9:42 am Chandigarh, B.Sc. (MLT), working in GMCH. Contact: 98159-89255. (CL20046849)

Saraswat Brahmin teetotaller boy, Feb, 1990, 7:00 a.m. Chandigarh, 5'-11", MCA, MBA, working Bangalore, handsome package, single child. Own house. Parents working, vegetarian well settled tricity family. Mobile: 94630-4996. (CL20048040)

SM for Brahma Prashar boy 33/ 5'-10", well settled business, own commercial space and own house at Chandigarh. Call or WhatsApp: 99882-50876. (CL20048679)

Brahmin boy 38 born, 5'-8", BAMS, Doctor, well settled Patti, Tarn Tarar, 98725-42507, 70099-8216. (CL20048280)

Brahmin Manglik veg. boy 13.10.87, 5:30 am, Amritsar, 5'-10", B.Tech, ptv job income 32000/- Parents Govt. retd. Required educated, working girl. 98882-00759. (CL20048288)

Match for Solan based boy B.Tech., 15.08.1990, pm, 5'-7", working in Microsoft Bangalore, 20 LPA, preferred Himachali girl, 94187-51439, 94180-2962. (CL20048319)

Saraswat Brahmin boy 02 August 1988, 4:05 pm, Faridkot, 6', B.Tech, MBA, Administration in highly reputed institute Mohali. Working preferred. Under caste welcome, 98885-28354. (CL20049171)

Saraswat Brahmin BDS Doctor boy own clinic 1991, 5'-8". Parents Govt. retd. Sister Doctor married. 93161-02471. (CL20048396)

Match for Saraswat Brahman Govt. employee, B.Tech, boy 1.1.1993, 5'-10". Needed Govt. employee. 98773-26769. (CL20048468)

SMF 5'-9", handsome Saraswat Brahmin Manglik boy, 18 Sept. 1987, 8:45 pm, Amritsar, 5'-10", B.Tech, ptv job income 32000/- Parents Govt. retd. Required educated, working girl. 98882-00759. (CL20048288)

Match for Saraswat Brahman Govt. employee, B.Tech, boy 1.1.1993, 5'-10". Needed Govt. employee. 98773-26769. (CL20048468)

IT/ HR MNC/ Banking professional match for Punjab Saraswat Brahmin boy, 01.02 am, 2000, working in Business Management. Own well established business. Looking for educated (pref MBA) beautiful girl. WhatsApp: 96190-58189. (CL20045853)

Brahmin boy, 12 Nov, 1991, 10 am, Jalandhar Cantt, 5'-2", own business. Ludhiana preferred. M-9876792964. (CL20047411)

Suitable match for Saraswat Brahmin boy 27 Aug, 1986, 17/04, Una Hinchal/5'-9", vegetarian, non-alcoholic family, MBA & MS Finance from USA, working with MNC in Noida, 34 LPA. Contact: 78072-53064. (CL20045497)

SM for Mumbai resident handsome Punjabi Brahmin, 5'-8" boy, 26 June 1990, 01 am, 2000, working in Business Management. Own well established business. Looking for educated (pref MBA) beautiful girl. WhatsApp: 98261-25213, 98134-62836. Email: bharamissionhospital@gmail.com (CL20048542)

Suitable match for Saraswat Brahmin boy 05.10.1988, 3:35 pm, Ferozepur Pb., 5'-9", GNM Nurse at Waliorhupur UK (Govt. Job), work permit, caste no bar. 96464-27012. (CL20049793)

Jatt Sikh Mangat boy 30 Dec, 1989, 6', New Zealand citizen, seeking educated girl New Zealand/Australia PR & Non PR (marriage bureau excuse). Only NRIs will be considered. 98783-91612. (CL20049641)

Beautiful, qualified match for UK citizen, Manglik, Punjabi, Brahmin, B.Engineer, 20.11.85, 15.15, Delhi, 5'-9". Upper caste, dowry, no bar. WhatsApp: 98104-48964. (CL20049678)

DIVORCEE

Wanted educated homely girl for Post Graduate Saraswat Brahmin boy, issueless (short legally divorce), 5'-11", 19.11.85, own business and house, simple marriage. Contact # 95601-82559. (CL20048426)

Doctor's Brahmin family invites Medico match for their 43 years old, 5'-10", Non-Medico, highly qualified, issueless divorcee son, running own hospital. Upper caste welcome. 98961-25213, 98134-62836. Email: bharamissionhospital@gmail.com (CL20048542)

Suitable match for Saini Sikh boy, 5'-10", B.Tech, MS in Computer Science in US, working in reputed IT Company in California USA. Seeking Sikh Punjabi Citizen girl in USA. Upper caste no bar. WhatsApp: 98261-20720. (CL20048810)

Suitable match for 91 born, 5'-5", Brahmin boy from Chandigarh, B.Tech, from India, Master's in IT Management from USA, working in USA on H1B Visa. Holding Canada's PR also. Caste no bar. WhatsApp: 98146-722216. (CL20048264)

Suitable match for Canadian Citizen Garg boy 5'-8", 1987 Born, Divorcee, Well Settled. Seeks beautiful well educated, Upper caste girl. Shortly coming in India for one month. 99153-68008. (CL20048317)

Looking for beautiful educated girl for 43 yr, 5'-7", slim, handsome Khatri Doctor, settled, working in Health Services Canada British citizen Canadian permanent resident below to family of Doctors, issueless, divorcee short marriage looking for a decent family. Caste no bar. deepak.hansraj@gmail.com (CL20048362)

Canadian PR Jatt Sikh boy well settled 25/5'-11", seeking educated and family oriented girl. Student visa or work permit would be preferred. Contact WhatsApp: 0015874331913. (CL20049793)

Affluent Jat Sikh Parents invite matrimonial alliance for our son, Sep 1988, 6'-2" Athletic Engineer Canadian PR, educated from Top Universities in England and North America and currently working in aerospace sector, seeking well educated, tall, beautiful and professionally qualified match. Please contact 82854-00088, or gill3243@gmail.com (CL20048065)

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Suitable match for Canadian Citizen Garg boy 5'-8", 1987 Born, Divorcee, Well Settled. Seeks beautiful well educated, Upper caste girl. Shortly coming in India for one month. 99153-68008. (CL20048317)

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SIKH

POM4 handsome Sikh **Walia boy** 7:12-88/5'-7", M.Sc. Microbiology Canadian PR. Contact- 98729-87225. (CL20049545)

Match turbanned Sikh Ramdasia Weaver boy 32 yrs, 5'-7", BBA from LPU. Educated family Jalandhar. 6283810142. (CL20047720)

Suitable match for Sikh boy 1995, 5'-6", Graduation (Pharmacy), working MR, Pharmaceutical Co. Family settled in Patiala. Contact: 99886-26008. (CL20047728)

Qualified Match for Gursikh Ramdasia Graduate working in Govt. Sector, 1983/ 5'-11", educated well settled family at Mohali. 98720-89822. (CL20047760)

Professionally qualified match for Doabs Sik Rajput (Minhas) boy 5'-10", 14.09.1990, B.Tech. (E&C), Multinational Company, currently Qatar Project 10 lac per annum. Father GM (CPUS), Mother Teacher Sikh family preferred. Contact: 98552-81453. (CL20048112)

