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PM Modi endorses Nitish as Bihar CM

Salutes silent 'nari shakti' for NDA success | Sets sights on WB, says violence can't get votes

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 11
PM Narendra Modi today endorsed JD(U) chief Nitish Kumar as NDA's leader in Bihar. Addressing party workers during the victory celebrations at the BJP office here, he said the NDA would work for the people of Bihar under his leadership.

"Under the leadership of Nitish Kumar ji, we will leave no stone unturned to meet our commitment to the state's development," he said. Sources indicated that no major changes were expected in the power-sharing arrangement between the two allies, despite the saffron party emerging the bigger player in Bihar. The government formation was expected to be initiated post Diwali, the sources said.

The PM set the tone for the elections in West Bengal and Kerala, saying: "Those who



PM Narendra Modi, BJP chief JP Nadda and Union Ministers Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh and Nitin Gadkari with other leaders during the poll victory celebrations at the party headquarters in New Delhi on Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MUKESH AGGARWAL

cannot challenge us are targeting our cadre.... I want to tell them, don't give me any 'chetavni' (warning).... In a democracy, bloodbath cannot win elections."

Thanking women voters in Bihar, he said the "silent nari shakti" had contributed to the

THANK YOU, PM MODI

I salute the people for the majority they have given to the NDA. I thank Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his support. Nitish Kumar

Govt formation post Diwali

NDA's poll success. Not naming any party, the PM attacked dynasty politics." Internal democracy has to be maintained which is why I say Nadia ji aage bado, hum tumhare saath hain (Nadia ji, march

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EDIT: CHALLENGES IN BIHAR

Chirag: We weakened JD(U)

WON'T BACK NITISH GOVT

Nitish Kumar as CM is not good for Bihar and there is no question of us supporting a government headed by him. Chirag Paswan, UP

despite JD(U)'s diminished numbers. He asserted that the LJP displayed "courage" in going solo in the polls. — PTI

Man of match: Raut hails Tejashwi

ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN

It's slender majority. Anything can happen. Nitish Kumar's JD(U) finished third. Any celebration is a joke. Sanjay Raut, SHIV SENA

and Paswan is still in the NDA. This is serious," he said. Minister Jayant Patil too praised Tejashwi. — PTI

COVID-19 CASES INDIA

COUNT	86,36,011
RECOVERED	80,13,783
FRESH FATALITIES	512
TOTAL DEATHS	12,75,571

WORLD

TOTAL	5,19,93,993
RECOVERED	3,65,11,250
DEATHS	12,82,616

Sputnik-V 92% effective: Russia

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 11
Two days after US pharma giant Pfizer claimed 90 per cent effectiveness for its Covid vaccine, Russia today announced that the world's first registered vaccine against SARS-CoV2, Sputnik V, had demonstrated 92 per cent efficacy after the second dose.

The Russian Direct Investment Fund said the efficacy results were based on the first interim data from the largest double-blind, randomised, placebo-controlled phase-III clinical trials in Russia involving 40,000 volunteers.

Currently, Sputnik V phase III clinical trials are approved and are undergoing in India, Belarus, the UAE and Venezuela. "The research data will be provided to the national regulators of countries interested in purchasing the vaccine in order to streamline the registration process," it said. — TNS

IN BRIEF

Covid: Lahaul hotels shut till November 25

KULLU: Fearing a surge in Covid cases amid the influx of tourists, three panchayats in Lahaul have decided to stop all tourism activities till November 25. The residents of Sissu, Koksar and Khangsar panchayats have unanimously agreed to stop operations of hotels, homes-tays and dhabas. — INSIDE

Govt keen to resolve stand-off with farmers

NEW DELHI: Ahead of the meeting between farmer unions and Union Ministers Narendra Singh Tomar and Piyush Goyal on November 13, official sources said the Centre was keen on ending the impasse at the earliest. It also wanted train services to be resumed in Punjab in view of festivals such as 'Chhath puja' coming up later this month. — TNS

India, China consider 3-step proposal to ease LAC standoff

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 11
To ease tension in eastern Ladakh, a three-step disengagement plan has been suggested. India is considering a proposal by the People's Liberation Army (PLA) asking the Indian Army and its troops to pull back from critical spots along the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

If an agreement is reached, India will vacate the 13 spots it occupies along the southern bank of Pangong Tso. In response, the PLA will pull back from the spots on the northern bank of the same lake. However, the contentious 900 sq km Dapsang plains in northern Ladakh, where both sides have claims and counter-claims, is not part of the proposal or the suggested pullback.

"It is a proposal, and not an agreement to disengage, let it be fine-tuned and matters to mature," said a senior Indian Army officer.

The China Study Group (CSG), led by National Security Adviser Ajit Doval, will consider the proposal but is likely to seek iron cast guarantees that the perception of the LAC — an un-demarcated boundary — will be respected.

Also, that the PLA troops will not reoccupy the heights India vacates south of Pangong Tso or those on the north bank or the points of



HOW DELHI, BEIJING PLAN TO DISENGAGE

- Phase 1 Simultaneous withdrawal of tanks from forward locations along the LAC
- Phase 2 Simultaneous withdrawal of troops – Indian troops will return to the Dhan Singh Thapa post located on Finger 3 (see map), north of the Pangong Tso
- These were occupied in August and allow India to dominate Spangmarg Gap under the PLA and also its Moldo garrison
- PLA troops will withdraw to Finger 8; the mountain spurs which descend into the Pangong Tso are identified as 'fingers'

disagreement at Galwan, or points 15 and 17.

The CSG will be discussing that the issue of entire 826-km LAC in Ladakh should be part of the same disengagement and de-escalation process and must include the Dapsang plains.

It is here that the Chinese troops can threaten India's

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Citing personal liberty, SC grants bail to Arnab

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 11

The Supreme Court on Wednesday granted interim bail to Republic TV Editor-in-Chief Arnab Goswami in an abetment to suicide case, saying it would be a travesty of justice if personal liberty of a person was curtailed like this. "We are of the considered view that the High Court was in error in rejecting the applications for the grant of interim bail," a vacation Bench of Justice DY Chandrachud and Justice Indira Banerjee said.

In its interim order, the court ordered the Maharashtra authorities to release the journalist forthwith. The Bench also granted interim bail to co-accused Feroz Mohammad Shaikh and Neetish Sarda, "subject to



ARNAB GOSWAMI

'BOMBAY HC ERRED'

If state govts target individuals, they must realise that there is apex court to protect the liberty of citizens. The Bombay HC was wrong in denying bail

Two-judge Supreme Court Bench

each of them executing a personal bond of Rs 50,000 to be executed before the jail superintendent". — TNS

OTT platforms, news sites now under I&B

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CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 11

In a move much anticipated, a notification signed by President Ram Nath Kovind brings over-the-top (OTT) platforms like online news portals and streaming services under the ambit of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

While Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar had assured in 2019 that the Centre would not curb media freedom, he had stressed the need for a regulatory mechanism for the digital media, just as the one for other mediums like the print and electronic.

Netflix, Amazon Prime Video and 13 other online

Free expression may be curbed: Artistes



platforms had signed up for a self-regulation code in September 2020, agreeing to develop a framework for content description, age classification and access control along with having a committee to address consumer complaints. Outspoken actor Swara Bhasker posted, "Chalo, goodbye good content!"

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Stop farm fires, CPCB tells Punjab, Haryana

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 11

Expecting an increase in pollution levels during the festive season, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) today asked the governments of Punjab and Haryana to take immediate stringent steps to curb stubble burning.

The CPCB also asked the authorities in Delhi-NCR to close hot mix plants and stone crushers till November 17 and strictly check biomass burning. In case of any violation,



A farmer burns stubble on the outskirts of Jalandhar. MALKIAT SINGH

strict action should be taken against the violators such as imposition of penalty and temporary stoppage of construction activities, the CPCB order to pollution control boards of UP, Haryana, Rajasthan and Punjab read.

Ban too late, few buyers for green crackers

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PATIALA, NOVEMBER 11
A day after the Punjab Government approved a two-hour window for green crackers on Diwali and Gurpurab, the sale of traditional crackers continues unabated.

Even before the orders pertaining to the ban — in force till November 30 — depending on the air pollution levels, dealers across the state stocked, sold and even continued to sell the banned crackers, sources said. "Such a ban should be declared four to six months in advance," said a top official.

Crackers were being sold in

More expensive than banned ones: Sellers

FREE OF BANNED CHEMICALS



green variety, which is more expensive," asked a Ferozepur-based dealer. The police have been

asked to book those selling banned crackers. While on Diwali, green crackers can be burst from 8 pm to 10 pm, on Gurpurb, the window is from 4 am to 5 am and from 9 pm to 10 pm.

A dealer in Patiala, Sanjay Kumar, said: "The ban on traditional crackers has come too late. Stocks have already been piled up in many districts with super stockists selling crackers in October. We have paid 15 to 20 per cent extra for green crackers."

PPCB Member Secretary Karunesh Garg said: "The local authorities and police will implement the ban."

Gaps plugged, procurement of paddy 20% less than last season

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CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 11

Even as Punjab has been battling an excessive arrival of paddy in its markets this kharif season, Haryana will end up with almost 20 per cent lesser procurement compared to 64.71 lakh metric tonne last year, thanks to steps taken by the Khattar government to plug the gaps.

These gaps allowed some leeway to unscrupulous traders who would purchase paddy at cheaper rate in neighbouring states and push it into the procurement

HRY CHECKS ILLEGALITIES

Unscrupulous traders would purchase paddy at cheap rate in neighbouring states and push it into the procurement system in Haryana for purchase at higher MSP



system in Haryana where the crop was procured at minimum support price, said sources. Various procurement agen-

3-STEP VERIFICATION

- 1 All farmers willing to sell paddy at MSP had to upload crop details on 'Meri Fasal Meri Byora' portal
- 2 The details were matched with 'girdawari' reports of village patwaris
- 3 Was cross-checked with satellite images and in case of mismatch, cases were sent to DCs for verification

cies in Haryana have so far procured 53.58 LMT of paddy. With most of the crop produced by farmers already

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Ugrahan faction to join Delhi dharna on Nov 26

CAPITAL SHOWDOWN Over 200 farm unions from across country to protest agriculture laws

Tribune News Service

BATHINDA, NOVEMBER 11
The Bhartiya Kisan Union (Ekta Ugrahan), the largest farmer organisation in the state, has announced to join the dharna against the Central farm Acts in New Delhi on November 26 and 27.

Over 200 farmer unions from across the nation are expected to join the protest against the Central agriculture laws in the national capital.

The decision was taken today in a meeting chaired by BKU (Ekta Ugrahan) state president Joginder Singh Ugrahan. All district secretaries and state office-bearers participated in the meeting held here today.

Joginder Singh Ugrahan said the farmers' struggle to repeal the Central farm laws



BKU (Ekta Ugrahan) leaders during a state-level meeting in Bathinda on Wednesday. PAWAN SHARMA

would continue and on November 26 and 27 a large number of farmers would join the dharna in the national capital. During a preparatory drive, flag and torch marches would be carried out by village women and youth on November 21, 22 and 23. For the 'Delhi Chalo' agita-

tion on November 26, they would move towards the national capital from two places — one from Dabwali through Doomwali barrier in

PROTEST AGAINST STATE GOVT ON NOV 18: BKU

- The BKU (Ekta Ugrahan) has also decided to protest against the state government in front of the Deputy Commissioners' offices on November 18
- It has demanded from the state government to repeal the Punjab Marketing Act 2017, Contract Agriculture Legal Amendments and withdrawal of the Contract Agriculture Bill 2019
- BKU leaders also demanded the cancellation of FIRs against the farmers for burning straw

government would also be staged on November 18 in front of the Deputy Commissioners' offices in the state.

The leaders demanded from the Punjab Government to repeal the Punjab Marketing Act 2017, Contract Agriculture Legal Amendments and withdrawal of the Contract Agriculture Bill 2019.

They also demanded the cancellation of cases filed against farmers and labourers during the ongoing protests, besides the cases registered against the farmers for burning straw under the pollution ordinance or under Section 188 of the IPC.

The meeting was also addressed by Sukhdev Singh Kokri Kalan, Jhanda Singh Jethuke, Shingara Singh and Harinder Kaur Bindu.



Giving a call to observe 'black Diwali', farmers paste posters on buses at the Inter-State Bus Terminus in Amritsar. VISHAL KUMAR

Lawyers, Punbus staff extend support to stir

Tribune News Service

AMRITSAR, NOVEMBER 11

Farmers, who are protesting the Central farm laws, on Wednesday started off their campaign to observe 'black Diwali' by erecting black flags, pasting posters on buses and appealing to all to support their cause.

Under the banner of Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee, Punjab, the agitating farmers reached the Inter-State Bus Terminus, Amritsar, and roped in Punbus staff members in their protest.

The committee's general secretary Sarwan Singh Pandher said besides putting up black flags on buses, they also held a meeting with lawyers who showed

Farmers kick off campaign to observe 'black Diwali'

solidarity with farmers. The lawyers have installed black flags on their chambers in the Amritsar court complex.

"We have kicked off our 'black Diwali' campaign from Amritsar and it will be observed across Punjab. The farmers' protest will be transformed into a Punjabi protest. As the farm laws would affect every sector and household, we appeal to all to support us and observe black Diwali. The residents should put up black flags atop their houses and shops," he said.



Farmers protest at a toll plaza at Bachhwan near Balachaur in Nawanshahr. PHOTO: MALKIAT SINGH

All unions across nation urged to observe 'solidarity day' today

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 11

Strongly condemning the economic blockade of Punjab by the Central Government, farmer unions across the country have pledged their support to the protesting farmers in the state.

A national call has been given to all farmer and farm worker unions for observing "solidarity day" on November 12 for their struggling brethren in Punjab. The unions, under the aegis of All-India Kisan Sangharsh Coordination Committee (AIKSCC), condemned the suspension of goods trains which was preventing the mar-

ket system. "These laws have not guaranteed the MSP and procurement, which is the key demand of farmers of the country for several years now. AIKSCC has formulated a law on the subject but it has been ignored by the government," he said.

Farmer leaders also condemned the Delhi Police for denying the permission to them for their proposed protest at Jantar Mantar in Delhi on November 26-27.

They said all political parties were supporting farmers' struggle and even BJP's own farmers' wing was supporting the farmers. —TNS

AIKSCC condemns Centre's economic blockade of state

supply of fertilisers, coal and other essential goods. They alleged the intention was to blackmail the people of Punjab and unleash repression on the peasant struggle.

Addressing mediapersons, AIKSCC organising secretary Avik Shah alleged the BJP-led Central Government at the behest of agri-business corporations brought in the three farm Acts, which would end up demolishing the mar-



Shiromani Dhadhi Sabha members in Amritsar. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Anganwadi supervisors get job letters

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 11
Taking a big leap towards women empowerment, Social Security, Women and Child Development Minister Aruna Chaudhary on Wednesday handed over appointment letters to 362 anganwadi supervisors.

The newly recruited anganwadi supervisors appointed through the Punjab State Subordinate Services Board were given appointment letter here at Punjab Bhawan, while recently promoted 282 supervisors at their respective districts to ensure that Covid-related work is not impacted.

Chaudhary said incorporation of the newly appointed and promoted anganwadi supervisors would make a significant contribution to provide food rich in nutritional value and healthy atmosphere to the future generation of Punjab.

Allegation of bias baseless: SGPC

said. He alleged a secretary-level official of the SGPC was favouring the opposite group and created a rift.

In defence, Baldev Singh MA from Sri Guru Hargobind Singh dhadhi group said it was Akal Takht's decision to allow only those dhadis to perform who qualify the 'test'. Unlike the Miri Piri group, we were prepared to undergo the test. The Miri Piri group has a few number of qualified dhadis, whereas the ones under us are certified," he said.

SGPC's Dharam Parchar Committee official Ajaija Singh Abhiyasi said it was misinformation that the 'diwan' was not being held at the Akal Takht. "Following the feud between the groups, the diwan is being organised by SGPC's dhadhi jathas," he said.

The test of the dhadis could not be conducted due to lockdown, he added, saying the new dates of the test would be announced post Diwali, probably on November 18-19.

Soon, one-time settlement policy for ULB plot allottees

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 11
With crore of rupees pending as dues on account of non-construction fee and non-payment of enhancement in land compensation cases by hundreds of allottees in urban local bodies (ULBs), the Local Government Department has decided to bring a one-time settlement policy (OTS).

Local Bodies Minister Brahm Mohindra said the department had come across several cases in which the allottees were not paying the non-construction fee of the enhanced land compensation. "The issue came up for discussion during the meeting with the chairmen of improvement trusts.



Property record in improvement trusts to be digitised

We are working on the policy," said the minister. The meeting was attended by Raman Subramaniam, Chairman, Ludhiana Improvement Trust; Dinesh Bassi, Chairman, Amritsar Improvement Trust; Daljeet Singh Ahluwalia, Chairman, Jalandhar Improvement Trust; and Sant Lal Banda, Chairman, Patiala Improvement Trust.

The department has also decided to digitise the entire property record in the improvement trusts.

A senior official said a number of improvement trusts had pointed out that hundreds of property-related records were missing. In Ludhiana alone, over 400 property-related files were missing and in Amritsar 500 files were missing.

In Ludhiana, the estate officers have been asked to give an undertaking about the missing records before carrying out digitisation.

