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Army Vice-Chief in US to boost ties

NEW DELHI: Vice-Chief of Army Lt Gen SK Saini on Tuesday visited the US Indo-Pacific Command in Hawaii and held talks with senior American military commanders on ways to enhance strategic cooperation between the two forces, officials said. PTI

Acquittal for 20 Tablighi attendees

MUMBAI: A Mumbai court has acquitted 20 foreign attendees of a Tablighi Jamaat event, who were booked by the city police for allegedly violating prohibitory orders during the Covid-induced lockdown. Metropolitan Magistrate (Andheri) RR Khan acquitted the 20 persons as the prosecution failed to prove the charges against them. PTI

ED attaches assets of Mirchi's kin

NEW DELHI: The ED on Tuesday said it had issued a provisional attachment order under the PMLA to seize assets worth Rs 22.42 crore of late Mumbai gangster Iqbal Mirchi's family. The total attachment so far in the case against the late gangster and his family is about Rs 798 crore. TNS

## Punjab passes Bills to bypass Central farm laws

First state to pass resolution against Parliament Acts

Proposes 3-year jail for crop purchase below MSP

Farmers to get protection against attachment of land

Oppn parties SAD, AAP back Bills; BJP skips session

RUCHIKA M KHANNA

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CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 20

In a historic move, the Punjab Vidhan Sabha on Tuesday unanimously passed three Bills to counter the contentious farm laws enacted by the Union Government last month. Among other things, the Bills make buying of wheat and paddy below minimum support price (MSP) a punishable offence.

What next? If Govt agrees, Bills go to Pres

The second day of the special session began with Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh moving a resolution rejecting the Centre's laws and the proposed Electricity Amendment Bill. He asked the Centre to annul these legislations and bring an ordinance making procurement of farm produce at MSP a statutory right of farmers and continue procuring foodgrain through the FCI and other agencies.

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EDIT: PUNJAB'S FARM BILLS

“I'm ready to resign or be dismissed, but won't bow to injustice towards farmers. Capt Amarinder Singh, PUNJAB CM



Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh speaks on the second day of the special Vidhan Sabha session in Chandigarh. PTI

### WHAT THE BILLS MOVED BY CONGRESS GOVT PROPOSE

The Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) (Punjab Amendment) Bill: Buying wheat, paddy below MSP to invite 3-year jail, fine.

The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance (Punjab Amendment) Bill: Contractors to purchase at MSP. Violators face 3-year jail, fine.

The Essential Commodities (Punjab Amendment) Bill: Keeps powers to fix stock limit of foodgrain with the state. Protects consumers from hoarding and black-marketing.

The Code of Civil Procedure (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 2020: Protects farmers from attachment of land (below 2.5 acres) in recovery proceedings.

### FARM UNIONS WARY, MEET TODAY

The protesting farm unions will take a call on their next course of action on Wednesday. Union leaders are apprehensive that the Bills will not stand the scrutiny of law. They are also disappointed that MSP has been guaranteed only for wheat and paddy

### JOINT DELEGATION MEETS GOVERNOR

Within hours of passing the Bills, a joint delegation of the Congress, AAP, SAD and Lok Insaaf Party, led by Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh, met Governor VP Singh Badnore, seeking his approval to the Bills before sending these to the President.

All for farmers, will study Bills: Tomar

VIBHA SHARMA

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 20

Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar today said the Centre would examine the Bills passed by the Punjab Assembly and take a decision in the "best interest of farmers".

Tomar said the Modi government had taken several measures for the welfare of the farmers. "To ensure they are able to operate freely and get better price for their produce, Parliament enacted three historic Acts."

"I am confident that the Acts cannot be compared. We will examine the Bills passed by Punjab and take action keeping in mind the best interest of farmers," the minister said.

Officials say whenever states pass such laws (on matters on the concurrent list), these are sent to the Home Ministry for scrutiny. "The judicial wing of the MHA then consults the Law Ministry after which these Bills are sent to the President for assent," an official said.

Senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan said: "If the said Bills are covered under Entry 14 of the State List under the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution, the state is entitled to enact the laws. However, if Punjab is claiming its legislative competence under Entry 33 of the Concurrent List, the Bills will have to be sent to the President."



MATTER MAY REACH SC, SAY LEGAL EXPERTS

Legal experts feel that the controversy over the farm laws is likely to end up at the Supreme Court. They say there is a need for clarity on the competent authority to pass Bills regarding subjects on the concurrent list.

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## Opinion poll gives NDA edge in Bihar

BJP appears to be helping ruling alliance by cutting into anti-incumbency votes

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### NITISH FAVOURITE AS CM

- Among the contenders for the CM's post, the opinion poll showed incumbent Nitish Kumar a favourite among 31 per cent of the participants in the survey
- RJD's Tejashwi Yadav followed Nitish with 27 per cent votes while LJP's Chirag Paswan remained a distant third with only 5 per cent votes
- Incumbent Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Modis only 4 per cent support for the top Bihar post

### VOTE SHARE

Party	Share (%)
NDA	38%
Mahagathbandhan	32%
Lok Janshakti Party	6%
Others	24%

### SEAT PROJECTIONS

Party	Projected Seats
NDA	133-143
Mahagathbandhan	88-98
Lok Janshakti Party	2-6
Others	6-10

According to the survey, the NDA enjoys a lead of 6 per cent in vote share over the RJD coalition.

The opinion poll data, released today, projected that the ruling NDA would bag 38 per cent votes in the three-phased Bihar Assembly elections beginning October 28. It put the vote share of the key Opposition front, named Mahagathbandhan or grand alliance, at 32 per cent.

While the opinion poll shows the NDA ahead, it says the ruling alliance's cumulative vote share would be down by about 5 per cent compared

## 4 militants killed in 2 J&K encounters

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 20

Four militants were killed in two encounters in Shopian and Pulwama districts of Jammu and Kashmir on

### Ammunition seized from encounter sites

Tuesday, taking the death toll of ultras in the two operations to five, the Army said.

The security forces launched a cordon and search operation at Melhura in the Zainapora area of Shopian on Monday evening, continued on page 14

## Virus still around, don't drop guard amid festive rush: PM

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NO ROOM FOR LAXITY

“Those moving around without masks are putting themselves and others at risk. Narendra Modi, PRIME MINISTER

where the disease has resurfaced after dipping.

Stating that people can be

seen resuming activities while forgoing precautions like wearing of a mask, he said such an attitude would not only put the individual at risk but also endanger their family, children and elders.

While the government, he said, was able to contain the spread of the virus with the cooperation of the people, the PM reminded the disease was still around and with festive season approaching there was need to maintain abundant caution all around. The collective task of fighting the scourge is still incomplete, he said.

## 7 DCs shifted in HP

## DRDO purchase norms go easy on startups

SHIMLA, OCTOBER 20

In a major administrative reshuffle, the Himachal Pradesh Government has transferred 21 IAS officers, including the deputy commissioners of seven districts. Aditya Negi has replaced Amit Kashyap as the new DC of Shimla. Duni Chand Rana, Director, Environment, Science and Technology, has been posted as the Chamba DC while Hemraj Bairwa is the

new Kinnaur DC. He has replaced Gopal Chand.

Raghav Sharma has replaced Sandeep Kumar as the new Una DC. Rohit Jamwal, Director, Town and Country Planning, has been posted as the Bilaspur DC.

Shimla Municipal Commissioner Pankaj Rai will be the Lahaul-Spiti DC and Debasweta Banik the Hamirpur DC. INSIDE

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 20

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh today released a new version of the procurement manual for the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) to facilitate the local defence industry.

The aim is to encourage participation of the industry, including startups and micro, small and medium enterprises, in defence research under

the "Atmanirbhar Bharat" initiative. "The new DRDO Procurement Manual will facilitate the indigenous Defence Industry by simplifying the processes and ensuring their

development projects. The modified features would allow the placement of order to the second lowest bidder in case the lowest bidder backs out.

There will be no negotiations for commercial off-the-shelf items and services wherever price is being decided through market forces. The internal procedures have been further simplified for faster engagement with the industry.

Daily cases below 50K for 1st time in 2 months

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### COVID-19 CASES INDIA

RECOVERED 67,33,328

FRESH FATALITIES 587

TOTAL DEATHS 1,15,197

### WORLD

TOTAL 4,07,99,118

RECOVERED 3,04,53,494

DEATHS 11,25,106

### PLASMA THERAPY NOT BENEFICIAL: STUDIES

The government is working on the deletion of convalescent plasma therapy from the national Covid management protocol. Several studies have shown plasma has no benefit. Balram Bhargava, DG, ICMR

BIJENDRA AHLAWAT

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FARIDABAD, OCTOBER 20 Ballabgarh in Haryana's Faridabad district has emerged as the country's most polluted place, with its air quality index (AQI) declining to a low of 340 today.

It is perhaps the first time that this sub-divisional town, a part of the National Capital Region, has fared the worst nationally due to high concentration of particulate matter (PM 2.5). Though the town's AQI lev-

el continues to be over 300 for the past four days, it touched 340 at 10 am, according to data placed on the Central Pollution Control Board's environment app 'Sameer'.

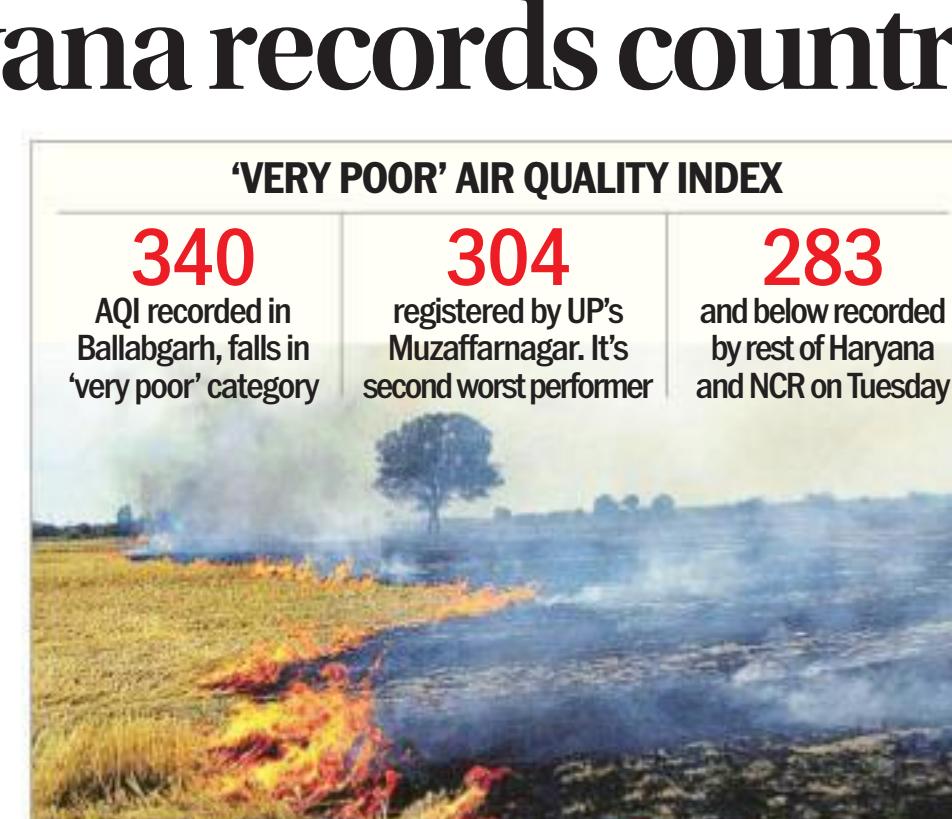
Muzaffarnagar in Uttar Pradesh was the second worst performer with an AQI of 304. A majority of the cities in Haryana and the National Capital Region recorded AQI up to 283 this morning.

An AQI level of 60 or less is considered "good". It turns "satisfactory" between 60 and 100, "moderate" from 100 to

200 and "poor" from 200 and 300. The level between 300 and 400 is "very poor" and it becomes "severe" above 400.

Ballabgarh's air quality has been on a downward slide since October 17 when it was recorded at 305 for the first time this season. It touched 318 and 320 on October 18 and October 19. Faridabad's AQI has remained between 229 and 293 over the past four days, bettering its worst of 307 on October 15. Haryana Transport Minister and Ballabgarh MLA Mool Chand Sharma cited stubble burning and construction work at two flyovers on the national highway passing through the town as the main reason for the high pollution level. "The presence of a large number of industrial units and high traffic movement are also to be blamed," he said.

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India's total recoveries surged past 67 lakh, the highest in the world, with the number of tests reaching 9.6 crore, the second highest globally. Active cases fell below 10 per cent of the total infections today. The case fatality rate has declined consistently, with India's deaths per million (83) less than the global average (142).

## WEATHER

## FORECAST

Mainly clear sky

SUNRISE: 6.27am

SUNSET: 5.46 pm

## TEMPERATURE

## HISAR

Max: 35°C

Min: 13°C

## KARNAL

Max: 33°C

Min: 15°C

## GURUGRAM

Max: 33°C

Min: 12°C

## WHAT'S ON

## KAITHAL

TRIBUTE: Tribute to be paid to martyrs on Police Martyrs' Day at Police Lines at 7am

## HELPLINE

Coronavirus: 8558893911

Police control room: 100

Fire brigade: 101

Ambulance: 102/108

Corruption: 1064

Women helpline: 1091

Child helpline: 1098

Accident helpline: 1073

Railway enquiry: 139

## FARIDABAD

Commissioner of Police  
0129-2438000

## GURUGRAM

Police control room  
0124-2316100

## HISAR

Superintendent of Police  
8814011300

## KARNAL

Deputy Commissioner  
0184-2267500

## KURUKSHETRA

Police control room: 01744-222100

## PANIPAT

Superintendent of Police  
0180-2699100

## ROHTAK

Superintendent of Police  
0126-2228114

## SONEPAT

Superintendent of Police  
0130-2222904

## YAMUNANAGAR

Superintendent of Police  
8818000100

## Shooter arrested in Gurugram

## OUR CORRESPONDENT

## GURUGRAM, OCTOBER 20

The crime unit on Monday night nabbed a shooter of Sandeep Badwasni gang, for firing at police Inspector Sonu Malik.

The arrested accused is identified as Sombeer, resident of Kamas Khera village in Jind district, and is one of the shooters of the Sandeep Badwasni gang. The accused has over half a dozen cases of murder, murder attempt, theft and illegal weapon registered against him in Bhiwani, Sonepat and Gurugram district, said the police. A country made pistol, two cartridges and a motorcycle has been recovered from his possession. According to the police, Inspector Jogender Singh, head of crime unit, Palam Vihar, got a tip-off that the accused was coming to at Kartarpur road on a bike. The police team put up barricades and when the accused reached there, he hit his bike in police vehicle and tried to escape. When the police followed him, he started firing on them and during the cross firing, he was arrested. He got injured after receiving a bullet shot in his leg and is under treatment at a hospital.

“The accused revealed that he was trying to kill Inspector Sonu Malik for revenge but also his gang wanted to establish supremacy in Gurugram. The gang had planned to start extortion racket,” said Preet Pal Singh Sangwan, ACP, Crime.

# Stretches in Kaithal district pose threat to commuters



## ROAD ROT

PARVEEN ARORA

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KAITHAL, OCTOBER 20 Roads of Kaithal district are in pathetic condition, posing threat to commuters. The entry to the city from Karnal side shows a grim picture of the road.

“A stretch near Sir Chhotu Ram Chowk on the Kaithal-Karnal road was constructed while widening the Kaithal and Karnal state highway, a few days ago, but it was again dug up by the civic bodies for laying sewer pipelines, which has become a nuisance for commuters and shopkeepers,” said Sanjeev Kumar, a shopkeeper.

Another shopkeeper Shyam Lal said it showed poor communication between two departments. If the sewer lines were to be laid, then why was the road constructed first? They should have laid the sewer lines first before constructing the road. He said it was the result of ill-planning by officials of both departments.

Apart from this stretch, the 3-km stretch on the Kaithal-Patiala road between Siwan and Polar village, a stretch between Siwan and Sotha village are in bad shape and



A railway overbridge under construction near Teek on the Kaithal-Kurukshetra road.

## DUG UP TWICE

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Sanjeev Kumar, SHOPKEEPER

## WORK MAY START SOON

◆ The stretch was dug up by the MC to lay sewer lines under the Amrit scheme. Now, the council has deposited the funds with the PWD and the work may start soon. Around 55 per cent of the work has been completed on widening of the Kaithal-Karnal road and the deadline of the project is March 2021.

Kuldeep Chand, XEN, PWD, KAITHAL

full of potholes, due to which the commuters are inconvenienced. The work of the ROB near Teek village on the Kaithal-Kurukshetra road, which is being constructed at the cost of Rs 17 crore is still underway, due to which the commuters have to take alternative routes to reach

their destination. Apart from this, a stretch between Kaithal city to Delhi Public School on the Kaithal-Ambala road needs widening. The residents said they had raised this issue with the authorities several times, but to no avail. Due to the congested road, the commuters

are troubled, said Parveen Kumar, a resident.

Sonu, another resident, said the work on the widening of the Karnal-Kaithal road was very slow. The government should pull up the executing agency for the speedy construction of the road.

## Two held for theft of cars

OUR CORRESPONDENT

## GURUGRAM, OCTOBER 20

A trailer driver and his associate were arrested for allegedly robbing a trailer carrying new cars worth Rs 40 lakh and today sent to judicial custody.

The police have recovered four new cars with trailer from their possession. The arrested accused have been identified as Ankit alias Amarjit Singh and Jitender alias Mukesh alias JK, natives of UP.

Amarjit was working as a driver in Sandeep logistic

company, Manesar, and departed with trailer loaded with four new cars — two Ciaz, one Breeza and one Ignis — for Gujarat on September 29 but did not reach till October 1.

The logistics firm tried to contact the driver but failed and the location of trailer's GPS was also found in Panchgaon near Manesar but trailer was not found anywhere. Finally, Kashmire Lal, owner of Sandeep Logistics, filed a complaint with the Kherki Daula police station.

The police finally nabbed both accused who confessed

that they wanted to sell the new cars. While Ciaz were hidden in UP, Breeza was in Haridwar and they abandoned Ignis with trailer at the Agrasikanderpur road.

Jitender had criminal background and has been booked in cases of theft and under the gangster Act in UP. Ankit was also accused of carrying illegal weapon and theft cases. The accused were arrested on October 16 and after three days' police remand were produced in a city court today,” said Preet Pal Singh Sangwan, ACP, Crime.