Handsome Ramdasia Sikh working at Airport Pune, 34 yrs, 6' Father Bank Manager (Retd.). Mother housewife. Two sisters married. Educated family, resident of Chandigarh. 90417-53044. (CL20048135)

Required handsome girl PR, citizen

work permit holder from Canada for 24 yrs, 6"-2" boy Truck Operator in Brampton, brother in NZ, sister PR in Canada. Parents are in Banking line, early marriage, caste no bar. 98141-28223, 98723-06223. (CL20048143)

Mazhl Sihk boy 28/ 5'-9", +2, Army Govt. job. Required well qualified, beautiful girl Amritsar. 79019-60440, 99885-77476. (CL20048279)

Suitable match for Sikh Rajput boy, 33/5'-7", B.A., own business at Kharar, seeks IT Graduate beautiful girl. 96464-62018. (CL20048309)

Ramdasia Sikh 1995/5'-8", Regular Assistant Lineman (under probation) PSPCL from Moga Rural area. Govt. job girl preferred. 98723-89791, 98145-23349. (CL20048369)

Hoshiarpur biased turbanned Oct. 79 born, unmarried status boy MBA 5'-10", working upper caste working girl needed kundi, divorcee excuse. WhatsApp No. 62840-33941. (CL20048663)

Sikh boy (never married), 44/ 5'-6", doing Govt. job. Suitable girl in Govt. job, required (widow/ divorcee excuse). Mobile: 94780-61020. (CL20048676)

Match for Kamboj Sikh boy Sep. 1991/6'-0", B.Tech. working as IT Professional MNC in Chandigarh. Residence Greater Mohali 85589-64080 Aroras & Khatri welcome. (CL20049007)

Sikh fair Mair Rajput boy 1991/ 5'-8", B.Pharma, MBA, convert educated Pharmacy business Delhi/ Punjab. 98101-37506. (CL20049062)

Brahmin Sikh handsome boy 31, 5'-7", MCA Software Engineer in NNT Data greater Noida 17.5 LPA, upper caste welcome. 98141-19394. (CL2004936)

Suitable match for Sikh Brahmin boy, 31-5'-11", B.Tech., MNC, Bangalore, package 16 lacs. 94168-26235, 70155-71568. (CL20049456)

Gursikh family based in Chandigarh seek professionally qualified girl for 1976 born, 5'-10", LL.B., LL.M. Doctorate Finland Assistant Professor Banaras Hindu University, Govt. service. Pl. wap. profile with current snap. 79881-95176. (CL20047218)

SIKH KHATRI

Match for handsome Khatri Sikh boy, 39/5'-8", (Never married), B.Tech. Working in Recruitments. Earning 8 lakh/annum. Own Kothi (Mohali). Simple marriage. 99150-80992. (CL20048619)

Gurbish Khatri only son, Non Trimmer/ Non Drinker, M.Tech, Sept 1993, 5'-7", serving MNC, Contact 94160-85752 (CL20047775)

Amritdhari Khatri boy, Sept. 92, 5.M.Com., 6', own work, income 20-25k, Simple marriage. 98155-50425. (CL20047862)

Suitable match for Sikh Khatri 88 born, 6"-2", MBA, never married Canadian PR boy, require well-educated Sikh Khatri 5'-5"+ girl. 98724-00540, baldeep.kaur@hotmail.com (CL20047966)

Wanted beautiful girl for handsome Sikh Khatri boy, 5'-10", Aug. 1993, very well settled business. Super 17 Store (Big) Department Store, posh area Ludhiana. Only sister married Chandigarh, high status family. Contact 98883-72843. (CL20048021)

Professionally qualified match for Sikh Khatri boy, 59'-8", (Never married), B.Tech. (IT). Own business. Wanted beautiful working girl. Preferred Govt. job residence Ludhiana. 90419-18000. (CL20047752)

RAMGARHIA/DHIMAN

Ramgarhia Sikh boy, 5'-6", Aug. 1991, B.E. Computer Science from Thapar University, MS University of Toronto, PR Canada, settled in Toronto, working as Senior Data Scientist, handsome salary. Seeks well educated, IT Professional girl from reputed family. 98154-01266, 98156-42736. (CL20047820)

Suitable match for Brahmian Dhiman boy, 5B/ 45'-5", well settled, never married. Upper caste welcome. Mobile: 76965-06999. (CL20047864)

Well established Dhiman/ Ramgarhia business family Ambala based inviting proposal for their son 91 born, handsome, 5'-9", B.Com. Looking for beautiful, homely and well educated girl. WhatsApp 98896-16000. Caste no bar. (CL20047707)

Match for Ramgarhia Sikh boy 24 Dec 1990, 10:00 pm, 5'-7". Chandigarh, working in IT Company. Contact: 89682-45253. (CL20045205)

Match for Himachali Dhiman boy, 5'-9" 08.04.1987, B.Tech., MS (CFTRI). Working as Manager in MNC Bombay. Working girl preferred. 70184-96766. (CL20049669)

Seeking suitable alliance for Khatri Sikh boy 29.6.91, Ambala, 5'-10", well-settled business Medicos shop. Employed girl preferred. 94661-50051. (CL20049421)

Match for Sikh Arora handsome boy 33, 5'-9", cloth shop Ludhiana. Earning Rs. 1 lakh per month. 98152-00029. (CL20049586)

Gursikh Arora boy 1985,MCA, 5'-6", Haryana Govt. employee 4 lakhs PA. Simple marriage. 7658008080. (CL20049667)

SIKH LOBANA

Canadian Lubana Sikh boy 32/ 5'-11", want bds/ any other professional girl caste no bar. Call WhatsApp: +91 94664-36721, +14168224721. (CL20049481)

Lobana Sikh boy cleanshaven, 1990, B.Tech, MBA 5'-9", working Chandigarh, 9 lakh per annum. 72064-28551. (CL20047670)

Well settled Multani family in Patiala

required employed or well educated beautiful girl for their handsome son 29.12.1989, 6"-2", B.Tech., MBA, Assistant Manager in Bank of India. Upper caste no bar. 94179-42005. (CL20047749)

Lubana Sikh boy, Aug. 90, 5'-8", B.Tech. Govt. job, Bank Officer, Jain Religion no bar. (M) 94175-55549. (CL20047761)

Match for handsome Khatri Sikh boy, 39/5'-8", (Never married), B.Tech. Working in Recruitments. Earning 8 lakh/annum. Own Kothi (Mohali). Simple marriage. 99150-80992. (CL20048619)

Gurbish Khatri only son, Non Trimmer/ Non Drinker, M.Tech, Sept 1993, 5'-7", serving MNC, Contact 94160-85752 (CL20047775)

Amritdhari Khatri boy, Sept. 92, 5.M.Com., 6', own work, income 20-25k, Simple marriage. 98155-50425. (CL20047862)

Suitable match for Sikh Khatri boy, 39/5'-8", Sep. 1983, good business. 76278-06454, 98771-10671. (CL20049181)

Khatri Sikh boy, 03.09.1989, 5'-9", Ambala Deputy Manager Bank 9127-50283, 94164-58249. (CL20049423)

PQM for handsome Sikh Khatri boy 28, 5'-7", B.A., working MNC Bangalore, beautiful cultured working girl from status family required. 98156-11573. (CL20049441)

