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Yogi slaps sedition FIR on 'unknown' protesters

HATHRAS Proof 'destroyed', Cong seeks court probe

Tribune News Service

HATHRAS/NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5 Hours after CM Yogi Adityanath remarked that those averse to UP's development were out to ignite riots using the Hathras tragedy, the state police registered an FIR against unknown people for a range of charges, including sedition, incitement of caste and communal violence and disturbance of peace. Eighteen more cases were also filed across the state.

The FIR at the Chandpa police station in Hathras listed 19 sections and also invoked the Information Technology Act of 2000 to crack down on a website called "Justice for Hathras" which, cops alleged, was created to destabilise the state government by provoking riots.

The state police said the website was wrapped up overnight after raids by agencies but its "inflammatory material" was still in circulation on social media. The police suggested links "between anti-CAA protests and the Hathras plot", not ruling out the role of the Popular Front of India in the matter.

The development came as the Congress demanded a



Police personnel stop Congress workers in Gurugram. PTI

'LINK TO CAA STIR HINTED AT'

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- Link 'between anti-CAA protests and Hathras plot' suggested; role of Popular Front of India not ruled out

19 CASES FILED ACROSS UP: 500 CONG WORKERS BOOKED EXPLAIN PRIYANKA MANHANDLING: NCW TO POLICE PETITION IN SC WANTS HATHRAS POLICE ROLE PROBED 10,000 CIVIL SOCIETY MEMBERS DEMAND ACTION UN COMMENT ON 'GENDER VIOLENCE' UNWARRANTED: MEA

judicial probe into the tragedy, saying the CBI and the SIT would be of no help because the evidence stood

"destroyed". AICC general secretary (UP) Priyanka Vadra

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Rahul Gandhi addresses a gathering at a rally in Sangrur on Monday.

Rahul: Modi govt will finish farmers, labourers

PARVESH SHARMA

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SANGRUR, OCTOBER 5 Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and Punjab CM Capt Amarinder Singh today interacted with farmers and addressed rallies in Sangrur, Bhawanigarh and Samana on the second leg of the party's Kheti Bachao Yatra. Navjot Sidhu did not attend any of these rallies.

Terming the Centre's farm laws as an "attack on India's soul", Rahul Gandhi alleged that all of Modi government's policies were "made for their three or four select friends" and that the PM would "finish" farmers and labourers

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Minor given HIV-infected blood

SUKHMEET BHASIN

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BATHINDA, OCTOBER 5 In a serious lapse, a 7-year-old thalassaemic patient was given blood of an HIV-positive person at the Bhai Mani Singh Civil Hospital here. The blood bank at the hospital issued the units after taking it from a donor and not carrying out the mandatory checks.

What more, just five months back a similar case of gross negligence was reported from the same hospital and involving the same donor. On May 5, a woman patient received blood through an NGO at the

blood bank, which issued it without checking it.

To probe the negligence of the blood bank, a three-member probe committee comprising Senior Medical Officer (SMO) Dr Maninderpal Singh, Dr Gurmail Singh and Dr Seema Gupta has been constituted.

The SMO, Dr Maninderpal Singh, said, "We will take action after getting the probe committee report in a day or so." The Civil Surgeon, Dr Amrik Singh Sandhu, meanwhile, said the minor patient was being given the required treatment.

who turned out to be HIV-positive. The donor donated blood through an NGO at the

Well positioned to deal with China: IAF Chief

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5

The Indian Air Force (IAF) is well positioned to take on China in Ladakh, said IAF Chief Air Marshal RKS Bhadauria.

Addressing a press conference on Monday ahead of the Air Force Day on October 8, the IAF Chief said: "There is no question that China can get the better of us in case of any conflict."

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RKS Bhadauria, IAF CHIEF



He said: "We are not underestimating the adversary. They have made huge investment in military tech-

nology. Their strength lies in surface-to-air system and long range missile system."

Asked if the military was surprised by China's move in Ladakh, he said: "We acted swiftly and it would not be correct to say that we were surprised. We do hope the talks between the military commanders will progress."

On possible use of Pakistani air bases by China, the IAF Chief said it would mean a collusive threat and "we

will tackle it". "We are aware they are cooperating closely. There is a significant threat, but so far there is no such indication that they are deployed for a two-front war," he said.

On the delivery schedule of Rafale jets, he said five planes were expected beginning November. "Next year, the first squadron will be ready and by 2023, both squadrons (36 planes) will be ready and inducted," he said.