In another development, the minister has decided to look into the demand of chairmen of improvement trusts to increase their financial power from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 5 lakh. The financial power is likely to be increased to Rs 2 lakh to Rs 3 lakh. — TNS

PSEB opens portal for talent search exam registration

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 11

The Punjab School Education Department has decided to reopen the portal for registration for the state level National Talent Search Examination (NTSE, Stage-I) from November 11 to November 15 in view of the difficulties faced by the students. The exam will be held on December 13, 2020.

According to a PSEB spokesperson, students studying in Class X can appear in this exam. SC, ST and physically challenged categories should have 55 per cent marks and other categories 70 per cent marks in Class IX.

The spokesperson said NCERT would give nearly 2,000 scholarships to the students who will pass the Stage-II examination conducted by NCERT. — TNS

Tell PU to hold Senate polls: Sukhbir to VP

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 11

SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal today requested Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu, who is also Chancellor of Panjab University, to direct its Vice Chancellor to hold immediate elections to its Senate due for the past three months.

He also requested Naidu to direct the university authorities to scrap purported moves to replace the elected apex governing body with a nominated Board of Governors.

Badal said the Senate elections were being put off in the name of Covid pandemic for two months after these were due on August 15. He said now, the elections had been put off indefinitely even as other elections, including those to the Panjab University Teachers' Association, were held recently.

"This has lent credence to apprehensions that the university administration wants to scrap the Senate and appoint a nominated Board of Governors. While such a move will suit the authorities, it will harm the larger interests of Punjab. A nominated body will no longer be accountable to the people of the region," he added. — TNS

CURB POWERS OF VC
Over centralisation of powers in the hands of the VC will not be in the interest of various stakeholders, particularly Punjab, whose 200 colleges are affiliated to the university.

Sukhbir Badal, SAD President

to scrap the Senate and appoint a nominated Board of Governors. While such a move will suit the authorities, it will harm the larger interests of Punjab. A nominated body will no longer be accountable to the people of the region," he added. — TNS

Dhadhi groups spar over performance time at Akal Takht

Tribune News Service

AMRITSAR, NOVEMBER 11
The traditional 'diwan' at the Akal Takht has been disrupted following a conflict between two factions — Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Shiromani Dhadhi Sabha and Miri Piri Shiromani Dhadhi Sabha — over the performance hours allotted to them.

Dhadis (balladeers) are traditional performers who sing ballads with a 'sarangi', a string instrument, and a 'dhad', a small drum. The tradition was started by sixth Sikh master Guru Hargobind Sahib at the Akal Takht.

As the dhadis earn their income from donations by pilgrims, both groups want to perform for the maximum time. Gurjeet Singh BA from the Miri Piri group alleged violating the Akal Takht's 'maryada' (tenets), the diwan was interrupted midway by the other group on September 22.

"Since then, except for a few sessions held by the SGPC's dhadhi jathas, the diwan has been suspended. We have approached the Akal Takht secretariat and SGPC against it, but in vain," he

said. He alleged a secretary-level official of the SGPC was favouring the opposite group and created a rift.

In defence, Baldev Singh MA from Sri Guru Hargobind Singh dhadhi group said it was Akal Takht's decision to allow only those dhadis to perform who qualify the 'test'. Unlike the Miri Piri group, we were prepared to undergo the test. The Miri Piri group has a few number of qualified dhadis, whereas the ones under us are certified," he said.

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Finally, state excise revenue goes up

Crackdown on liquor smuggling improves fiscal situation after losses during lockdown

RUCHIKA M KHANNA

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CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 11
Having seen its tax and non-tax revenues drop sharply in wake of the Covid-induced lockdown, the rise in excise revenue has given the much-needed relief to the cash-strapped state.

The increase was not organic, rather it was achieved by the state government by strictly controlling liquor smuggling and illicit liquor manufacturing, the Excise Department claimed. This comes in the aftermath of the spurious liquor tragedy that claimed over 120 lives and the government crackdown on illegal distilleries that had dropped up across the state.

Operation Red Rose, launched against the distillers and brewers to pre-



The sale of licit liquor has witnessed an increase in October. FILE

Action under Operation Red Rose (till Sept 30)

FIRs registered	10,963
Licit liquor seized	1,20,883 litres
Illicit liquor seized	1,18,047 litres
Lahan seized	5,10,654 kg

vent unaccounted for excise collections. liquor sales, has also helped control smuggling, increase licit liquor sales and subsequently, the

revenue this year against Rs 419 crore in October 2019). The overall increase in revenue from liquor sales, from mid-May (after vends were allowed to reopen after the lockdown) till October is nine per cent. The excise revenue between April and October 2019 was Rs 2,735 crore as against the revenue of Rs 2,984 crore realised this fiscal.

Financial Commissioner, Excise and Taxation, A Venu Prasad told *The Tribune* that after a long hiatus, the government was looking at an increase in its excise revenue by 20 per cent by March 2021. "As against the revised target of Rs 4,700 crore, we are looking at a revenue touch between Rs 5,800 to Rs 6,000 crore. This year, licit liquor sales have also gone up. The liquor quota

had to be increased by five per cent in August and by another five per cent in November. We have got an additional Rs 250 crore in revenue," he said.

Almost 50 per cent of the licit liquor (Indian Made Foreign Liquor) seized in the state during the past five months is of a brand made by a distillery in Haryana, while the remaining seizures of licit liquor affected in the past over four months, are of two country-made liquor brands distilled in Chandigarh. Figures available with *The Tribune* show that 1.20 lakh litres of licit liquor being sold in the market here, mostly smuggled but also pilfered from distilleries in Punjab without excise duty being paid, has been seized by officials between May 17 and September 30.

High load of diabetics among patients worries Health Dept

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CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 11

When the state is heading towards a second wave of Covid, its biggest worry is the high number diabetic and hypertensive patients. In the country, the state has the highest load of patients suffering from diabetes and hypertension.

Among the 4,389 persons who died of Covid in the state, 91 per cent were suffering from co-morbidities. At present, at 3.14 per cent, the state has the highest case fatality rate.

The situation has emerged as a big concern for the Health Department. The department has started a campaign to minimise the use of trans fats, which cause these diseases. As per a note prepared by the department, Punjab has a high prevalence of hypertension. The

concern over the heavy load of patients suffering from hypertension and diabetes.

Meanwhile, the state witnessed a spike in cases as 703 persons tested positive and 31 died of Covid in the past 24 hours. As per the media bulletin, with the fresh cases, the total number of cases has reached 1,39,184 and number of deaths has reached 4,389. In the district-wise breakup of cases, SAS Nagar topped the list with 119 cases, followed by Ludhiana (103), Jalandhar (100), Patiala (69) and Bathinda (68). In district-wise breakup of deaths, SAS Nagar and Patiala reported four deaths each, followed by Kapurthala, Ludhiana and Moga (three each), Bathinda, Hoshiarpur, Jalandhar and Sangrur (two each) and Faridkot, Fazilka, Ferozepur, Ropar, Tarn Taran and Amritsar (one each).

Fresh spike with 703 Covid cases, 31 deaths



unadjusted prevalence of hypertension in Punjab is 35.7 per cent (men 41 per cent, women 25.4 per cent) against the prevalence in India at 25.3 per cent. Also, the state is having the highest prevalence of high systolic blood pressure, high total cholesterol, and high fasting plasma glucose.

The Central expert team on Covid had also expressed

5 gangsters held, 12 pistols seized

ROPAR, NOVEMBER 11
The arrest of five gangsters and seizure of 12 pistols from them has reportedly averted the killing of several people as the accused had got weapons for gangster-terrorist Tejinder Singh, alias Teja.

Sources said Teja, a resident of Nawanshahr and lodged at a Ludhiana jail, had asked the accused to get the weapons for which funding came from abroad. Though Ropar SSP Akhil Chaudhary refused to confirm, sources said the members of a rival gang who had fired bullets at the home of Teja's brother in the village and a sarpanch were on the target. —TNS

Tech universities to reopen from Nov 16

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CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 11

Over 700 polytechnics, engineering and technical colleges and technical universities in the state will reopen for physical interaction from November 16, subject to standard operating procedures (SOPs) for Covid-19.

In the first phase, 50 per cent of the students of final year will be allowed to attend classes on any given day. In the detailed instructions issued by Anurag Verma, Secretary,

Technical Education and Industrial Training, it has been pointed out that while allowing physical classes, the online mode of teaching will also be adopted.

The teaching faculty has been asked to ensure that the number of teaching days are not reduced and the universities or boards should consider minimising the winter break, including conducting online lectures on weekends.

All educational institutions have been asked to reduce duration of the classes by 10 minutes.

State seeks ₹1,000 cr aid from NABARD

MUMBAI/CHANDIGARH, NOV 11

The Punjab Government today sought Rs 1,000 crore from the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for giving a fillip to cooperative institutions and provide relief to farmers as both of them are facing financial crunch due to Covid.

Cooperation Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa said during his meeting with the NABARD Chairman, assistance was sought under the Special Liquidity Facility and Long-Term Rural Credit Fund. —TNS

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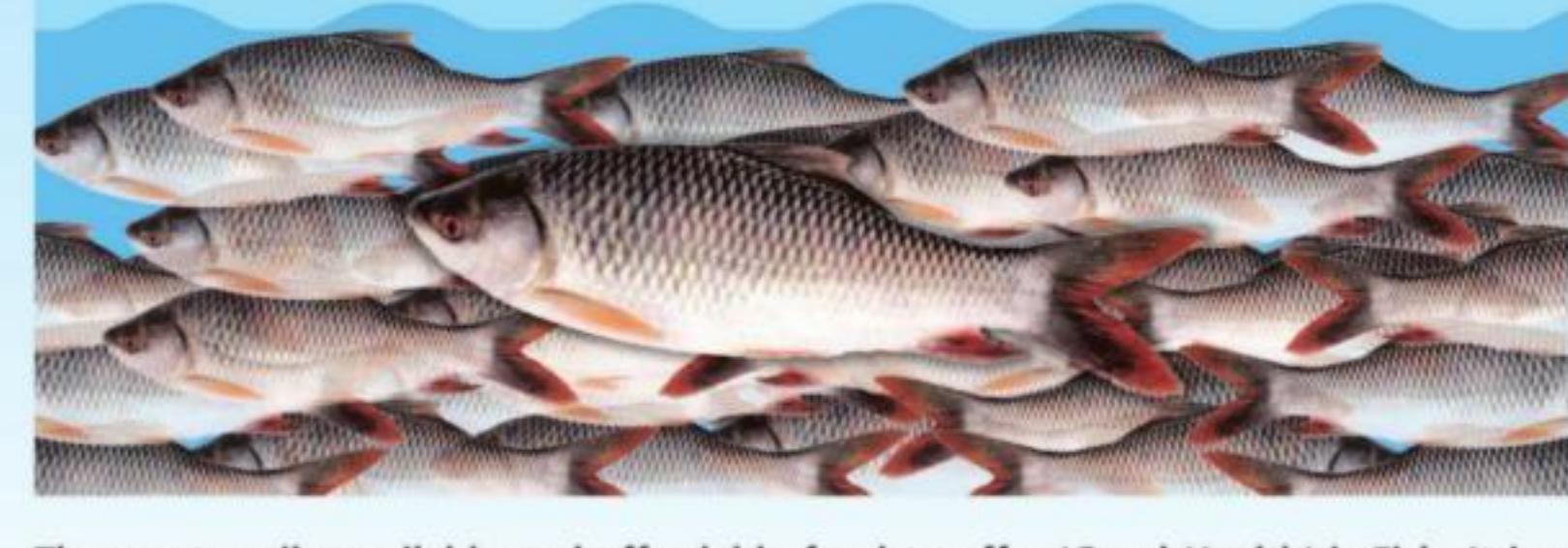
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Consumer Complaint No. 451 of 2019 Date of Institution: 08.11.2019 Fixed for: 09.12.2020

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2. Sukhwinder Kaur aged about 56 years, wife of Jaspal Singh. Both resident of H.No. 42, Street No. 1, Ekti Vihar, near Anand Nagar-B, Patiala. ...Opposite Complainant

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Sd/- President District Consumer Commission, Patiala. Endt. No.: DCC/PTA/2020/6147 CL20061847

U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC

In the Court of Sh. Rakesh Kumar Sharma, Addl. Principal Judge Family Court, Jagraon.

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Anupreet Kaur Versus General Public CNR No.

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TALKING POINTS

- The dates fixed for the event are Dec 18, 19 and 20
- Threat from China with focus on the current stand-off in Ladakh and violent clash between the two armies at Galwan is expected to be a major subject for discussion among geo-strategic issues

the MLF with experts in the domain as well as serving and retired defence officers, propounding their views.

With the 50th anniversary of the 1971 Indo-Pak War falling next year, it is also expected to be a hot topic. Higher defence management, military industry unconventional and sub-conventional warfare, foreign relations, military diplomacy and the strategic fallout of events like impact

the ongoing pandemic are other topics of interest.

Live streaming as well as recordings of events like panel discussions, weapon display, book launches, war memorial service, films, virtual exhibitions and other interactive sessions would be done over social media and other cyber platforms, Brig JS Arora (retd) said. A professional agency is being engaged for conduct of the three-day event.

The literature festival is an annual affair conducted by the Punjab Government and the Western Command to honour and commemorate the legendary bravery and sacrifices of the Indian soldiers and also to bring on to a common platform experts to deliberate on contemporary military, security and geopolitical issues.

Three killed in road mishaps

ABO哈尔, NOVEMBER 11

Swarn Kaur (65), who was returning home from a flour mill, was allegedly hit by a JCB machine on the Seed Farm road here yesterday. She was shifted to the Civil Hospital but succumbed to her injuries.

The police registered a case under Sections 279 and 304A of the IPC on the statement of her grandson Gurwinder Singh, who blamed JCB driver Karamjit Singh of Panjpeer Colony for causing the death due to negligence.

In another incident, Rajinder Kumar (60) of Chak 4C village was killed in the Mateeli Rathian area as an unidentified vehicle hit his motorcycle yesterday evening. Binder Singh (40) of Seed Farm Colony died while his minor daughter, who was riding pillion, escaped unhurt when their motorcycle skidded near a toll plaza on the Seetogunno road yesterday. —TNS



The accused in custody in Sri Ganganagar. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Three held with fake currency worth ₹1.35L

OUR CORRESPONDENT

The seizure includes 234 notes of ₹500

der Singh Shekhawat, Deputy Commandant of BSF's G-branch, and Inspector Balram Singh played an important role in nabbing the gang.

BSF Deputy Inspector General Pushpinder Singh Rathore said today that Satpal Singh (25) of Chak 2-PSD village, Ranjit Singh Raju (34) and his brother Pargat Singh alias Prince (26) of Chak 5-DD village have been held.

The fake currencies recovered from them include nine notes of Rs 2,000 and 234 notes of Rs 500. An Alto car owned by Pargat Singh has been impounded.

The BSF and the police laid a naka on the Sriganganagar police in a joint action last evening arrested three youths by intercepting a car and seized fake currency from YouTube. Pargat also involved his brother Ranjit Singh in preparing and marketing fake currency. In the photo studio they allegedly have been preparing fake currency by using a scanner and computer. The equipment has been confiscated from the photo studio.

Abohar police nab drug racket kingpin'

OUR CORRESPONDENT

ABO哈尔, NOVEMBER 11

The police here have arrested the "kingpin" of a drug smuggling racket who had been on the run for more than a month.

Jasbir Singh Nikka of Katoda village in Muktsar was held in connection with cases of smuggling poppy husk and sedative tablets from Rajasthan

He was booked under the NDPS Act but was evading arrest for more than a month

WAS EVADING ARREST FOR MORE THAN A MONTH

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On October 3, the police seized 600 kg poppy husk and 65,000 sedative tablets by intercepting a truck near Kalkhera village and recovered poppy husk and sedative tablets hidden under salt bags. Driver Karamjit Singh Kamma was arrested. The preliminary interrogation indicated that the consignment was allegedly to be delivered to Jasbir Singh.

Jasbir was booked under the NDPS Act but evaded arrest for more than a month.

Investigation reportedly indicated that he had been paying heavily to truck drivers for transporting similar consignments from Rajasthan which were reportedly sold in the Malwa region in Punjab.

Meanwhile, a court allowed the seven-day custodial interrogation of Lovepreet Kambaj of Jattwala village and Surinder Singh Lucky of Nilianwali Sirsa, who were nabbed while allegedly smuggling 3.1 kg of opium recently from Rajasthan.

"We do not have money to purchase the required equipment to manage stubble. Farmers can shun stubble burning only after getting the financial help from the government," says Kartar Singh, another farmer.

Deputy Commissioner Ramvir said they were trying their best to reach out to farmers and provide them the subsidy needed for stubble management, besides convincing them to do away with the malpractice.

Kheri, have been visiting almost all villages of the district to convince farmers not to burn stubble. The data shared by officials show in Chathe Nakte, Mard Khera, Kanoi, Mauran, Bhamabadi, Basiarkh, Sheron, Khetla, Bhalwan, Panjgiran, Hariou, Mahasingh Wala and Dyalpur Channa villages more than 50 per cent farmers have not

acres. With the help of latest equipment, I have been sowing paddy and other crops without burning the residue. In the last sowing season, around 50 per cent farmers of our village did not burn stubble," says Daljinder Singh, a farmer from Chathe Nakte village.