Khatri Sikh smart boy, 34 years, 6", qualification BCA, MBA Govt. job. Want beautiful working girl. Preference to Govt. job residence Ludhiana. 94175-00813. (CL20049459)

SIKH ARORA

Suitable match for handsome Sikh Arora boy 32 y, 5'-10". S. Software Developer MNC Mohali, 17 lacs. 98789-69842. (CL20047802)

Suitable match for Asstt. Prof. (Computer Science), 33, 5'-10", Ph.D. Completed from Thapar University Patiala. Simple dowryless marriage. 9872337060. (CL20048147)

Arora Sikh boy, 1989/5'-7", M.Sc. IT, working in college and agriculture land (living in village) Kapurthala. Seeks employed and educated girl. (Casto no bar). 98781-95372, 9510870881. (CL20048220)

Suitable match for handsome ND/INTT boy, Dec. 1990, 5'-10", B.Tech. working in IT MNC Pune, 10 LPA, well settled family, both parents working in Govt. sector. (97800-23412). (CL20048646)

Qualified match for Gursikh Arora Khatri boy 26 5'-8", MCA, Gursikh Punjabi, mainly preferred. Own business. 98888-22910, 94040-41391. (CL20048886)

Unmarried Ramgarhia boy 83 born, 5'-11", own business required Amritsar local educated girl. 98888-55391, 98146-04645. (CL20048412)

Suitable match for Canadian PR Singh Manglik boy 30 yrs 5'-3", working in IT Co. as Software Engineer at Chandigarh. Mob. 94181-12327. (CL20047789)

IAS / ALLIED SERVICES

H'some IAS Officer (Asst. Collector) Jun 1989, 5'-10", B.Tech. from IIT Roorkee high status family. Father Govt. Class-I Officer, seeking b/f well educated girl. Caste no bar. 70672-7849. (CL20049376)

H'some tall IPS Officer, Assistant Commissioner of Police 1989, 5'-9", B.Tech. 12.5 LPA, only son req. b/f well match caste no. 80105-67339, 80105-82127. (CL20049389)

Match for Mahajan boy 30 yrs 5'-3", working in IT Co. as Software Engineer at Chandigarh. Mob. 94181-12327. (CL20047789)

MAHAJAN

PQ match for smart Mahajan boy from Ludhiana, B.Tech. (C.S.), 5'-10", 26 Jan. 1992, 11:10 pm, Ludhiana. HCL Noida, package 10.50 lakh. Girl working in Noida, NCR or surrounding areas preferred. 82839-23147, 82880-14866. WhatsApp: 82830-69008 (CL20047717)

Match for Mahajan boy 30 yrs 5'-3", working in IT Co. as Software Engineer at Chandigarh. Mob. 94181-12327. (CL20047789)

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Slim, fair Goyal boy 5'-8",13.07.92, 2.15 a.m. Abhara, B.Tech., working in PSC, caste no bar, uncle Australian citizen. 703570-00033, 93508-94644. (CL20047978)

Aggarwal boy 10 October 1983/5'-6". Graduate own business required IELTS/PTE girl who want to go to abroad. Caste no bar, uncle Australian citizen. 94175-03681, 94181-32493, 90418-02722. (CL20048080)

PQ beautiful match for Canadian PR Singh Manglik boy, 19.04.1993, 03:55 a.m., 5'-8", Patiala, B.Tech., M.S., well settled in Canada. Well educated family. 99154-55570. (CL20048115)

Aggarwal boy Assistant Professor M.C.A., NET, 11 lakh, 40/ 5'-8". No bar. WhatsApp: 82958-00847. (CL20048866)

BUSINESS

Looking for Medium sized profitable running business on outright purchase or partnership basis. Contact: 98883-89095, ashwani_gupta58@rediffmail.com (CL20048158)

Business

Required female teachers for teaching Mathematics students online for grade 6th to 10th, for USA students. Communication skills in English must. Night shifts at our location in Chandigarh. Fresher can also apply. Salary no bar for deserving candidate. Post your resume to info@aagnik.com (CL20049698)

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Spring Dale Convent School Jawali at Paloura, Tehsil Jawali, District Kangra (HP), urgently required Principal, PGT Physics, Biology and Activity Head cum Teacher, handsome salary, eligibility as per CBSE norms. Experienced candidate send resume on sdes2306@gmail.com or call: 94180-93554. (CL20049543)

Indian Public School, Ambala- Delhi Highway, Mohra, Ambala (Affiliated to CBSE) Website: http://www.ipjsambala.com , Phone 70823-00689, invites experienced and qualified candidates for the post of PGT Mathematics, PGT Chemistry, TGT English, Qualification and experience:- Salaries will be commensurate with age, experience and qualification (M.Sc., B.Ed/ B.A., B.Ed) of the candidate. Proficiency in spoken and written English is a pre-requisite for the candidates. Computer knowledge is must. Post you resume at recruitment1cell@gmail.com (CL20049696)

CAR FOR SALE

Car for sale. Toyota Corolla Altis August 2010 model automatic transmission, petrol top model 138000 km first owner, Chandigarh RC Insurance: Bumper to bumper. 98160-45144. (CL20048322)

PROPERTY FOR SALE

Ambala City HUDA shop site Sector 8 for sale. Contact: 81460-77599. (CL20047735)

EcoCity New Chandigarh plots in resale 100 -500 sq.yds. Sharma & Co. @ 98161-14757. (CL20048170)

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Hisar trader...

that Ram Mehar was robbed and burnt to death in his car by two unidentified robbers near Mahjat village in the district. After recovering a charred body, the police started probing different angles.

SP Lokender Singh said the circumstantial evidence at the crime spot led forensic experts to doubt the occurrence of the incident. The police are now probing a murder angle.

The SP said a relative of the trader said Mehar had called them at 11.15 pm on October 6, informing them about the robbers and seeking help. Mehar claimed he was carrying Rs 11 lakh he had withdrawn from a bank.

The relative called the Hansi station house officer, but by then the car was in flames. The police, however, said the scene of the crime had no traces of any struggle. A case under Sections 396, 201 of the Indian Penal Code has been registered against unknown persons.

₹1-lakh cr push...

The central bank will maintain comfortable liquidity conditions and will conduct market operations in the form of outright and special open market operations of Rs 20,000 crore each.

The RBI chief had harsh words for section of the industry and announced steps to improve the flow of credit to specific sectors while maintaining credit discipline. He also unveiled steps to boost exports, deepen financial inclusion and provide more credit to SMEs.

Inflation, according to the MPC having Ashima Goyal, Jayanth Varma and Shashanka Bhade as the new external members, will remain elevated but ease gradually towards the target by next March. Supply disruptions and associated rise in costs are the major factors driving up inflation. As supply chains are restored, these wedges should dissipate, it observed.

Das spoke of the Indian economy entering into a deci-

In 2020-21, foodgrain production is likely to cross another record

sive phase in the fight against the pandemic as several high-frequency indicators point to the easing of contractions and the emergence of growth impulses. Kharif sowing especially had surpassed last year's acreage while improved soil moisture conditions, along with healthy reservoir levels, have brightened the outlook for the Rabi season. Early estimates suggest that foodgrain production is set to cross another record in 2020-21.