Two CRPF men killed in J&K

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5

Two CRPF men were killed and three injured after terrorists opened fire on a road-opening party of the force at Kandijhal Bridge in Pampore, Pulwama. The injured are under treatment at a Srinagar-based Army hospital.



Professor Charles M Rice



Harvey Alter Michael Houghton

3 get Nobel Prize for Hep-C virus discovery

STOCKHOLM, OCTOBER 5

Americans Harvey J Alter and Charles M Rice and British-born scientist Michael Houghton won the Nobel Prize for medicine on Monday for their discovery of Hepatitis-C virus. INSIDE

"Terrorists attacked security personnel near the Kandijhal area. Five of them were injured. The area was cordoned off and a search operation launched," a CRPF official said.

The incident took place around 12.30 pm while CRPF and Jammu and Kashmir Police personnel were carrying out road-opening duty at Kandijhal Bridge. INSIDE

23 of Super-100 on JEE merit list

CHANDIGARH: In a major success for the Haryana Government's Super-100 programme, 23 students cracked the JEE Advanced on Monday. At least 17 of them belong to underprivileged sections. The government had rolled out the programme in 2018. "It's a dream come true for these students. We conduct an entrance test for enrolment and train students in Rewari and Panchkula," said Mahavir Singh, Additional Chief Secretary. INSIDE

HC notice to HP over Covid spike

SHIMLA: Expressing concern over the sudden rise in Covid cases in Shimla after the lifting of curbs, the Himachal Pradesh High Court has issued notices to the Union Health Secretary and the state Chief Secretary. The court took suo motu notice of a news item published in *The Tribune* on September 30. It was reported that 73 per cent of the cases were reported in the last 23 days. INSIDE

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Capt endorses Rahul as PM face

Citing Guru Nanak, Cong ex-president exhorts farmers to follow path of truth

AMAN SOOD
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SAMANA, OCTOBER 5
On the last leg of Day 2 of Congress' "Kheti Bachao Yatra", Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh today reposed faith in Rahul Gandhi becoming the next Prime Minister.

At a farmers' rally in Samana, the Chief Minister said the controversial farm laws would be "scrapped by the Congress government once Rahul Gandhi becomes the Prime Minister as he understands the issues faced by farmers". The Congress won't let the minimum support price die down as it was essential for the sustenance of farmers, he asserted.

Gandhi, in his second address of the day, said the new laws were brought in by the Modi government "believing none of these communities affected will hit the roads fearing Covid-19". "However I assure the Modi government farmers are already on roads and agitating. The whole idea to mislead the nation on farm Acts has failed," he said.

Quoting Guru Nanak Dev, who had said 'one cannot hide from truth', the former Congress president said: "If we do not face the truth today, we will suffer." He exhorted people, particularly farmers, to follow the path of truth



'RAHUL FOR PM? AGRI ACTS MAY NEVER BE REPEALED'

The statement that Punjabis will now have to wait for Rahul Gandhi to become PM to repeal the Acts is unacceptable as everyone knows this might never happen. Sukhbir Singh Badal, SAD PRESIDENT

shown by the Guru. He said people who didn't believe in him now, would likely "repent later". "In two to three years, they will face the reality as to how the BJP is out to finish the lower middle class and farming community," he said. Calling Punjab farmers the back-

bone of the nation, he said: "Punjab took up farming to feed the nation. Neither Modi nor any party could take that away from the state that has fed the nation ever since Green Revolution," he said.

Referring to India's standoff with China, Gandhi said: "Even China is trying to take advan-

tage of this (pandemic) and occupying Indian land while our Prime Minister continues to lie. China had realised that Modi had weakened India, and had taken advantage of this to take control of 1,200 square km of our land."