Special teams of the Agriculture Department and the Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK),

Kheri, have been visiting almost all villages of the district to convince farmers not to burn stubble. The data shared by officials show in Chathe Nakte, Mard Khera, Kanoi, Mauran, Bhamabadi, Basiarkh, Sheron, Khetla, Bhalwan, Panjgiran, Hariou, Mahasingh Wala and Dyalpur Channa villages more than 50 per cent farmers were responding well to their requests.

"We are hopeful that the 13 villages will better their performance in the current sowing season and more villages will follow the suit



Mounds of bajra lying at the grain market in Rewari. PHOTO: SUMIT THARAN

Paddy purchase restarts in Karnal

KARNAL, NOVEMBER 11

After a gap of around 14 days, procurement of PR paddy has been restarted at the Karnal grain market. Procurement had been stalled by agencies on account of an inquiry following an anonymous complaint to DC Nishant Kumar Yadav that 'fake' gate passes were being issued in various grain markets.

The DC had constituted four teams led by SDMs concerned. In the Karnal grain market, SDM Ayush Sinha found that 294 gate passes were issued without PR paddy having arrived, after

Was stalled after complaint about 'fake' gate passes

which an FIR was registered against the market committee secretary, eight gate operators and arthiyas.

"Investigation is underway at all grain markets, but procurement has been restarted," said Yadav. District Food Supplies Controller Nishant Kumar Rathai said almost 90 per cent of the total paddy had been procured.

Rajnish Chaudhary, presi-

dent of the Karnal Arthiyas Association, said a large number of arthiyas and farmers had not received payment even after an assurance by CM Manohar Lal Khattar on payment in seven days. "Farmers are visiting the shops of arthiyas for payment, but we have no answer as procurement agencies have not paid the dues." They had demanded a list of arthiyas who had received payment, but it was not given to them.

Meanwhile, the DC said 12.1 million tonnes of paddy, worth around Rs 2,400 crore, had been procured. —TNS

Cracker ban extended to dists near NCR too

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 11

In accordance with National Green Tribunal (NGT) guidelines, the government has decided to impose a complete ban on the sale and use of all kinds of firecrackers in districts adjoining the National Capital Region (NCR) from midnight of November 9 to midnight of November 30.

In other districts of the state, people can burst crackers only for two hours on Diwali, as announced by CM Manohar Lal Khattar earlier. —TNS

Tardy bajra lifting in Rewari to be probed

RAVINDER SAINI

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

REWARI, NOVEMBER 11

The lifting of bajra at the Rewari grain market has come under the scanner, with Deputy Commissioner (DC) Yashendra Singh ordering an inquiry into allegations of sloppy and tardy lifting.

Rewari SDM Ravinder Yadav has been directed to look into the matter. The DC has told the transporter to speed up lifting in accordance with serial numbers to evade action.

Sources said the inquiry was ordered by the DC after inspection of the grain market on Tuesday. He went to look into complaints of tardy and sloppy lifting. Arthiyas complained of lifting on a pick-and-choose basis by ignoring serial numbers allotted for procurement.

"Slow and arbitrary lifting of bajra is being done despite the issue having been raised by arthiyas

PROCESS ON IN ARBITRARY MANNER

Slow and arbitrary lifting of bajra is on despite the issue being raised by arthiyas before the authorities. It leads to delay in payment to farmers and causes trouble to arthiyas. The mandi is running out of space with bajra not being lifted. — Radheshyam Mittal, BEOPAR MANDAL PRES

before the authorities. The situation leads to delay in payment to farmers and causes trouble to arthiyas. The mandi is running out of space with procured bajra not being lifted," said Radheshyam Mittal, president of the Beopar Mandal at the new grain market in Rewari.

Mittal pointed out that the process of payment to farmers was initiated after procured bajra reached the godown. He said the produce of many farmers had not been lifted even 10 days after procurement and they were making rounds of the mandi to enquire about payment.

Rajender of Manethi village said he sold 60 quintals of bajra on October 21, but payment had not been released even after 20 days though the government had promised it within 72 hours of procurement.

Manoj Kumar, Hafed manager, said the payment of some farmers had not been released due to technical reasons and rubbed the allegation of arbitrary lifting by arthiyas.

"About 45,000 bags are procured from 750 farmers daily. Around 30,000 bags are lifted everyday. Since the number of farmers is high, it takes time to lift the entire produce," he said. Around 33,429 tonnes had been procured and around 25,000 tonnes lifted so far, he added.

DCs to draft collector rate list by Dec 15

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 11

The government has directed all Deputy Commissioners (DCs) to publish a draft list of collector rates by December 15. The publication of collector rates will be made by March 2021.

Sanjeev Kaushal, Additional Chief Secretary and Financial Commissioner, Revenue and Disaster Management, said guidelines regarding fixing of collector rates in each colony and area had been issued to all Divisional Commissioners and DCs.

As per guidelines, a committee would be formed in each tehsil and sub-tehsil to assess collector rates. The committee would consult non-officials knowledgeable about market rates of property. —TNS

Harass home buyers, face action: HARERA

OUR CORRESPONDENT

GURUGRAM, NOVEMBER 11

To ensure that home buyers are given relevant information, the Haryana Real Estate Regulatory Authority (HARERA) has warned of penal action against violators. The

HARERA Bench, comprising KK Khandelwal, chairman, and SC Kush and Samir Kumar, members, observed that many complaints regarding allegations of misbehaviour and improper treatment to allottees had been filed before the authority.

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25 more succumb; 2,546 fresh cases

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 11

A total of 25 patients died due to Covid on Wednesday. With 2,546 fresh cases, the tally reached 1,90,323. —TNS

COVID-19 CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Gurugram	34,893	233
Faridabad	29,739	266
Hisar	12,363	156
Sonepat	11,012	53
Ambala	9,287	114
Rohtak	8,909	85
Rewari	8,759	41
Karnal	8,664	122
Panipat	8,377	107
Panchkula	7,711	117
Kurukshetra	7,040	105
Sirsia	6,186	90
Mahendragarh	5,575	9
Yamunanagar	5,249	111
Bhiwani	4,505	73
Jhajjar	4,184	39
Palwal	3,573	22
Fatehabad	3,568	75
Kaithal	3,099	45
Jind	3,152	61
Nuh	1,360	26
Charkhi Dadri	1,118	9
Total	1,90,323	1,960

Cracker ban extended to dists near NCR too

As per the data of the Central Pollution Control Board, Patiala, which is outside the NCR, has recorded 'severe' air quality in November. Similarly, Hisar, Bahadurgarh, Balabagh, Dharuhera, Kaithal, Kurukshetra and Manesar are in the 'very poor' category. Ambala, Narnaul, Palwal and Sirsa are in the 'poor' air quality category. Therefore, adhering to NGT orders, the sale and use of crackers will be banned completely in these districts. —TNS

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Challenges in Bihar

NDA, Opposition must come up with positive agenda

THENDA's hard-fought victory over the Mahagathbandhan shows that Bihar's voters have preferred status quo, no matter how flawed, to change. The verdict has extended the already long reign of CM Nitish Kumar, who piggybacked on the BJP's remarkable performance to overcome anti-incumbency. With his party, the JD(U), now being the junior partner in the coalition, Nitish's clout is bound to get considerably reduced. That will make it all the more challenging for him to govern a state that has borne the brunt of the pandemic-induced lockdown in terms of large-scale joblessness and return of migrant workers. It was Nitish who had left stranded Biharis to fend for themselves, citing fears of rapid transmission of Covid-19, after the lockdown was abruptly enforced in the last week of March. By the time the Centre decided to run Shramik trains in May, lakhs of migrants were already back home in Bihar after covering thousands of kilometres on foot or by any means of transport they could find. Some of the forsaken ones even perished on the way as the authorities had no plan to facilitate their return.

Caste politics brought gains to the NDA as well as the RJD-led alliance in the polls, but what the state needs now is a positive agenda to hasten economic recovery and help its residents regain livelihoods. Bihar's unemployment rate, which had shot up to 46 per cent in April-May, is now down to under 10 per cent. However, much work has to be done to keep most of the migrants gainfully employed in the state itself. The BJP had promised the creation of 19 lakh employment opportunities after RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav vowed to sanction 10 lakh government jobs. The ruling alliance can start off by filling vacant government posts, reportedly running into lakhs.

The Covid-19 crisis has woefully exposed Bihar's ailing health infrastructure. As the virus continues to pose a threat, the government needs to prioritise healthcare with far higher budgetary allocations. With the Opposition sizeable enough to keep the BJP-JD(U) combine on its toes, there is no room for complacency or laxity.

Mumbai's IPL triumph

Tournament's best team retains crown

MUMBAI Indians brought the curtain down on IPL-13 with a clinical performance in the final on Tuesday night, winning their second successive title with a comfortable victory over Delhi Capitals. Mumbai won their fifth IPL title after crushing Delhi Capitals twice in a row, by five wickets each in Qualifier-1 and the final — this after being thrashed by 10 wickets by Sunrisers Hyderabad in their last match of the qualification stage. Hyderabad were, in turn, beaten by Delhi in Qualifier-2, underscoring the highly unpredictable nature of cricket's shortest format. Given this, the consistency of Mumbai this season was remarkable as they did not lose two consecutive matches at any stage, and two of their five losses during qualification were sustained in the Super Over.

Mumbai's win also ended 52 days of welcome relief of live sport on TV in this Covid-hit year, even if actual action was taking place hundreds of miles away, in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Before IPL-13 began, there was apprehension over cricketers being afflicted with Covid-19 during the course of the tournament, and a few players did opt out. But, in a testament to the effectiveness of the bio-secure bubble put in place by the organisers, the event went off without trouble. The bio-secure bubble proved to be a blessing in disguise for another significant reason: It reduced the possibility of players being directly approached by match-fixers or corrupters, who are known to be very active in the UAE. There was only one report of a player being made a 'corrupt approach', and the matter is under investigation.

Even though cricket's purists are not big fans of the Twenty20 format, the IPL did cheer fans, who had been starved of live sporting action due to disruptions caused by the pandemic. It also resurrected the Country vs Club debate, as Mumbai Indians' Rohit Sharma chose to play on despite an injury that had caused him to be dropped for the national team's tour of Australia. That tour begins later this month, and fans now look forward to the national team returning to action for the first time since March 2.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Often, poor leadership is masked by those with the loudest voices, and strongest opinions. — Nick Fewings

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

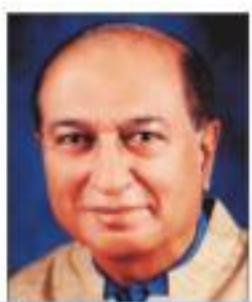
LAHORE, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1920

The Government of India and Maulvi Zafar Ali's Case.

HAVING, in two successive leading articles, examined the Government of India's latest pronouncement on the non-co-operation movement from the point of view of general principle and policy, we will now proceed to say a few words with regard to one particular aspect of it. The notification, which is dated November 6, states that "although in their opinion the movement is unconstitutional in that it has as its object the paralysis and subversion of the existing administration of the country, the Government have hitherto refrained from instituting criminal proceedings or taking any other action against those of its promoters who have advocated simultaneously with non-co-operation abstention from violence, and they have instructed local Governments to take action against those persons only who in furtherance of the movement have gone beyond the limits originally set by its organisers and have by speech or writing openly incited the public to violence or have attempted to tamper with the loyalty of the army or of the police." Does the case of Maulvi Zafar Ali Khan, which was instituted long before November 6, establish or is consistent with the claim made by Government in the lines we have italicised? And if, as we hope presently to show conclusively, it does not establish and is not consistent with the Government of India's claim, will that Government now explain its position in regard to the case and state the line that it proposes to follow in dealing with it? To begin with, the charge against Zafar Ali was not that he had openly incited the public to violence, but that he had "brought or attempted to bring into hatred and contempt and excited or attempted to excite disaffection towards the Government established by law in British India, and promoted or attempted to promote feelings of enmity between the Christian and Mussalman subjects of His Majesty the Emperor of India."

Imran comes undone

The Pak PM is drawing flak in international as well as domestic politics



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GOVERNING Pakistan has never been an easy task, even for skilful and experienced politicians like Nawaz Sharif and Benazir Bhutto. But, Imran Khan's lack of experience and understanding of the complexities of governance, and what many Pakistanis say, is his arrogance, have made him accident prone. Pakistan has skilfully played its cards in the Islamic world, steering clear of historical, sectarian and civilisational rivalries between Islamic countries. But, carried away by his belief in his own infallibility, Imran believed that his stature would rise internationally by becoming a founding member of a new global Islamic grouping.



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Imran's ineptitude is well known, but one wonders how the army rank and file is reacting to the incompetence of General Bajwa and the ISI chief.

confined to making noises on J&K.

Despite the problems Pakistan faced from influential Arab countries, because of his proximity to Erdogan, Imran decided to follow Erdogan's lead by criticising French President Emmanuel Macron on his strong response after a Muslim immigrant beheaded a French teacher. Erdogan remarked: 'What problem does this person called Macron have with Muslims and Islam? Macron needs treatment on a mental level.' Imran, in turn, proclaimed: 'President Macron has chosen to deliberately provoke Muslims, including his own citizens, and encouraged the display of blasphemous cartoons, targeting Islam and the Holy Prophet (Muhammad).' There is growing anger across Europe against refugees from Islamic countries who refuse to adopt European values.

Imran's comments have not endeared him to France and indeed across the EU. His claims of being a great champion of Muslims worldwide is hypocritical in the light of his position on what is happening in China's Xinjiang province. As many as 39 countries recently issued a joint statement at the

UN General Assembly's Human Rights Committee, asking China to refrain from detaining Uighurs and to respect the freedoms of the people of Hong Kong. Can Pakistan be regarded as genuinely concerned about the plight of Muslims when it turns a blind eye to an estimated million Uighur Muslims, being held in prison for their religious beliefs? It is time New Delhi became more active in exposing the double standards of Imran.

While Imran's foreign policy has raised eyebrows across the world, he is also facing increasing criticism within Pakistan, because of his erratic domestic policies. Having been catapulted to power by the army, Imran treats the army chief like his superior. He even looks the other way when General Bajwa bypasses him and directly deals with senior opposition leaders. Imran's growing unpopularity was more than evident, when, sitting in London, Nawaz Sharif rallied the opposition in Pakistan to stage demonstrations across the country, calling for Imran's ouster. He is labelled by Sharif and other opposition leaders, not as the 'elected', but 'selected'

In an unprecedented gesture, the UAE invited India as an honoured guest to a meeting of foreign ministers of the 43-member Organisation of Islamic Conference, held in Abu Dhabi, last year. Imran objected and withdrew Pakistani participation in the conference. He soon found that his country's economy was desperately in need of foreign doles. He had to return to Pakistan's oil-rich Arab donors to continue receiving Pakistan's regular doles. Pakistan's participation in the OIC meetings is now

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The mess Daddy left in the kitchen was another matter, and my mother, and other concerned parties, would wait till he exited and then settle down to clean the slab and walls and floor.

But it was at Diwali that he came into his own. A few days before the festival, we would sally forth and

return with the best possible khoya.

Orders for milk would multiply exponentially. Taken out for its annual placing over a stove, a huge kadahi would emerge. His tweed coat would give way to an apron.

From the mess in the kitchen would emerge the softest and tastiest kalakand, all garnished with almonds. Piles of grated carrot would be transformed in gajar ki burfi.

Then came the piece de resistance, the chocolate burfi that did not taste anywhere as awful as it may sound, but was like a chewy fudge packed with dry fruits.

Carefully, all these preparations would be passed into trays and moulds and allowed to set.

The night before Diwali, decora-

tive paper plates would be filled with an assortment of these sweetmeats, to be sent to friends and family. Somewhere along the line, this sweet shop that came and went in an annual festive week got named 'Amrit di Hatti', and the name stuck.

The worst was, however, yet to come. Unnerved by the demonstrations, the army ordered the Rangers (made up predominantly of Punjabis) to force the IG of the Sind police to arrest Maryam's husband Muhammad Safdar Awan. All hell broke loose when the IG, who was reluctant to comply with the illegal order, was arrested, and coerced to issue an order to imprison Maryam's husband. Virtually all senior police officers, thereafter, went on indefinite leave, in protest against the unlawful arrest of the Sind police chief. Fears arose in Punjab of Sindhi anger, akin to what happened when PM Zulfiquar Ali Bhutto was hanged after being imprisoned by the then army chief Zia-ul-Haq. The army beat a hasty retreat and Maryam's husband was released following a court order. While Imran's incompetence is well known, one wonders how the rank and file of the army is reacting to the evident incompetence of General Bajwa and ISI chief Lt Gen Faiz Hameed.

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It has been quite a while since the hatti sent out its last plate of Diwali mithai. People who remember their taste, or have heard of this annual ritual, still mention it. Some even ask when I will have an apron over my T-shirt and pull out the old kadahi. That's unlikely, though I won't be surprised if in another dimension, the hatti has reopened, home-cooked sweets are being distributed and Diwali celebrated.

Dad's cooking & the taste of Diwali

RAAJA BHASIN

MY father's first name was Amrit and he was an amazing cook. The connection between the name and his dabbling in the kitchen may seem odd, but we, as children, found one.