With migrant labour returning to work, factories and construction activity are coming back to life. This is reflected in the rising levels of energy consumption and population mobility. "The mood of the nation has shifted from fear and despair to confidence and hope," he noted.—TNS

MUMBAI, OCTOBER 9

A Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) employee has been arrested for allegedly supplying Indian fighter aircraft details to Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) agency, the Maharashtra police said on Friday.

The man was allegedly supplying secret information about Indian fighter aircraft and their manufacturing unit to officials of the ISI, a police statement said.

The Nashik unit of the state Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) had received reliable intelligence about the man, who was in constant touch with the ISI, the statement said.

An offence under the Official Secrets Act has been registered against the 41-year-old man under the Official Secrets Act

**VITAL DETAILS**

- Accused had been allegedly supplying information about Indian fighter aircraft and their sensitive details
- Was also sharing information related to HAL's aircraft manufacturing unit at Ojhar near Nashik
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house in Nashik, he said.

Three mobile handsets along with five SIM cards and two memory cards have

been seized from him, he said. The phones and SIM cards were sent to the Forensic Science Laboratory for examination, he added.

The accused was produced before court on Friday, and has been remanded in ATS custody for 10 days, he said.

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited's Aircraft Division Nashik, established in 1964 for licence manufacture of MiG-21FL aircraft and K-13 missiles, is located at Ojhar, 24 km from Nashik and around 200 km from Mumbai.

The division has also manufactured other MiG variants like MiG-21M, MiG-21 BIS, MiG-27 M and the state-of-the-art Su-30 MKI fighter jet. The division also carries out overhaul of the MiG series aircraft and Repair and Overhaul (ROH) of Su-30 MKI aircraft. —PTI

NRI quota in private medical colleges not sacrosanct, rules SC**Tribune News Service**

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

The NRI quota in PG medical and dental courses was not sacrosanct in any given academic year and private medical colleges were not obligated to earmark such seats for admissions, the Supreme Court (SC) ruled on Friday.

Referring to a seven-judge 2005 verdict in PA Inamdar versus State of Maharashtra, it said a plain reading of the judgment revealed that "a provision for 15 per cent NRI quota was not compulsory; it was only potential."

"It is evident that the NRI quota is neither sacrosanct nor inviolable in terms of existence in any given year, or its extent," it said.

There was nothing in the 2005 verdict to say that a 15 per cent NRI quota was an unqualified and unalterable part of the admission process in postgraduate medical courses, the top court said.

"It was and remains within the discretionary authority of the management of private medical colleges within their internal policy making domain," it clarified.

₹65K/month to zilch

In the absence of any source of income, he has applied for a blue card so that he could benefit from various government schemes, he said.

There are hundreds of others who have lost their jobs ever since the pandemic onslaught.

Hoshiarpur-based 38-year-old Sushil (name changed) has done BTech in leather technology. He was working in a Jalandhar firm as an assistant manager at a monthly salary of over Rs 70,000. After 14 years of service, he was also asked by his employer to put in papers. "Now, I am surviving on my parents' pension. It's embarrassing," he says.

Tale of 31-year-old Neelash (name changed) is no differ-

Judge indicted...

A graduate in geography, he was also into a job for nine years, but now he has to request money from his brother in UP. "Twelve employees were asked to put in papers by my employer in Jalandhar," he claimed. He has written a letter to the Union Labour Minister highlighting the problems being faced by educated youths in the wake of Covid-19 pandemic.

Assistant Labour Commissioner JPS Sohal said, "We do receive such complaints and are dedicated to resolve them. Our effort is to ensure that the employees get their dues and there is no injustice with them. Tricky cases are generally taken to the court of law."

CORRIGENDUM

PUSHPA GUJRAL SCIENCE CITY
Jalandhar-Kapurthala Road, Kapurthala, Telephone: 01822 501963 / 64
Online tenders invited vide Tender id: 2020_DSTE_53588_1 for Running of Facilities- Boating & Water Sports, Trackless Toy Train, Rail Track Toy Train and Souvenir Shop at Pushpa Gujral Science City, Jalandhar-Kapurthala Road, Kapurthala. The date for submission of tenders is hereby extended upto 24.10.2020 (1500 Hours). Interested tenderers can submit online bids through <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

Government of Punjab
Tender Notice Reference No. 2020-21/07 Date: 05.10.2020
The Department of Water Supply and Sanitation Division No. 2, SAS Nagar invites online bids for PROVIDING AND INSTALLING 1 NO. NEW TUBE WELL SIZE-300MM X 2000M DEPTH UPTO 450 M INCLUDING COST OF PUMPING MACHINERY, CI FITTING CHLORINATION PLANT ETC AT PHASE-3B1, S.A.S. NAGAR.
Closing Date & Time: 26/10/2020 & 11:00 AM
For Detail Logon to: eproc.punjab.gov.in from 05.10.2020
Note: Any Corrigendum(s) to the Tender Notice shall be published on the above website only.

Sd/-Executive Engineer,
Water Supply and Sanitation Division No. 2,
SAS Nagar.
DPR/Pb/67941

JAWAHAR NAVODAYA VIDYALAYA

TEONA PUJARIAN (BATHINDA)-PUNJAB
TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are invited from the registered firms/suppliers/ manufacturers for the supply of the following items for the year 2020-21 (up to 31.05.2021). The detail of EMSD with tender form & other information can be had from Vidyalaya office on any working day from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM up to 02.11.2020 on the payment of Rs. 300/- or can be down loaded from school web site <https://navodaya.gov.in/nvms/school/Bathinda/en/home>. The downloaded tender form should be accompanied with a demand draft of Rs. 300/- each for separate store items/tender. The EMSD and Tender form cost (of downloaded tender form) must be in the form of demand draft only. Tender forms will be received through registered post or personally in the tender box kept in the school office up to 02.11.2020 by 04:00 PM and will be opened on 03.11.2020 at 11:00 AM at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Teona Pujarijan (Bathinda) in the presence of the PAC. Samples can be sent through post and name of firm must be written on the sample which should reach before opening of tenders. Interested parties will bring their sample personally at the time of opening of tenders also. PAC reserves the right to reject any form/tender without assigning any reason. Conditional, having cutting/correction fluid and incomplete forms will not be accepted.

Detail of items: Dry Ration & Daily need items , Washing of Uniforms,Fruits and Vegetable, Bedding items, Paint and M&R material, Plumbing items, Electric Items, Tuck shop, Hair cutting, Sports Material, Shoes and chappals, Science Lab Material, Stationary items, Uniform items, stitching of uniforms and Sale of mess wastage/disposals and AMC of commercial RO system.