He said the PM had broken the backbone of the country

SIDHU STAYS AWAY

- Former Cabinet minister Navjot Singh Sidhu stayed away from Congress' rally on Day 2. Sidhu had attended Rahul Gandhi's Moga rally on Sunday and later his tractor rally
- Having been cold-shouldered at the event, he chose not to participate in the events on Monday, despite the fact that Rahul was camping in Patiala for the night, say sources

ACCEDE TO AMRITSAR MLA'S DEMAND: SAD

The SAD on Monday asked Congress former president Rahul Gandhi to commit that the Congress government would take complete responsibility of its farmers by acceding to former minister Navjot Singh Sidhu's demand of procuring foodgrain at the minimum support price (MSP)



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi with Cabinet minister Vijay Inder Singhla at a rally in Sangrur on Monday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Govt machinery busy with Rahul, crime rate up: AAP
Chandigarh: Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) state general secretary Harchand Singh Bursat on Monday alleged that the entire state government machinery, including the police force, was deployed to facilitate Rahul's visit to Punjab, leading to a rise in loot, robbery and murder cases in the state. He termed the tractor rallies political theatrics. TNS

Call special Assembly session, SAD asks Capt

New Delhi: SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal on Monday asked Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh not to sell the interests of Punjabis to corporate houses. He said: "It is better you (CM) call a special session of the state Assembly to repeal the amendments made by you in the APMC Act in 2017 as well as bring in new legislation to make the entire state a single 'mandi'. TNS



Tractor rally leading to blockades, HC told

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 5
The alleged dual policy adopted by the Punjab Government on the issue of holding rallies today came under judicial scanner, with a farmers' body alleging that the state—on one hand—had undertaken to clear "blockages" after following the law laid down by the Supreme Court and instructions issued from time to time. On the other hand, the state government was itself "out to block the roads from October 4 to October 6 for the tractor rally".

The applicant, through counsel Baltej Singh Sidhu, added an urgent situation had arisen in Punjab, where the ruling party was holding a series of tractor roadshows under senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh and Punjab Congress Committee president Sunil Jakhar, resulting in blockades on roads in the state.

Court issues notice of motion to state

Sidhu said the country was already fighting the Covid-19 pandemic and the rally would lead to its spread and also affect emergency services. Sidhu added that appropriate directions were required to be issued to the authorities concerned to take immediate action for preventing illegal blockade of the national and state highways during the three-day tractor rally.

Taking up the application, Justice S Muralidhar and Justice Avneesh Jhangiani issued a notice of motion to the state and other respondents for Tuesday. It will come up with another petition filed by advocate HC Arora, seeking a ban on political rallies involving participation of more than 100 persons, particularly by the ruling political party, in Punjab.

Candlelight vigil



Farmers hold a candlelight vigil to protest the contentious agriculture laws on the outskirts of Amritsar on Monday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Abohar farmers want rickety bridge fixed

OUR CORRESPONDENT

ABOHAL, OCTOBER 5
Days after a bridge near the Malukpura minor sub-canal on the Dhingwanwali-Dalmirkhera link road collapsed, another bridge on

the Panjawa-Maujgarh link road is on the verge of suffering the same fate.

Farmers Kulwant Singh and Gunwant Singh said the Irrigation Department and Punjab Mandi Board officials were informed about

the poor condition of the bridge last month but no response had been received so far. "We have put up red flags to warn commuters but this may not be helpful after sunset," they said.

The farmers said they

were risking their lives while using the dilapidated bridge to transport cotton to the new grain market as there was no alternative route. "If it collapses in the coming days, we will be in trouble," a farmer said.

Parties woo farmers with catchy slogans

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STRIKING A CHORD?

MUKARS, OCTOBER 5
Political parties have coined creative slogans to project themselves as pro-farmers and supporters of the farming community.

For instance, the SAD has given a slogan, "Ikko Naara, Kisan Pyara". Similarly, the ruling Congress' slogan is "Kisan Bachao, Punjab Bachao". Both parties are holding protests and tractor rallies as well. During the recent 'kisan march', SAD workers along with their party flags were seen holding green flags, which represent farmers.

Further, AAP has launched a special campaign "Gram Sabha Bulao, Pind Bachao" wherein party leaders are getting resolutions against the farm legislations passed from the gram sabha of each village.

However, farmers have rejected such moves, terming them political theatrics. Farm bodies have

repeatedly said they wouldn't allow any politician to join them.

"Slogans are coined in every public movement, which play a crucial role in making it successful. During the anti-corruption movement led by social activist Anna Hazare, slogans like 'Anna nahi, yeh aandhi hai, desh ka doosra Gandhi hai', 'Gali gali mein shor hai, desh ke neta chor hain' were coined. These became successful and created a political flutter. Following which, Arvind Kejriwal emerged as a national leader," said Jagmel Singh, an elderly Mukt-sar resident.