He would make the most amazing rolls with meat or paneer and eggs. Today, we know them as kathi rolls but decades ago, these were not available as easily as they are now, and for some reason were called 'Irani rolls'. If there was a dinner party, he would make a whole chicken with stuffing. There was the time when our dog found access to the painstakingly cooked chicken and decided to polish it

off. Having eaten handsomely, it arrived to roll on the drawing room carpet and express its appreciation. Not realising that it wasn't her mother tongue, she purred as best as a terrier could. I've come close to my father's recipe of roast mutton — which went on to become a sort of comfort food for my sons, when they returned from boarding school.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Caste politics

Refer to 'Triumph of caste politics' (*Nous Indica*); the Bihar verdict is a vindication of the harsh political reality that caste, read religion, is a paramount politically dominant and driving force in the country. For that matter, politics is subject to logical conclusions in no country or society. Wherever human element is involved, the X-factor plays a vital role that defies all political predictions and baffles political pundits. The verdict can be a boon as well as a bane for the people of Bihar. From this cliffhanger, the NDA can learn lessons in 'gathbandhan dharma'. This election outcome is going to have repercussions for national politics.

DV SHARMA, MUKERIAN

Bihar verdict

The people of Bihar deserve kudos for showing maturity and giving another chance to incumbent Nitish Kumar. The credit also goes to the senior leadership of the BJP for showing magnanimity towards Nitish Kumar, despite becoming the second largest party in the keenly contested elections. It is the poor performance of the Congress which is responsible for keeping the Mahagathbandhan away from the majority mark for

which it only has itself to blame.

RAVINDER KUMAR JAIN, LUDHIANA

Students in despair

Apropos of 'Bright life snuffed out', we have entered the era of online education. The prerequisites like smartphones, computers and the Internet must be made easily available to all. The increasing economic and digital gap is telling upon students, especially those who are finding it difficult to cope with modern, digital requirements of online education. Their struggle is bringing instability in the minds of students. The government must come out with effective and supportive educational measures towards e-learning.

KRITIKA MADAN, CHANDIGARH

Women's empowerment

'Changes in PRIs' is a welcome initiative which has come from the state which is usually condemned for its patriarchal views. This amendment can serve as a revolution in the involvement of transgenders in Indian polity as it makes provisions for transgenders to be sarpanch in a cyclic manner. Another encouraging aspect for Indians is the recent National Family Health Survey which shows increasing acceptance of daughters. This shows that the turbulent wind blowing

across India can change into a positive outcome.

JASHAN GOYAL, BATHINDA

Return of the virus

Refer to 'Covid resurgence'; the Delhi government has attributed the surge to people letting down their guard during the festive season, and also pollution. Governments in many states like Kerala, and particularly Bihar, where election rallies lacked caution, have failed to correct glitches in their anti-Covid strategy. With the festive season spike beginning to strain medical facilities, the 'ad homicid' of governments like that of Delhi seems to be resurfacing. It will do well to revisit the city's experiences of the past and course-correct it.

PS KAUR, BY MAIL

Way to losses

Though the Amritsar railway station wears a deserted look due to the 'rail roko' agitation by farmer unions, the railway authorities, going by the old routine, have opened up one extra reservation window and increased the platform staff in anticipation of the Diwali and Chhath Puja passenger rush. This is how the PSUs incur financial losses.

NARESH MOHAN JOHAR, AMRITSAR

Ban the only way

Strict laws against crackers are necessary considering that we have to achieve a net zero in our carbon dioxide emission level by 2050 to stay below 1.5% rise in global temperature ('6-yr jail for bursting firecrackers in NCR'). The festive season is the biggest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions in this country. Climate change is not solely about smog in Delhi or poor air quality, it's about survival of mankind. It's time people realise there is no planet B.

PRATEEK SACHDEVA, MOHALI

Hope of a new start

Refer to the 'Thought for the day' — Every moment is a fresh beginning — It is interesting to think that you can start anew with each passing moment. You can let go of the past, let go of whatever is holding you back and start doing again whatever you want to do. It is refreshing to know that the present is not entirely enmeshed in the past and your future is created moment by moment. If you have been mired in doubt and hesitation to start a new project or to mend a relationship because of the things that have happened to you in the past, remember that this moment is totally new and you can move in the direction you want to go.

FAQIR SINGH, DASUYA

Bihar has strong message for Opposition



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creation of jobs is increasingly going to find resonance, particularly among the young, as also in other states going to polls in the next few months.

The first phase of the election was going the Tejashwi way. The turning point came with Narendra Modi's invocation of 'jungle raj' of the Lalu Yadav-Rabri Devi years. This sent those among the most backward castes and women, who were beginning to look at Tejashwi with new eyes — *Yeh naya ladka hai*— scurrying back to the NDA again. The upper castes are anyway more enamoured of the Hindutva, nationalist theme than of any economic hardship, and stayed by the BJP's side.

Bihar has reinforced the invincible image of Narendra Modi. He swayed the voters in national elections. This was not always the case in state polls. The BJP did not make it in many states, be it Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Delhi, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chattisgarh. In Bihar, the Prime Minister made a difference to the poll outcome.

The Bihar strategy may help the BJP in states which are going to the polls in the coming months — in West Bengal, Assam, Punjab, Kerala and then UP in 2022. It combined Modi's undimmed popularity and sharp articulation, with Hindutva and nationalism (Ayodhya, Pulwama, Jai Shree Ram) as not so covert a theme, undergirded by a subtle appeal to certain castes. The PM has for some time now emphasised the help given to the poor by his government at the Centre, through the programmes he has initiated. So, if money was transferred to the people in Bihar during Covid times, they saw it coming 'from Narendra Modi' and 'not from Nitish Kumar'.

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WINNING STREAK: The results of the Bihar elections have a message for all states headed for polls in the months ahead on taking on the BJP under Modi.

ECONOMIC distress of an unprecedented kind, compounded by a health pandemic of the last nine months, the migrant march of lakhs of workers on foot with probably the largest number walking back to their villages in Bihar, incursions made into Indian territory by China in the last few months which could have created a nationalistic upsurge against the government, palpable anger against Chief Minister Nitish Kumar that was evident — if these could not bring about a change of government in Bihar, it only shows that the other factors were more dominant. This when, in this instance, there was a clear alternative in Tejashwi Yadav leading the charge on the Opposition side and getting a popular response.

Clearly, Brand Modi managed to slow down the Tejashwi chariot, though it was a closely run race. And Tejashwi, though not able to form a government in Patna, has established himself as a leader of the Mahagathbandhan at the age of 31. He set the terms of the poll narrative when he flagged 'joblessness' as the central theme of Bihar 2020, for the first time giving an economic — and aspirational — spin to caste which has determined poll outcomes in Bihar for three decades and more.

Given the downturn in the economy,

migrants, the Central Government successfully managed to shift the responsibility to the chief ministers. In Bihar, the BJP went one step further. It even managed to distance itself from the Bihar CM, even though it was part of the government headed by him. By going hammer and tongs at only Nitish Kumar, and urging the people to vote for the BJP, Chirag Paswan helped shield the BJP while directing the popular ire towards the CM.

The BJP's seats went up substantially, and those of the JD(U) came down, equally substantially. The BJP as the senior partner in the government will have its obvious advantages, and will increase its clout in the decision-making process.

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rashtra, where Uddhav Thackeray, denied the chief ministership, joined hands with the Congress and NCP, the BJP is expected to tread more carefully in Bihar for Nitish Kumar, with his reputation for doing 'flip flops', can always extend outside support to Tejashwi Yadav, if the BJP tries to replace him. Unless the BJP can, at a future date, break the JD(U), the Congress and wean away MLAs also from the RJD to form its 'own' government. But that does not seem to be on the cards for the moment.

Bihar has sent a strong message to the Opposition parties. They will have to combine effectively to have any chance of taking on the Modi-led BJP in states going to the polls. The RJD's alliance with the Left parties in Bihar — CPI(ML), CPI(M) and CPI — did well, leading to a high strike rate.

Tejashwi Yadav might have just made it, had he not allowed Mukesh Sahni's

Mallah (Most backward)-based VIP party to leave the Mahagathbandhan over the issue of seat-sharing. This might have been possible had he given less seats to the Congress and accommodated the 'VIP' party and enabled Left parties to fight more seats, the ticket distribution based on the ground level strength of the parties today rather than on the position they enjoyed in the past.

This Congress' tally came down from what it was in 2015. While the RJD was able to transfer its votes to the Congress, the Congress could not ensure this for the RJD candidates. As it is, the Congress' kitty does not have much to transfer.

The five seats won by Asaddudin Owaisi, who did well in the Muslim-dominated areas of Bihar (Seemandhra) should come as a wake-up call for the Congress. The Muslims, who feel beleaguered and apprehensive, particularly

with the way they have been targeted by the BJP, after the NRC, CAA and abrogation of Article 370, have looked to the Congress as the only party which would be able to take on the BJP nationally. For them to turn to Owaisi's party which was not in a position to form the government in Bihar, being part of the small so-called 'Third Front', and not to the Congress, shows their growing sense of alienation from the grand old party. This is not good news for the Congress.

The crisis — and drift — in the Congress is not likely to go away unless the party settles the question of its leadership, which is hanging out there unaddressed.

Given the Bihar outcome, will the Opposition parties look afresh at the new challenge being mounted by a BJP determined to increase its footprint all over India, state after state, and go for one-party dominance in the country? Or will it remain business as usual?

Biden likely to give India more strategic space



YOGESH GUPTA

FORMER AMBASSADOR

JOSEPH Biden Jr. will soon take over as the 46th President of the United States. There is some consternation as many critics are not sure how the Joe Biden-Kamala Harris duo will react to the human rights situation, particularly in Kashmir. Also, that he will be 'soft' on China which may recoil on India in its current military confrontation with that country.

Biden is a seasoned and skilful politician, who for decades has served on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, including as its chair. Second, he is calm, contemplative and a team leader who will listen to and go by the professional advice of the US establishment — including the State, Defence, National and Homeland Security, CIA, Trade and other departments. His long innings as the Vice President in two terms of President Obama unambiguously authenticate this view.

In an article, *Why America must lead again*, in the *Foreign Affairs* journal in March this year, Biden wrote that President Trump had diminished the credibility and influence of the US by abandoning the American leadership, indulging in ill-advised trade wars which had hurt its own consumers and undermining and abandoning its allies which are America's biggest strength.

The post-Covid world will be very different from 2016 when the Obama-Biden duo left. China's economy has made huge strides during this period. However, much of China's economic growth is based on extensive use of unfair trade practices, including denial of market access, stealing of



REACHING OUT: Despite a China tilt, Biden may be more accommodating towards India.

foreign technologies, subsidies to its state-owned industries and others.

China's swift growth has been accompanied by massive modernisation of its military, including manufacture of fifth generation of fighter and stealth aircraft, long- and medium-range missiles, hypersonic and artificial intelligence (AI)-based weapons, destroyers and aircraft carriers.

Similarly, China has made considerable progress in other emerging technologies like 5G, quantum computing, new materials, robotics and space weapons. The rapidly growing China is now challenging the economic and military pre-eminence of the US in Asia. It has launched aggression against a number of countries allied or getting closer to the US such as India, Taiwan, Vietnam, Australia and others and is trying to divide the transatlantic alliance.

Though the aggressive rhetoric of Trump administration may change as Biden seeks China's collaboration on climate change, non-proliferation and control of infectious diseases, the US and its allies will take collective action against China's unfair trade policies,

Biden has said that he would constitute a "united front of the US, its allies and partners to confront China's abusive behaviour and human rights violations" and "place US back at the head of the table" to mobilise collective action on global threats.

"When we join together with fellow democracies, our strength more than doubles. China can't afford to ignore more than half the global economy," he argued. Germany, France and leaders of the European Union have welcomed Biden's election promising to work together on China and other challenges.

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as per the Biden team. The US sanctions on export of sensitive technologies to China are likely to continue.

In his earlier avatars, Biden played an important role in the passage of the Indo-US Civil Nuclear Deal in the Congress (2005) and later when the Obama administration declared India as a 'major defence partner' (2016). With the signing of Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA), Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement (COMCASA) and Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement for Geo-spatial Cooperation (BECA) recently, India has established close linkages with the US security architecture. Its large growing economy, professional armed forces and stout determination to resist China have augmented its strategic value. In its pursuit of multipolar world, India can play a critical role in checking the growth of China's hegemony and its domination of Asia.

Biden made it clear in his *Foreign Affairs* essay that he would "fortify the USA's collective capabilities with democratic friends by reinvesting in its treaty alliances with Australia, Japan, South Korea and deepening partnerships from India to Indonesia to advance shared values in a region that will determine the USA's future."

Biden has promised to invest in improving America's competitiveness, pull down trade barriers, resist the slide towards protectionism and give more emphasis to fair trade. Given the rising trade deficit and unemployment in the US, it is likely that there will be some tough negotiations with

India on issues such as high tariffs, market access, levy of taxes on US technological giants like Amazon and Google, but in an amicable manner without resorting to threats and tariffs.

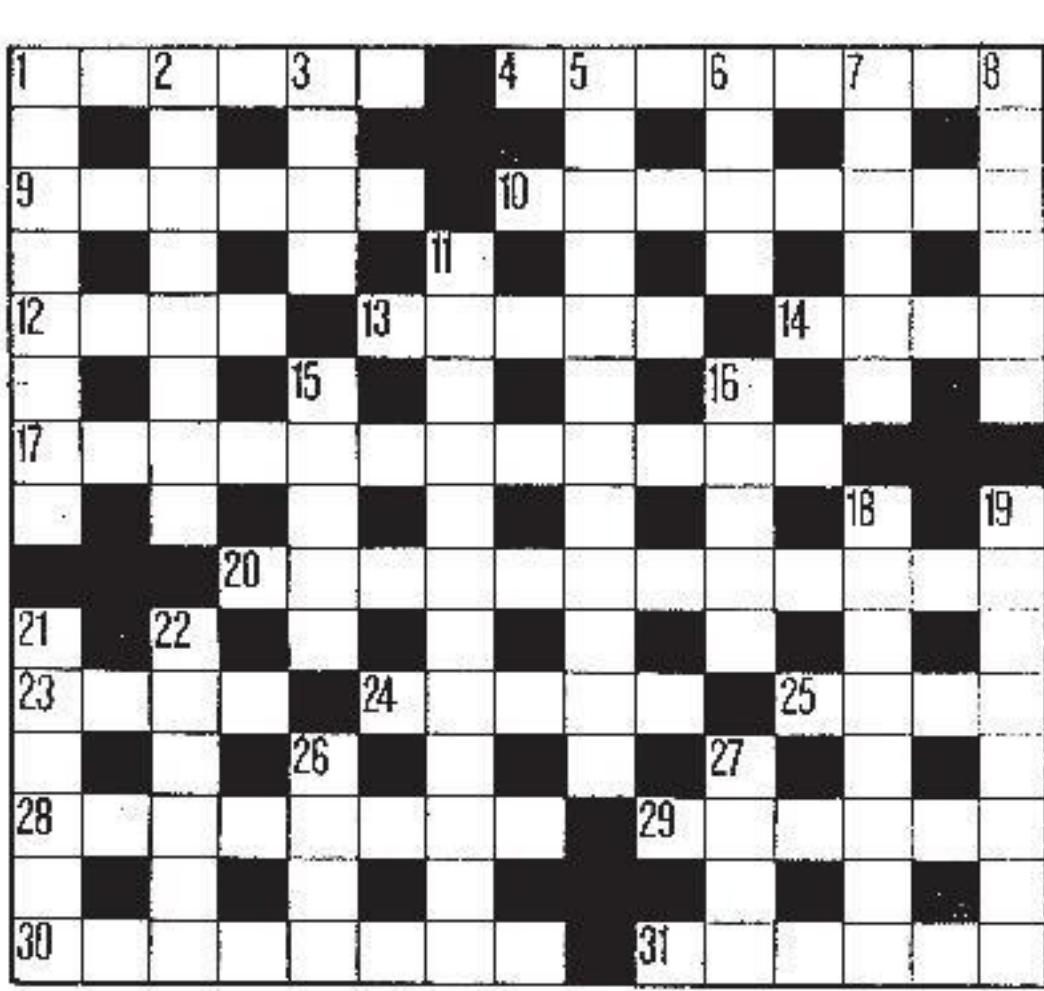
On issues relating to immigration, H1B visas and the studies of Indian students in US universities, Biden is likely to be more positive though keeping in view unemployment in his own country.

Some Biden advisers have stated that he would raise human rights issues with India like Obama. This will be more in the nature of a dialogue among friendly states and would not be the main driver of his overall policy given New Delhi's sensitivities and the importance attached to strategic issues confronting the two countries.

Biden has stated that his administration would stand with India against the threats it faces from its own region and along its borders. Given the above template, it is likely that India would find greater resonance on Pakistan's support of terrorism, a continued US role in the fight against terror groups in Afghanistan and on resuming a nuclear deal with Iran.

Similarly, his stand on re-joining the Paris climate change agreement, convening a summit of democracies to discuss issues of common interest, meetings of major carbon emitters to reduce harmful emissions and control of infectious diseases would be of considerable interest to India. Summing up, India is likely to get more strategic space and a greater sympathetic understanding of its concerns from the Biden administration than that of President Trump.