AND
TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF SKILLED SEMI-SKILLED AND UN-SKILLED WORKERS IN TWO BID SYSTEM (Technical and financial) (FROM RONAFIDE SERVICE PROVIDERS HAVING EXPERIENCE OF MINIMUM THREE YEARS FOR SUPPLYING MAN POWER UNDER THE LABOUR (REGULATION & ABOLITION) ACT-1970)

(Sunita Devi)
PRINCIPAL, JNV BATHINDA
01655-266103

HIMACHAL PRADESH**JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT****E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE*****NOTICE FOR BIDS (IFB)***

The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Dharamshala, District Kangra (HP) on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh re-invited the item rate/lump sum contract bids from the eligible contractors/Firms, Bidders should be registered with Central Govt. or State Govt. or Central Govt. or State Government under takings. The Contractor/Firm who have experience in construction of similar work and have established organization for taking up such work and who satisfy the qualification criteria of bid document need only apply. The scope of the work will be as under:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	EMD	Cost of Tender Form	Eligibility Criteria	Time Limit	
1	Name of work:- Renovation and Augmentation of 3 Nos. water supply scheme WSS Salig Jurther, WSS Khanyara Dari Sidhburi and Kaned Barwala in Tehsil Dharamshala, Distt. Kangra (HP). (SH:- C/o Intake chamber, C/o Water Treatment Plant of 0.50 MLD capacity in the shape of rapid sand filter, C/o Pump house, C/o RCC Underground/ Overhead storage tanks, Pumping machinery, laying, jointing & testing of Rising main and other Miscellaneous works under WSS Salig Jurther.)	17720012/-	209700/-	2500/-	Eligibility criteria:- Uploaded online	One year	
2	Providing House to House connectivity to Sewerage Scheme Dharamshala Town, Distt. Kangra (H.P.).Sub Head:- Laying, jointing & testing of DI K-7 pipe 150mm dia & C/o RCC Manhole chamber to part area of Khajanchi Mohalla Kotwali Bazar in Ward No. 6.	879639/-	17595/-	250/-	—	3 Months	
1. The offer should be for the complete job.							
2. Availability of bid document and mode of submission:- The bid documents is available online and bid should be submitted in online mode on website https://htenders.gov.in . For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized certifying Authorities (CA). Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HP Jal Shakti may obtain the same from the website https://htenders.gov.in . Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender.							
3. Schedule of tendering							
1 Key dates:-						06.10.2020 at 17.00 P.M.	
a) Date of online publication						06.10.2020 at 17.00 P.M. up to 21.10.2020 at 11:00 A.M.	
b) Period of availability of bidding documents on website https://htenders.gov.in .							
c) Date of submission of e-tender							
2 Opening of bids: The bids will be opened online by the authorized officer at the appointed time						21.10.2020 at 11:30 A.M.	
a) Time and date for opening of part one of the bid (the technical qualification part)						At 11.30 A.M. dt. 21.10.2020 in the office of the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti, Division Dharamshala	
b) Time and date for opening of part two of the bid (the financial bid) of bidders who qualified in part 1 of the bid						To be notified later	
3 Last date of bid validity						120 days for the deadline date for submission of bids	
4 Officer inviting bids						Designation: The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Dharamshala	
4. Terms and conditions:- The offer should be for complete job of construction of scheme.							
(A) The e-tender documents shall be uploaded online in 2 covers:-							
Cover-I shall contain scanned copies of "eligibility information".							
Cover-II shall contain "Financial Bid" on the prescribed form.							
(B) Cover-I shall contain scanned copies of following "eligibility information" (scanned copies to be uploaded) on the website https://htenders.gov.in at the appropriate place.							
(i) Bid security/Earnest money amounting to Rs. 209700/- (Rs. Two Lacs Nine Thousand Seven Hundred only) deposited through e-payment mode in ICICI bank authorized by the Govt. of HP as well as cost of tender form. Bank guarantee submitted as bid security shall be valid for 45 days beyond the validity of the bid. Bid security of unsuccessful bidders shall be refunded as promptly as possible within 45 days after the expiry of the validity of bid.							
Eligibility Criteria:-							
1. The bidder/contractor/firm should be registered with Central Govt. or State Government department or Central/State Government undertaking.							
The list of works for similar nature executed by the intending contractor/firm along with performance certificate from the authority under which the work executed, indicating gross amount paid was executed must be submitted. The works executed in State/Central Government Departments, PSUs (Public Sector undertakings), Autonomous Bodies of Central and State Govt. Shall only be considered.							
2. The work shall be considered completed if it is executed 90% either to awarded physical quantities or financial values.							

₹25,000 cr industrial investment in offing: L-G

JAMMU, OCTOBER 9

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Lt Governor Manoj Sinha addresses a gathering during the 'Back2Village' programme at Pallanwala in Jammu on Friday. PTI

lanwala in Jammu district.

"My objective is maximum utilisation of industries, manufacturing, services sector, village industries, handicraft, tourism and technology to create more jobs in the

rural areas of J&K, as I believe that there is a vast yet untapped talent pool in our villages waiting for an opportunity," the L-G said. He called for 100 per cent saturation in four different employment-

RAJOURI FAMILIES TO GET HELP

Jammu: Reaching out to the families of the three youths of Rajouri district who were killed in an alleged fake encounter by the Army in Shopian district in July, L-G Manoj Sinha said he was told by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to convey to them that they would get justice. I have assured them that the PM has asked me to convey to the families that there will be justice and they will be taken care of. PTI

divide would be minimised. I am not here to make new promises, but for optimum implementation and utilisation of funds. Let the public and the government meet and discuss their priority projects and begin a new era of rapid development. I believe in action-based implementation," said the L-G.

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The absence of governance and inaccessibility of officials had long marred our villages. "B2V is an attempt to bridge this gap and during the past one month, officials and the public have displayed bilateral enthusiasm in it. It is the duty of the officials to take up the responsibility and help eliminate the lacunae. Dialogue along with public's feedback is the bedrock equitable, inclu-

sive development and transparent governance," he added. He advised the officials to examine the crucial growth drivers in that particular region during their visits to villages.

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Heli-kites, aerostats for surveillance of Ladakh mountain passes

VIJAY MOHAN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 9

As the impasse between India and China along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh is likely to continue through the winter, the Army is working on employing heli-kites and mini-aerostats for surveillance of mountain passes.

Movement in high-altitude areas gets severely restricted in the winter due to heavy snow which affects the operational deployment and manning of forward positions in the eastern as well as western theatres. There are several high passes and other viable ingress routes in the vicinity of the LAC.

According to Army sources, there is a need to keep passes in the region under surveillance at all times and aerial platforms equipped with day and night cameras, and thermal imagers, along with recording and transmitting facilities, are the best option.

"No doubt movement in these areas becomes extremely difficult in high snow during winters and troop deployment along the LAC on both sides thins out, but this time the situation is different," an officer said. "The possibility of some activity from the other side or even the use of special forces at some specific points cannot be ruled out," he added.

Constant surveillance of areas of interest is an operational necessity which needs to be ensured. The information gained on enemy activities and build-up defines the threat perception and formulation of appropriate counter-measures, but without effective aerial surveillance it is difficult to achieve," the sources said.

The Army is open to the private industry developing heli-kites or mini-aerostats to meet its requirements. Given the operating altitude, which may be above 20,000 feet, depth or surveillance required and other operational parameters, commercially available systems may not fit the bill. Equipment would have to be designed or modified as per the required specifications.

The Army is already using small drones for local surveillance and tactical intelligence gathering. Drones, however, require active flying control by operators and their flying time, range and altitude are limited. Tethered heli-kites or aerostats, on the other hand, can be raised to greater heights, carry heavier payload and remain aloft longer, even for days at a stretch.

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FLYING BALLOONS

■ Heli-kite is a combination of a helium balloon and a kite to form an aerodynamically sound tethered aircraft that uses both wind and helium for its lift.