## WHAT OUR READERS SAY

## CYBERCRIME INCREASING AT WORRISOME PACE

CYBERCRIME is increasing at a worrisome pace in the state. Many people get cheated by these fraudsters on social media as they hack their Facebook and WhatsApp accounts. Incidents of bank frauds by withdrawal of money from the bank accounts are also common these days. The government should look into the issue and take some concrete steps to curb such crimes.

SHAKTI SINGH, KARNAL

## KARNAL RESIDENTS AWAIT OPEN-AIR GYMS

I would like to highlight the issue that the residents of Sector 4, Karnal, have been waiting for open-air gyms for the past four years. Despite several assurances by the Karnal Municipal Corporation authorities, the HSPV and the district administration nothing has been done so far. The residents had also raised the issue before Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar but to no avail. In the absence of open-air gyms people don't have any place to exercise. We request the authorities to provide the facility here as soon as possible. SUKHBIR TYAGI, KARNAL

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## SOCIAL DISTANCING GOES FOR A TOSS AT PRIVATE CLINICS

IGNORING Covid protocols, clinics of most of the doctors doing private practice remain overcrowded. The police simply issues challan to people for not wearing masks on roads, but no attention is being paid towards such clinics. The practice of social distancing is seen nowhere at these clinics and also there are no arrangement of hand sanitisers. The doctors themselves and the authorities too must ensure that Covid protocols are followed strictly everywhere.

RAMESH GUPTA, NARWANA

## GURUGRAM ROAD IN BAD SHAPE

THE road leading to Sector 53-54 crossing from Sector 69, Gurugram, is in bad shape. The route poses serious risks to lives of commuters and also due to plying of vehicles on this damaged road, the life of tyres and vehicle is also badly affected. The authorities must look into the issue immediately and get the needful done before it results into mishaps.

SUBHASH C TANEJA, GURUGRAM



## Husband, three others booked for cruelty

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## YAMUNANAGAR, OCTOBER 20

A woman's second husband is among the four persons booked in connection with cruelty to a woman. On the complaint of the victim, a resident of Mumbai now living in the Farakpur area, a case was registered against Balinder Singh Saini of Jawahar Nagar, Shakuntla and Geeta Saini, members of his family, and Manjeet Singh.

They were booked under Sections 498-A (cruelty to woman), 406 (criminal breach of trust), 376 (rape), 377 (unnatural sexual activities), 323 (voluntarily causing hurt) and 506 (criminal intimidation) at the Farakpur police station on Monday. The complainant had a 15-month-old son from her first marriage. She said she came in contact with Balinder through a matrimonial site on February 23 and they solemnised their marriage at a temple in Yamunanagar on May 25. She stated that after some time, she came to know that Balinder was a widower and had a child. “He is a drug addict. He beat me up as well as my son under the influence of liquor and threatened to kill my son. He committed unnatural sexual acts against my wish,” she stated. “He forced me to consume liquor on August 6. He called his friend Manjeet and forced me to have physical relations with him,” she reported. She claimed that Balinder and two members of his family forced her to have sexual relations with others, but threw her out of the house when she refused.

## EDUCATION NOTES



## VIRTUAL TALK SHOW ORGANISED

**Hisar:** The training and placement cell of Guru Jambheshwar University of Science and Technology, Hisar, started a new student-centric programme “Udbhavana talk show”, which will be a student's online interaction with experts. In the first edition of this programme, renowned Josh talk speaker, life-skills coach and social entrepreneur, CEO of the organisation, “The value transformers”, Manjula Sularia from Chandigarh interacted on the topic, “understand and counter one's fear” with student show hosts Shubhra Sharma and Nitya Chugh. Responding to the question regarding uncertainty in future due to the current pandemic, Manjula Sularia advised students that rather than complaining about this time at home, the students should try to make the best out of it. They should find out what they are passionate about, it may be a new skill, a new subject, or even an instrument and pursue their passion with all their heart. They should invest in developing personality and finding out new and innovative ways to tackle with the problem.

## TECHNO-DIGITAL FEST AT BOSE VARSITY

**Faridabad:** IJC Bose University of Science and Technology, YMCA, Faridabad, organised a two-day techno-digital fest titled “digifest: The essence of virtual world”. The fest, organised under the digital cell of the university, got an overwhelming response from more than 10 states across the country with 96 participating institutions and more than 1,500 entries. The fest concluded with a prize distribution ceremony. The prize distribution ceremony was presided over by Vice-Chancellor Prof Dinesh Kumar and director of DigTech Services Pvt Ltd. VN Jatwani was present as a guest of honour. Registrar Dr Sunil Kumar Garg, all deans and chairpersons were also present on this occasion. Vice Chancellor, Prof Dinesh Kumar appreciated all efforts made by the digital cell of the university, including vibrant student coordinators and faculty coordinators and suggested that such events should be organised regularly to bring out and showcase the hidden talent of students. He also emphasised the importance of digital initiatives taken up by the government for the masses.



The accused in police custody in Gurugram on Tuesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: S CHANDAN

## Minor raped in Palwal, 3 booked

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

## PALWAL, OCTOBER 20

A 17-year-old girl was allegedly abducted from her home and raped by three youths here on Sunday, the police have said. The accused have not been arrested.

The victim was rescued two hours later by her father

According to a complaint lodged her by father, the girl was sleeping in her house when three youths — later identified as Sachin, his namesake Sachin and Dinkar — broke in and abducted her around 10.30 pm on Sunday. They administered her some intoxicant and took her to a house in Omaxe City, where they allegedly raped her.

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## Ex-MLA quits BJP over farm laws

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**HISAR, OCTOBER 20**  
In a setback to the BJP ahead of the Baroda by-election, two-time MLA from Julana segment Parminder Dhull on Tuesday resigned from the party over the three controversial farm laws.

"I support farmers' agitation against the new laws. I am resigning from the primary membership of the BJP and will campaign against its candidate in the Baroda bypoll," he told the media here.

He called on political leaders to shun their vested interests and come together on a common platform to protect the interests of farmers and working class.

The former MLA targeted the BJP-JJP government for failing farmers. "The JJP, which claims to be the voice of farmers, has failed to provide any relief to the farming community. The JJP leadership has failed to understand the sentiments to farmers," Dhull said.

He was elected to the

### SON ALSO RESIGNS

Additional Advocate General Ravindra Singh Dhull, who is the son of former MLA Parminder Dhull, has resigned from his post and also from the BJP media cell in protest against the three farm laws. In a Facebook post, he said he was resigning from the BJP as he was unable to represent the party at media platforms on the issue of farmers.

Assembly in 2009 and 2014 on the INLD ticket. Ahead of the 2019 Assembly elections, he switched over to the BJP and unsuccessfully contested the poll, losing to Jannayak Janta Party's Amarjeet Singh.

**ROHTAK, OCTOBER 20**  
The All-India Kisan Sangharsh Coordination Committee (AIKSCC) has decided to launch another round of agitation against the three controversial farm laws from November 1.

The decision was taken at a meeting attended by 50 representatives of 34 organisations here on Tuesday. The meeting was presided over by three members of all-India working group of the AIKSCC — Prem Singh Gehlawat, Yogendra Yadav and Satyawan.

The meeting also condemned the police for framing farmers in criminal cases.

Inderjit Singh, state vice-president, AIKSCC, said: "From November 1, groups of farmers from across the state will start proceeding towards Karnal, where a state-level protest will be organised outside the Chief Minister's camp office on November 9. The



Representatives of farmers' outfit at a meeting in Rohtak on Tuesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

meeting also decided to make preparations for 'Delhi gherao' on November 26 and 27," said.

He further said that to make all sections of society aware of the "pro-corporate" character of the farm laws, pamphlets would be published and videos would be made.

Krishna Prasad, national treasurer of the AIKSCC, said intensifying the protest against the three farm laws was the need of the hour.

### PUNJAB MISLEADING FARMERS: DHANKAR

■ **Kaithal:** State BJP chief Om Prakash Dhankar on Tuesday said the Punjab Government was misleading farmers by introducing new Bills in its House

■ He was replying to a question about the provision of penalty on those procuring farm produce below the MSP

■ Dhankar said it was a hollow promise and nothing else. He said farmers were being mis-

led by the Punjab Government and the Union Government was with farmers

■ He said the newly introduced farm laws would ensure MSP to farmers and there would be no change in the mandi system

■ He asserted the three laws would help in ensuring economic freedom to farmers and they should not be afraid of these Acts

## NV Distillery chairman in 5-day police custody

PANIPAT, OCTOBER 20

A day after Ashok Jain, the chairman of NV Distillery, was arrested from his Delhi office for his alleged role in smuggling of illicit liquor, he was produced in Samalkha court on Tuesday and sent to five-day police remand.

He has been arrested in connection with an FIR registered on October 13, 2019, under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of the IPC, and the Excise Act. The FIR pertained to the recovery of 1,180 cases of illicit liquor marked as Crazy Romeo, an Indian-made Foreign Liquor (IMFL) manufactured by NV Distillery,

Satish Vats, DSP (Headquarters), told the media.

On October 4, an SIT led by DSP Rajesh Phogat had arrested Dabrambir, alias Nanna, of Sisiana village in connection with this case. During his three-day police remand, he disclosed that the liquor was illegally purchased from NV Distillery in Rajpura (Punjab) in connivance with its owner Jain, said Vats. — TNS



## Put up united face, Cong leaders told

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE



### WILL SURELY WIN

■ The Congress will emerge victorious with a thumping majority. The bypoll will pave the way for the ouster of the BJP government in Haryana. ■ Vivek Bansal, STATE AFFAIRS IN CHARGE

### DRY DAY IN SEGMENT

**Chandigarh:** In view of the upcoming Baroda by-election, dry day will be declared in the entire Assembly constituency and adjoining areas within a radius of 3 km. Liquor vends within a radius of 3 km will remain closed from 6 pm on November 1 to 6 pm on November 3 and on the day of counting till counting is over.

CLP leader Kiran Choudhary attended the meeting, conducted to review the party's campaign for the bypoll.

Briefing mediapersons after the meeting, Bansal said the Congress would emerge victorious with a thumping majority in the Baroda by-election, which

would pave the way for the ouster of the BJP government in Haryana.

Selja remarked that people were fed up with the BJP regime and would teach it a lesson for making false claims.

Bhupinder Singh Hooda claimed BJP leaders had conceded defeat in the Baroda by-election as they had started saying the result of the bypoll would be inconsequential.

He pointed out that the Congress regime had enacted a law on contract farming in Haryana in 2007 and as long as it was in force, any new law could not be implemented in the state.

Asked about CM Manohar Lal Khattar's statement that the Congress candidate was largely unknown, Hooda shot back, "Who knew Khattar before he became the CM?"

## Assembly session to begin on Nov 5

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 20

The second part of the monsoon session of the Vidhan Sabha will begin on November 5. During this session, pending Bills will be discussed and legislative business completed.

He said the press gallery

positive for Covid and the risk of virus spread was high in the country.

Gupta said though the risk had started to lessen now, care would be taken regarding Covid guidelines while conducting this session.

He said the press gallery would be set up at Haryana Niwas in Sector 3 for coverage of the monsoon session. He said all mediapersons would cover the session from there.

He said special arrangements would be made to maintain social distancing throughout the session. He said both Haryana Niwas auditoriums would be booked and the place declared Vidhan Sabha premises.



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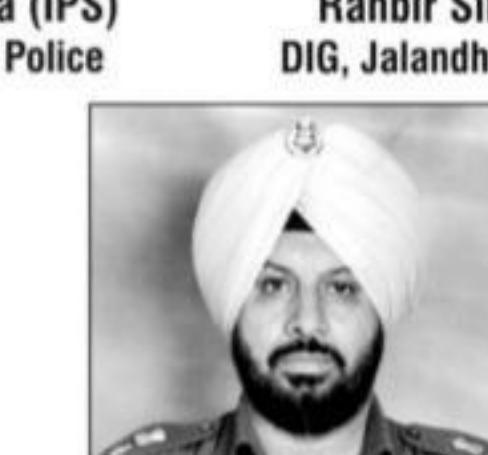
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**Two killed in road mishap**

**YAMUNANAGAR, OCTOBER 20**  
Two persons were killed when the motorcycle they were riding was allegedly hit by a truck near Pansara village of Yamunanagar district on Monday evening.

The deceased were identified as Ankit and Arjun of Behlolpur village in Sahanwan district of Uttar Pradesh. On the complaint of Gulshan of Behlolpur village, a case was registered.

The complainant said his brother Ankit and Arjun of the same village worked at a plywood factory in Badhi Majra village of the district. — TNS

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**Toll goes up to 1,660**

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 20

With 940 fresh cases, the Covid tally in the state reached 1,52,174 on Monday. The death toll went up to 1,660. Gurugram and Hisar reported two deaths each. The maximum cases were reported from Gurugram

**public notice**

General public and policyholders of Reliance General Insurance Company Limited (RGICL) are informed at large that our Panipat Branch Office located at 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, City Centre, RT Road, Near Bank of Rajasthan, Panipat 132103 will be closed from 21-12-2020.

**public notice**

General public and policyholders of Reliance General Insurance Company Limited (RGICL) are informed at large that our Rohtak Branch Office located at 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Meghna Complex, Shila Bypass Chowk, Jasbir Colony, Sonipat Road, Rohtak - 124001 will be closed from 21-12-2020.

For all the policies issued from this office the Company had made alternate arrangements for servicing policyholders at the premises located at Reliance General Insurance Company Limited, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 36/37, New Lila Bhawan, Patiala - 147001

Policyholders of Reliance General Insurance Company Limited are hereby requested to note the same and correspond at the new address in future.

Sd/-  
Vishal Sharma  
Zonal Head  
EM-North

Date: 21.10.2020  
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I. Suneli w/o Hullash Narayan Behera r/o # 83, Sec. 29A Chandigarh have changed my name to Suneli Khatua. (CL20053579)

L. Saloni Aul w/o Sh. Ishran Mittal # 495, Sector 7, Panchkula, have changed my name to Saloni Mittal. (CL20053607)

L. Hullash Narayan Behera s/o Rama Chandra Behera r/o # 83, Sec. 29A Chandigarh have changed my name to Hullash Narayan Behera. (CL20053578)

L. Kanchan Sagar w/o late Roshan Sagar declare my son Parul Sagar and his wife Money Sagar evict from all my properties. Any dealing with him or her will be your responsibility. (CL20053535)

I. Gurpal Singh Bhogal s/o Ajit Pal Singh Village Munak Khurd PO Munak Kalan, Tehsil Dasuya (Hoshiarpur) Pb., have changed my name to Gurpal Singh. (CL20053466)

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I. No. JC521787W Ex. Hony Lt. Jogender Pal s/o Nimbu Ram, Vill. Talangra, PO Maseran, Teh. Sarkaghat, Distt. Mandi, HP declare that my daughter name wrongly mention in my Army record as Kanchana Devi. Correct name Kanchan. Please note. (CL20053562)

I. Satyavati Singh Mahla s/o Munshi Ram r/o DJ-53, CHD City Karnal inform that HUDA Form-C Memo Number 805 Dated 5.2.2005 of plot 1748 in Sector 57, Gurugram has been lost if anyone finds contact at above address. (CL20053567)

I. 1513491W Ham Avit Hooda of unit 267, Engg Regt. C/o 56 APO, Declares in my service record my wife's name Renu , her birth date 01.01.82, wrongly recorded instead of correct name Reenu Kumari birth date 01-01-84. Concerned note (CL20053611)

We, Gurdev Singh Garcha s/o Sh. Hazara Singh and Naib Kaur w/o Gurdev Singh Garcha r/o #114, Sector 70, SAS Nagar, Mohali Punjab, declare that our son Sarabjeet Singh was out of our control so we debarred him from our moveable - immovable properties. Now that our son is under our control, we withdraw his eviction. (CL20052477)

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Date: 20-10-2020

For & on behalf of Universe Heights (India) Pvt. Ltd.

Sd/-

Authorized Signatory

**COVID-19 CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT**

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Gurugram	25,886	193
Faridabad	22,948	238
Sonepat	9,418	48
Ambala	8,732	105
Hisar	8,405	103
Karnal	8,057	115
Panipat	7,793	100
Rohtak	7,091	72
Rewari	6,927	34
Panchkula	6,870	107
Kurukshetra	6,371	97
Yamunanagar	4,932	97
Sirsia	4,746	75
Mahendragarh	4,242	7
Bhiwani	3,373	47
Palwal	3,098	19
Jhajjar	3,091	32
Kaithal	2,825	42
Fatehabad	2,751	51
Jind	2,573	46
Nuh	1,230	26
Charkhi Dadri	815	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,52,174</b>	<b>1,660</b>

**5,000 farmers pick new wheat varieties**

Karan Vandana, Karan Narendra promise high yield

PARVEEN ARORA

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KARNAL, OCTOBER 20

High-yielding varieties Karan Vandana, known as DBW-187, and Karan Narendra, known as DBW-222, are the prime choice of farmers for the upcoming wheat season.

Around 5,000 farmers from Haryana, Punjab, and western UP have booked these varieties on the online seed portal started by the Indian Institute of Wheat and Barley Research (IIWBR) here a few days ago to avoid mass gathering of farmers in the wake of Covid-19 pandemic.

The institute is now sending messages to farmers for their schedule to collect the seeds. Karan Vandana was released recently for Haryana, Punjab, J&K, eastern UP, Bihar, Jharkhand, Assam and West Bengal. The variety flowers in 77 days and matures in 120 days after sowing. Its average height is 100 cm and has the potential of around 80 quintals per hectare. The variety has better chapatti quality with 7.7/10 score and high iron content (43.1 ppm) in the grains.

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"With an aim to follow the Covid protocol, we have started a seed portal for farmers where around 5,000 farmers



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produced 3,000 quintal of the seed, of which around 2,500 quintal has been kept reserved for the breeders, while 500 quintal for farmers. Each farmer is given 10 kg seed," he said, adding that farmers could sow these varieties between October 25 and 31.

He said it was a new initiative and had been successful. "Each farmer has been sent messages to collect his seeds," he added.