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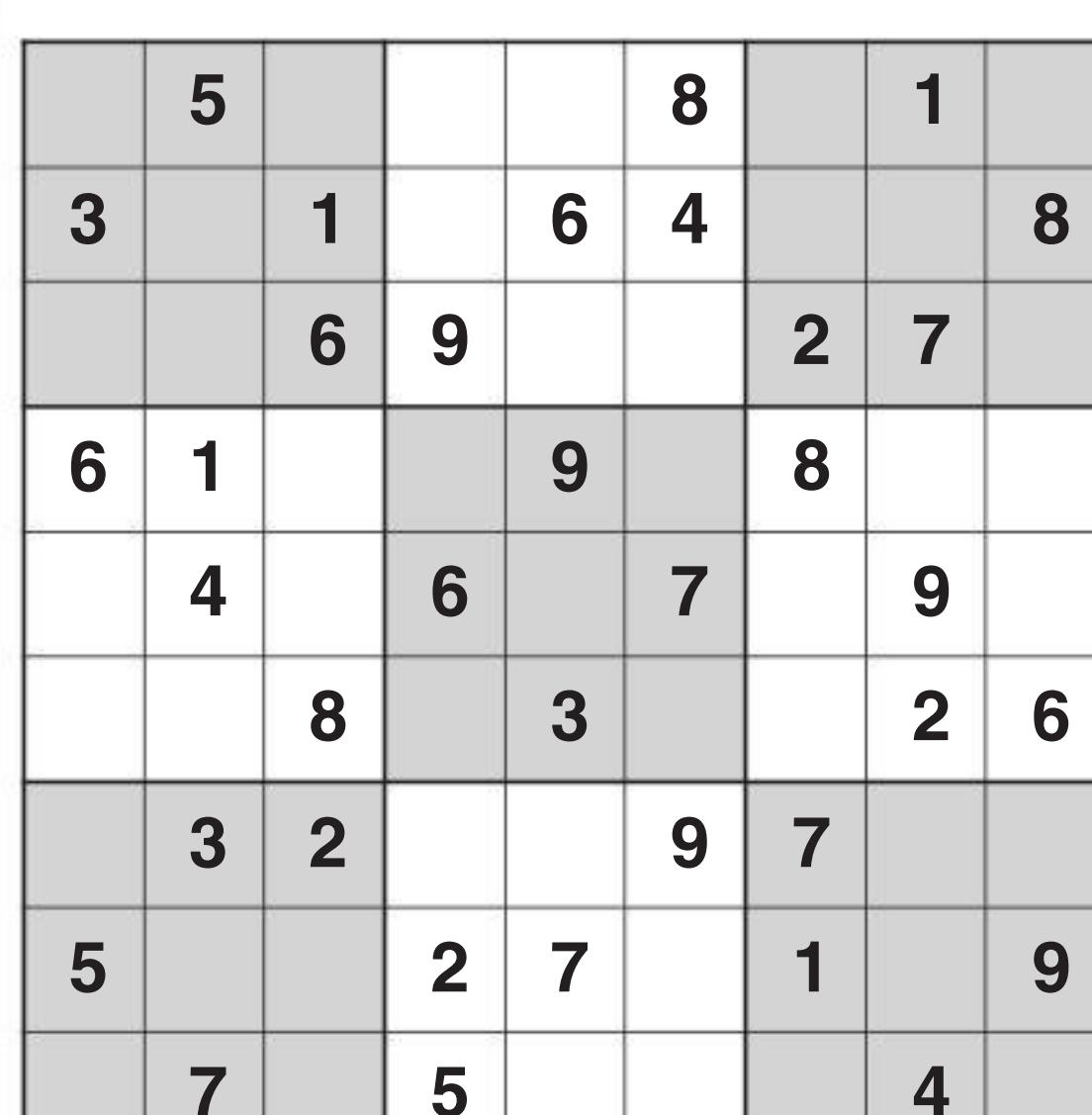


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CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 12, 2020, THURSDAY

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■ Shaka Samvat	1942
■ Kartik Shaka	21
■ Kartik Parvishtha	27
■ Hijri	1442
■ Krishna Paksha Tithi 12, up to 9.30 pm	
■ Vishkumbha Yoga up to 3.44 pm	
■ Hast Nakshatra up to 1.55 am	
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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FORECAST

SUNSET: THURSDAY 17:27 HRS
SUNRISE: FRIDAY 06:47 HRS

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New Delhi	29	11
Amritsar	28	11
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Jalandhar	29	11
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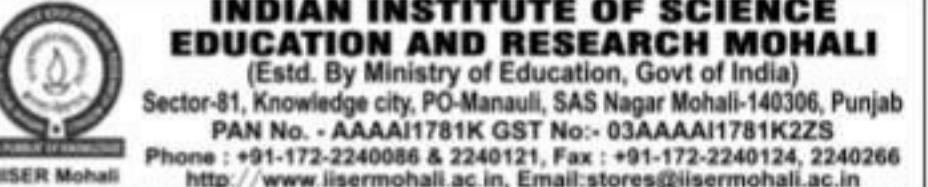
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Online tender(s) are invited on behalf of the Director, IIISER Mohali at E-procurement portal i.e. <http://eprocure.gov.in/eprecure/app/> for the following items.

Tender Ref. No. Description Last date & time for upload the tender

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For detail and apply online, please visit the website <http://eprocure.gov.in/eprecure/app/> "http://www.lisermohali.ac.in". Bid(s) shall be accepted only through online mode and no manual submission of the same shall be entertained except tender fee and EM. Late tenders will not be accepted

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कार्यकारी अभियंता, हरियाणा राज्य कृषि विपणन बोर्ड,
किसान भवन, सेक्टर-14, पंचकूला
नीलामी सूचना

जनसाधारण को सुचित किया जाता है कि कार्यकारी अभियंता, हरियाणा राज्य कृषि विपणन बोर्ड, पंचकूला के अधीन एच.एम.टी. स्टाफ क्वार्टर 16 नं. की विलिंगों को तोड़ने की खुली नीलामी 'जैसा है जहाँ है' के आधार पर दिनांक 20.11.2020 को दोपहर बाज 02.00 बजे कार्यकारी अभियंता, हरियाणा राज्य कृषि विपणन बोर्ड, किसान भवन, सेक्टर-14 के कार्यालय में की जायेगी।

नीलामी की शर्त :

1. कोई भी व्यक्ति व्यक्ति/फर्म बोली में भाग लेसे सकता है। बोलीदाता के पास वैध बैंक अकाउंट नं. तथा पहचान प्रौद्योगिक जैसे आधार कार्ड/वोटर कार्ड/शासन कार्ड इत्यादि होना चाहिए। यदि कोई व्यक्ति किसी अन्य व्यक्ति की ओर से बोली देना चाहे तो उसे वैध अधिकार पत्र (Power of Attorney) प्रस्तुत करना होगा।

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4. सफल बोलीदाता को नीलामी राशि का 100 प्रतिशत भाग 1 दिन के अंदर जमा करवाना होगा अन्यथा सिक्योरिटी की पूरी राशि जब्त कर दी जायेगी।

5. सफल बोलीदाता को पूरी राशि जमा करवाने के पश्चात 10 दिन के अन्दर-अन्दर सारा भवन मौके से उड़ाना होगा। ऐसा करने की स्थिति में बोलीदात द्वारा जमा राशि व धोरणे वाले तक लागत दी जायेगी।

6. यदि विलिंगों तोड़ने वाला डॉलर उड़ाने से सम्बंधित संपत्ति या किसी भी जान-माल को नुकसान पहुंचाता है तो इसके धरपाई ठेकेवार को कर्ती होगी।

7. बोली मंजूर/नामंजूर/रद करने का पूरा अधिकार गठित कर्ती के पास होगा।

8. अधिक जानकारी के लिए कार्यालय, कार्यकारी अभियंता, हरियाणा राज्य कृषि विपणन बोर्ड, किसान भवन, सेक्टर-14, पंचकूला में किसी कार्यादिवस में संपर्क किया जा सकता है।

हस्ता/- कार्यकारी अभियंता।

सार्वजनिक सूचना

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

For and on behalf of the President of India, the Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer, Northern Railway Mechanical Workshop Amritsar invites Open E-tender, single packet on official website www.reps.gov.in. Name of Work : Machining and Transportation of 50 Nos. of LHB Bogie Frames for RI-FAUT Bogies. Approx cost : ₹20,678/- Twenty lakh forty thousand six hundred and seventy Eight only) Tender Form Cost : ₹0 (NIL) Earnest Money : ₹40,800/- (Rupees Forty Thousand and Eight hundred only) Period of Contract : 12 months Last Date & Time for submission of Tender : 03.12.2020 till 15:00 hrs. Opening Date & Time for opening of Tender : 03.12.2020 till 15:00 hrs. Opening of Tender : Tender opening will be done immediately after the tender closing time. The tenderer(s) are not required to be present during the opening. Railway reserves the right to open the tender any time after closing of tender. Documents may be downloaded from the official website. Detail tender Notice & Tender Document : Please check the official website of Railway i.e. www.reps.gov.in For further details kindly follow the notice placed on the Tender Notice Board at N.Ry. Mech. Workshop, Amritsar.

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Sports & Youth Affairs Department, Haryana

Scholarship for Talented Student-Players

Applications are invited for scholarship from the students (SC and Other-than-SC Categories) on the basis of their sports achievements during 01.04.2019 to 31.03.2020. Eligible players may submit their applications in the office of concerned District Sports & Youth Affairs Officer. The last date for submission of applications is 15.12.2020. Parivar Pahchan Patra mandatory for applying for this scheme. No application will be entertained after the closing date. Eligibility conditions for scholarship & Application Form is available on departmental website www.haryanasports.gov.in

PRDH/83767

Director

SHORT NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS FOR "Hiring of E-Rickshaw with Miking for Urban Area of district Yamunanagar

District Health & Family Welfare Society, Yamunanagar, O/C Civil Surgeon, Yamunanagar, invites separate online electronic bids (E-tenders) in prescribed format through DSC from reputed agencies as per the terms & conditions mentioned in the DNT for Hiring of E-Rickshaw with Miking for Urban Area of district Yamunanagar. Interested agencies can download the detailed tender document (DNT) containing the terms & conditions from etenders.hry.nic.in

Principal Employer-cum-Civil Surgeon, Yamuna Nagar

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HARAYANA STATE ELECTRONICS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED

HARTRON BHAWAN, Bays No. 73-76, Sector 2, Panchkula Ph. 0172-2562231, 2562456

e-mail: hartron.training@gmail.com, Website: www.hartron.org.in

Admission Notice

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(Funded by Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Govt. of India)

Last Date for Online Application : 02.12.2020

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Eligibility:-

- 10+2 passed out or equivalent
- Applicant should be bonafide resident of Haryana.
- Courses are NSQF aligned.
- Career Oriented IT Courses.

Instructions for Candidates:-

- Candidate can apply online through Hartron's website www.hartron.org.in.
- Guidelines/Instructions for filling online registration form are available on website.
- District wise merit list on basis of actual percentage obtained in 10+2 will be uploaded only on the Hartron's website. Preference will be given to girls, if boys and girls are on same score.
- For latest updates please visit Hartron's website www.hartron.org.in

For any query candidates may contact on the telephone numbers given below:

0172-2562231, 2562456.

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Notice Inviting e-Tender

[Ref. No. E-152204/2020-21/2837, Dated 11.11.2020]

Online bids are invited from reputed manpower supply firms in electronic tendering system for the Annual Contract of Providing Manpower Services in MGSIPA.

Important Dates

Publishing Date and Time 12.11.2020 Document Download/

11.00 A.M. Sale End Date and Time 11.00 A.M.

Document Download/Sale 12.11.2020 Bid Submission End Date 03.12.2020

Start Date and Time 02.00 P.M. and Time 02.00 P.M.

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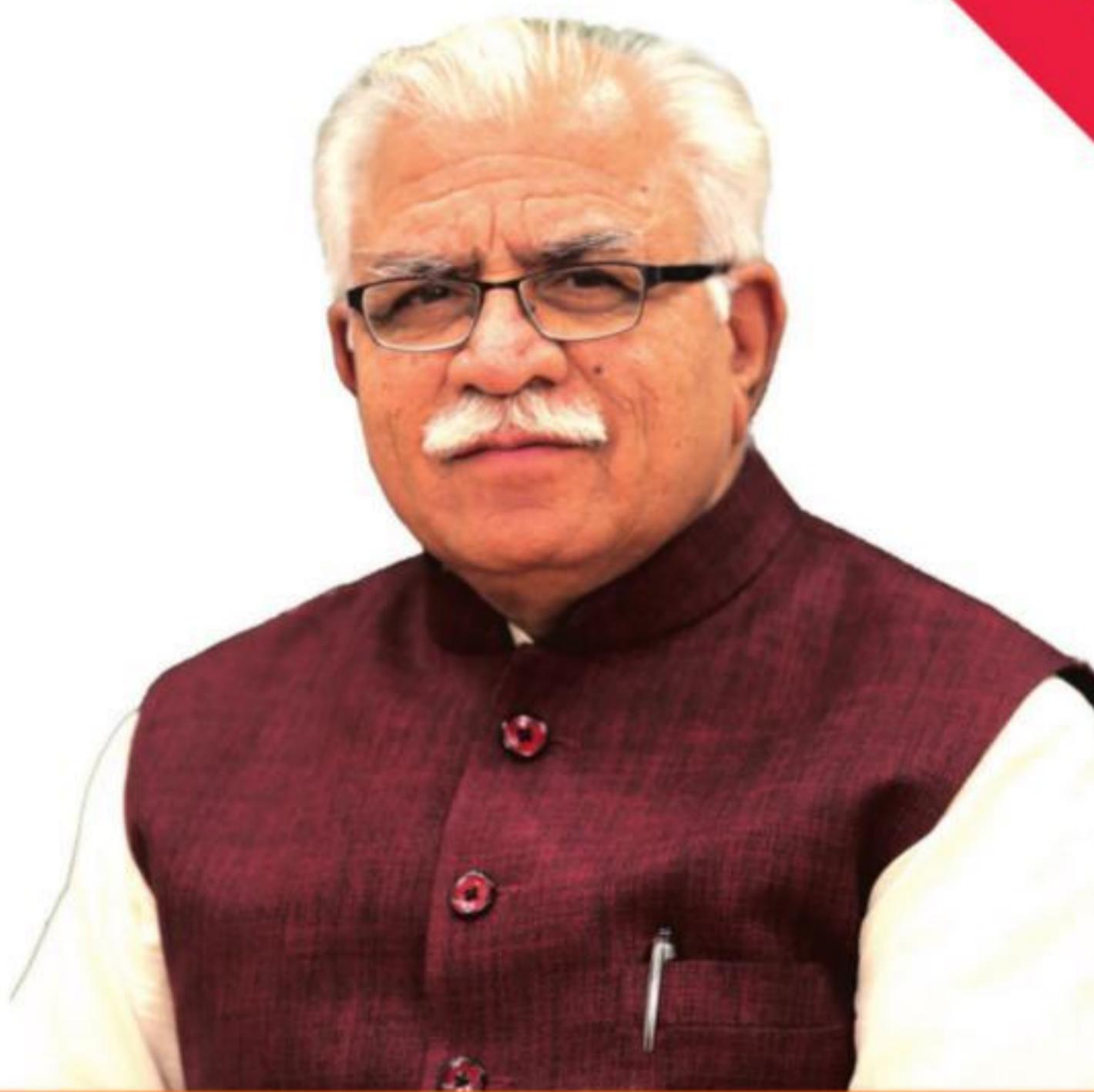
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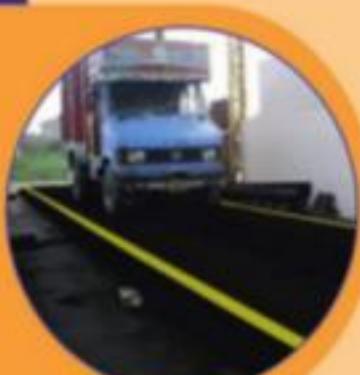
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Three Lahaul panchayats ban tourist activities to curb Covid

ABHINAV VASHISHT



Tourists enjoy at Sissu village in Lahaul. FILE PHOTO

KULLU, NOVEMBER 11
Fearing an influx of tourists amid the Covid-19 pandemic and the rising number of cases in the valley, the three panchayats of Lahaul have decided to stop all tourism activities till November 25.

Residents of the Sissu, Koksar and Khangsar panchayats have unanimously agreed to stop operations of hotels, homestays, guest houses, dhabas and other hospitality units for tourists to break the Covid chain. Tourism activities such as skiing and photography too would not be allowed.

Sissu panchayat president Suman Thakur say the residents have decided to impose a lockdown and avoid gatherings. Even the shops providing essential commodities will be opened for a limited time.

She said so far it had been decided to halt tourism activities till November 25, but the future course would

be decided depending on the number of Covid cases. She added that the health facilities were not adequate

SELF-IMPOSED LOCKDOWN TILL NOV 25

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- Tourism activities such as skiing and photography too will not be allowed.
- Sissu panchayat president Suman Thakur says residents have decided to impose a lockdown and avoid gatherings

in the valley and they would have to take precautions themselves.

The residents believe that Covid cases increased rapidly in the valley due to tourist influx after the opening of the Atal Tunnel.

They have not barred the entry of tourists, but no facilities would be available to them in Lahaul. They appealed to the tourists to avoid visiting the valley and understand the residents' issues.

The Atal Tunnel had become a craze among visitors to Manali and a large number of tourists flocked the Lahaul valley. The residents had started temporary stalls providing tea and snacks to visitors at various tourist spots in the valley. Locals had also started various tourism activities like skiing and photography.

However, with the recent deaths due to Covid in the region, the residents have decided to undergo a self-imposed lockdown.