■ They have military as well as civilian applications and are used for aerial photography, lifting antennas, radio-relay, surveillance, advertising, agricultural bird-control and meteorology.

■ An aerostat is a lighter-than-air aircraft that gains its lift through the use of buoyant gases like helium and hydrogen. Aerostats can be powered or unpowered balloons.

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Govt to set up 3 bamboo clusters

TREBINE NEWS SERVICE

25,000 TO GET JOBS

Three bamboo clusters will be developed in Jammu, Katra and Samba for making bamboo basketry, incense sticks and bamboo charcoal, which will provide direct employment opportunities to nearly 25,000 persons.

15 Covid deaths take toll to 1,306

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 9

Jammu and Kashmir recorded 636 new Covid cases on Friday, taking the infection tally in the Union Territory to 82,429, while 15 more fatalities pushed the death toll to 1,306, officials said.

Srinagar district reported the highest number of 167 new cases, followed by 101 in Jammu district.

The UT recorded 636 fresh Covid cases in the past 24 hours, 263 in the Jammu division and 373 in Kashmir.

There are 11,144 active cases of coronavirus in the UT, while 69,979 patients have recovered so far, the officials said. Of the fresh fatalities, 12 were in the Jammu division and three in the Valley, they added. — PTI

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Singh, the Union Minister for Development of North

Tender Notice No. 05 Date 07-10-2020

On behalf of the Governor of Punjab, Executive Engineer, Construction Division PWD & R Br, Fazilka invites bids from eligible bidders enlisted under Civil Works (Building works) category with PWD & R Br. For detail terms and conditions of notice inviting bids, refer to our website: www.eproc.punjab.gov.in

(On behalf of Governor of Punjab)

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Costn. Divn. PWD & R Br., Fazilka.
DPR/Pb/88038

दफ्तर मार्कीट बोर्डी, खंडा (जिला लूपियाणा)

नव्वे दाना मंडी, जी.टी. रोड, खंडा

देन नं.: 01628-506220, ई-मेल: pmb.smckha@punjab.gov.in

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Nobel Peace for UN food agency

ROME, OCTOBER 9

The United Nations' World Food Programme (WFP) on Friday won the Nobel Peace Prize for its efforts to combat hunger and food insecurity in regions of conflict and hardship around the globe.

The Rome-based organisation provided assistance to almost 100 million people in 88 countries around the world last year. "With this year's award, the Norwegian Nobel Committee wishes to turn the eyes of the world to the millions of people who suffer from or face the threat of hunger," said Berit Reiss-Andersen, the chair of the Norwegian Nobel Committee, announcing the award in Oslo.

"The World Food Programme plays a key role in multilateral cooperation on making food security an instrument of peace," said Anderson. The organisation has long been headed by an American. In 2017, US President Donald Trump nominated the former Republican governor of South Carolina, David Beasley, for the post.

A giddy Beasley praised the WFP "family" and said they



HUNGER AID: Syrian women carry boxes of food given by the UN's World Food Programme. FILE

690 mn
people were
undernourished
last year

130 mn
more may go
hungry in 2020
due to Covid

57% people in
sub-Saharan Africa,
Southern Asia cannot
afford healthy diet

'WILL STRENGTHEN COOPERATION WITH INDIA'

The UN's World Food Programme on Friday said it hoped that the win would strengthen its cooperation with India, where it has been working for around five decades.

DRAWING ATTENTION

We wish to turn the eyes of the world to the millions of people who suffer from hunger.
Berit Reiss-Andersen,
Chair, Norwegian Nobel Committee



deserved the award.

"I think this is the first time in my life I've been without words," said Beasley over phone from Niger. "I was just so shocked and surprised."

"Talk about the most excit-

ing point in time in your life, it's the Nobel Peace Prize. And it's because of the WFP family. They're out there in the most difficult, complex places in the world, where there's war, conflict, climate extremes... They

deserve this award," he said.

The award comes with a 10-million krona (\$1.1 million) cash prize and a gold medal.

There was no shortage of causes or candidates on this year's list, with 211 individu-

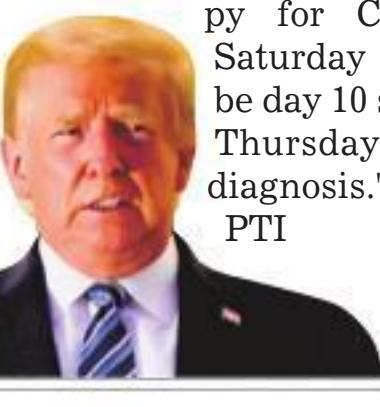
als and 107 organisations nominated ahead of the February 1 deadline. The committee maintains absolute secrecy about whom it favours before the announcement of the award. — AP

Trump completed therapy, safe to return: Doctor

WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 9
Days after returning to the White House after being treated for Covid-19, US President Donald Trump has expressed willingness to hold rallies for the presidential elections, with his doctor saying he is "safe" to return to public life on Saturday.

Trump, 74, and First Lady Melania tested positive for Covid-19 last week. The President was taken to a military hospital for treatment, which the White House said was taken as a "matter of abundance caution". After spending four days, he came back to the White House on Monday. His doctors say he has had no fever since last Friday.

White House physician Dr Sean Conley said, "Today, the President completed his course of therapy for Covid. Saturday will be day 10 since Thursday's diagnosis." — PTI



A volunteer in a painted PPE gear attends to patients in Moscow. REUTERS

1,800 students, staff at UK varsities test +ve

LONDON, OCTOBER 9

More than 1,800 students and staff from universities across the northeast of England, currently under tougher localised lockdowns, tested positive for Covid over a week.

Newcastle University said 1,003 students and 12 members of staff were confirmed to have been infected with coronavirus in the past week. At Northumbria University, there were 619 new infections and Durham University confirmed 219 cases among students over the week.

Most universities are planning to switch to online teaching for at least three weeks, except in cases where in-person lessons are essential. Newcastle University said "the overwhelming majority of cases was from social and residential settings" and said appropriate measures were being taken to protect everyone on campus.

"We expected to see cases rise in the light of the increase in infection rate both locally and nationally and all higher education institutions have to manage this," a spokesperson said.

"We feel confident that we have appropriate measures in place to protect us all while we are on campus and to reduce the potential risk of transmission in our community," the spokesperson said.



NATIONS	DEATHS
US	2,17,829
BRAZIL	1,49,034
MEXICO	83,096
UK	42,592
PERU	33,098

WORLDOMETER
TILL OCT 9, 10 PM

CHINA: VIRUS BROKE OUT GLOBALLY LAST YEAR

Beijing: China on Friday claimed that Covid broke out in various parts of the world last year, but it was the only one to have "reported and acted first". It refuted the widely held view that the deadly contagion originated in Wuhan before turning out to be a pandemic. PTI

ENGLAND UNVEILS 'JOB SUPPORT SCHEME'

Durham University has asked students living in two colleges to remain on campus for the next week following a sharp rise in cases. — PTI



HOME, AT LAST

- Sophie Petronin, a 75-year-old French aid worker held hostage by Islamic extremists in Mali for four years, arrived in France on Friday
- She was received by President Emmanuel Macron and her family
- Despite the ordeal, Petronin says she wants to return to aid work with malnourished children
- She was released with three other hostages from Mali this week

<< President Emmanuel Macron welcomes Sophie Petronin in Paris. REUTERS

Pakistan bans TikTok over 'immoral' content

ISLAMABAD, OCTOBER 9
Pakistan's telecom watchdog on Friday banned popular Chinese video-sharing app TikTok after getting numerous complaints against its "immoral" content.