Singh said they produced seed for breeder seed producers of government agencies and some of the seed was given to farmers. "This time, we have



A total of 2,811 active fire locations have been detected in the state between September 25 and October 19. TRIBUNE PHOTO

**Karnal tops in defying stubble burning ban**

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# POLICE COMMEMORATION DAY

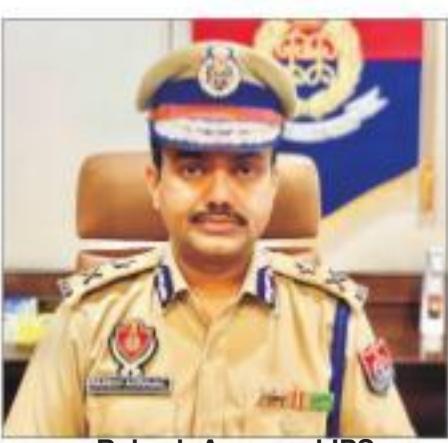
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## Message



Naunihal Singh IPS  
IGP, Ludhiana Range

## Message



Rakesh Aggarwal IPS,  
Police Commissioner, Ludhiana

## Message



Amneet Kondal, IPS  
SSP Fatehgarh Sahib

## Message



Alka Meena, IPS  
SSP, SBS Nagar

On this solemn occasion of Police Commemoration Day, I salute all the brave police martyrs who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty and convey my deepest sympathies to their family members. We should be grateful to them for their dedication and commitment to safeguard our country from all threats. Their martyrdom continues to inspire the brave men in Khaki to perform their duty each day with determination and resolve.

I would also like to extend my wishes to those brave policemen who always keep their duty before their comfort and give their best in maintaining peace in the country.

Jai hind

It is because of the ongoing sacrifices of thousands of men and women of the police force that we continue to enjoy an atmosphere of peace and security in the State.

I salute the heroic officers and jawans of Punjab Police on the solemn occasion of Police Commemoration day, who sacrificed their lives for maintaining law and order of the nation.

On this historic day, we would also extend gratitude towards the families of all the gallantry officers of Punjab Police who laid down their lives at the altar of duty and renew our commitment to the values of peace, integrity and dedication to duty.

## Message



Harpreet Singh PPS  
SSP Khanna

On this solemn occasion of Police Commemoration Day, I salute the martyrs of Punjab Police who have sacrificed their lives in the line of duty to make the state and nation peaceful and safer place to live in and in maintaining law & order.

On this historic day, we uphold our commitment to take every possible step for the welfare of the families of these martyrs. Today we solemnly reiterate to maintain peace and communal harmony for which they laid down their lives.

On this occasion of Police Commemoration Day, I salute all the brave martyrs who sacrificed their lives, putting service above themselves. Words can never describe the valour and dedication of our policemen. We stand with our heads held high today and their supreme sacrifice is an inspiration to everyone who proudly wears the Khaki.

On this occasion of Police Commemoration Day, I salute the brave jawans and officers of Punjab Police who laid down their lives for the sake of maintaining law and order and ensuring safety and security of the state and nation. We all should value the supreme sacrifices made by the martyrs and also appeal to the general public to contribute in some way towards a safe and secure environment by remaining vigilant and aware.

## Message



Gurdev Singh Dhalawal  
DSP Patiala

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## Message



Bikramjeet Singh Brar  
DSP Kharar

I Salute the heroic police personnel who sacrificed their precious lives at the altar of duty. The entire nation is indebted to the martyrs of Punjab Police who laid down their lives to preserve the security of the state and the country. The youth of the nation must take inspiration from the martyrs and set the goal for themselves to help in safeguarding the society and country as a whole.

# Fatehgarh Sahib Police

## Salutes its Martyrs



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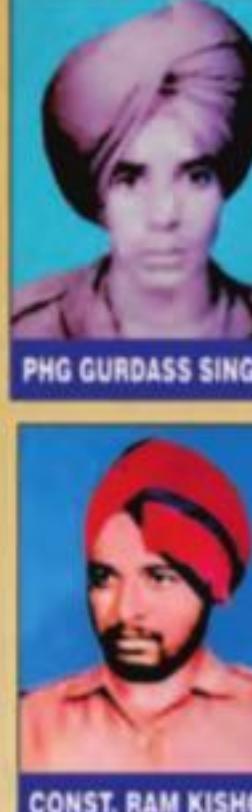
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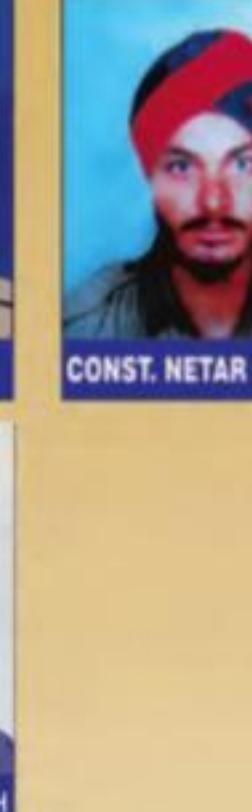
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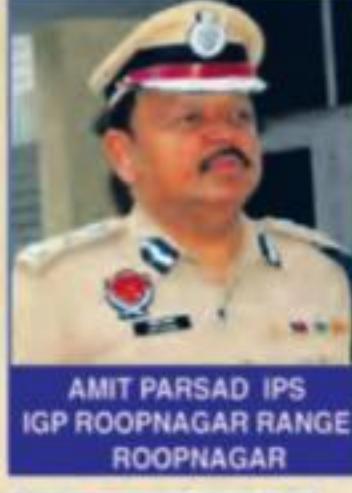


CONST. NETAR SINGH

We are proud of our brave soldiers of Punjab Police who laid their lives at the altar of duty to save the society and save the nation. Today, we live in free air only because of the supreme sacrifice made by hundreds of Punjab Police Officers of various ranks.



DINKAR GUPTA IPS  
DGP PUNJAB



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# Fatehgarh Sahib Police

Police to its last particle is duty



# POLICE COMMEMORATION DAY

We salute the brave Martyrs who sacrificed their lives for peace in Punjab



Capt. AMARINDER SINGH  
Chief Minister, Punjab



SH DINKAR GUPTA IPS  
DGP, Punjab Police



NAUNIHAL SINGH IPS  
IGP, Ludhiana Range



ALKA MEENA IPS  
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## REAL LIFE HEROES LUDHIANA (RURAL)

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# POLICE COMMEMORATION DAY

We bow our heads in reverence to our Martyrs

21 OCTOBER

2020

*When you go home tell them of us and say,  
for their tomorrow we gave our today*

## We Salute our Martyrs

2 DIGs, 3 SSPs, 5 SPs, 12 DSPs, 32 INSPs, 61 SIs, 112 ASIs, 269 HCs, 817 Constables, 297 PHGs & 180 SPOs of Punjab Police made the supreme sacrifice for the unity & integrity of the nation.



“For more than 6 months now, the Punjab Police force has been battling the unprecedented Covid crisis from the frontlines. Thirty-nine of them have lost their lives in this fight, many are in hospitals, and many more in quarantine/isolation, while many have not seen their families in months.

From reaching out to those in need, taking rations and other essentials to the doorsteps of the people, distributing food to the poor and the migrants stranded in Punjab, and even ferrying the ill to hospitals etc, more than 40000 Punjab Police personnel were out on the roads every day during the lockdown period. Even today, the challenge remains for them to keep us safe amid the pandemic by ensuring strict adherence to the Covid safety protocols, even as they continue to fight terror at the borders and maintain law and order within the state.

I salute them all on this Police Commemoration Day, and exhort them to continue to work dedicatedly, with dedication, grit and courage, in the service of the people. On this special occasion, let us all pay our humble tributes to the police and paramilitary personnel, not just in Punjab but across India, who have sacrificed their lives for us, and whose sacrifice reminds us that we are safe because they put their life on the line for us, every day.”

**Capt. Amarinder Singh**  
Chief Minister, Punjab



“On the solemn occasion of the Police Commemoration Day, this twenty first day of October, we pay homage to martyrs of police forces of the country who have made the supreme sacrifice of their lives at the altar of duty, and have given their today for our tomorrow.

The history of the Police Commemoration Day dates back to 21st October 1959, when a patrol party of the CRPF led by Sub Inspector Karam Singh, was ambushed by the Chinese forces at Hot Springs, Ladakh and 10 jawans achieved martyrdom.

The bravery and sacrifice of jawans fighting at 16,000 feet altitude in extremely cold conditions and against all odds, is a living testament to gallantry & courage of the highest order, which is displayed by police personnel of various ranks, almost daily in some part of our vast country.

On this day, Commemoration Parades will be held in all districts & units, where the names of police martyrs would be read out as a mark of our utmost respect to the brave and gallant, who laid down their lives for the protection of the unity and integrity of the country. The nation shall forever remain indebted to these heroes. On this day, let us resolve never to forget our brave heroes, who have laid down their lives at the altar of duty, and also to look after the families of these police martyrs.

This year, the police personnel were faced with the challenge of controlling the spread of Covid-19 pandemic across the country. While performing such frontline duties, 39 policemen and security personnel of the State lost their lives to COVID-19, while 2 Punjab Police personnel sacrificed their lives while battling drug smugglers and anti-national elements. One of our gallant policeman, ASI Harjit Singh had his hand severed off while performing COVID related checking duty at Patiala Sabzi Mandi on April 12, 2020. It's a matter of great satisfaction and gratitude that the people of the country and policemen across the States of our great nation stood in solidarity against this horrid act and in support of the frontline warriors, including doctors, healthcare workers and policemen.

In the Punjab Police, we are doing our best to support the families of Police martyrs. Hon'ble Chief Minister Punjab has already taken a number of steps towards their welfare and the entire Punjab Police fraternity remains indebted to him for his magnanimity and support.

At this juncture, I would like to assure the people of Punjab that the Punjab Police would always continue to strive to uphold the unity & integrity of the country and that of the border State of Punjab. On this day, we once again rededicate ourselves to protect the security and safety of the people of India.”

Jai Hind!

**Dinkar Gupta, IPS**  
Director General of Police, Punjab

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# POLICE COMMEMORATION DAY

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## Message



**SPS PARMAR, IPS**  
**IGP Border Range, Amritsar**

being in the high risk zones. Punjab Police in total and Border Range Police in particular has always stood up as a strong force and successfully thwarted any nefarious designs that the antinational elements tried to plan and carry out. Today we are paying our regards and homage to our brave soldiers and it is with a sense of deep humility and abiding respect for our martyrs that I venture to give a message on the solemn occasion of the Police Commemoration day. It is easier said than done, to lay down one's life for the country, and to place, in order of priority, the cause of duty to one's country before one's co-existing duty to parents, wife and children. Yet, history is replete with the supreme sacrifices and acts of valor of our brave soldiers.

On this day I would also like to appeal to general public that everyone can contribute in some way so that we all feel safe and secure. In our day to day routine we should be vigilant in our surroundings to ensure that anti-social elements with nefarious designs are defeated. On this sacred day, I salute the martyrs of the Punjab Police and Police martyrs belonging to other States, Paramilitary and Central government organisations in the Police fraternity who laid down their lives at the altar of duty. At Punjab Police, Border Range we, renew our commitment to the values of integrity and

dedication to duty for which our fellow brothers and sisters laid down their lives and to make Punjab Police a strong, resilient and empowered force. We believe in our motto and will always be at the service of our citizens.

The Mission Fatah that has been taken up by the government against Covid-19 pandemic will see success and I hope and pray that our world is free from it soon. I would like to request general public to ensure that they follow the safety guidelines like wearing masks, using sanitizers and washing hands regularly and finally keeping social distancing measures in mind whenever they venture out.

The other front is our fight against drugs. Our Police force is working hard to ensure that the menace is nipped in the bud. The role of citizens is always important and they can help the police force by being vigilant and watchful and inform accordingly. I would like to pay tributes to the soldiers of our police force who laid down their lives for the country and ensured that the country is safeguarded and its citizen lives in peace. Also tribute to the frontline warriors who laid down their lives in the fight against Covid-19 pandemic.

## Message



**Vikram Jeet Duggal, IPS**  
**SSP, Patiala**

Punjab Police has always stood the test of time proving its professional competency as well as exemplary courage to counter any challenge posed by the anti-national elements. This force has a wonderful history of gallantry, sacrifices and achievements. On the solemn occasion of "Police Commemoration Day" which is observed on 21st October every year throughout the country, I salute the brave martyrs of Punjab police from the core of my heart. These gallant officers sacrificed their lives to safeguard the peace and security of state and the entire nation. I would also extend my gratitude towards the families of all the martyrs who displayed exemplary courage for the sake of the nation and society at large.

## Message



**Dhruv Dahiya, IPS**  
**SSP, Amritsar (Rural)**

Punjab Police through its history has been a part and parcel of exemplary tales of sacrifice and courage. Be it during the peak time of militancy and extremism when whole of Punjab was going through a very bad phase, or right now when whole of our force is strongly work-

ing towards a drug free and crime free Punjab. Brave jawans of Punjab police have never shied away from sacrificing their lives when it is about the safety and security of its citizens.

Taran Taran Police has probably one of the longest list of martyrs who laid down their lives for the interest of its land and people. On the Police Commemoration Day which is observed on 21st October every year, we at Amritsar Rural police pay homage to all these brave jawans of Punjab Police who fought till the last drop of blood. We always have and always will stand by our citizens and will work hard as a strong force to ensure every citizen feels safe and can be at peace. In addition to this, I also appeal to each and every citizen to be vigilant and keep an eye on these suspicious antinational elements so that any untoward incident can be prevented. Covid-19 pandemic has changed the way we look at things and the routines we follow. Things are not the same now. So as a responsible citizens, we can play our part by ensuring that each and every guideline is followed properly. This is very crucial for the fight against the pandemic. Amritsar Rural police acknowledges and appreciates the role played by the frontline warriors like Doctors, Nurses, Police force, Media and NGOs who have toiled hard in the risk zones to make sure we are all safe.

## Message



**Gulneet Singh Khurana, IPS**  
**SSP, Pathankot**

Police always requires support of public to combat crime and it cannot be fought only with guns. Once a rapport with the civil society is strengthened, the masses would come forward to help police in countering crime. All should join hands

with police in maintain peace and harmony in society. We are proud of the brave soldiers of Punjab Police who laid their lives at the altar of duty to save the society and to save the nation. Today, we can practice freely only because of the supreme sacrifice made by hundreds of Punjab Police Officers of various ranks. Pathankot Police is one step ahead in this sacrifice. We salute our warriors and pay our tributes to them. Pathankot Police has always maintained a high standard with respect to replenishing our duties. Today we are all paying homage to the brave soldiers of Punjab Police who laid down their lives to safeguard our state. Pathankot Police salutes innumerable supreme sacrifices that were made and we will always make sure the region remains safe and peaceful.

We are in the middle of a pandemic, and it is the duty and responsibility of the citizens to follow guidelines and SOPs that have been issued by the administration. We must follow social distancing rules and wear masks when we go outside. Pathankot police and its frontline warriors have worked very hard 24x7 to ensure that there is compliance of the guidelines and people are safe.

## TARN TARAN POLICE

Police to Its last Particle is Duty



**Tarn Taran Police salutes its Martyrs on Police commemoration day.**

## PUNJAB POLICE

POLICE TO ITS LAST PARTICLE IS DUTY



**CAPT. AMARINDER SINGH**  
Chief Minister Of Punjab



**DINKAR GUPTA, IPS**  
**DGP Punjab**



**SPS PARMAR, IPS**  
**IGP Border Range, Amritsar**



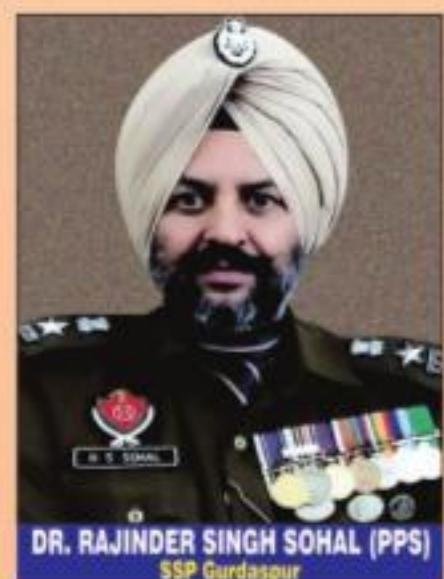
**DHRUV DAHIYA (IPS)**  
**SSP Amritsar (Rural)**



**GULNEET SINGH KHURANA (IPS)**  
**SSP Pathankot**



**RACHPAL SINGH, PPS**  
**SSP Batala**



**DR. RAJINDER SINGH SOHAL (PPS)**  
**SSP Gurdaspur**

Punjab Police pays homage to its gallant officers and men who laid down their lives to the call of duty. We salute their memories, their martyrdom is a source of inspiration and guiding force for all of us.

The Police are the first to protect the lives and properties of the public and the word sacrifice starts with police force only. The saga of commitment of Punjab Police to its duty translated into absolute control of terrorism despite martyrdom of over 1700 of its men besides hundreds of cowardly killings of their relations by the terrorists. Punjab Police is tremendously proud of its men and maintains extremely fond memories of brave men, who sacrificed their today for our tomorrow. The best way to pay tributes to our martyrs is to continue striving for the safety and security of all sections of public, untiringly. We are confident that Punjab Police would be able to meet the expectations of the public and would be known as the most effective and the best police force.....