State gets 2 days to reply on steps taken to tackle virus

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

SHIMLA, NOVEMBER 11

The HP High Court today granted two days to the Advocate General to make submissions regarding the steps taken by the state authorities in connection with Covid-19.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice L Narayana Swami and Justice Anoop Chitkara passed the order on suo motu proceedings initiated on a news item published in *The Tribune* on September 30 under headline "73% Covid cases reported in Shimla after lifting of curbs".

During the course of hearing, the Advocate General sought time to make his submissions on the issue. After hearing the matter for some time, the court listed the case for further hearing on November 13. In its earlier order, the court treated this news report as a public interest litigation (PIL) and sought a response from the Central Government and



The High Court takes suo motu notice of two news reports published in *The Tribune*

the state authorities. It was reported in the news that "the easing of restrictions and the lifting of the barrier at Shoghi have led to a spurt in Covid-19 cases in Shimla, as 73 per cent of the total 1,064 cases in the district have been reported in the past 23 days". It was reported that after the lifting of curbs a large number of people were visiting Shimla city, leading to the spread of the pandemic. As many as 780 of 1,064 cases were reported after September 5. The first Covid case was reported in the district on May 24 and the average of three to five cases per day increased to 34 cases per day after the restrictions were lifted.

Expressing concern on the issue, the court appointed Senior Advocate BC Negi as amicus curiae (court friend) to assist the court on this sensitive issue. During the course of hearing Ashok Sharma, Advocate General (AG) sought a week's time to make submissions before the court regarding the news item.

Accepting the request of the AG, the court granted week's time to him to inform the court about the stand of the government.

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Hospital booked for denying treatment

MANDI, NOVEMBER 11

On the complaint of Halim Ansari, a native of Dinak village under Bahl assembly segment of Mandi district, the police have registered a case against a hospital authority for denying medical treatment to a patient of minority community on April 11. The complaint alleged that the hospital authority had denied medical treatment to his sick daughter by saying that no medical service was available for Tablighi Jamat in this hospital. Later, he approached Deputy Commissioner Mandi over this issue and requested him to take action against the hospital authority.

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22-yr-old nursing student hangs herself in Kullu

KULLU, NOVEMBER 11

The body of a 22-year-old girl was found hanging from a noose in her rented apartment in the Loran area of Kullu town today. SP Gaurav Singh said that the victim, Gambhira Devi, a native of the Sainj valley, was residing with her aunt's rented apartment and was undergoing training at a nursing institute.

The SP said the girl committed suicide by hanging herself in the room. The police recorded the statements of her relatives and it was yet to be ascertained why she took the extreme step. He said a case had been registered. The body would be handed over to the family after a post-mortem examination. —OC

Govt lifts conditions on private schools

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, NOVEMBER 11

Ignoring protests by the parents of students studying in private schools, the Himachal Government has withdrawn the restrictions imposed on private schools during the lockdown.

The government had directed the private schools not to charge any

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fee except the tuition fee and collect it on the monthly basis instead of quarterly basis.

The notification issued by the government on May 27 also said the tuition fee would be charged only for the classes for which

online teaching material had been provided.

The notification also directed that no transportation fee would be charged, salary of the staff would not be stopped and other charges like building fund, maintenance

fund, sports fund, computer fee, co-curricular fee, etc would be deferred.

The matter was placed before the authority on October 30 and following lifting of lockdown gradually, the instructions, issued by the Education Department, stood withdrawn, the notification issued by the Higher Education Department said.

PUNJAB POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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CORRIGENDUM

Apropos to the Public Notice "Time Restrictions on bursting of Fire Crackers" published on 24.10.2020, the time for bursting of fire crackers during Diwali, Gurpurab, Christmas and New Year eve may be read as under:

Festival	Day	Time for bursting of fire crackers
Diwali	November 14, 2020	From 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Gurpurb	November 30, 2020	From 4:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. & From 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve		From 11:55 p.m. till 12:30 a.m.
New Year Eve		From 11:55 p.m. till 12:30 a.m.

Member Secretary

Government of Himachal Pradesh Rural Development Department e-Procurement Notice INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

1. The Executive Engineer (HQ) Rural Development Department SDA Complex Block No. 27 Kasumti Shimla-9 (H.P.) on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh invites the online bids on item rate, in electronic tendering system, in 2 cover system for the under mentioned work from the eligible and approved contractors/Firms registered with HPPWD Department.

Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest Money tender form	Cost of Time limit
C/o Mukhya Mantri Lok Bhawan at Village Mohal Bago in G.P. Sandhu Block Theng District Shimla (H.P.). (SH: Building portion i/c WS & SI works)	23,594/-	42,400/-	500/- 12 months

Eligible Class of contractor:- D

2. Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission:- The Bid Document is available online and Bid should be submitted in online mode on website <https://htp tenders.gov.in>. Bidder would be required to register in the website which is free of cost. 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 RDD may obtain the same from the website <https://htp tenders.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 the tender.

3. Key Dates:-

1. Date of online Publication	17.11.2020 10.00 Hrs.
2. Document Download Start and End date	17.11.2020 10.00 Hrs up to 02.12.2020 17.30 Hrs
3. Bid Submission Start and End Date	17.11.2020 10.00 Hrs up to 02.12.2020 17.30 Hrs
4. Physical Submission of EMD and Cost of Tender Document	03.12.2020 11.00 Hrs
5. Date of Technical Bid opening, Evaluation of Technical Bid followed by opening of Financial Bid.	03.12.2020 11:00 Hrs

4. TENDER DETAILS:- The Tender Document shall be uploaded online in 2 cover:-

i) Cover-1 shall contain scanned copies of all "Technical Documents, Eligibility information"

ii) Cover-2 shall contain "BOQ/Financial Bid", where contractor will quote his offer for each item.

5. SUBMISSION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS:- The bidders are required to submit (a) original demand draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security/Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in the shape of FDR duly pledged in favour of Executive Engineer (HQ) Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Department Shimla-9 and other Technical Document in the O/O the Executive Engineer (HQ) RDD & PR Shimla-9 as specified in Key dates Sr. No.-4 on tender opening date, failing which the bids will be declared non-responsive.

6. LIST OF MACHINERY, TOOL, PLANT:- The bidders must have to submit upload the list of machinery/tools/equipment in the form of affidavit.

7. CONTRACTOR'S REGISTRATION:- The bidders have to produce the enlistment of competent authority in appropriate class valid at the time of tender and upload as pdf.

8. GST REGISTRATION:- The bidders have to produce/upload the GST registration at the time of tender and upload as pdf.

9. EMPLOYEES POVIDENT FUND:- The bidders have to produce/upload the EPF No. as pdf.

10. PAN NO:- The bidders have to produce/upload the PAN No. in pdf.

11. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:-

The bidder must have successfully completed one similar nature of work not less than 40% of estimated cost during the last 5 years (without liquidated damages or compensation) for job.

i) Work done certificate and work in hand certificate:- The bidders have to submit/upload the list of work which are completed (in hand progress) in the proforma shown General rule No. 19 in Schedule "F". These statements should be countersigned by the Engineer-in-charge not below the rank of Executive Engineer or equivalent in State Central Govt. PSUs with his seal. The original/attested copies of same may be submitted at the time of physical submission of

ii) Affidavit:- Contractors have to submit an affidavit wherein mentioned that they have not more than two works in hand in Rural Development Department.

12. BID OPENING DETAILS:- The bids shall be open on 03.12.2020 at 11:00 Hrs in the O/O Executive Engineer (HQ) Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Department Block No. 27 SDA Complex Kasumti Shimla-9 and by the authorized officer. In their interest the tenderers are advised to present along with original documents at the time of opening of tenders. If the office happens to close on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period of 120 days after the deadline date for bid submission.

13. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period of 120 days after the deadline date for bid submission.

14. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The officers inviting tender shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders responsibility to verify the website or the latest information related to tender.

Executive Engineer (RD&PR), Block No. 27 SDA Complex, Kasumti, Shimla-9.

Office of Executive Engineer, HPPWD Division, Kotla Behar, Distt. Kangra, 01970-253516

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT CORRIGENDUM

The online tender for the Job No. 1 & 02 invited vide this office Notice Inviting Tender No. PWD/KB/CB/Tender/2020-21-6311-6330 dated 21.10.2020 published vide RO No. 3862/2020-2021 (Classified) in weekly Giriraj Shimla are hereby postponed due to Technical/administrative reasons, Now starting date for downloading of bids is (Job No 01 & 02) 10.11.2020 Instead of 30.10.2020 and deadline for submission of bids is 20.11.2020 instead of 13.11.2020. All other terms & conditions shall be remained unchanged. The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website www.hptender.gov.in

Executive Engineer, Kotla Behar Division, HPPWD Kotla Behar.

DPR/HP/4295

HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Dharmpur Bharari, Distt. Mandi invites tenders on short term basis on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following work through offline process:-

J&K Bar Assn cancels yearly election, forms ad hoc panel

Admin serves notices, asks to clarify its stand on Kashmir as 'disputed' area

SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 11
The Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association (JKHCB) on Wednesday cancelled its yearly election and formed an ad hoc committee, days after the authorities here barred it from holding any elections until it clarified its position on terminating Kashmir as a disputed territory.

On Monday, Srinagar District Magistrate(DM) Shahid Choudhary issued three notices to the president of the bar association asking them to explain its constitution, which terms Kashmir a disputed area. Choudhary barred the

The ad hoc committee will comprise contesting candidates, election body and former elected body of the association

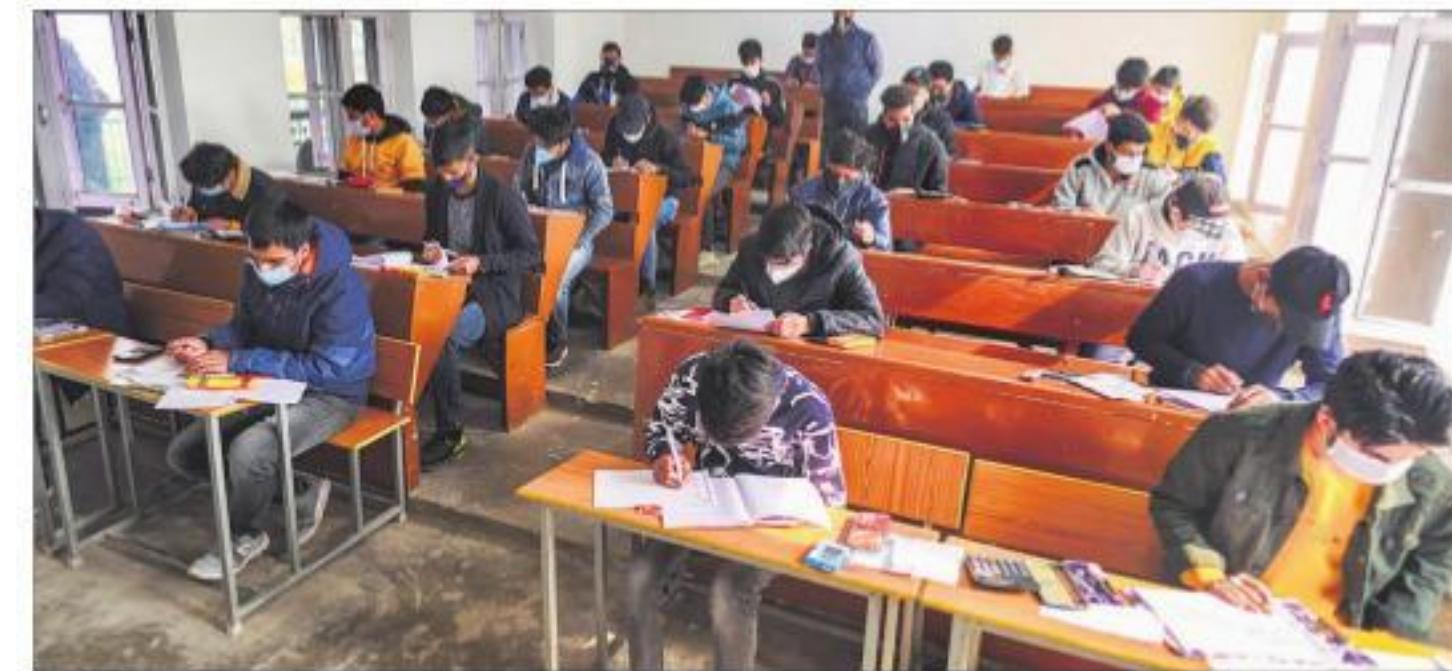
bar association from holding any elections until it clarified its position and also asked them to submit relevant documents, including the article of the association and registration papers.

The DM also imposed prohibitory orders in the district court complex here. Post the imposition of prohibition by the district administration preventing the JKHCBA from

conducting polls for 2020-21, a meeting of the bar association's general committee was conducted to deal with the situation arising out of the "impediments created" in conduct of the polls, the Election Commission secretary of the association was quoted as saying in a notification issued here. He said the meeting resolved to constitute an ad hoc committee till the conduct of

the election.

The committee will comprise contesting candidates, election body and former elected body of the association, which will be headed by advocate Nazir Ahmed Ronga as its convenor or chairman, the secretary said. He said post the constitution of the ad hoc committee, the notification for the conduct of the election stands recalled. The meeting also resolved that another committee, headed by senior advocate Zaffar Ahmad Shah, will look into the issues raised by the district administration. — PTI



Students appear in Class X examination at a school in Srinagar on Wednesday. PTI

Class X board exams begin

SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 11

The annual board examinations for Class X, conducted by the Jammu and Kashmir State Board of School Education (JKBOSE), commenced in the Kashmir valley on Wednesday with Covid safety measures in place, officials said.

The examinations are the first major school-related activity in the valley since the pandemic broke out, the officials said. They said 1,06,465

students — comprising 74,465 in the Valley and 32,000 in the winter zones of Jammu — are expected to appear for the examination to be held at 1,145 centres — 814 in the Valley and 331 in the winter zones of Jammu.

The examination centres have almost been doubled from the previous year to ensure adherence to social distancing norms, the officials said. To prevent the spread of

the infection, the authorities have put in place various preventive measures, including social distancing norms and the use of masks and hand sanitisers, they said.

The examination centres across the Valley have also been fumigated to minimise the risk of the infection, they added. The government has announced 40 per cent relaxation in the syllabus for the annual examination. — PTI

Pak shells three sectors in Poonch

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 11
The Pakistan army heavily shelled forward posts and hamlets on Wednesday in three sectors along the LoC in Poonch districts, officials said. The Army effectively retaliated. "At about 9.15 am, the Pakistan army initiated unprovoked ceasefire violation by firing with small arms & shelling with mortars along LoC in Kirmi, Shahpur and Qasba sectors in district Poonch," a defence spokesman said. The Pakistan Army has violated the ceasefire 13 times this month. — PTI

POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH

NOTICE
This is for the information of all concerned that tender in Tend Free Hostel Mess, AIIMS, Bilaspur (HP) has been scrapped and withdrawn due to administrative reasons. New tender in this regard would be published in due course of time.
Website: <http://pgimer.edu.in>
DIRECTOR

BJP workers in Jammu celebrate party's election victory in Bihar

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 11
The BJP's victory in the Bihar Assembly elections and bypolls have vindicated the policies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government, Jammu and Kashmir party president Ravinder Raina said here on Wednesday.

He also lashed out at the Congress and other opposition parties, terming them as "anti-national".

Accompanied by party workers and supporters, Raina along with MP Jugal Kishore Sharma danced to the tune of drums to celebrate the victory of the NDA alliance in Bihar and also in bypolls. "The lotus has



BJP workers celebrate NDA's victory in Jammu on Wednesday. PTI

bloomed again and the party registered a great win in Bihar polls along with victories in bypolls in MP, UP, Gujarat and Karnataka where the BJP had made a clean sweep," Raina told the media. — PTI

11 drug peddlers held in Kathua in 10 days

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 11
Eleven drug peddlers, including a woman, were arrested with contraband substances in the past 10 days in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir, the police said on Wednesday. The arrests were made by the anti-drug unit of the Kathua police in separate operations as part of a drive to eradicate the drug menace from the society, a police spokesperson said.

Eight FIRs were registered under the NDPS Act against the accused. A total of 9 kg of marijuana, 33 grams of heroin, 5 kg of poppy straw and 900 grams of cannabis were seized from the accused, he said. — PTI

Covid tally over 1 lakh

SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 11

Total covid cases in Jammu and Kashmir crossed the one lakh mark as 507 more persons tested positive on Wednesday, with 433 more recoveries recorded in the Union Territory. An official bulletin said 181 new cases came up in the Jammu division and 326 in the Kashmir division.

So far, 1,00,351 Covid cases have been detected in J&K, of which 93,313 have recovered. Its death toll is 1,558, including nine who succumbed on Wednesday. The active cases total 5,480 — 1,601 in the Jammu division and 3,879 in the Kashmir division. — IANS

129 MORE TEST +VE IN LADAKH

- The Covid-19 tally in Ladakh surpassed the 7,000-mark on Wednesday with 129 more people testing positive for the infection, according to an official bulletin.
- The fresh cases pushed the infection count to 7,063 in the UT.
- The death toll stands at 85 in Ladakh, while 6,058 patients have so far recovered from infection in the UT. As many as 120 new cases were detected in Leh district and nine others in Kargil district. PTI

GURU JAMBHESHWAR UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, HISAR

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NAAC 'A' Grade Accredited University since 2002
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INSTITUTE LEVEL ONLINE-COUNSELLING FOR ADMISSION TO B.TECH. COURSES 2020-21 AGAINST VACANT SEATS

The online application form for admission against vacant seats of B.Tech courses for the session 2020-21 will be available from 13.11.2020 on the University website www.gjst.ac.in. Detailed counselling schedule and other information is available on the university website.