The Pakistan Telecommunication Authority said it had received a number of complaints regarding "immoral/indecent content" on TikTok. The regulator took the step after a notice was issued to TikTok to "come up with an effective mechanism for a proactive moderation of its unlawful online content". — PTI

Will further cement ties with B'desh: Indian envoy

DHAKA, OCTOBER 9
India's new High Commissioner in Bangladesh Vikram Kumar Doraiswami

said today that consolidating fraternal relations between the two nations at all levels was his priority.

He said the ties between the two nations were "beyond the strategic partnership".

In his first media appearance after reaching the Bangladeshi capital by road through the eastern Akhaura frontier, Doraiswami said New Delhi had entrusted him with an assignment to nurture the bilateral ties

with Bangladesh and he would put his best efforts to carry out the mission.

"My colleagues and I will spare no effort to promote this partnership at all levels... My government has ordered me to do exactly that," he said.

Doraiswami said even the closest of relationships needed to be nurtured.

"Maintaining fraternal ties with Bangladesh is one of our top priorities. The Bangladesh-India ties are based on shared sacrifice, history and culture," he said — PTI

BUSINESS

USD \$	EURO €	POUND £	JPY ¥	YUAN ₠	CAD \$	AUD \$	SGD \$	HKD \$
₹73.16	₹86.29	₹94.69	₹0.69	₹10.91	₹55.55	₹52.56	₹53.96	₹9.43

BSE	NSE	GOLD	SILVER
326.82 40,509.49	79.6 11,914.20	₹50,740 Mumbai (MCX)	₹62,049 Mumbai (MCX)

ONGC sees up to ₹7,000-cr loss

EYES MERGER OF HPCL, MRPL

- ONGC is likely to look at merging its two oil refining subsidiaries — HPCL and MRPL, post-June 2021
- ONGC in 2018 completed the acquisition of HPCL for Rs 36,915 crore. After this takeover, it has two refining subsidiaries — HPCL and MRPL

formula that had "inherent limitations" as it was based on pricing hubs of gas surplus countries such as the US, Canada, and Russia. — PTI

Monetary policy overall positive, growth-oriented, say experts

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9
Bankers and financial experts on Friday hailed RBI's policy, saying the decision to keep the key repo rate unchanged is an accommodative approach to manage inflation while keeping growth as target, amid the current economic conditions.

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) evaluated domestic and global macroeconomic and financial conditions and voted unanimously to leave the repo rate unchanged at 4%. RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said in his policy statement for the bi-monthly monetary policy review.

It also decided to continue with the accommodative stance of monetary policy as long as necessary — at least during the current financial year and into the next year — to revive growth on a durable

basis and mitigate the impact of Covid, while ensuring that inflation remains within the target going forward.

"Today's policy statement by RBI is a perfect exposition of doing 'whatever it takes' to revive growth," SBI chairman Abheek Barua, chief economist, HDFC Bank

These are unprecedent times and the Indian economy's revival efforts are hobbled by the lack of adequate fiscal support. If monetary policy does have to do the heavy lifting, it cannot do it within the confines of a conventional take-no-risks framework — Padmaja Chunduru, CEO, Indian Bank

Dinesh Kumar Khara said. Given the expectation of inflation to stay elevated and a GDP contraction of 9.5% in FY21, RBI has done the right thing by announcing "discretion-based" policy rather than being "rule based", he added.

Punjab National Bank's MD and CEO SS Mallikarjun Rao welcomed the Rs 1 lakh crore targeted long-term repo operations and said it will support the economic growth. — PTI

The monetary policy announcement is overall positive and growth-oriented. The RBI's assurance on maintaining comfortable liquidity conditions will assure the markets, at the same time enable the government to go ahead with its borrowing programme smoothly — Padmaja Chunduru, CEO, Indian Bank

"rule based", he added. Punjab National Bank's MD and CEO SS Mallikarjun Rao welcomed the Rs 1 lakh crore targeted long-term repo operations and said it will support the economic growth. — PTI

IN BRIEF

MUMBAI

Sensex rallies for seventh straight day, up 327 points
Sensex rallied 327 points on Friday as financial stocks advanced following the RBI's accommodative policy stance and steps to boost liquidity to the banking sector. Extending its gains for the seventh straight session, the Sensex rose by 326.82 points higher at 40,509.49. The Nifty rose by 79.60 points to 11,914.20 with banking, IT and infrastructure stocks rising up to 4%. PTI

NEW DELHI

Jio waives post-paid security fee to attract customers
Reliance Jio has waived security deposit for postpaid customers who switch to its network from rival mobile service providers, a company official said on Friday. The company will offer the same credit limit to the customer what it offers to its existing subscribers, the Jio official said. Jio offers up to 500 GB of data and subscription to Netflix, Amazon Prime and Disney + Hotstar bundled in the postpaid connection. PTI

NEW DELHI

Adani Gas cuts CNG, PNG prices in Haryana, UP, Gujarat
Adani Gas on Friday cut CNG and piped cooking gas prices in various geographical areas in sync with the recent reduction in natural gas rates. Rates have been reduced in Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Gujarat, the company said. CNG price has been reduced by Rs 1.75 per kg in Kharja in Uttar Pradesh to Rs 52.60 and that of piped cooking gas (PNG) to Rs 25.72 per cubic meter from Rs 26.83. PTI

NEW DELHI

Govt launches website to support R&D in coal sector
The government on Friday announced the launch of a website for entities involved in research and development (R&D) in the coal sector. The website, which has been designed and developed by Coal India subsidiary Central Mine Planning and Design Institute, was launched by Coal Secretary Anil Kumar Jain. "The website will help in disseminating and promoting the knowledge and research work in the coal sector," Jain said. PTI

MUMBAI

Forex reserves at record high of \$545.6 billion
The country's foreign exchange reserves rose by \$3.618 billion to reach a life-time high of \$545.638 billion in the week ended October 2, 2020, the RBI data showed. During the reporting week, the increase in forex kitty was on account of rise in foreign currency assets, a major component of the overall reserves. PTI

CHANDIGARH

Sonalika Group chairman on Forbes' richest list
With a net worth of \$1.9 billion, LD Mittal (89), chairman of Hoshiarpur-based Sonalika Group of Companies, has figured among top 75 wealthiest Indians on the Forbes 2020 list for the eighth consecutive year. Forbes released the list of top 100 richest Indians recently. TN

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CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 9

Entrepreneurs of North India are trying to keep the traditional art alive that has endured over centuries. They are working closely with rural artisans to create unique products as per the current demand. The initiative is a win-win situation for both. While the artisans get livelihood, the entrepreneurs get business proposition.

As the industries have lost



PHENOMENAL RESPONSE

Well, the response of the SUF and Rogan Art has been phenomenal. People are accepting the dying craft. Also, since the new normal is masks, I am experimenting with them

— Vanshika Gupta, DELHI-BASED DESIGNER

jobs due to the Covid, the entrepreneurs have shifted focus to handicrafts.