Punjab Police seeks your help in the fight against COVID-19  
Follow the guidelines:

► Maintain Social Distance    ► Wear a mask    ► Use Sanitizers

**PUNJAB POLICE, BORDER RANGE, AMRITSAR**

... TO SERVE AND PROTECT

## Message



**Dr. Rajinder Singh Sohal, PPS**  
**SSP, Gurdaspur**

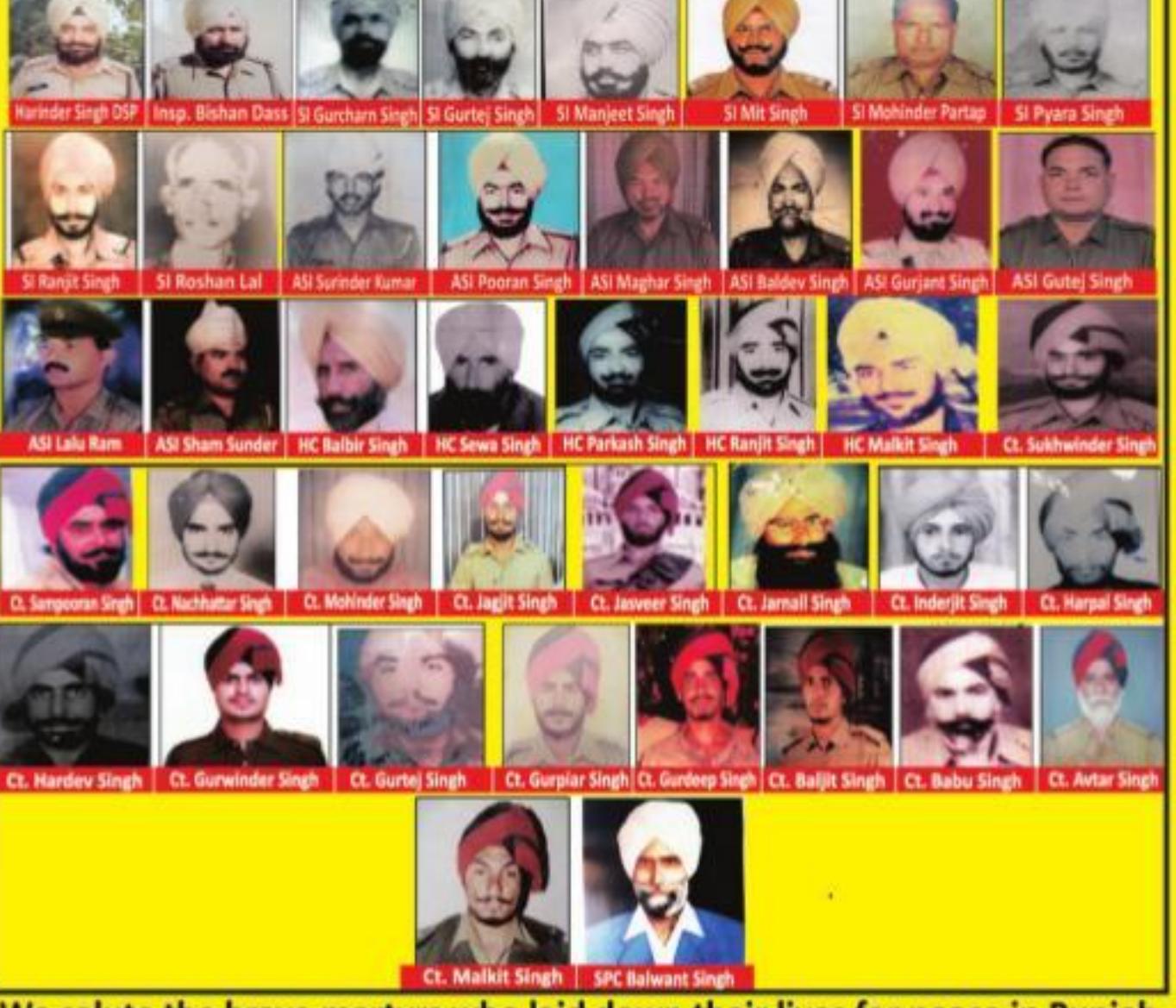
On 21st October every year, commemoration Parades are held in all police units as a mark of respect to the brave police martyrs, who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty. The arms are reversed and two minutes' silence is observed in the honour of the departed souls. The names of the martyrs of states, from Police and paramilitary forces are read out, to acknowledge with pride the supreme sacrifices made by them. Gurdaspur Police is always there for the service, safety and security of public and Gurdaspur Police always ensures that no stone is left unturned in ensuring the safety and security of the people.

Today on this occasion of Police Commemoration Day we remember and pay homage to all the brave soldiers of our force, who laid down their lives and for whom the country and its citizens mattered more than self. These brave soldiers and their sacrifices will always be a strong guiding force for all of us and we will make sure the interest of our country is protected at every level and those sacrifices do not go in vain.

Gurdaspur police and its jawans have worked hand in hand with the administration in the difficult times of Covid-19 pandemic and ensured that the procedures and guidelines are been followed properly. Citizens have a major role to play as they can be a great force and medium to ensure people are made aware of how they can protect themselves from the Corona virus infection.

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## YOUR COURAGE WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED



We salute the brave martyrs who laid down their lives for peace in Punjab



## POLICE COMMEMORATION DAY

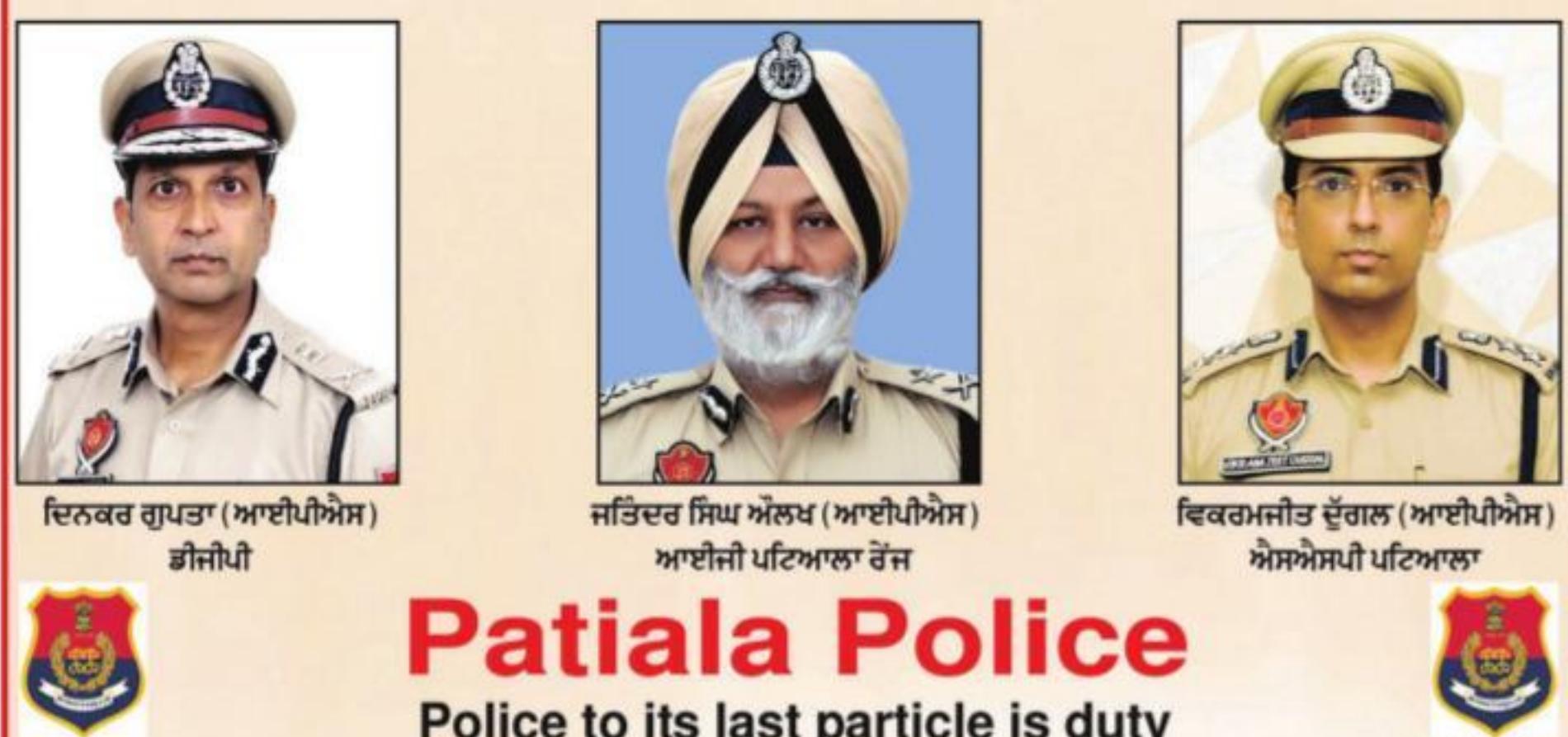
The officers and all ranks of Faridkot Police salute to all the police martyrs for their supreme sacrifice

**FARIDKOT POLICE**  
POLICE TO ITS LAST PARTICLE IS DUTY

## Patiala Police: Salutes its Martyrs



We are proud of our brave soldiers of Punjab Police who laid their lives at the altar of duty to save the society and save the nation. Today, we live in free air only because of the supreme sacrifice made by hundreds of Punjab Police Officers of various ranks.



## Patiala Police

Police to its last particle is duty

# The Tribune

ESTABLISHED IN 1881

## Punjab's farm Bills

Centre-state tussle may adversely impact agriculture

PUNJAB, the epicentre of the protests against the new farm laws, seems in for the long haul regarding a potential legal battle with the Centre. The Capt Amarinder Singh government presented three Bills in the Vidhan Sabha on Tuesday in a bid to bypass the Central Acts, three weeks after Congress president Sonia Gandhi had asked party-ruled states to negotiate the agriculture-related laws by passing their own legislations. The state Bills — which require the assent of the constitutional authorities to come into force — seek to counter the Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, the Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, and the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act. According to one of the Bills, no sale of paddy and wheat in Punjab will be valid unless the rate of payment is equal to or above the MSP. There is a provision for imprisonment of not less than three years and a fine for the sale or purchase of produce below the MSP.

The agitating farmers' main apprehensions are that the Centre wants to do away with the tried-and-tested MSP regime and leave them to fend for themselves before the corporates. The Union government has largely failed so far in allaying these fears and convincing the farmers of the benefits of the new legislations. The Bills and the resolution unanimously passed by the Punjab Vidhan Sabha are not only aimed at placating the farming community but also to score political brownie points, with the state going to the polls in early 2022.

With agriculture listed as a state subject in the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution, the non-BJP-ruled states have been accusing the Centre of enacting the laws without bringing them on board. The trust deficit has only widened ever since the ordinance route was adopted in June to propose sweeping reforms in agriculture — the lone sector which held its own during the crippling nationwide lockdown. The Centre-state tussle threatens to impede agricultural operations, an unwelcome scenario that can delay economic recovery, unless a middle ground is found sooner than later.

## Turning against Murali in TN

Actor hounded out of biopic on cricket legend

IT is sad that Muttiah Muralitharan, one of the greatest players to grace cricket, has been reduced to a mere pawn in a dispute over nationality and ethnicity. Tamil actor Vijay Sethupathi, who was to essay the lead role in a biopic on Muralitharan, has been bullied out of the project by Tamil parties that are sympathetic to the LTTE, the militant organisation that was crushed by the Sri Lankan army in 2009. Muralitharan, a Sri Lankan Tamil, inspires awe for the manner he overcame adversity through his career. Growing up in a country with a marked anti-Tamil sentiment during the civil war, or being blamed for an illegal bowling action caused by a deformity in his right arm, he handled it all with quiet determination. He ended up with 800 wickets in Test cricket, a world record. He's known for his modesty, and his efforts to help those affected by the 2004 tsunami are well-documented.

Muralitharan is a role model, and the fact that a movie on him seems profitable led a Mumbai production house to launch a biopic on him. But some Tamil political leaders are dead set against Muralitharan. The sight of a lion, the Sinhalese symbol, on Sethupathi's shirt in the film's trailer incensed them — they prefer the traditional Tamil totem of a tiger, the symbol of the Chola empire. They alleged that Muralitharan supported Sri Lanka's Sinhalese regime when 'Tamil were being killed by it', citing his comment, made last year, that 2009 was the happiest year in his life. Muralitharan clarified that his happiness was caused by 'the end of war', and expressed relief that 'in the last 10 years, there haven't been any deaths on either side'.

The Sri Lankan army and leaders complicit in war crimes must be brought to justice — it's tragic that they've gone scot-free. Muralitharan has said he considers 'all ethnicities as one and the same' — this essential humanist sentiment is lost on those determined to stoke fires of enmity for emotional or political reasons. Exactly 100 years ago, Muralitharan's grandfather migrated to Sri Lanka — Muralitharan is Sri Lankan and must not be turned into a pawn in Tamil Nadu's political contest.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

God has no religion.

— Mahatma Gandhi

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

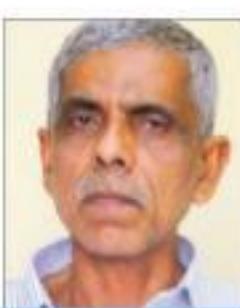
# The Tribune.

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**THE "GAZETTE" AND PANDIT MALAVIYA'S SCHEME.** THE local Anglo-Indian journal professes not to understand Pandit Malaviya's scheme. "Despite the lengthy exposition of its aim in *The Tribune*," it writes, "we must confess to be rather at a loss to know what the Pandit intends to do." We sympathise with the journal, but do not know how to help it in its difficulty. In the present case the writer appears to have a very clear idea of the Pandit's intentions. He knows that the Pandit has proposed "a scheme for reconstituting the Congress on a representative basis," and has suggested that "the whole of the political energy of the country should be devoted to making this reconstituted Congress, with a permanent organisation at a central place, such a living force and power in the land" that "by dint of universal agitation" it "could counsel the Government to grant immediate Swaraj to India." He knows that among the weapons which the Congress will employ for the purpose of attaining its object one of the most important is non-co-operation, which it will "use with infinitely greater authority and on a more comprehensive scale than the present Congress." Are not its broad features sufficiently clear to the honest understanding? Not content with condemning the scheme as vague and shadowy, the "Gazette" goes to condemn its author himself. "The Pandit from Allahabad," it writes, "however high he may have risen in the councils of his party by his gifts of rhetoric and his diligence has never been a dynamic personality, and the idea of his detaching an appreciable number of followers from Mr. Gandhi's standard is almost unthinkable." The tribute here paid by the writer to Mr. Gandhi's personality will be appreciated by Mr. Gandhi's countrymen, many of whom love and respect him beyond any other living man, but the "Gazette" is mistaken. The Pandit is not anxious to detach any number of followers, whether appreciable or otherwise, from Mr. Gandhi's standard.

# Ghettoisation of the mind

Tanishq ad row reveals we have not moved towards an inclusive social landscape

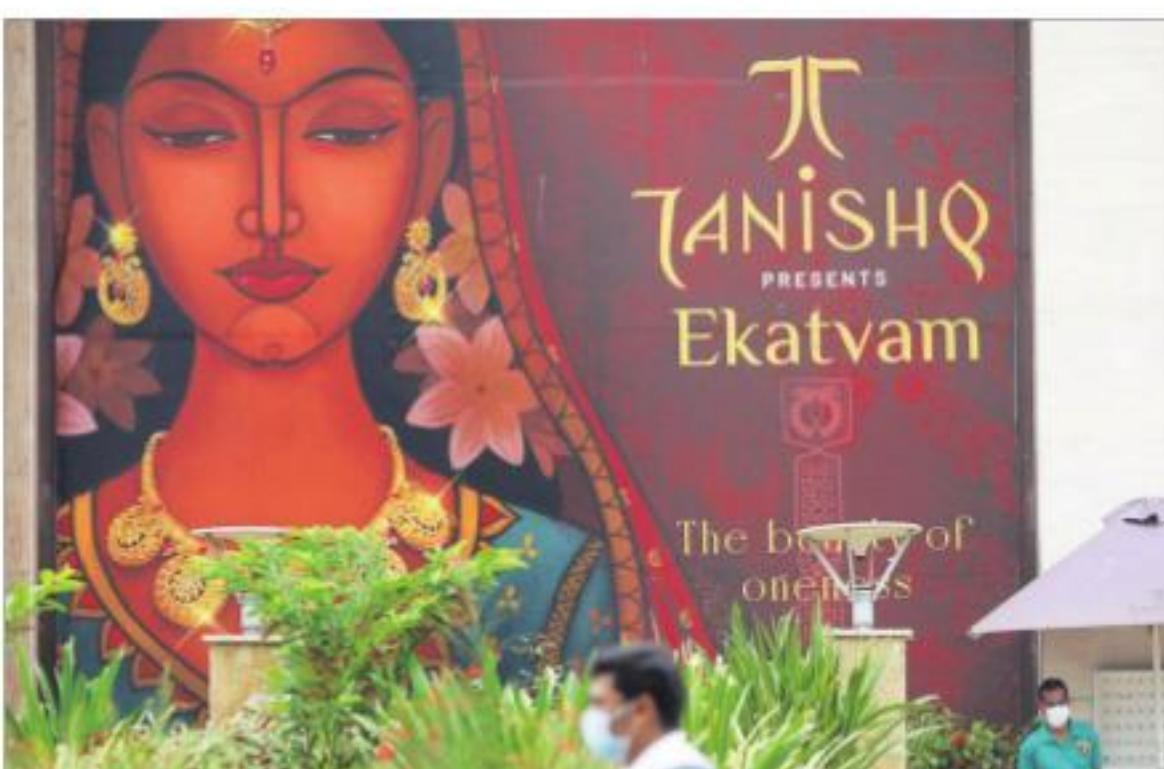


AVIJIT PATHAK

SOCIOLOGIST

MUCH has already been said about the controversy surrounding the Tanishq ad—the message of inter-faith marriage it sought to convey, the assertion of the troll army and its aggressive objection to what it wanted to interpret as 'love jihad', the inability of the Tata Group to resist this orthodox and obnoxious politics, and eventually its decision to withdraw the ad. Pragmatism of the business rationality over the much-hyped 'Ekatvam series' ads triumphed. In a world filled with the constant stimulation of 'breaking news', we would soon forget this episode because in the age of instantaneity something more exciting is bound to occupy our attention. Meanwhile, the business would go on as usual; the urban elite would continue to buy Tanishq jewellery; and the likes of the Maharashtra Governor would not hesitate to use the word 'secular' in a terribly sarcastic manner.

The Tanishq ad looked 'beautiful': the metropolitan elite—visibly affluent, stylist and capable of buying diamond jewellery—conveying a message of the sacred merger of a Hindu daughter-in-law and a Muslim mother-in-law. Well, it looked like a sleek and gorgeous television serial. Do your business, charm the potential buyers, create an illusion of cosmopolitanism, and generate a 'feel good' moment! But how can we forget that even this class—I mean those who earn a great deal, visit Dubai and Singapore over the weekend, and love to buy diamond and platinum jewellery—is not really free from all sorts of regressive ideas? Look at the sociology of the elite matrimonial



MESSAGE LOST: We need spiritual seekers who can make us realise that beyond all labels lies our shared humanity.

Our society is not yet comfortable with inter-faith marriages, and those who dare, often experience the pain of 'social boycott'.

columns, and it is not impossible for you to see that, for instance, an IIT/IIM educated software engineer settled in Los Angeles prefers a 'fair-skinned, convent-educated, slim Punjabi Brahmin girl' for marriage! Barring exceptions, we have not succeeded in overcoming the dead weight of the past; caste, ethnicity and religion continue to play a significant role in marital choices. True, the hidden persuaders who coordinate the Tanishq ad sought to experiment with a dream; but then, paradoxically, the troll army made them see the harsh reality of Indian society.