PRDH/83765

REGISTRAR

SHRI KRISHNA AYUSH UNIVERSITY KURUKSHETRA
(Established by the State Legislature Act No. 25 of 2017)
Umri Road, Sector-8, Kurukshetra, Haryana — 136118
Website: www.skau.in,
E-Mail ID: registrar.skau.hry@gmail.com

Press Notice

Corrigendum/Addendum No. 2

This is in continuation to the Advertisement dated 22.10.2020 for appointment of Project Management Consultant for Development of new Campus of Shri Krishna Ayush University at Village Fathupur, Kurukshetra, Haryana.

A pre-bid meeting was held with stakeholders to consider the tender related issues. On the basis of discussions held during the meeting, it has been decided to extend the last date for submission of bids from 17.11.2020 to 27.11.2020 up to 03.00 p.m. The minutes of the Pre-Bid Meeting will be posted on the website shortly.

PRDH/83741

Sd/- Registrar

E-mail: comcrakot@gmail.com Phone & Fax: 01624-264227

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, RAIKOT (LUDHIANA)

नगर कैंसल, राईकोट (लुधियाणा)
क्षेत्र: 522 ई-डेरेंडर नेटिव

नगर कैंसल, राईकोट वेल 12.00 लांग गुप्ते से सी.सी.टी.डी.जी. कैमिंग्स दे कैम एंड डैरेंडर दी मेंगा रेंड लिया सामने अनुमति दी जाएँ।

(A) Date and Time schedule:-

Sr. No.	Last Date for Online Sale of Bidding Document	Last Date of Online Submission of Bidding Document	Opening of Technical Bid Document
1	03.12.2020, 17.00 PM	03.12.2020, 17.00 PM	04.12.2020, 11.15 AM

सभी- प्रभासक, सभी- / कारनामापाक अहमर, सभी- सहायिता प्रिंसिपल इंजीनियर, नगर कैंसल, राईकोट। नगर कैंसल, राईकोट। DPR/Pb/103148

Municipal Council, Adampur, Jalandhar
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Clean City Green CITY
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ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਆਦਮਪੁਰ ਕੱਲੇ ਹੋਣ ਲਿਈ ਅਨੁਮਾਨ ਦੇਣ ਵਾਲੀ ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰ ਜੀਨ ਨੂੰ ਛੇਡ ਤੋਂ ਤੇਂਡਰ
ਲਈ www.tenderwizard.com/DLGP ਵੱਡੇ ਕੌਂਸਲ ਤੋਂ ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਬੈਂਕੀ ਕਰਵਾਈ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਚਾਪਾਵਾਨ ਵਿਖਾਕਤੀ ਵੱਡੇ ਕੌਂਸਲ ਤੋਂ ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਬੈਂਕੀ ਕਰਵਾਈ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਵੱਡੇ ਕੌਂਸਲ ਤੋਂ ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਵਿਖਾਕਤੀ ਵੱਡੇ ਕੌਂਸਲ ਤੋਂ ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਬੈਂਕੀ ਕਰਵਾਈ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ।

ਬੈਂਕੀ ਦਾ ਵੇਰਵਾ:-

ਲੜੀ	ਬੈਂਕੀ ਦਾ ਨਾਮ	ਵਿਆਹ ਕਰਮ	ਰਿਚਰਡ ਕੀਪਰ	ਸਮਾਂ
1.	ਦੁਕਾਨ ਮੇਨ ਬਾਜ਼ਾਰ	20000.00	13000.00 ਪ੍ਰਤੀ ਮਾਹ	1 ਸਾਲ
2.	ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰ ਜੀਨ 39 ਕਨਲ 14 ਮੇਲੇ	10000.00	18000.00 ਪ੍ਰਤੀ ਮਾਹ	1 ਸਾਲ

ਬੈਂਕੀ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ:-

ਬਿਡਰ ਲਈ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਹੋਣ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਅਤੇ ਸਮਾਂ	11.11.2020	9.00 AM
ਬਿਡਰ ਲਈ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਹੋਣ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਅਤੇ ਸਮਾਂ	11.12.2020	5.00 PM

ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਵਿਖਾਕਤੀ ਵੱਡੇ ਕੌਂਸਲ ਤੋਂ ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਬੈਂਕੀ ਕਰਵਾਈ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ।

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ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਨਗਰ ਨਿਗਮ, ਫ਼ਗਵਾੜਾ	ਮਿਤੀ: 10.11.2020 ਪੰਜਾਬ ਨਿਗਮ, ਫ਼ਗਵਾੜਾ ਵਲੋਂ ਐਪ੍ਰੋ. ਲੈਂਡ ਗ੍ਰਾਂਟ ਅਧੀਨ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਦੇ ਰੁ. 7,50 ਲੱਖ ਦੇ ਕੋਆਂ ਲਈ ਮਨਜ਼ੂਰਸ਼ਾਦ ਲੇਬਰ ਕੇ ਅਪ੍ਰੋਟਿਵ ਸੁਸ਼ਟਿਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਕੋਕਾਨਾਂ ਵਲੋਂ ਸੂਚੀਬਧ ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਮਿਤੀ: 30.11.2020 ਤੱਕ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਵਾਰੋਂ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਲਈ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੀ ਵੈਬਸਾਈਟ www.eproc.punjab.gov.in 'ਤੇ ਦੇਖਿਆ ਜਾ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ।
DPR/Pb/10318	ਸਹੀ/- ਨਿਗਰਾਨ ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ, ਨਗਰ ਨਿਗਮ, ਫ਼ਗਵਾੜਾ

PUNJAB STATE AIDS CONTROL SOCIETY Prayaas Building, 4th Level, Sector 38-B, Chandigarh. Tel. No. 0172-2625718, Fax. No. 0172-2636791 E-mail: punjabsacs@gmail.com	
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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR WALK-IN INTERVIEW
Punjab State AIDS Control Society invites eligible candidates for Walk-in interview for the post of Deputy Director (ITC) and Deputy Director (Finance) in the Head Office of PSACS, Chandigarh purely on contract basis. The interested candidates who fulfil the eligibility conditions & other criteria may appear on **02.12.2020** in the O/o Punjab State AIDS Control Society.

For detailed terms of Reference comprising summary of the job, educational qualification, experience, place of posting, consolidated salary etc. for the posts please visit website www.punjabsacs.punjab.gov.in.

DPR/Pb/103227 Project Director, PSACS

ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL CHANDIMANDIR
SECTOR-D, CHANDIMANDIR — 134107 (HARYANA)

PHONE NO. 0172-2554605,

Website: www.apschandimandir.in

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER/QUOTATIONS

- Army Public School, Chandimandir invites bids in single bid Open System for procurement of items for establishment/up-gradation of Resource Room at Army Public School, Chandimandir for the following Category:
 - (a) Teaching Learning Material and Instructional Material
 - (b) Art and Craft Items/Equipments
 - (c) Furniture and Others Items
- Bidders can bid separately as per availability of items.
- Details can be seen/downloaded from school website www.apschandimandir.in
- Tenders/Quotations from the vendors having proper GST No are invited in sealed envelope in favour of Army Public School, Chandimandir so as to reach in the school by or before 1500 hrs on 23 Nov 2020.

DI-13716 Sd/- Principal, APS, Chandimandir

ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਨਗਰ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ, ਬੋਹਾ

ਮਿਤੀ: 11.11.2020

ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ (14 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਲਈ)

ਨਗਰ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ, ਬੋਹਾ ਵਲੋਂ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਦੇ ਕੋਆਂ ਅਧੀਨ 1.28 ਲੱਖ ਰੁਪਏ ਦੀ ਕਾਸ਼ੀ ਦੇ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਲਗਾਉਂਦੇ ਗਏ ਸਨ। ਇਹ ਟੈਂਡਰ 14 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਲਈ ਹੋਣ ਲਈ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਲਗਾਉਂਦੇ ਹਨ।

ਨਗਰ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ, ਬੋਹਾ ਨਿਗਰ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ, ਬੋਹਾ ਨਿਗਰ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ, ਬੋਹਾ

DPR/Pb/103203

PUNJAB WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

E TENDER NOTICE No. PWSSD/MOGA/2020/12 Dated: 11.11.2020

www.eproc.punjab.gov.in

On behalf of the Chief Executive Officer, Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Chandigarh, Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Division, Moga invites bids from eligible bidders for the works detailed below:

Sr. No. Name of Work

1. **Name of work:-** Providing, Laying, Jointing, cutting and testing of SW pipe, RCC NP-3 With HDPE lining DI-K7 pipe sewer and construction of brick masonry/RCC-cum Brick Masonry Manhole Chamber, Vent Shaft, Sewerage House Connections and dismantling and construction of road and all other works contingent thereto in various places at Faridkot, Distt. Faridkot (Part C)

2. **Name of work:-** Providing, Laying, Cutting, Jointing & testing of water supply DI K7 pipe & House Connections complete in all respects and all other works contingent thereto in Ward No. 15, Zero Number street & Ward No. 17, Three Number Street at Jaitu Distt. Faridkot

3. **Name of work:-** Providing & fixing of submersible pump set 2900 RPM and having discharge 2167 LPM with 55 mm. Head including control panel, Shunt capacitor, 16mm2, 3 Core Copper Cable and other accessories special and fitting complete in all respects and all other works contingent thereto at Jaitu Town, Distt. Faridkot.

Last date & time for online submission of bids shall be: **05/12/2020 up to 5:00 p.m.**

For detail terms & conditions refer to website <http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in>

Note:- Corrigendum will be published on department's website only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Pb. W/S & Sew Divn., Moga.

DPR/Pb/103153

PUNJAB WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT & DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LINING DIVISION

NO. 3, MALOUT

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E-Tender Notice No. 02/2020 Dated: 10.11.2020

Secure Online Submission of Tenders

E-Tenders on work order basis for Lining/Re-Lining of W/Cs with using PCPs (M-25) in watercourses in project of Kotla Branch Part-II are hereby invited through our website [https://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in) from approved and eligible Contractors/L&C Societies registered with PWRMDC/Water Resources Department, Punjab. As per latest instructions issued vide Punjab Govt. Letter No. 76/5279-C 1(5)/8856 Dt. 04.11.2019 for works costing up to Rs. 60.00 Lakhs, preference will be given to the registered L&C Societies who are enlisted with the PWD (B&R) Department. For detailed notice inviting tender and other terms and conditions, kindly visit our above website.

IMPORTANT DATES OF BIDDING PROCESS

Date of issue of Notice inviting Bid 10.11.2020

Period of sale of Bidding Document Form 12.11.2020 on 11:00 hrs. onwards to 23.11.2020 up to 11:00 hrs.

Time & Date of Pre-Bid Conference 16.11.2020 at 11:00 hrs. at Divn. HQ Malout

Last Date & Time for Sale and Receipt of Bids 23.11.2020 up to 11:00 hrs.

Time & Date of Opening of Pre-Qualification (Technical) Bids 23.11.2020 at 15:00 hrs.

Time & Date of Opening of Financial Bids 24.11.2020 at 15:00 hrs.

Place of Opening of Bids O/o Lining Division No. 3, Malout, 152107.

● No separate corrigendum will be issued in the newspaper. Bidders are advised to check the website for any corrigendum.

Note:- All payment regarding cost of tender form and earnest money will be accepted online mode only in HDFC BANK, G.T. ROAD MALOUT, A/C. No. 501003448772 IFSC Code HDFC0001344. No manual payment/Draft will be accepted.

Sd/- Divisional Engineer,
PWRMDC Lining Divn. No. 3, Malout.

DPR/Pb/103141

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Notice Inviting Tender

Sr. DEE/TRD/FZR acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders for the works as under. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date 02.12.2020 at 15:00 Hrs only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall not be considered. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand Draft, Banker's Cheque, Deposit receipts FDR etc are not allowed.

Tender No. Name of work App. Cost. (Rs.) Cost of Tender Form(Rs.) Date & time for submission of tender Earnest Money (Rs.) Completion period Opening of tender Website Particulars

205-TRD-FZR-2020-21 Outsourcing of OHE & PSI assets maintenance activities in Sahnewal (SNL)-Amritsar (ASR) & Jalandhar City (JUC)-Dasua (DZA) sections under the jurisdiction of DEE/TRD/JUC of Firozpur division for Three (03) Years 1,87,28,005.92 5,000/- 2,43,700/- 36 Months

206-TRD-FZR-2020-21 Outsourcing of OHE & PSI assets maintenance activities in Amritsar (ASR)-Bhadruri (BHRL) & Amritsar (ASR)-Tarn Taran (TTO)-Beas (BES) sections of Firozpur division for Three (03) Years 1,33,31,373.36 5,000/- Upto 02.12.2020 2,16,700/- 36 Months

207-TRD-FZR-2020-21 Design, Supply, erection, testing and commissioning of 50HZ, Single Phase 25KV AC OHE work in c/w Electrification of Sidings at Beas (BES), Dhillian (DIW) and Jalandhar Cantt (JRC) stations already electrified Sahnewal (SNL)-Amritsar (ASR) section of Firozpur division 1,51,11,559.56 5,000/- 2,25,600 06 Months

208-TRD-FZR-2020-21 Clearing of Roof insulators of Electric Locos at RSO Outlets over Firozpur Division 11,07,852.00 2,000/- 22,200/- 04 Months

No: 205, 206, 207 & 208-TRD-FZR-2020-21 Dated: 10.11.2020

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ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਨਗਰ ਨਿਗਮ, ਫ਼ਗਵਾੜਾ	ਮਿਤੀ: 10.11.2020 ਨਗਰ ਨਿਗਮ, ਫ਼ਗਵਾੜਾ ਵਲੋਂ ਐਪ੍ਰੋ. ਲੈਂਡ ਗ੍ਰਾਂਟ ਅਤੇ ਕੋਆਂ ਲਈ ਸੂਚੀਬਧ ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਮਿਤੀ 03.12.2020 ਤੱਕ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਵਾਰੋਂ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਲਈ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੀ ਵੈਬਸਾਈਟ www.eproc.punjab.gov.in 'ਤੇ ਦੇਖਿਆ ਜਾ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ।
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'Loving it in the time of corona...' Mirabai's shoulder on the mend

MI players say challenging circumstances make IPL victory special

DUBAI, NOVEMBER 11

An insatiable hunger to succeed, the willingness to put in the extra yards and extensive work on the basics culminated in an unprecedented fifth IPL title for Mumbai Indians, their players have said. "Mumbai have a great set-up, so we've been able to move with the gym work and training and stuff. We're reaping the rewards today for it. It's a great feeling," opener Quinton de Kock said. "I think this year, because there were so many questions around Mumbai in general, whether we can win back to back, we put in extra effort. You can see it's paid off. We worked extra hard on the nitty-gritties."

If last year's one-run win over Chennai Super Kings was an absolute cliffhanger, skipper Rohit Sharma's fluent 68 made it a walk in the park this year for Mumbai as they chased down the target of 157 in 18.4 overs. "It's a great feeling. I've been here 11 years, fifth trophy. No one sees the planning and training, it's pressure playing for a franchise like this," said MI veteran Kieron Pollard. "The amount of trophies, the amount of work, the amount of players who go on to play for their countries, I think we'll have to say so (that this is the best T20 franchise)."

The older of the Pandya brothers, Krunal, pinned on the hunger of the players. "It's the hunger. The way we went about the games, there was always 100 per cent. A lot of credit goes to how we pre-



pared. One month before we came, everyone knew their roles," said Krunal Pandya. "Everyone was in good shape, just executing what they were doing in the nets."

Another MI star, Suryakumar Yadav, attributed the success to preparation and following the processes. "Preparations, processes and routine is important. The team just said one thing — 'We'll take care of this. You go and express yourself,'" Yadav said.

Pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah said the title is very special because of the tough circumstances the tournament was played in, due to the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic. "We have worked very hard, we started preparing much earlier before other teams," said Bumrah. "We worked through processes, all of which has got us a lot of results. We wanted to break the jinx of winning every alternative years — the goal has been achieved now. The pandemic has been such a shock, everyone have been stuck at home." — Agencies

HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED
(A State Government Undertaking)
NOTICE INVITING TENDER "DATE OF EXTENSION"
(e-Tendering now Offline Mode Only)

The date for sale, submission and opening of following tender is hereby **EXTENDED** as below. All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged. The tender documents can be had on any working day from the office of Chief Engineer (MM) against payment of Rs. 1000+GST (non-refundable for tender cost) in the shape of account payable Demand Draft in favour of the Sr./Accounts Officer (Banking), HPSEB Limited, Vidut Bhawan, Shimla-4.

Tender No.	Description of Items	Estd. Cost	EMD fixed	Tender document fee/fixed (non-refundable inclusive GST (In ₹))	Last date & Time of offline sale of tender	Last date & Time of Submission of tender offline	Due date & Time of Opening of bids
CE (MM)-10/2020	Tender Enquiry for the hiring of Service provider for e-procurement portal services including various e-bidding services including e-Reserve Auctions at HPSEBL	Rs. 20.80 Lacs	Rs. 45,000/-	Rs. 1000+GST	26.11.2020 (upto 4:00 p.m.)	27.11.2020 (up to 4:00 p.m.)	28.11.2020 (at 11:30 a.m.)