Chandigarh-based Pulkit Gogna — a professional website developer — launched Bharatsthali — a range of

weaving centres to offer genuine products," said Gogna.

Similarly, Delhi-based designer Vanshika Gupta is retailing hand-knitted cotton masks with the help of craftsmen from "Run of Kutch" through her fashion startup Label_Vanshika. They are making designer masks with SUF craft of Kutch in different colors and patterns.

On being asked about

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Similarly, Aastha Ritu Garg founded Padmashali in Jagadhri (Haryana) — a saree startup that works with weavers across the country to revive the weaving and handloom crafts clusters such as Banaras, Kanchipuram, Bhuj, Ajrakhpur, Patan, Chanderi, Pranpur, Kota, Bhagalpur and Sanganer.

To make 'Gripen' jets, Swedish firm looks for partners in India

Tribune News Service


INDIA SUCCESSFULLY TEST-FIRES RUDRAM-1

- India on Friday successfully test-fired a new generation anti-radiation missile from a Su-30 MKI fighter aircraft of the Indian Air Force.
- The missile, Rudram-1, can destroy a wide variety of enemy radars, air defence systems and communication networks from large stand-off ranges, officials said. PTI

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9 Swedish company Saab, which is in the race to make fighter jets in India, on Friday said it was offering a totally "Make in India" solution, including technology transfer and setting up of local capabilities.

Saab makes the fighter jet "Gripen", which is one of the seven companies in the race for the multi-billion dollar multi-role fighter aircraft (MRFA) project. The Indian Air Force (IAF) has floated a tender to seek 114 such jets and is looking for a make in India in partnership with a foreign supplier.

Head of the Gripen India campaign Mats Palmberg, speaking at a webinar with India based reporters, said "Our focus is on providing indigenous content and capabilities to be able to achieve self-reliance (for India) for needs of tomorrow."

On being asked what is the difference between the offer Saab has made over and above the previous such fighter jet programme by India, Palmberg said technologies had matured since 2008. "The big difference is the depth of technology and capability that we are prepared to transfer and set up in India," he said.

India had floated an international tender in 2008 and cancelled the same in 2015 choosing to buy Rafale.

The Gripen comes with GE414

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Poll dynamics may change with Paswan's death

It remains to be seen if sympathy factor will translate into votes for LJP, which is going solo this time

VIBHA SHARMA

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9 The death of 'Dalit' leader Ram Vilas Paswan has added another angle to the Bihar poll dynamics, political watchers say.

With the Lok Janshakti Party's (LJP) fighting independently this time, the general mood is that the tragedy may help the party consolidate its core votes.

A sizeable number of LJP candidates are seen as "proxy" BJP candidates. It remains to be seen if the sympathy factor will be strong enough to overcome the anti-incumbency against the Nitish Kumar-led government of which the BJP is also a part. If this happens, the LJP may land votes of other castes, much to the chagrin of the Mahagathbandhan.

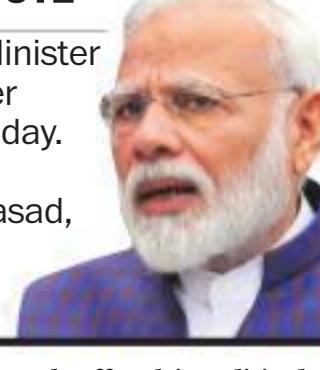
Leaders agree the passing away of Paswan has introduced an element of uncertainty to the already-complicated poll matrix. A section also believes that voters have "become cynical" and the death is unlikely to sway the "average Bihari voter who is more politically intelli-



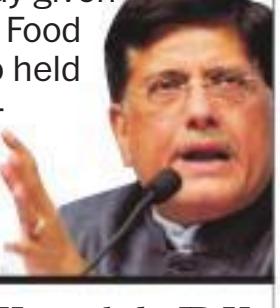
President Ram Nath Kovind pays tribute to LJP leader Ram Vilas Paswan in New Delhi. PTI

PREZ, PRIME MINISTER PAY TRIBUTE

President Ram Nath Kovind and Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid tributes to LJP leader Ram Vilas Paswan at his residence on Friday. Senior BJP leaders, including Amit Shah, JP Nadda, Giriraj Singh, Ravi Shankar Prasad, Rajnath Singh, Ashwini Kumar Choubey, also paid their last respects.


GOYAL GETS ADDL CHARGE OF FOOD MINISTRY

Railway Minister Piyush Goyal was on Friday given the additional charge of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Ministry, a portfolio held by the late Ram Vilas Paswan. A Rashtrapati Bhavan communiqué said the President, on the PM's advice, directed that Goyal be assigned the ministry.


LALU GETS BAIL, BUT TO REMAIN IN JAIL

RANCHI, OCTOBER 9 The Jharkhand High Court on Friday granted bail to former Bihar chief minister Lalu Prasad in a fodder scam related to Chaibasa treasury.

The case involves fraudulent withdrawals amounting to Rs 33.67 crore from the Chaibasa treasury in undivided Bihar when Lalu Prasad was the chief minister.

The RJD chief, however, will have to remain in jail as he is serving time in another case related to Dumka treasury. The High Court has asked Prasad to submit two personal bonds of Rs 50,000 each and deposit a fine of Rs 2 lakh, which was awarded by a special CBI court to secure his bail. It also sought his medical report and the details of all those he has met during the course of his treatment at Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences in Ranchi.

— PTI



SC: Won't cancel CLAT or stay counselling

Tribune News Service

CLEAR STAND ON KIDS' RESTORATION, NPCR TOLD

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9 The Supreme Court on Friday refused to quash the Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) 2020 or stay the counselling process for admission to five-year law courses in national law universities on the basis of the test held on September 28.

A Bench, headed by Justice Ashok Bhushan, however, allowed a group of aspiring law students to make representations with regard to issues relating to CLAT 2020 before a

grievance redressal committee headed by a retired CJI.

"In the facts of the present case, we are of the view that ends of justice be served in giving liberty to the petitioners to submit a representation to the

Grievance Redressal Committee with regard to their grievance within three days from today. We order accordingly," said the Bench which also included Justice MR Shah.

"We have no doubt that the

petitioners' representation be considered by the committee at an early date," it added.

Senior counsel Gopal Sankaranarayanan, representing the petitioners, submitted that in the examination, there were technical problems, certain questions and key answers were not correct and the options given by the petitioners were not correctly recorded in the software.

To which, senior advocate PS Narasimha said a decision had been taken. Three answers were modified and three questions deleted.

Priest set afire in R'sthan

JAIPUR, OCTOBER 9

A priest died after being set on fire allegedly by five persons who wanted to encroach on temple land in Rajasthan's Karauli district, police said on Friday. Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot condemned the incident, saying the main accused has been arrested, while the Opposition attacked the government, saying the law and order has deteriorated and people are under fear in the state.

On Wednesday, the accused caught the priest, Babu Lal Vaishnav, near an agriculture farm at Bukan village and set him on fire. He was admitted to the SMS hospital in Jaipur, where he died on Thursday night. The main accused, Kailash Meena, has been arrested, while another accused was rounded up," Superintendent of Police, Karauli, Mridul Kachhawa, said. The accused wanted to encroach upon the temple land, the police said.— PTI

Accused wanted to encroach upon temple land: Police

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