We need to be honest and see the psychology of the ghettoised mind. Well, we are deeply aware of the ghettoised space. We live amid Dalit slums, Muslim colonies, and many other demarcated spaces. For instance, in order to feel the festivity of Eid, I have to go to visibly distinctive Muslim areas—say, the noisy and crowded Old Delhi or the narrow lanes of Hazrat Nizamuddin. I know I cannot feel the vibrancy of this festival in posh Vasant

Kunj or Gulmohar Park. It is not just about the ghettoisation of space; the fact is that the mind too has been ghettoised. It is difficult for a Muslim to get a rented house in the middle class Hindu locality. We are terribly narrow, limited, fragmented and exclusionary. And stereotypes, apprehensions and rumours pollute the possibility of a meaningful cross-religious communication. Not surprisingly, our society is not yet very comfortable with inter-faith marriages, and those who dare, often experience the pain of 'social boycott'.

In fact, the toxic communal politics we see around has not emerged in a void. Our secular modernity has not touched our souls; it has failed to inspire us to alter our life practices, question orthodox and obnoxious values, and move towards an open and inclusive social landscape. Furthermore, secularism has often been transmitted as a dry discourse of 'reason' limited to English-speaking and university educated liberal/left intelligentsia. Because of its inherent

elitism, it has failed to enter a typical Hindu household or a Muslim neighbourhood. Even when at schools children are asked to write in their exams that here is a 'secular' country, or, for that matter, all religions teach tolerance, they realise its falsehood because they see its exact opposite in the society they live in. Yes, secularism looks good in calendar art, or in the imagery of a Bollywood blockbuster like *Bombay*. Orthodox priests, one-dimensional fundamentalists of all colours, Machiavellian politicians (including the 'secular' ones) and hyper-masculine protectors of 'faith' invade our consciousness. We fail to live together.

Is there a way out? It is difficult not to be a pessimist. After all, be it Kabir or Gandhi, Nizamuddin Aulia or Rabindranath Tagore, none succeeded in making us free from the chains of bigotry and violence. And today, when the dominant political discourse shamelessly pleads for majoritarian nationalism, the language of love, relatedness and cross-religious partnership is likely to be seen as a dangerous 'anti-national' idea. Because it wants enemies, not friends; it wants the walls of separation, not the music of togetherness. And with the increasing ghettoisation, the minorities too are unlikely to feel comfortable with what the Tanishq ad was trying to depict. In other words, despite the glitz of neoliberal consumerism and secular rhetoric, this is the age of extremism, fundamentalism and communalism.

Yet, we ought to try. We need spiritual seekers (not just rational agnostics) who can illuminate our consciousness, and take us beyond the boundaries of organised religions, and make us realise that beyond all labels lies our shared humanity. It is love—not the fear of the 'other'—that takes us closer to the divine. We ought to overcome all sorts of ghettoisation, live together, take part in collective struggles and shared moments of joy and pain. Only then, can a Hindu see himself in the heart of a Muslim, or a Sikh would see eternity in a living Christ.

## When a common man became hero

RISHABH KOCHHAR

REAL-LIFE heroes are aplenty in Mumbai, and I have met a few, but it is not common for one to meet a real-life hero, let alone be driven around the city by one. It was just before I left Mumbai in March that I met Shankar: 'Gandhi ka ghar' he remarked, as I asked him to take me to Mani Bhawan, Gandhi's home for 17 years. As he recounted his own visits to the museum as a child, Shankar suddenly fell quiet as we approached Marine Drive. On asking what was wrong, he simply replied, 'Idharich apun 26/11 dekha tha (This is where I witnessed the carnage of 26/11).' And thus began the tale of an unsung hero.

On the ill-fated evening of Novem-

ber 26, 2008, Shankar was driving his BEST bus on the route assigned to him. As he approached Marine Drive, he saw what looked like the entire city rushing towards him. The crowd did not seem to end. A young girl, who couldn't have been more than 17-18 years old, ran into the bus and asked Shankar to turn it around. As he sat there puzzled, he heard, what were in hindsight, gunshots. The crowd rushed into his bus, filling every last inch of space. 'I did not know what to do, but it wasn't more than a couple minutes before he turned the bus around and drove away.'

Shankar manoeuvred his bus to the Colaba Bus Depot and informed the police about it. Composed, he asked the police for orders, as other drivers too started gathering at the

depot. Hours passed with no news from the police. With the drivers afraid of calling the police again, Shankar took charge and reiterated the gravity of the situation to the police, worried about the passengers' safety. He finally received orders to proceed to the safety of the Navy Nagar cantonment. What followed was a harrowing night for all — without food, water, and any news of their loved ones. Shankar gathered some drivers to get some biscuits with the little money he had, and it was then that they saw Navy MARCOS being deployed. It was hours before the police took charge of the passengers, but Shankar was dedicated to his job. He boarded a train for home from the empty Chhatrapati Shivaji Ter-

minus. After a quick shower, he was back manning the bus.

He lost a dear friend and a fellow driver to the terror attacks that night, and it still pains him to think about his friend. More than a decade hence, he drives a taxi on the same streets, in south Bombay. He still remembers every detail of the night, including the names of the officers he spoke to.

Mumbai has given birth to many unsung heroes — common citizens who have acted selflessly in the face of grave danger, leaving behind a mark on countless lives. Shankar's story is just one of those which need to be told to the world — awe-inspiring, heart-breaking, and motivating. It is people like Shankar who steal our hearts in the city that is otherwise an urban jungle.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Ominous sign

The news 'Foes NC, PDP forge 6-party alliance' is ominous. These pro-Pak elements would endanger the hard-earned fragile peace in Kashmir, which is limping back to normalcy. Winter is setting in, and Pakistan would try to push terrorists into the Valley. With pro-Pakistan elements making their intentions clear, the security forces will have a tough time. The government move to release them seems slightly premature. These politicians would certainly try to reignite anti-India sentiments for their own petty political gains.

AK SHARMA, CHANDIGARH

#### Social media reality

Some days ago, there was a tell-tale video on Bihar elections, 'Gaon mein vikas aaya?' that went viral. The video exposes the harsh reality of the condition of the downtrodden people. 'Development' becomes an integral part of political campaigns in name only and is hyped in manifestos and rallies. The reality is that there is no significant economic and social development to be seen in cities, towns and villages. The objective of elections is to gain power, not social and economic development to improve the quality of life of people. Whereas mainstream media has become a pawn of political parties, it is only through

social media that the lack of development is reflected through videos and memes which go viral.

SUKANYA ROY, CHANDIGARH

#### Fine for littering

Apropos of 'In Hauz, Rs 1,000 fine for littering', the decision of the Sissoo panchayat deserves kudos. Swachhta Abhiyan has certainly been helpful in spurring the cleanliness drive, but in the absence of a stringent law, it is difficult to maintain it. The Himachal Government should include this decision through legislation in the Panchayati Raj Act, to be followed throughout the state. Anti-social elements deliberately flout rules.

IQBAL SINGH, HAMIRPUR

#### Farm fires

Refer to 'Farm fires under scrutiny'; states should take up the issue of stubble burning very seriously, as still the menace is not being tackled. Several incidents are reported where the crop lying ready has been damaged on account of fire in the fields due to negligence of farmers who burn stubble. Eminent academicians and agricultural research scientists should frame a process to make the performance of states on environment one of the parameters to put an end to stubble burning, and impose heavy penal-

ty on violators and disconnect electric supply to tube wells of defaulting farmers. Efforts must also be initiated to sensitise farmers on the issue.

HARPREET SANDHU, LUDHIANA

#### Bangladesh leading

Apropos of 'No slide for Sonar Bangla', IMF's forecasting that Bangladesh will edge past India economically in per capita GDP should put a stop to our political negative rhetoric referring to our eastern good neighbour. In a world undermined by the pandemic, Bangladesh's economic progress has been consistent, signifying its gains are durable, and its export-oriented economy is expanding. India's trajectory is a marked contrast, its growth rate has been uneven, and this year the IMF has projected a contraction. Following the ill-conceived demonetisation, India's growth rate sputtered, while Bangladesh's expansion only got better. Its fertility rate has fallen faster than India. As a Muslim majority country, this belies the right-wing myth that Muslims (in general) reproduce faster than Hindus (in general). Bangladesh's growth springboard has been a tighter integration into a global value chain for textiles. An export-oriented approach remains the best bet to revive India's economic performance. The government must expand economic cooperation and connectivity with Bangladesh.

China is courting Bangladesh, and if we diss Dhaka for petty domestic politics, we may lose the economic as well as strategic game.

SK SINGH, BY MAIL

#### Bad fuels

Banned fuels have affected the health of citizens, resulting in respiratory ailments, heart problems and also heightened risk of cancer ('Don't use banned fuels industrialists'). Prohibition will help restore good health and bring down air pollution. This will also reduce greenhouse gas emissions which contribute to climate change.

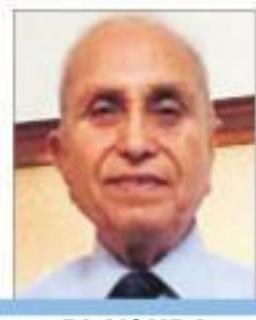
PARUL GUPTA, BY MAIL

#### Making history in IPL

History was created in the ongoing edition of the IPL being played in the UAE when Kings XI Punjab beat defending champions Mumbai Indians in the second super over. Till now, winners were decided in the first super over, but this is a tale of a win in the second one when the Punjab outfit was tasked to score a dozen to earn two points. 'Saada Punjab' achieved this with distinction. The competition is stiff — most of the matches are decided in the last over.

GURDEEP S DHAMRAIT, DHARMPUR

# Reform police station, give it all it needs



BL VOHRA

FORMER DGP, TRIPURA

**T**HE recent shooting at Ballia in Uttar Pradesh by a close aide of an MLA of the ruling party in the state in the presence of local policemen and then his alleged 'escape' from the hands of the cops speak volumes about the functioning of the police in general and police stations in particular in the country. The list of such incidents of incompetence and connivance, as also those of brutality, illegality, insensitivity, custodial violence and corruption, at the police station level is long not only in UP, but also throughout the country.

Be it the Hathras rape and murder case, the police encounter of the alleged accused in a rape case in Hyderabad, the custodial killing of a father-son duo of shopkeepers in Tamil Nadu or the killing of priests in Maharashtra and Rajasthan, the list goes on. And, also not that it is a recent phenomenon. Only the media focus is more now on a few cases which come to its notice.

But this has been the case since Independence and will continue to be so unless we have police reforms and start with the police station because it is at this level that the common citizen first gets in touch with cops as a complainant, witness or an accused.

There is continuing gross injustice to women, SCs, STs and poorer sections of society and, sometimes, also to the number of civil police sanctioned is 140 per lakh, but the actual strength is 102. Add it to the people on leave and other duties and you have much less strength available for actual police station duties. Overall, there are about 50 per cent vacancies in the police department.

The crime is increasing. The investigation is poor as policemen are overworked and mostly work for 17-18 hours a day with no rest or weekly off or even a government house as the housing facilities for them are very poor.

There is not much forensic support. There is a decreased spending of the budget on the police. It is just about four per cent of the total budget on an average.



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long. But this has been the case since Independence and will continue to be so unless we have police reforms and start with the police station because it's at this level that the common citizen first gets in touch with cops as a complainant, witness or an accused. This is not to say that the police do no good work. They do a lot, but that is an exception rather than the rule.

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middles class and above. This is not to say that the police do no good work. They do quite a lot and, on occasions, their badly bruised image gets a leg-up, like during their recent excellent performance during the pandemic. But that is an exception rather than the rule.

Let us have a look at the figures. There are more than 20,000 police stations and police posts in India. Many of them don't have proper buildings. The sanctioned strength is too low as compared to the need in many police stations. Many lack even the basic facilities of vehicles, phones or wireless, what to talk of the latest in these fields, including computers, which criminals acquire rapidly. According to the data compiled by the BPR&D in 2016, there are 188 police stations without a single vehicle, 402 lack telephone lines, 134 don't have wireless sets and 34 have neither a phone nor a wireless set. There is no clean drinking water and toilets, especially for policewomen, in many police stations.

Apart from these figures, the most important aspects of the criminal justice system — the political control and the nexus between politicians, criminals and policemen — need to be addressed.

First, the criminal justice system. Even when the case is charge-sheeted, it takes years for it to reach its conclusion in the courts due to the procedures and judiciary's own problems of shortages etc. In the Nirbhaya case, it took eight years to hang the accused. More than three crore cases are pending in courts. Political control is continuing since the British Raj as we are still being ruled by the Police Act of 1861. Only the rulers have changed and the less we talk about them, with honourable exceptions, the better. They don't want to lose control over the police for their own vested interests and, now, with their large presence in the law-making legislatures and Parliament, they won't allow any law to be passed which hits them, irrespective of the political party they represent.

They have already made a mockery of the seven directions of the Supreme Court given in 2006, 14 years ago. And, for reasons best known to the highest judicial body, the states are not being hauled up for contempt by it. The politicians control the recruitment, filling their pockets and mostly of their caste and creed; training is neglected thoroughly; they control the postings and transfers; and everyone brings to the police station the police personnel mostly of their own caste and creed during their party's rule, who, in turn, bring their prejudices in the functioning. The policemen, knowing full well that they can't do any harm to the

politician, even legally, join hands with the politician. And, who suffers? The common citizen.

This is not to say that the police leadership can be absolved of its failures. There is still a lot that it can do within its boundaries to salvage its position. There are bright examples of the needful having been done. But it has to be a crusade by all and throughout the country at the cost of inconvenience.

May I urge the politicians to do the needful and reform the police station to start with and give them all they need, including the freedom to enforce the rule of law? They owe it to themselves and the citizens of India. And, for a prosperous India.

## 'Service before self' far more than a motto



MAJ GEN RAVI N TIKU (RETD)

EDUCATIONIST

When you develop the awareness of who you really are, you also see the sameness in what the others are. Then, the sense of 'I am serving' is not there at all. Service is a natural action of doing what is to be done, without the condescending approach towards helping others, sometimes called 'service to others'. There is oneness in 'service' and 'self'. This idea can also be applied to the way we live our lives.

**T**HE iconic global motto 'service before self' is a powerful tool to understand life and how to live it right, particularly for the young minds, in today's bizarre times.

This motto is increasingly finding a place in the vision and mission statements of eminent schools and educational societies in India. Rotary International has 'service above self' motto, a slight variant, where the Rotarians place service to others above service to self. In the National Defence Academy (NDA), the cradle of military leadership in India, each cadet is imbued with the spirit of this exceptional credo, where he first learns the importance of putting the organisational requirements well above his own. Its Hindi translation is *Seva Parma Dharma*.

And yet, the spirit of 'service before self' has not been understood in the right perspective. The big question is whether 'service' and 'self' are mutually inclusive (oneness) or mutually exclusive (separate).

'Service' and 'self' echo a bit of confusion about what they actually mean. These are not separate domains or mutually exclusive, such that one is forced to choose between them. Service is an expression of the true self, not something that one does because they are 'selfless'.

Every such expression of the true self exudes virtues from the inside. 'Service' and 'self' are mutually inclusive. The duality of love-hate,



CREDO: NDA cadets are imbued with the spirit of Seva Parma Dharma.

good-evil, selfish-selfless, though opposing and competing forces, they are really complementary. They are two sides of the same coin, where awareness helps you to see non-duality or 'not two' of the qualified whole, as explained in the Advaita Vedanta philosophy — a (not) and *dwaita* (two). True self does not entertain duality.

Let us illustrate this with some thought-provoking and contrarian views for greater clarity.

You will hear people talk about 'service to others' as being a core value. But that is not quite right. We want others to be of service as well, right? So, if I am serving others, whom are they serving? Can they not serve

themselves while they are serving hers? So, then why do I need to serve them? And so forth... it's a bit messy, and it gets into weird territory like "I should give all my money to the poor."

This could be a sensitive and misunderstood issue for some because society has taught you to put others ahead of you. We need to serve ourselves, get our life in order, get to where we need to be, and then serve others if that is what you desire to do. On a plane, when the oxygen masks come down, you are told to put yours on first and then help others.

The point of service is to serve the whole, which is different from 'serving others'. The whole includes all.

This kind of service is like 'growing a greater whole' from the whole we already have. If you can recognise your true self, you can see service in any expression of the whole, whether it is feeding the hungry, or cleaning the sidewalk, or uplifting young minds. Then 'wholeness', 'non-duality', 'unity' and *advaita* are all terms for the totality of the movement that includes everyone and everything.

Our education and upbringing has not taught us who and what we really are. It has taught us what we want! And 'want' translates into endless desires and mindless actions that brings to the fore the ego or false self. The ego is generated by the mind. When the ego defines a person, it is manifested by egocentrism: 'me, me, and more me.'

That kind of singular focus on serving the ego is mutually exclusive with anything that looks like 'service'. The ego will serve a greater value only if it can see a way to serve its own needs indirectly. Service is just a means to a personal end, in that case.

This gives rise to distorted perceptions of 'service before self'. Some people think that the cure for egocentrism is to force oneself to serve. There is some limited power in that. But it should be seen as one of the many tools for awakening, rather than being the solution. You do want to see the ego for what it is and keep its role limited because doing otherwise is a form of confusion that causes suffering.

The solution lies in restraining the senses and subduing the ego to access the true self. True self leads us above and beyond the limit of our little ego and consequent toxic duality.