Note:- The Clause No. -2.1 (Relating to Tender/ Bid-Encryption) of Section-II of tender document against Tender Enquiry No. - CE (MM)-10/2020 is hereby **amended** as under:-
"In sealed bid tendering, the bid encryption methodology of the system should be such that there should not be any doubt about any breach of bid-confidentiality before the online public tender opening event. The Application Service Provider (ASP) shall have Symmetric or Asymmetric or both encryption key for bid encryption/ decryption, as per the DEITY - Guidelines. However the bid shall be evaluated on the basis of quoted price".

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Karandeep Kochhar places his ball during Round 3.

TRIBUNE PHOTO: RAVI KUMAR

Karandeep extends lead

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 11 Chandigarh's Karandeep Kochhar raised hopes of a second title — his first since turning professional — when he shot a bogey-free 5-under 67 to extend his lead to four strokes after Round 3 of the TATA Steel PGTI Players' Championship at the Chandigarh Golf Club. Kochhar moved to 15-under, extending his overnight lead by two shots. "I wasn't too comfortable with my hitting today but my chipping and putting saved the day for me," said Kochhar.

Chandigarh's Akshay Sharma, last week's winner, shot a 68 to share second position with Gurugram's Veer Ahlawat (68) and Mysuru's Yashas Chandra (69) at 11-under. — TNS

BRIEFLY

KOLKATA

Tata Steel Chess cancelled

This year's Tata Steel India Rapid and Blitz chess tournament was today cancelled due to Covid-19, the organisers said. World champion Magnus Carlsen won the tournament last year which was a part of the Grand Chess Tour and featured 10 Grandmasters, including India's Viswanathan Anand.

WELLINGTON

WI players sanctioned

The West Indies cricket squad has been stripped of the right to train while in managed isolation after players were found to have breached rules around their 14-day quarantine. New Zealand's Ministry of Health said CCTV footage from the team's Christchurch hotel showed players mingling in hallways and sharing food in violation of the regulations. AGENCIES

VINAYAK PADMADEO

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 11

One could sense relief in Saikhom Mirabai Chanu's voice as she discussed her shoulder problems that have dogged her for the better part of the last two years. Countless hours of video analysis helped her zero down the problem to a biomechanical issue. Mirabai's left shoulder was weak, and this was putting a lot of load on her right shoulder and back. After some research, a team led by Indian weightlifting coach Vijay Sharma sought the help of Dr Aaron Horschig, a famed physical therapist and strength and conditioning coach. And after only three weeks of corrective exercises and conditioning with Dr Horschig in St Louis, USA, Mirabai says she is on the mend. "There is no pain now and the load is back to 85 per cent of what I was lifting when I was fully fit," Mirabai



After only three weeks of corrective exercises and conditioning with Dr Aaron Horschig in USA, Mirabai says she is on the mend. FILE

told *The Tribune* over the phone from St Louis.

"I am currently lifting 70kg to 75kg repetitions in snatch and 90-100kg repetitions in clean & jerk. I will tell you this much — I needed to give my body a full day's rest when I was lifting the same weight in Patiala

as my back muscles would get tight after the workout. Now I am training twice a day and I don't need a day's rest, so it is a big relief," the 2017 world champion added.

Originally scheduled to stay in St Louis until the end of December, the trio of Mirabai, coach Sharma and physiotherapist Akrant Saxena — who have just moved into an apartment only four minutes from a training facility called the Lab Gym — have the option of extending their stay there. "We are here till December 31 for sure. There have been significant improvements so we are hopeful of returning after that... If not, we may extend our stay," Sharma said.

'Doing it for India'

The extended stay in the USA and being away from their families may be stressful for many, but for the weightlifter and the coaching staff, it is what they must do in order to win medals for India. "I speak to my mother almost daily. Her only concern is whether I am eating right or how well I am progressing in training," Mirabai explained.

"Look at sir (Vijay Sharma), he doesn't need to be here and away from his family. He is here because he believes that we can do something great together for India. We all are making individual sacrifices for the same goal," she added.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

OPEN TENDER NOTICE

Open tender through E-tendering are invited by Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRD, Northern Railway, Ambala from the willing contractors for following work upto 15:00 hrs. on the date of closing shown against the work and will be opened thereafter:

S. N.	Open Tender No.	Name of work	Date of Closing/Opening	Cost of Work	Earnest Money	Completion Period	Validity Period	Cost of tender form
1	ETrU-24-07-2018-19-Engg-57-2	OHE modification work in c/w i) Replacement of Corroded Tall Pillars in Chemical Polluted Affected Zones (JUD, SSW, PKY & KJGY) over Ambala Division, ii) Provision of 2nd passenger platform 550 Mtrs. along with FOB (3.5 mtr. wide) at UHL stn. on SIR-AADR section over Ambala Division, iii) Extension of PF no. 4 & 5 by 80Mtr at KLK end at Chandigarh station over Ambala Division.	07.12.2020	Rs. 66,14,486.72	Rs. 1,32,300/-	6 Months	45 days	Nil for downloading from IREPS portal. Rs. 5000/- for obtaining from Sr. DEE/TRD/UMB office.

1. Tenderer(s) are required to upload scanned copies of all related documents including PAN/GSTIN as per conditions. The required Earnest Money will be acceptable On-Line payment through Net Banking or Payment Gateway payment only well before & upto 1500 hrs of closing date of tender.
2. Tenderer(s) should have class-II Digital Signature Certificate to participate in E-Tendering of Works Tenders.
3. All Taxes i.e. GST, BOWCC, Income tax etc. are applicable as per extant rule.
4. The condition of "Similar Nature Work" is applicable for the work and the Similar Nature Work is "Design, drawing, supply, testing and commissioning of 50 Hz, Single phase 25 KV AC OHE."
5. For details, please log on to IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in. No. ETrU-24-07-2018-19-Engg-57-Dated : 11.11.2020.

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CANCELLATION / PARTIAL CANCELLATION /SHORT TERMINATION/ SHORT ORIGINATION /DIVERSION OF TRAINS

It is notified for the information of all concerned that Railways have decided to Cancel/Partially Cancel/Short Terminate/Short Originate/Divert following Passengers Special Trains/Festival Special Trains/Parcel Express Trains in view of the Kisan Agitation at Punjab:-

CANCELLATION OF MAIL / EXPRESS TRAINS

Train No. & Name	Date of cancellation (from the Originating Station)
02425/02426 New Delhi-Jammu Tawi-New Delhi Rajdhani Special	12.11.2020
22439/22440 New Delhi-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-New Delhi Vande Bharat	12.11.2020
02462 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-New Delhi Express	12.11.2020
02461 New Delhi-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express	13.11.2020
02011/02012 New Delhi-Kalka-New Delhi Shatabdi Express	12.11.2020
05211 Darbhanga Jn.-Amritsar Jn. Express	12.11.2020
05212 Amritsar Jn.-Darbhanga Jn. Express	14.11.2020

CANCELLATION OF FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS

Train No. & Name	Date of cancellation (from the Originating Station)
02422 Jammu Tawi-Ajmer Express	12.11.2020
02421 Ajmer-Jammu Tawi Express	13.11.2020
02231 Lucknow - Chandigarh Express	12.11.2020
02232 Chandigarh-Lucknow Express	13.11.2020
04888 Barmer - Rishikesh Express	12.11.2020
04887 Rishikesh - Barmer Express	13.11.2020
04519 Delhi Jn.-Bhathinda Express	upto 20.11.2020
04520 Bhathinda-Delhi Jn. Express	12.11.2020 to 21.11.2020
04401 New Delhi-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express	12.11.2020 to 19.11.2020
04402 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra - New Delhi Express	13.11.2020 to 20.11.2020
02471/02472 Shri Ganganagar - Delhi Jn. - Shri Ganganagar Express	13.11.2020
04924 Chandigarh - Gorakhpur Express	12.11.2020
04923 Gorakhpur - Chandigarh Express	13.11.2020
05097 Bhagpalur - Jammu Tawi Express	12.11.2020
02588 Jammu Tawi - Gorakhpur Express	14.11.2020
09611 Ajmer - Amritsar Jn. Express	12.11.2020
09614 Amritsar Jn. - Ajmer Express	13.11.2020

PARTIAL CANCELLATION OF SPECIAL TRAINS

Train No. & Name	Short Terminate at/ Short originate from	Partially Cancelled between Stations	Date of cancellation (from the Originating Station)
02903 Golden Temple Mail	at Ambala Cantt.	Ambala Cantt.-Amritsar	of 11.11.2020
02904 Golden Temple Mail	from Ambala Cantt.	Amritsar-Ambala Cantt.	12.11.2020
02925 Bandra Terminus-Amritsar Special Express	at Ambala Cantt.	Amritsar-Cantt.	of 11.11.2020
02926 Amritsar-Bandra Terminus Special Exp.	from Ambala Cantt.	Amritsar-Amritsar Cantt.	13.11.2020
02715 Sachkhand Express	at New Delhi	New Delhi-Amritsar	of 11.11.2020
02716 Sachkhand Express	from New Delhi	Amritsar-New Delhi	13.11.2020
03307 Dhanbad-Firozpur Exp.	at Ambala Cantt.	Ambala Cantt.-Firozpur	of 11.11.2020
03308 Firozpur-Dhanbad Exp.	from Ambala Cantt.	Firozpur-Ambala Cantt.	13.11.2020
04649/73 Jaynagar-Amritsar Sarayu Yamuna Exp.	at Ambala Cantt.	Ambala Cantt.-Amritsar	of 11.11.2020
04650/74 Amritsar-Jaynagar Sarayu Yamuna Exp.	from Ambala Cantt.	Amritsar-Ambala Cantt.	13.11.2020
02057 New Delhi - Una Himachal Janshatabdi	at Ambala Cantt.	Ambala Cantt. - Una Himachal	12.11.2020
02058 Una Himachal - New Delhi Janshatabdi	from Ambala Cantt.	Una Himachal - Ambala Cantt.	13.11.2020
02237 Varanasi-Jammu Tawi Festival Special	at Saharanpur	Saharanpur-Jammu Tawi	12.11.2020
02238 Jammu Tawi-Varanasi Festival Special	from Saharanpur	Jammu Tawi-Saharanpur	13.11

₹1.46 lakh crore to boost manufacturing in 10 key sectors

SANDEEP DIKSHIT

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 11
The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved the expansion of the Production-linked Incentive (PLI) scheme to 10 more key sectors at an additional cost of Rs 1.46 lakh crore spread over a period of five years. The move aims to strengthen domestic manufacturing capability and reduce import dependence.

The scheme was approved by the Union Cabinet, Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar told reporters. Elaborating on the decision, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the PLI scheme would provide great incentives to manufacturers and help the country move towards the objective of 'aatmanirbhar Bharat'.

'ANOTHER STEP TOWARDS AATMANIRBHAR BHARAT'

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Cabinet revamps PPP schemes for social sector

New Delhi: The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on Wednesday approved the continuation and revamp of financial support to public private partnerships (PPPs) under the Infrastructure Viability Gap Funding Scheme till 2024-25 with a total outlay of Rs 8,100 crore. The revamped scheme is mainly related to introduction of following two sub-schemes for mainstreaming private participation in social infrastructure. TNS

terms of product categories and financial outlay — will make Indian manufacturers globally competitive, attract investment in the areas of core competency and cutting-edge technology, and make India an integral part of the global supply chain, said an official news release after the Cabinet meeting chaired by PM Narendra Modi.

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CBI probe likely into 8 MoD contracts in Kargil

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 11
The Ministry of Defence (MoD) is all set to recommend a CBI probe against 13 persons, including Military Engineering Service (MES) and the Army personnel, for bungling in eight building contracts related to troop welfare projects in Kargil.

Eight contracts for separate works were allotted to a firm in 2012. A probe by the vigilance cell of the MoD — dealing with the MES and the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) — was launched in 2016 after questions were raised in the matter. In October 2018, the progress in a series of cases was reviewed and the probe was intensified. It has now been found that the contractor was overpaid for the work he carried out. The quality of the work and material was of "very poor quality".

Foreign Secy set to visit Nepal

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 11
Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla will continue India's whirlwind diplomacy in the aftermath of the LAC tensions with China and the normalisation of the Covid pandemic with a visit to Nepal towards the end of this month, reported the media in Kathmandu. This will be his fifth foreign visit and comes on the heels of his visit to the Maldives this week.

TNS



13 military men under scanner



CONTRACTOR OVERPAID

- Eight contracts for separate works were allotted to a firm in 2012
- A probe by the vigilance cell of the Defence Ministry was launched in 2016 after a series of questions were raised in the matter
- It has been found that the contractor was overpaid for the work

There are glaring gaps in accounting of stores and accounts books.

Sources said the civil works related to troop welfare and habitat were of strategic nature. These were in poor

condition and the officers at the brigade at Kargil expressed their concern over poor construction.

Over 100 such cases of alleged corruption are being processed.

OTTs now under I&B

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 11
Filmmaker Hansal Mehta observed: "This desperation for control of free speech and expression does not augur well. I am very disappointed." Filmmaker Rahul Mittra was of the opinion that just as news channels are regulated, not censored, the same could apply to OTT platforms and online news portals, "but at the same time a filmmaker's right to expression should not be comprised."

Filmmaker Madhureeta Anand said she was yet to decipher the regulations. "In any case any kind of censorship is detrimental," she added.

Actor Rishabh Kandhari

MUST BE PROGRESSIVE

Regulations should be progressive and not regressive. That is the expectation we as common citizens and artistes have.

Abhishek Bannerjee, ACTOR

believes the OTTs and the ministry need to work together as "meaningful content will continue to create an impact, irrespective of the regulations." Paritosh Tripathi, who will be seen in "Ludo" observed: "Along with being an artist, I am also a citizen. I do believe in certain norms."

20 US-Indians in Biden review teams

WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 11

US President-elect Joe Biden has named more than 20 Indian-Americans as members, including three as team leads, to his agency review teams (ARTs). They would be responsible for evaluating the operations of the key federal agencies in the current administration to ensure smooth transfer of power.

Biden's transition team said it was one of the most diverse agency review teams in the presidential transition history.

At least three Indian-Americans have been named leads to various ARTs.

Arun Majumdar from the prestigious Stanford University is the team leader for the Department of Energy ART. Rahul Gupta is the team lead for the Office of National Drug Control Policy. Kiran Ahuja has been named team lead for the Office of Personnel Management and Punit Talwar to the Department of State ART. Pav Singh has been named to two ARTs for

PATEL CHIEF OF STAFF TO ACTING DEFENCE SECY

Washington: Indian-American Kash Patel has been named the Chief of Staff to the Acting US Defence Secretary Chris Miller, the Pentagon has announced. The new appointment from the Pentagon comes after Trump fired Defence Secretary Mark Esper. PTI

National Security Council and Office of Science and Technology. Similarly, Arun Venkatraman will lead two ARTs Department of Commerce and USTR.

Others are Pravina Raghavan, Atman Trivedi for Department of Commerce and Shital Shah for the Department of Education; R Ramesh and Rama Zakaria for the Department of Energy; Subhasri Ramanathan for the Department of Homeland Security; Raj De for Department of Justice; and Seema Nanda and Raj Nayak for Department of Labour. — PTI

Modi to co-chair India-ASEAN summit today

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 11
Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with Vietnam PM Nguyen Xuan Phuc will co-chair the 17th ASEAN-India summit on Thursday.

The leaders of all 10 ASEAN member states will participate in the summit. The summit would be held online, said an MEA statement. The summit takes place days before the ASEAN links a free trade agreement from which India had opted out. The pact includes China, Japan, Australia, South Korea and New Zealand.

The summit will review the status of ASEAN-India Strategic Partnership and take stock of progress made in key areas such as connectivity, maritime cooperation, trade and commerce, education and capacity building. The leaders will discuss ways to further strengthen ASEAN-India engagement and will note the adoption of ASEAN-India Plan of Action (2021-2025).

PM endorses Nitish...

ahead. We are with you." Crediting BJP's electoral success to "sabka saath, sabka vikas, sabka vishwas", he said the results proved that "if you work with honesty, you will get the blessings of the people. The electorate is saying

India, China consider 3-step

Apart from the fatal Galwan clash in June this year, there have been hand-to-hand combat and firing in the first week of September. The night temperature in the area is minus 30 degrees Celsius.

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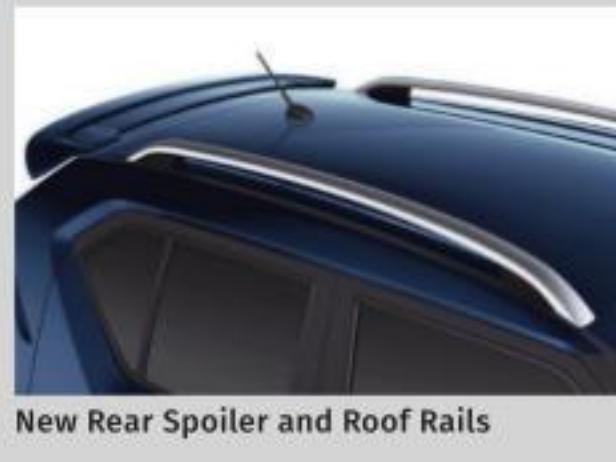
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