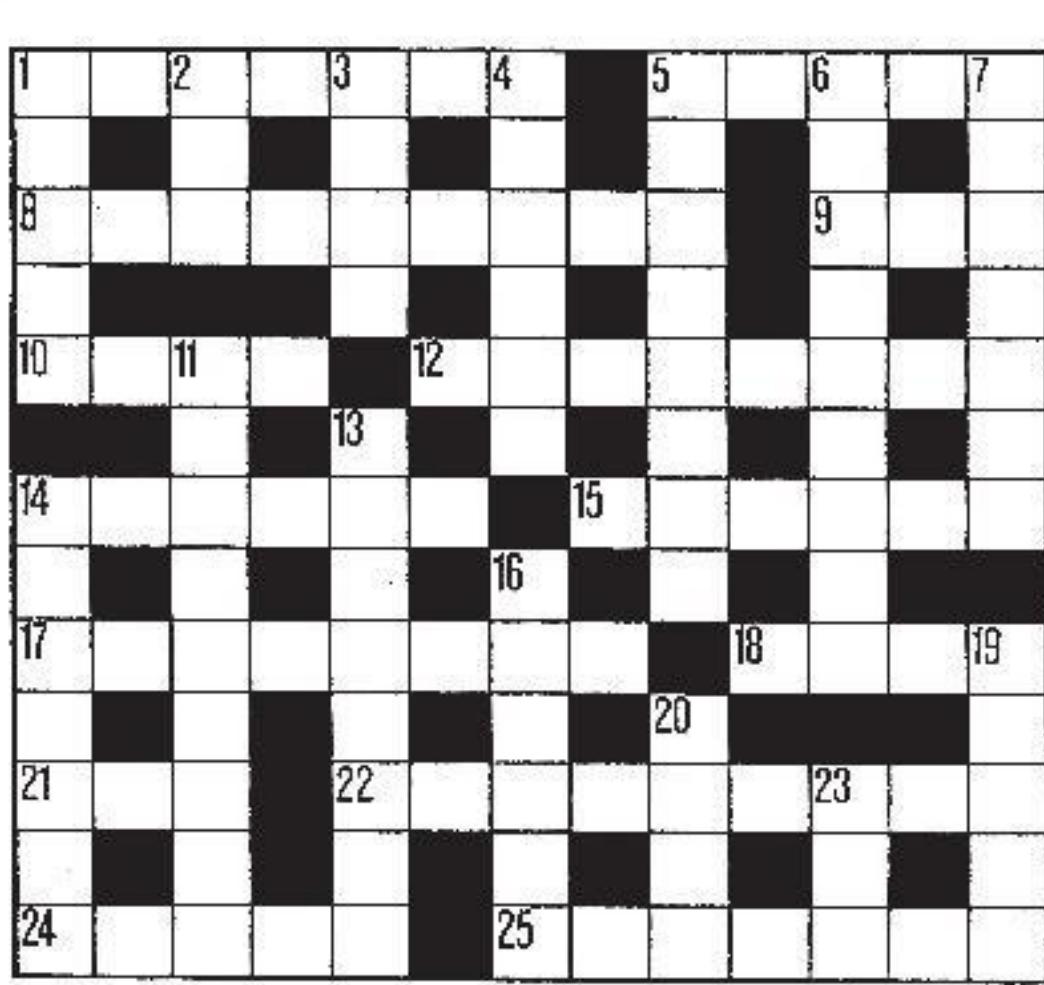
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The *Bhagavad Gita* must be revived in the school and college curricula to uplift students in actualising their potential. *Nishkama Karma* — 'action without motive' and 'work without desire or attachment' — is the central theme and a recipe for wellbeing. Lord Krishna embraces life in its totality. He is full of love and compassion, and yet he has the courage to accept and fight a war.

In contrast, Bhishma, the most respected figure of the dynasty, always hid behind the veil of an oath to serve Hastinapur's throne, even when it was his moral duty to stop the course of events that threatened the good of the community.

The world suffers not because some people do wrong, but because people who are capable of doing good do nothing.

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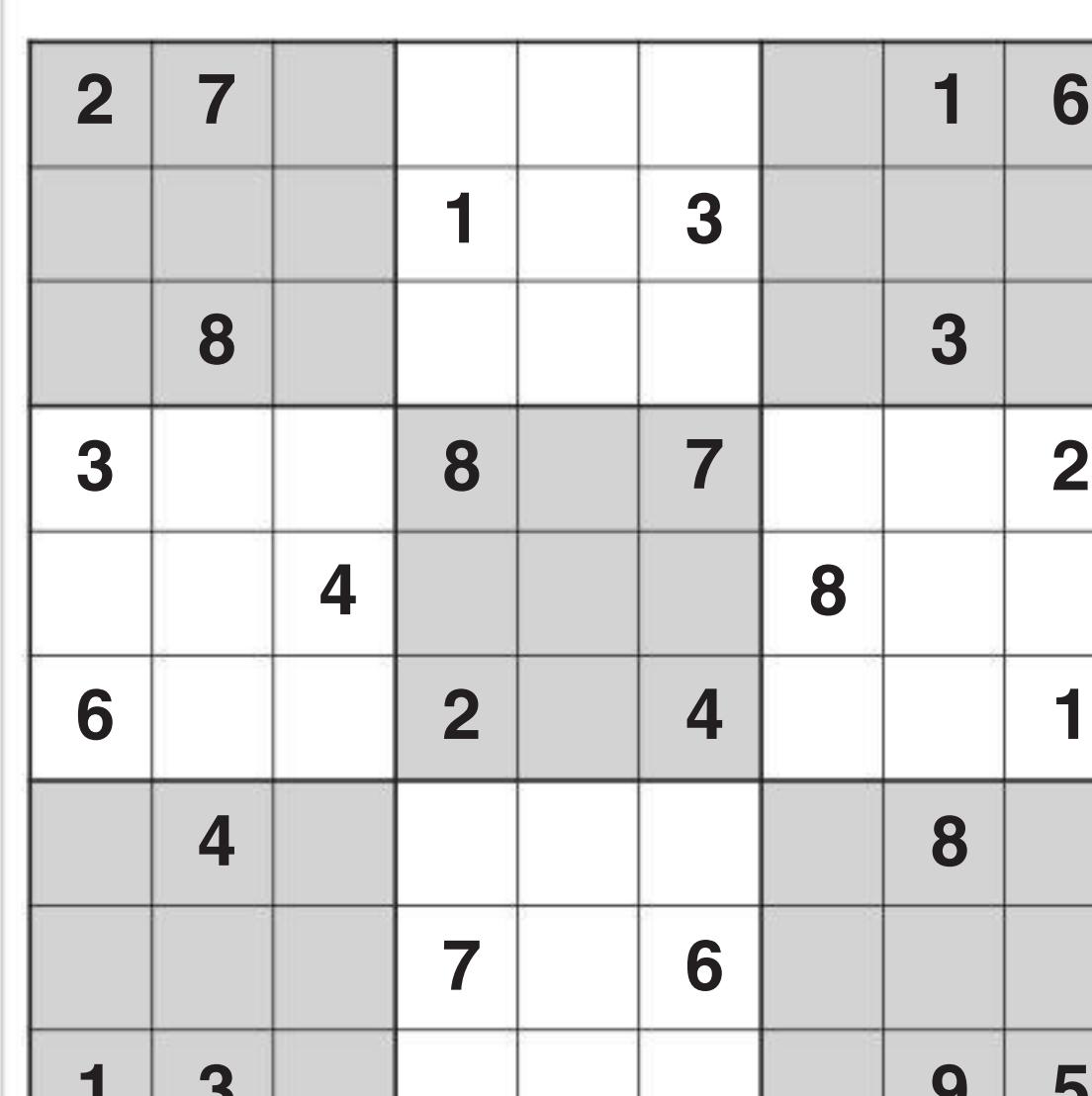


#### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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**Down:** 1 Game, 2 Aground, 3 Up to one's ears, 4 Trusty, 6 Sousa, 7 Adherent, 8 At first sight, 12 Mishmash, 15 Ignoble, 16 Burden, 18 Until, 19 Idea.

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### CALENDAR

OCTOBER 21, 2020, WEDNESDAY

■ Vikrami Samvat	2077
■ Shaka Samvat	1942
■ Ashwin Shaka	29
■ Kartik Parvishtha	5
■ Hijri	1442
■ Shukla Paksha Tithi 5, up to 9:08 am	
■ Shobhana Yoga up to 6:49 am	
■ Atiganda Yoga up to 4:24 am	
■ Moola Nakshatra up to 1.23 am	
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### FORECAST

SUNSET: WEDNESDAY 17:44 HRS  
SUNRISE: THURSDAY 06:30 HRS

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New Delhi	34	15
Amritsar	34	16
Bathinda	35	13
Jalandhar	34	14
Ludhiana	34	15
Bhiwani	34	16
Hisar	35	13
Sirsia	35	16
Dharamsala	24	14
Manali	24	05
Shimla	23	12
Srinagar	24	03
Jammu	33	16
Kargil	15	01
Leh	20	-05
Dehradun	31	16
Mussoorie	22	13

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# POLICE COMMEMORATION DAY

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## Message



force is a known fact and despite all of this, I was blessed with the opportunity to keep the spirit of my forces high. I fought for them, created the required Infrastructure, while teaching them like a father on how to stay safe and mentally prepare for what was to come. They became my nerves and I became their spine.

During EID, when communal sensitivity was at its peak, I and my team of officers not only maintained peace, but went one step ahead and celebrated EID in mosques, making this festival special and memorable in a different way.

Migrants were facilitated during the lockdown. They were not only assisted and reaching in their destinations, but rather all arrangements related to their travel were fully taken care of by our SHOs. Water and high energy foods were provided to them. Donors were stream lined and their donations were systemized to increase the efficiency & avoid duplication. In order to make their journey pleasant, music was played on speakers to make the whole environment more comfortable. What the world perceived as punishment for migrants actually become a cherished journey, both for migrants as well as for my force. All these tough decisions under various circumstances is what I call a hard treasure hunt which allowed for my virtues to grow in all directions.

Tough situation is not only responsible in making one strong but having a positive and creative approach also plays an instrumental role. The Covid pandemic was one such situation, where not just the leadership quality was polished but need for a motivational and inspiring character also came to the fore.

Be it ration distribution among the needy, giving a safe and happy passage to migrants or helping senior citizens' handle the anxiety of lockdown, all of

this did not come as a responsibility but as a lifetime experience for me. On one side, I had to implement the safety norms for the residents through my force,

which also faced the risk of infection and was getting exhausted with passing ways.

The attitude of society towards healthcare staff and the police

## Message



**Kaustubh Sharma, IPS**  
Inspector General of Police  
Faridkot Zone, Faridkot

I salute the martyrs of Punjab Police who have sacrificed their lives to protect our country from anti-national elements and maintain law and order and taking it back to the path of progress. On the Police commemoration day, we uphold our commitment to take every possible step for the welfare of the families of these martyrs. Today, we solemnly reiterate to maintain peace and communal harmony in the country, for which they laid down their lives.

## Message



**Ranbir Singh Khatra, IPS**  
DIG, Jalandhar Range,

I salute the brave police officers from the bottom of my heart for their supreme sacrifice for the sake of peace and security. The entire nation salutes the martyrs of Punjab Police. It is our duty not to forget the families of the bravehearts, who laid down their lives, as they are now living without their dear ones, for the sake of the society at large. Punjab Police continues to achieve greater heights than ever, as they continue to be inspired by the ideals of those who sacrificed their lives.

## Message



**Bhupinder Singh, PPS**  
SSP, Ferozepur

The National Police Commemoration Day is the day to acknowledge the valour of our police personnel who have made the highest sacrifice for the sake of peace and glory of our great nation. This solemn occasion reminds us of the glory of our martyrs, without whose sacrifice our safety could not be ensured. Their paramount display of courage and sense of pride in their duty motivates us to not only honour them but also to take pride in whatever duties we are performing in our own capacity, to serve our nation. On this day, I would also extend my gratitude towards the families of all the gallant officers who have displayed exemplary courage.

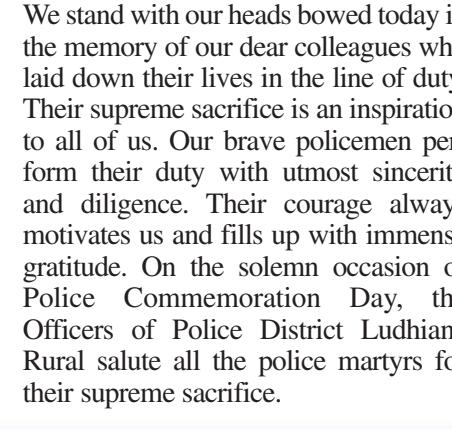
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**Navjot Singh Mahal, PPS**  
SSP, Hoshiarpur

On this solemn occasion of Police Commemoration Day, I salute the heroic Police officers who sacrificed their lives to safeguard the country's progress and peace and convey my deepest sympathies to the members of their families. The entire nation is indebted to the martyrs of Punjab Police who laid down their lives to preserve the country's historical grandeur, territorial integrity, law and order, in the face of ruthless ambitions of the anti-national elements. It is our duty to offer salutation to the heroic Police officers.

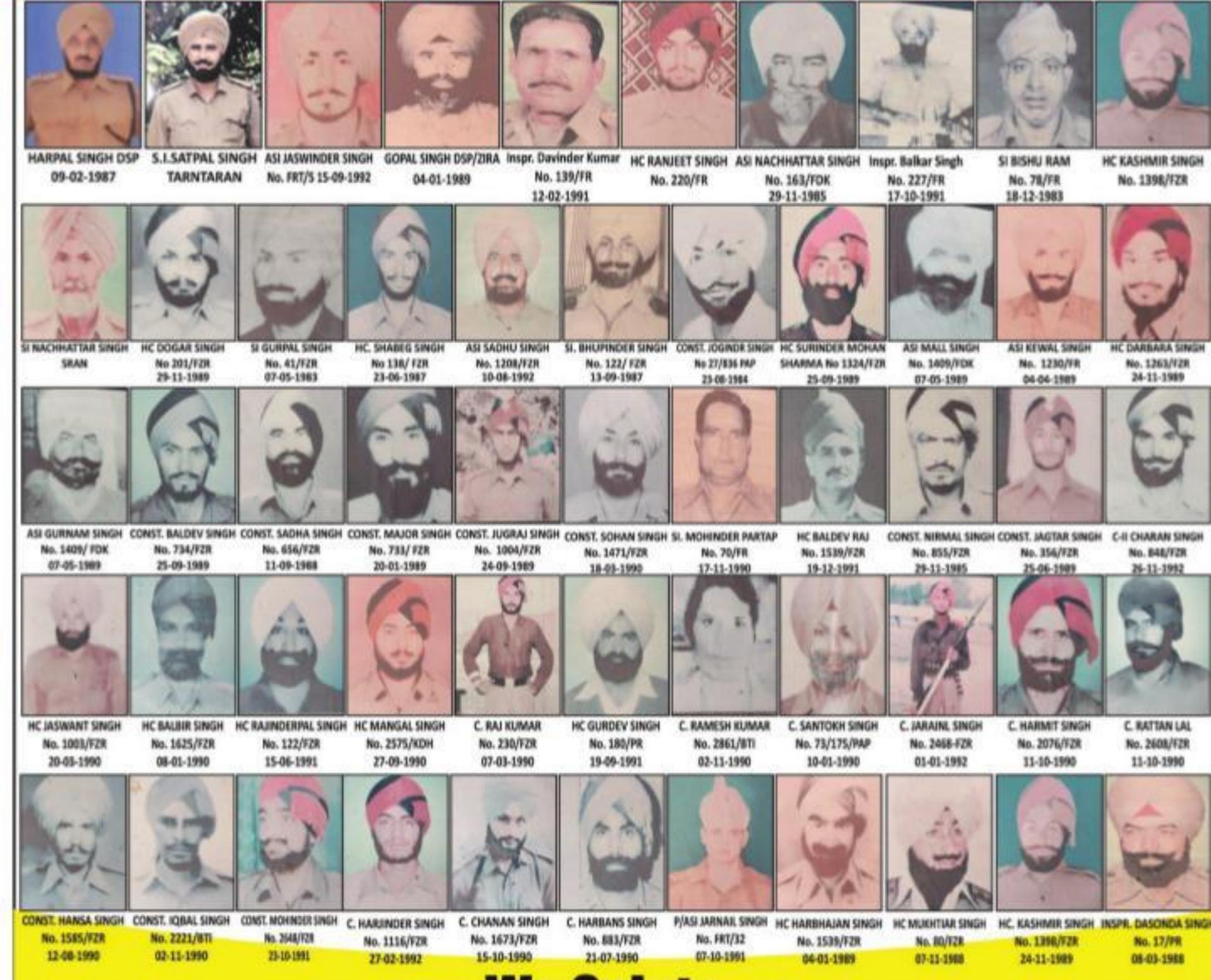
## Message



**Charanjit Singh Sohal, IPS**  
SSP, Ludhiana Rural

We stand with our heads bowed today in the memory of our dear colleagues who laid down their lives in the line of duty. Their supreme sacrifice is an inspiration to all of us. Our brave policemen perform their duty with utmost sincerity and diligence. Their courage always motivates us and fills up with immense gratitude. On the solemn occasion of Police Commemoration Day, the Officers of Police District Ludhiana Rural salute all the police martyrs for their supreme sacrifice.

Every day we fight crime. Today, we fight our tears as well.



## We Salute

Brave Martyrs who laid their lives for peace in Punjab



**Capt. Amarinder Singh**  
Chief Minister, Punjab

**Dinkar Gupta, IPS**  
DGP, Punjab Police

**Hardyal Singh Mann IPS**  
DIG, Ferozepur

**Bhupinder Singh PPS**  
SSP, Ferozepur

on this solemn occasion of  
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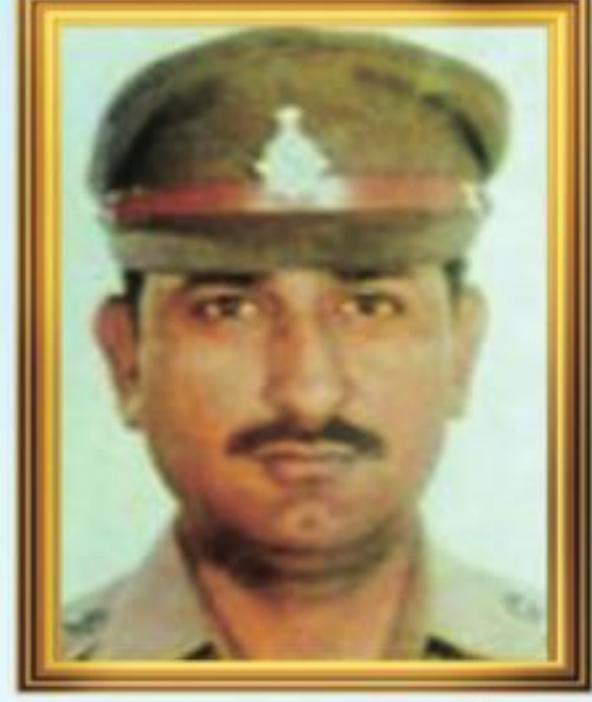


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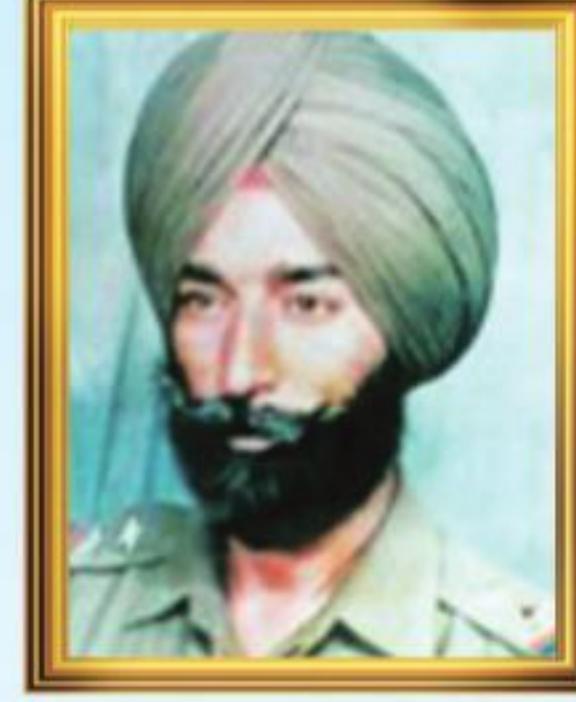
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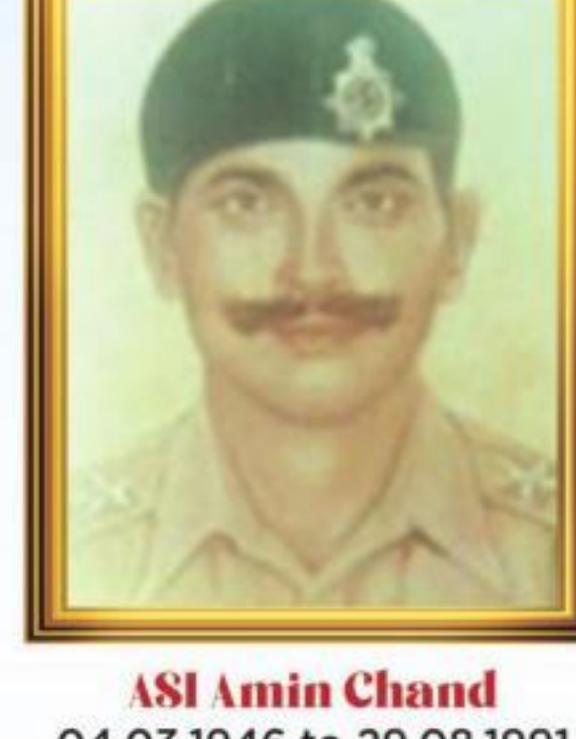


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# 17 more infected in Nahan jail, high court seeks report

Tribune News Service

SOLAN, OCTOBER 20  
Seventeen more inmates of the Central Jail in Nahan tested positive for Covid-19 on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, taking note of the rising Covid-19 cases among the jail inmates, the Himachal Pradesh High Court sought a report from Sirmaur DC RK Pruthi.

The DC said the information about the arrangements and measures taken to check the pandemic had been given to the court. A sum of Rs 5 lakh had also been given to the jail authorities to make arrangements for checking the spread of virus and creating adequate isolation facilities on the campus.

Notably, 59 persons, including nine jail staffers,

group of 25 to 55 years, tested positive on Tuesday.

The DC said out of the total 490 persons, including inmates and jail staffers, 422 had been tested.

The remaining will be tested on Wednesday.

## 222 new cases

With a spike of 222 new cases, the tally mounted to 19,357 and the fatality figure rose to 269 as two persons succumbed to the virus in the last 24 hours. Two Covid positive persons died in Bilaspur district taking the fatality figure up to 269.

The highest 63 cases were reported in Shimla, 43 in Kullu, 35 in Sirmaur, 25 in Mandi, 16 in Solan, 13 in Kangra, 11 in Bilaspur, six in Chamba, four in Hamirpur, three in Una, two in Kinnaur and one in Lahaul Spiti.

had tested positive till Monday evening. In addition to this, 17 inmates, in the age

## STATE TRACKER

DISTRICT	ACTIVE	DEATHS
Una	1484	15
Solan	3,461	36
Kangra	2,810	58
Chamba	1,061	13
Hamirpur	1,114	11
Sirmaur	2,159	16
Mandi	2,466	32
Bilaspur	1,148	7
Shimla	2,032	56
Kullu	1,087	19
Kinnaur	294	5
Lahaul & Spiti	294	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,357</b>	<b>269</b>

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

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

### CANCELLATION OF SPECIAL TRAINS

Train No. & Name	Date of cancellation (from the Originating Station)
02425/02426 New Delhi-Jammu Tawi-New Delhi Rajdhani Special	21.10.2020
22439/22440 New Delhi-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-New Delhi Vande Bharat Exp.	21.10.2020
02462 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-New Delhi Express	21.10.2020
02461 New Delhi -Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express	22.10.2020
02011/02012 New Delhi- Kalka-New Delhi Shatabdi Express	21.10.2020
02029/02030 New Delhi-Amritsar-New Delhi Shatabdi Express	21.10.2020

### CANCELLATION OF PUJA SPECIAL TRAINS

Train No. & Name	Date of cancellation (from the Originating Station)
02422 Jammu Tawi-Ajmer Express	21.10.2020
02421 Ajmer-Jammu Tawi Express	22.10.2020
02231 Lucknow - Chandigarh Express	21.10.2020
02232 Chandigarh - Lucknow Express	22.10.2020
04888 Barmer - Rishikesh Express	21.10.2020
04887 Rishikesh - Barmer Express	22.10.2020
04519/04520 Delhi Jn. - Bathinda - Delhi Jn. Express	21.10.2020 & 22.10.2020
02471/02472 Shri Ganganagar - Delhi Jn. - Shri Ganganagar Express	21.10.2020 & 22.10.2020
04624 Amritsar - Saharsa Express	21.10.2020
04623 Saharsa - Amritsar Express	22.10.2020
09613 Ajmer - Amritsar Express	21.10.2020
09614 Amritsar - Ajmer Express	23.10.2020

### 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 Mumbai Central-Amritsar Golden Temple Mail	at Ambala Cantt.	Ambala Cantt.- Amritsar	19.10.2020
02904 Amritsar-Mumbai Central Golden Temple Mail	from Ambala Cantt.	Amritsar- Ambala Cantt.	21.10.2020
02925 Bandra Terminus-Amritsar Special Express	at Ambala Cantt.	Ambala Cantt.- Amritsar	20.10.2020
02926 Amritsar-Bandra Terminus Special Exp.	from Ambala Cantt.	Amritsar-Ambala Cantt.	22.10.2020
02715 Nanded-Amritsar Sachkhand Express	at New Delhi	New Delhi-Amritsar	20.10.2020
02716 Amritsar-Nanded Sachkhand Express	from New Delhi	Amritsar- New Delhi	22.10.2020
03307 Dhanbad-Firozpur Spl.	at Ambala Cantt.	Ambala Cantt.-Firozpur	19.10.2020
03308 Firozpur-Dhanbad Spl.	from Ambala Cantt.	Firozpur-Ambala Cantt.	21.10.2020
04649 Jaynagar-Amritsar Saryu Yamuna Express	at Ambala Cantt.	Ambala Cantt.- Amritsar	20.10.2020
04650 Amritsar-Jaynagar Saryu Yamuna Express	from Ambala Cantt.	Amritsar- Ambala Cantt.	21.10.2020
04673 Jaynagar-Amritsar Shaheed Express	at Ambala Cantt.	Ambala Cantt.- Amritsar	21.10.2020
04674 Amritsar-Jaynagar Shaheed Express	from Ambala Cantt.	Amritsar- Ambala Cantt.	22.10.2020
02057 New Delhi - Una Himachal Janshatabd	at Ambala Cantt.	Ambala Cantt. - Una Himachal	21.10.2020
02058 Una Himachal - New Delhi Janshatabd	from Ambala Cantt.	Una Himachal - Ambala Cantt.	22.10.2020
02237 Varanasi-Jammu Tawi Puja Special	at Saharanpur	Saharanpur-Jammu Tawi	21.10.2020
02238 Jammu Tawi-Varanasi Puja Special	from Saharanpur	Jammu Tawi- Saharanpur	22.10.2020
08215 Durg - Jammu Tawi Express	at New Delhi	New Delhi - Jammu Tawi	21.10.2020
08216 Jammu Tawi - Durg Express	from New Delhi	Jammu Tawi - New Delhi	23.10.2020
02331 Howrah - Jammu Tawi Express	at Lucknow	Lucknow - Jammu Tawi	20.10.2020
02332 Jammu Tawi - Howrah Express	from Lucknow	Jammu Tawi - Lucknow	22.10.2020

### PARTIAL CANCELLATION OF PARCEL EXPRESS TRAINS

00901 Bandra Terminus-Jammu Tawi	at Ambala Cantt.	Ambala Cantt. - Jammu Tawi	20.10.2020
00902 Jammu Tawi - Bandra Terminus	From Ambala Cantt.	Jammu Tawi - Ambala Cantt.	22.10.2020

### RESCHEDULING OF PARCEL EXPRESS TRAIN

• Train No. 00932 Chandigarh- Dewas parcel cargo express to run after 23.10.2020

### DIVERSION OF SPECIAL TRAINS

Train No. & Name	Diverted Via	Date (from the Originating Station)
05909 Dibrugarh-Lalgurh Spl.	Rohtak-Bhiwani-Hisar-Hanumangarh	19.10.2020
05910 Lalgurh-Dibrugarh Spl.	Hanumangarh-Hisar-Bhiwani-Rohtak	21.10.2020

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# 2 more held in HRTC paper leak case

BHUANU P LOHUMI

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, OCTOBER 20

Two more persons were arrested in the HRTC conductor exam paper leak case. A probe into the case revealed that the question paper was leaked by a candidate from the HNET examination centre in Shahpur (Kangra). Candidate Manoj Kumar took the mobile phone inside, clicked a photograph of the question paper and made it viral.

A case under Section 420 of the IPC and Section 7 of the malpractices Act was registered and Manoj Kumar of Jawali in Kangra district has been arrested. Over 60,000 candidates, vying for 568 posts of conductor, had appeared for the examination in 304 centres.

Meanwhile, the Shimla police have arrested Sunny

SIT to probe gang involvement



Sharma, brother of accused Lucky (already in police custody), from Rohru, who had also clicked the photograph of the paper during examination at APG Shimla University on Sunday and sent it to his brother.

Preliminary investigations pointed out that Lucky had clicked the photograph for cheating and sent it to his brother. SP Shimla Mohit Chawla said the cellphone of the accused had been sent for forensic examination.

Lucky, who was probably waiting for the answer, was found sitting idle by the invigilator, following which a mobile with photograph of the question paper was recovered from him and the matter was reported to the police.

DGP Sanjay Kundu has constituted a Special Investigation Team (SIT), headed by DIG (Crime) Bimal Gupta, to ascertain the involve-

ment of any organised gang or group as incidents of leak were reported from more than one place.

SIT will also probe any irregularity in the conduct of examination as the candidates managed to take mobile phones inside the examination centres. SIT comprises SP, Kangra, Vimukt Ranjan, SP, Shimla, Mohit Chawla, SP, Cyber Crime, Shimla, Sandeep Dhawal, SP (Intelligence) Sandeep Bhardwaj, ASP, Solan, Ashok Kumar, DSP, Hamirpur, Renu Kumari and DSP, headquarters (Mandi), Karan Singh Guleria as its members.

## Admn reshuffle

SHIMLA, OCTOBER 20

The state government has ordered the transfer of 21 IAS officers, including DCs of seven districts, late last night ahead of the panchayat elections due later this year.

DCs of Kangra, Mandi, Solan, Sirmaur and Kullu have not been shifted.

Aditya Negi, Member Secretary, HP Pollution Control Board, has been appointed DC, Shimla, replacing Amit Kashyap who has been posted as Labour Commissioner cum-Director Employment. Rajeshwar Goel, DC, Bilaspur, has been posted as MD, HPMC, replacing Debasweta Banik, who has been posted as DC, Hamirpur. Rohit Jamwal, Director, Town and Country Planning, has been posted as DC, Bilaspur. Duni Chand Rana, Director, Environment, Science and Technology, has been posted as DC, Chamba, replacing Vivek Bhatia who has been posted as MD, HP Civil Services Corporation. Raghav Sharma, MD, HP Backward Classes Finance Development Corporation,

### NEW DCs

Shimla	Aditya Negi
Hamirpur	Debasweta Banik
Bilaspur	Rohit Jamwal





Children use a rope to maintain distancing in Bellusco, Italy. AP

## Singapore develops breath test for Covid

SINGAPORE, OCTOBER 20  
Researchers in Singapore have developed a breath test to detect Covid-19 within a minute. The authorities are working on a roadmap for the third phase of easing of safety measures in the country.

A person would have to blow into a disposable mouthpiece connected to a "high-precision breath sampler", according to the National University of Singapore researchers. The test, which detects Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) in a person's breath, achieved more than 90 per cent accuracy in a clinical trial involving 180 patients.

The exhaled breath is then



collected and fed into a mass spectrometer for measurement. A machine learning software subsequently analyses the VOC profile and generates the result in less than a minute. —PTI

## Maryam booked for anti-govt rally

LAHORE, OCTOBER 20  
Former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's daughter and Opposition Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) chief and Opposition Leader in the National Assembly Shehbaz Sharif was sent to jail on Tuesday in a money laundering case. Shehbaz, the younger

brother of three-time former PM Nawaz Sharif, was arrested by the National Accountability Bureau on September 28 after a court rejected his bail application in the ₹700 crore money laundering case. PTI

Khan a "coward and puppet" who hides behind the Army. The rally by the 11-member opposition alliance Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) was held on October 16



before the Gujranwala public meeting. Maryam openly called Prime Minister Khan a "coward and puppet" at the rally, saying he hid behind the Army to cover up his halaaiki' (bad governance). —PTI

# Lawsuit challenges Trump admin's new H-1B visa rules

WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 20  
Several individuals and organisations, including the US Chambers of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers, have filed a lawsuit against the Trump administration's recent rules related to the H-1B visa, terming them "arbitrary" and "haphazard" regulations that will undermine high-skilled immigration into America.

Early this month, the Trump administration announced new restrictions on the H-1B non-immigrant visa programme, which it said was aimed at protecting American workers, restoring integrity and better guarantee that H-1B petitions were approved only for qualified beneficiaries and petitioners, a move which is likely to affect thousands of Indian IT professionals.

The interim final rule announced by the Department of Homeland Security will limit the definition of "specialty occupation". It will also require companies to make "real" offers to "real employees" by plugging the loopholes and

**STEP TO HIT INDIAN IT PROFESSIONALS**

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### WILL IMPACT VACCINE DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS

We need highly skilled innovators. The administration's attempt to rush these rules forward without considering their impact on people on the frontline of developing vaccines can have devastating consequences. Linda Kelly, NAM SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT

preventing the displacement of the American workers. Finally, the new rules will enhance the department's ability to enforce compliance through worksite inspections and monitor compliance before, during and after an H-1B petition is approved.

The lawsuit filed by the US Chambers of Commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) and several other organisations in Columbia on Monday alleges that "harmful and haphazard rules on H-1B visas", if left in place, would affect hundreds of thousands of American-based workers and disrupt manufacturers' ability to hire and retain critical high-skilled talent.

"The rules being implemented by the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Labor undermine high-skilled immigration in the US and a company's ability to retain and recruit the very best talent," said US Chamber CEO Thomas J Donohue.

If these rules were allowed

to stand, they would devastate companies across various industries, he said.

"We need highly skilled innovators now more than ever, and the administration's attempt to rush these rules forward without properly considering their impact on thousands of people on the frontline of developing vaccines and treatments, making critical supplies, and saving lives in our hospitals could have devastating consequences at this critical moment in our history," said NAM senior vice-president and general counsel Linda Kelly.

Rewriting laws through a "dark-of-night-style" rule-making leads to dangerous policy outcomes, and this pair of interim final rules is an illegal attempt to dismantle legal immigration by rendering the H-1B visa programme unworkable for hundreds of thousands of American-based workers who are essential to the recovery and renewal of the industry and the economy, Kelly said. —PTI

ERS IN THE FRAY ARE EXPECTED TO GET 24 PER CENT OF VOTE SHARE.

In terms of seat projection, the poll suggests the NDA may get 133 to 143 seats in an Assembly of 243 whereas the Mahagathbandhan may end up securing 88 to 98 seats. The LJP has been projected to get between two and six seats while others may end up getting six to 10 seats.

The LJP, which is going solo, with around 6 per cent of vote share, appears to be helping the NDA win more seats by cutting the anti-incumbency votes. The othe

rs in the fray are expected to get 24 per cent of vote share.

In contrast, the grand alliance would witness an increase of 3.5 per cent in its vote share, the survey predicts.

The NDA edge in Bihar

was shot dead this morning, an Army official said. An AK rifle and a pistol were among the arms and ammunition seized from the encounter site.

In the Harkipura area of Pulwama district, three militants were killed and weapons seized from the encounter site. —PTI

**4 militants killed in J&K**

following a tipoff about militants' presence.

The search operation turned into an encounter after the militants opened fire on security personnel.

One militant was killed in the initial exchange of fire between the two sides last evening, while another one

was shot dead this morning, an Army official said. An AK rifle and a pistol were among the arms and ammunition seized from the encounter site.

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## BUSINESS

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### BRIEFLY



A food delivery robot, created by Starship Technologies and part of the University of Wisconsin Housing Dining & Culinary Services' food delivery programme, is seen on the university campus on Monday. The robot has a four-mile delivery radius and can carry up to 20 pounds of food. REUTERS

### HUL Q2 net profit up 8.6% at ₹1,974 crore

New Delhi: FMCG major Hindustan Unilever on Tuesday reported an 8.58% increase in consolidated net profit to Rs 1,974 crore for the quarter ended September 30. Its sales during the quarter under review stood at Rs 11,510 crore, up 15.89% compared to Rs 9,931 crore in the corresponding period a year ago, Hindustan Unilever Ltd (HUL) said in a regulatory filing. PTI

### NHPC okays merger of Teesta VI hydro project

New Delhi: NHPC Board on Tuesday approved a proposal to start merger of Lanco Teesta Hydro Power Ltd into the company. The NHPC had bagged the 500 MW Teesta VI hydro power project under corporate insolvency resolution process. Lanco Teesta Hydro Power Ltd was executing the 500 MW (125 MWx 4) Teesta VI hydro project on Teesta river in Sikkim. PTI

### Maruti unveils subscription model in Pune, H'bad

New Delhi: Maruti Suzuki India on Tuesday launched vehicle subscription programme for individual customers in Hyderabad and Pune in partnership with ORIX Auto Infrastructure Services. Under this initiative, a customer can use a brand new car without actually owning it by paying an all-inclusive monthly fee that covers maintenance and insurance for the complete tenure. PTI

### Vedanta under Moody's review for downgrade

New Delhi: Moody's on Tuesday placed Vedanta Resources Limited's rating under review for downgrade following its failed attempt to delist Indian listed subsidiary. Moody's placed the London-based firm's B1 corporate family rating under review for downgrade. PTI

### Mrs Bectors Food files papers for ₹550-cr IPO

New Delhi: Biscuit maker Mrs Bectors Food Specialities has filed draft papers with markets regulator SEBI to raise Rs 550 crore through an IPO. The IPO comprises fresh issuance of shares worth Rs 50 crore and offer of sale to the tune of Rs 500 crore by existing shareholders. PTI

## Plans afoot to sweeten bid for Air India's privatisation move

Govt working on giving flexibility to potential investors on debt

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 20

In a bid to resurrect Air India privatisation, the government is planning to give flexibility to potential investors to decide on the humongous debt with the national carrier, a top official has said.

The flexibility to potential investors on the quantum of the Rs 60,074-crore debt that they want to absorb will replace the current condition of the buyer taking over more than a third of the debt and transferring the rest to a special purpose vehicle, Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) Secretary Tuhin Kanta Pandey said.

The potential investors in Air India have given feedback that due to the uncertainty created by Covid in the aviation sector the debt should not be fixed at the Expression of Interest (EoI) stage, he added.

As per the Air India EoI floated by DIPAM in January,

### DEBT STANDS AT ₹60,074 CR AS OF MARCH '19

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India's 100% shareholding in AI Express Ltd and 50% in Air India SATS Airport Services Private Ltd.

"On Air India, we would try and sort out the investor issues with respect to debt... We will see whether we can give flexibility at least at the EoI stage and let the debt be determined through the market rather than freezing it upfront. This is what we are examining," Pandey said.

He said a decision on this would be taken soon by Air India Specific Alternative Mechanism (AISAM) and if there is a change in the Preliminary Information Memorandum (PIM), the potential investors would be given time to raise queries.

The AISAM would take a final call on whether bidding for Air India will take place based on equity value or enterprise value, he added. —PTI

India Assets Holding Ltd (AIAHL), a special purpose vehicle. The government is seeking to sell 100% of its stake in the state-owned national airline, including Air

have asked the industry to transport consignments to their respective facilities via road network.

According to estimates, almost 27-28 rakes of various steel producers meant for Punjab's industry are stuck at various locations due to the farmers' agitation. Each rake has a capacity of carrying 3,000 tonnes of steel and consists of around 50 wagons, with each wagon carrying 60 tonnes of steel.

"Due to ongoing agitation by the farmers, rakes dislodges in Punjab and Chandigarh have been disrupted in October. It is understood that almost 27 to 28 rakes of various steel producers are in the pipeline. Therefore, in order to serve customers under the prevailing conditions, it is planned to dispatch rakes load of steel materials to Ballabgarh,"

## SpiceJet launches four int'l, 58 domestic flights

MUMBAI, OCTOBER 20

Budget carrier SpiceJet on Tuesday announced the launch of 62 new flights, including four international services to Muscat from Delhi and Ahmedabad and back, starting Thursday under the air bubble agreement with Oman.

The 58 domestic flights include services on Delhi-Kandla-Delhi sector, Ahmedabad-Goa-Ahmedabad, Goa-Hyderabad-Goa, Mumbai-Guwahati-Mumbai, Ahmedabad-Kolkata-Ahmedabad, Delhi-Durgapur-Delhi-Hyderabad-Mumbai, Kochi-Kolkata-Kochi, Pune-Chennai-Pune, Madurai-Delhi-Madurai and Mangalore-Delhi-Mangalore

sectors, SpiceJet said.

All these new services will be operated with a mix of its Boeing 737 and Bombardier Q400 aircraft on all these routes, it said. "As we are slowly returning back to normalcy and there is a continued improvement in demand, we are delighted to launch 62 new flights on our domestic and international network which will provide our customers with multiple travel options," said Shilpa Bhattacharya, chief commercial officer, SpiceJet. —PTI

## Amid farm unrest, steel cos to unload wagons at Ballabgarh

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Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 20

As the industry in Punjab and Chandigarh is grappling with shortage of primary steel due to prolonged farmers' unrest and railway obstructions, steel companies have decided to dispatch rakes load of steel to Ballabgarh railway station in Faridabad instead of Punjab. The companies



### STUMBLING BLOCK

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Industrialists also complained that it's not a viable proposition for small manufacturers whose requirement is 10-20 tonnes.

# No rift with family, Gopichand, says Sindhu

Says she left Hyderabad camp to specialised regimen in London



PV Sindhu with sports nutritionist Rebecca Randell.

PHOTO:SINDHU/INSTAGRAM

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 20

Badminton world champion PV Sindhu has clarified that she has left the national camp in Hyderabad and landed in London with the consent of her family and coaches. Sindhu said she is in London to work on her nutrition and recovery needs, denying reports of her falling out with her family or coaches. However, her father has spoken about her dissatisfaction with the national camp in Hyderabad.

The 2016 Olympic silver-medallist has been in London for the last 10 days and posted a picture with sports nutritionist Rebecca Randall of the Gatorade Sports Science Institute (GSSI), her training base, on social media on Monday.

A news report today

claimed that Sindhu left the country "due to tensions in her family". "I came to London a few days back to work on my nutrition and recovery needs with GSSI. In fact I have come here with the consent of my parents and absolutely they (sic) were no family rifts in this regard," Sindhu wrote on Twitter today, adding: "Why will I have problems/issues with my parents who have sacrificed their lives for my sake? Mine is a very close knitted family and they will always support me. I am in touch with my family members everyday."

Sindhu is preparing for the Asian leg of the Badminton World Federation (BWF) calendar, scheduled in January next year. She said being in

London gives her a chance to prepare for it.

#### Problems?

Her father PV Ramana, however, said that her move was a result of training "not happening properly at the camp in Hyderabad", and that she was not happy with training at the national camp.

"Her practice was not happening properly here. After the 2018 Asian Games, Gopi (chief coach Pullela Gopichand) didn't take interest in her training. He didn't provide a proper practice partner to train with her," he said. "She was not having enough quality practice and was fed up with the treatment."

Gopichand refused to respond to Ramana's remarks. "I don't want to respond to what her father

has to say, if Sindhu says something, I will respond," he said.

Sindhu has been part of the national camp for Olympics hopefuls and has been training with her Korean coach, Park Tae Sang, ever since Kim Ji Hyun resigned last year.

Sindhu said there were no problems between her Gopichand. "Also I do not have any issues with my coach Mr Gopichand or the training facilities at the academy," Sindhu wrote.

Ramana said Sindhu had informed the Badminton Association of India (BAI) regarding her trip to London and had also kept Gopichand in the loop. He also said Sindhu would still be practising with the England team. — PTI

# Skeet coach Falco resigns but keeps hope

VINAYAK PADMADEO  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 20

Italy's Ennio Falco, the shooting coach attached with the Indian skeet team, has resigned from his post.

Wants selection veto; NRAI, SAI won't allow this

 I have been in contact with NRAI and SAI and wanted a few things. I wanted to choose one shooter for the team, which is very difficult to get in the Indian system. We are still talking, let's see how it goes. — Ennio Falco

skeet, including gold at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, has a few coaching offers, including one from a Middle East country, but he is still hopeful of continuing in India.

"I have a great offer from a country which is willing to agree to my system. I have one week to respond to their offer but I am hoping that some good news comes from India soon... And if it does, I will surely return," the skeet legend said.

#### 'Grateful for India'

Falco said that he was grateful for his time in India. "I am so grateful for my time so far in India. I can't make you understand how important India is to my life," he said. "Everyone, including SAI and Raninder (NRAI president), accepted me and I was never troubled. So, if my time is to get over now, I will cherish my time here and would like to believe that I did something good in terms of development of skeet shooting in India. Three (Olympics) quota places in six years is a good result for me."

## IPL STANDINGS

Team	P	W	L	Pts
Delhi	9	7	2	14
Mumbai	9	6	3	12
Bangalore	9	6	3	12
Kolkata	9	5	4	10
Rajasthan	10	4	6	8
Hyderabad	9	3	6	6
Punjab	9	3	6	6
Chennai	10	3	7	6

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

Stephen Fleming, adding that the mood in the camp was "pretty down".

#### Buttler can win games like ABD, Pollard: Smith

Jos Buttler is second to none when it comes to winning games at the back-end, said Rajasthan Royals skipper Steve Smith, likening the English batsman to the likes of AB de Villiers and Kieron Pollard.

After Royals restricted Chennai Super Kings to 125/5, Buttler came up with an unbeaten 70-run knock off just 48 balls to lead his side to a comfortable win.

"He is second to none. We are lucky to have him. He has got so much versatility in his batting," Smith said in the post-match press conference.

Buttler is a top-order batsman but Smith sent him at No. 5 against CSK. The Australian said it was imperative for "balance". "It's an interesting one. Jos is an unbelievable player at the top. He has the ability to do things that ABD and Pollard and (Hardik) Pandya do. Those players win you games at back-end," Smith said.

"This conversation is difficult (to drop him in batting order) but it provides stability in the middle," he added. — Agencies

# Zimbabwe's Indian coach Rajput opts out of Pakistan tour

HARARE, OCTOBER 20

Zimbabwe bowling coach Douglas Hondo will lead the side during their six-match limited-overs tour of Pakistan after head coach Lalchand Rajput opted not to travel with the squad.

Zimbabwe Cricket (ZC) said in a statement they had been contacted by the Embassy of India in Harare, requesting that Rajput be exempted from the tour "in accordance with the travel guidelines stipulated by the Government of India for its citizens". ZC also confirmed

that Rajput had received a visa from the Embassy of Pakistan, refuting various reports that suggested he had been denied.

Zimbabwe will play three ODIs in Rawalpindi, starting on October 30, before travelling to Lahore for the three T20 Internationals.

The 58-year-old Rajput, who played two Tests and four ODIs for India, was appointed as Zimbabwe's coach in August 2018, after the team's failure to qualify for the 2019 World Cup. — Agencies

## BRIEFLY

KOLKATA

Ahmedabad to host pink-ball Test vs England: Ganguly

Ahmedabad will host the Day/Night pink-ball Test during England's tour of India early next year, BCCI president Sourav Ganguly said today. England are slated to visit India from January to March for five Tests and a limited-overs series.

NEW DELHI

Delhi HC allows Anwar to play until AIFF's final decision

In a huge relief for India U-17 World Cup footballer Anwar Ali, who has a congenital heart condition, the Delhi High Court today allowed him to carry on playing until the national federation arrives at a final decision. The court overruled the All India Football Federation (AIFF) Medical Committee's recommendation to bar the 20-year-old from playing competitive football. Ali's counsel Amitabh Tewari told PTI that the High Court ruled in favour of the footballer who had challenged the AIFF's directive to Mohammedan Sporting not to allow him train with the Kolkata club.

NEW YORK

World Challenge golf cancelled due to Covid-19

The Tiger Woods-hosted Hero World Challenge golf tournament has been cancelled due to travel restrictions imposed amid the Covid-19 pandemic. The 18-player event was scheduled to take place from December 3 to 6 at Albany, Bahamas.

COLOGNE

Johnson beats Cilic in first round; Nishioka also wins

Steve Johnson upset former US Open champion Marin Cilic to reach the second round of the Cologne Championships. Johnson won 7-6(3) 6-4. Eighth seed Adrian Mannarino won against lucky loser Alexei Popyrin 6-2 6-2 in their first-round match. Yoshihito Nishioka reached the second round after beating Kyle Edmund 6-4 6-0.

LONDON

UEFA prize money to be cut for five years due to Covid

Champions League and Europa League prize money will be cut over the next five seasons as Europe's soccer governing body UEFA grapples with the financial impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, The Times has reported. UEFA has informed its member associations that it lost £514 million following the reduction in both television and sponsorship income after delays in the knockout stages last season, the report said. Last season's forecast had 1.95 billion euros set aside for the 32 teams in the Champions League group stage. AGENCIES

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Delhi Capitals opener Shikhar Dhawan hit 3 sixes and 12 fours in his 61-ball 106 against Kings XI Punjab; BELOW: Chennai Super Kings captain MS Dhoni talks to Rajasthan Royals' Jos Buttler after the match. PTI



change for the remainder of the tournament.

"This season, we were not really there," the 39-year-old Dhoni, who played his 200th match in the IPL on Monday, said during the presentation

following his team's seven-wicket thrashing by Steve Smith's Rajasthan Royals.

"There were a few chances to the youngsters and maybe we didn't see the kind of spark that they could have

given us to say, okay, push (out) the experienced guy and maybe make some space for them," he said. "Today, the result, what it really does is give those guys whatever is left in our league stages, they will get a chance and they will have no real pressure on them. They can go out and express themselves."

Chennai did not have an ideal pre-season when many people from their touring party tested positive for the novel coronavirus upon arriving in the UAE, and experienced players like Suresh Raina and Harbhajan Singh withdrew due to personal reasons.

"It's fair to say looking at the table now that this team may have run out of juice," said Chennai coach

Chennai coach

It added. — Agencies

# Repeat of success difficult: Bayern coach

## UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

BERLIN, OCTOBER 20

Holders Bayern Munich kick off their Champions League defence against Atletico Madrid tomorrow but a repeat of their quintuple-winning year will be extremely difficult this season, coach Hansi Flick said today.

The Bavarians who lifted the European trophy in a delayed finish to the tournament in August due to the Covid-19 pandemic, also won the domestic double as well as the domestic and European Super Cup.

"It is a different team from last season and every team has its strengths and weaknesses," Flick said.

"As for now, I am fairly satisfied. We have had only one week of training with everyone together, but there is more depth in our squad now. What will be very important is not to have any injuries. You saw that at Liverpool now with Virgil van Dijk."

The key Liverpool defender has been ruled out for months and will need surgery on damaged ligaments sustained in Saturday's Merseyside derby draw against Everton.

Apart from Sane who has been out for a couple of weeks, Flick will have a full

squad to choose from, including midfielder Joshua Kimmich who missed their 4-1 league win at Arminia Bielefeld on Saturday due to the birth of his second child, but was back in training today.

"It will be a game that will be on equal terms because Atletico are a side that reflect on the pitch what their coach Diego Simeone stands for and that is passion," Flick said.

"I look forward to the game and the coach who has been doing outstanding work there for the past nine years."

#### Madrid likely without injured Ramos

Madrid: Real Madrid captain Sergio Ramos looks set to be sidelined for their opening Champions League match against a Shakhtar Donetsk squad depleted by the injury in three years.

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LEEDS, OCTOBER 20

After a feast of goals came a relative famine in the English Premier League. Just one across two games — and that being a fortunate deflected effort to earn Wolves a win at Leeds — ended the goal rush that had made the most-watched league in the world even more compelling viewing over the first five rounds.

After West Bromwich Albion and Burnley fought to the first goalless draw of the top-flight in its 47th match, Wolves edged to victory at Elland Road thanks to Raul Jimenez's second-half shot from the edge of the penalty area that ricocheted in off the bowed head of Leeds midfielder Kalvin Phillips in the 70th minute.

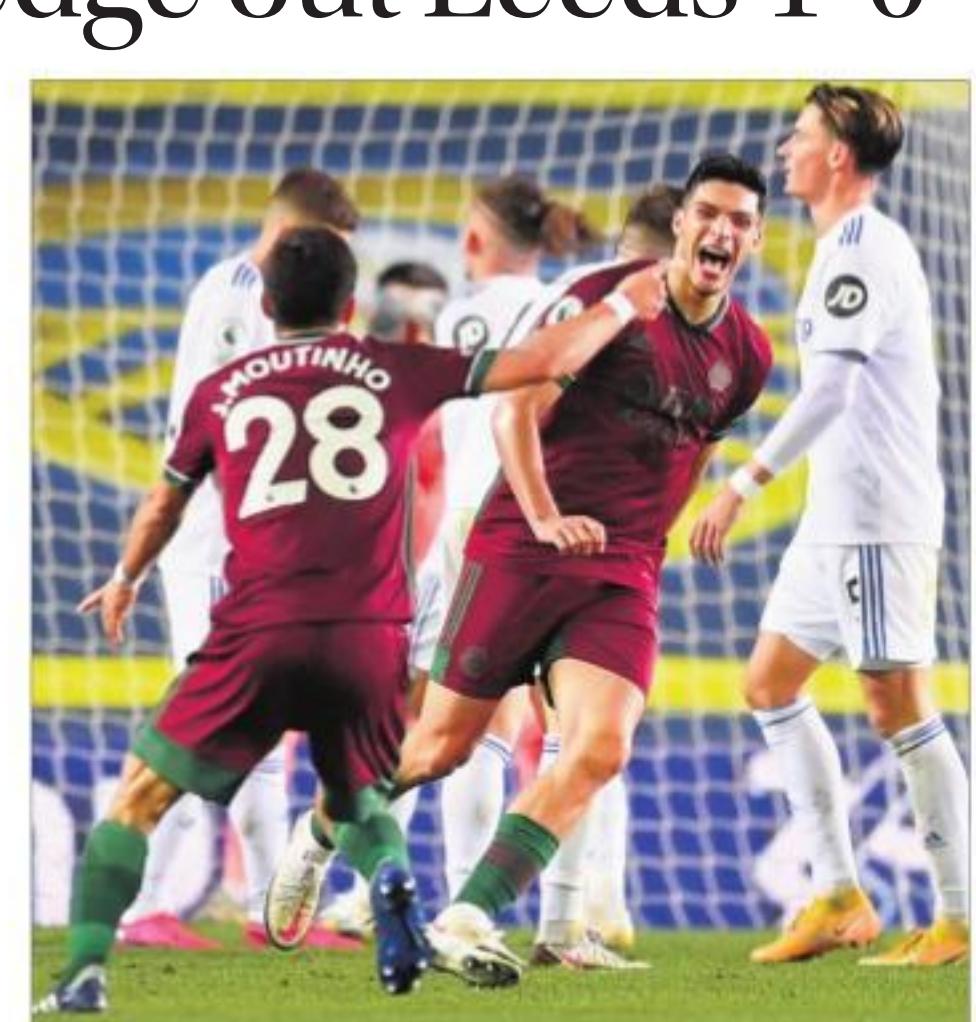
Before Monday, there had been 171 goals in 46 matches for a rate of scoring never previously seen

at the start of a season in the Premier League era (since 1992).

Leeds missed the chance to go third in the standings

— instead, Wolves climbed above their beaten opponents and into sixth place — after fading following a bright start. — AP

# Wolves edge out Leeds 1-0



Wolverhampton Wanderers' Raul Jimenez celebrates with Joao Moutinho after scoring against Leeds United. REUTERS