Puri's hooligan barb shameful, says SAD

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 5
The SAD today said it was "shameful" that Union Minister Hardeep Puri had insulted protesting farmers and "khet mazdoor" by calling them "hooligans", asking him to apologise to them immediately. Puri later took to Twitter to insist he had called those individuals goons who had burnt a tractor in New Delhi during a farmer's protest.

Senior SAD leader and party MP Balwinder Singh Bhunder said: "It is a sad day that Puri, a Punjabi, has turned against his own sole for his lust of power. Punjabis will never forget this betrayal."

Bhunder said it was condemnable the minister was resorting to lies in his eagerness to please his political masters. "Puri has uttered a lie by saying he was present during the Cabinet meeting on June 3 when the agriculture Bills were discussed in the Cabinet and that Harsimrat Kaur Badal did not express any reservations. The truth is Puri did not



Union Minister Hardeep Puri

Aimed at goons who burnt tractor: Minister

attend the Cabinet meeting on June 3."

He said insulting farmers and their representatives was against the spirit of "Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan" and advised the BJP leader to first understand their pain and then issue statements.

Puri clarified: "Anybody who knows our farmers will know those who till on their land will never burn their tractor. The tractor was not burnt by farmers, it was burnt by Congress goons." — TNS

Workers stage protest over Montek report

BATHINDA, OCTOBER 5
Members of various workers' unions carried out a protest rally near Teachers' Home in Bathinda against the recommendations of the Montek Singh Ahluwalia report to tide over the financial crisis.

Members of the democratic teachers' front (DTF) and contractual workers from different departments carried out a protest march from different parts of the city before burning an effigy near Finance Minister Manpreet Singh Badal's office.

Resham Singh, president of the DTF, said, "The recommendations of the Ahluwalia's report are anti contractual workers, farmers, small traders and labourers, and favours corporate houses. The recommendations, which include change in the pay pattern of the state government employees as per the Central Government pay pattern, pay cuts, increase in the development tax, among many others, will not be tolerated at all." — TNS



Cotton growers suffering due to govt apathy: AAP

BATHINDA, OCTOBER 5
Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLA from Talwandi Sabo Baljinder Kaur today met farmers at a mandi in Bathinda and discussed cotton procurement operations. During her visit, Baljinder Kaur said the farmers of Punjab were forced to sell the crop below the MSP as the Cotton Corporation of India had not yet started procurement. The MSP for cotton had been fixed at Rs 5,515 to Rs 5,725 per quintal, but it was pro-

cured at Rs 4,000 to Rs 4,800 per quintal. At the same time, traders were paying less, citing high moisture content in the crop, she said.

The AAP leader said, "Farmers say this is the reason why they are forced to give preference to traditional crops like wheat and paddy as these are sold at fixed prices due to government procurement. However, the new farm laws of the Modi government will hand over these two crops to private players." — TNS

Traders stock up wheat as price falls to ₹1,600 a quintal

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FARIDKOT, OCTOBER 5
With a surge in wheat delivery through the public distribution system (PDS) among the smart ration card-holders during the lockdown, wheat is selling at Rs 1,600-1,650 per quintal against the minimum support price (MSP) of Rs 1,975, fixed for the 2021-2022 season.

Private traders, particularly millers and cattle feed-makers, are making a brisk purchase of wheat from the market at Rs 1,600 per quintal and keeping the stock for future needs. This might impact the demand of wheat in the next rabi season when the traders will have to pay minimum Rs 1,975 plus market committee fee, Punjab Rural Development fund and commission to arthiyas.

In April this year, wheat was trading at Rs 2,200 per quintal. The current market price of wheat is 15 per cent below the MSP of Rs



Wheat being sold at throwaway prices by ration card-holders

1,925 per quintal offered by procurement agencies to farmers during the 2020-2021 rabi season.

Sources attributed the fall in price mainly to a large number of smart ration card-holders selling the wheat they had received under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana

(PMGKAY) and Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AY) during the past three months.

Other than providing 30-kg wheat at a discounted price of Rs 2 per kg through the PDS, under the PMGKAY, every member of a family having smart card was distributed 15 kg wheat free this time.

Under the AY, every smart card-holder family of four or five members getting 200-225 kg of wheat this time, its major portion was sold in the open market at the price ranging between Rs 1,400-Rs 1,500 per quintal, said sources in the Food and Supply Department.

Wheat was sold in the open market at throwaway prices by the card-holders as many of them were rendered jobless due to the lockdown, said a senior functionary in the department.

21 die; 1,031 new cases

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 5
With 1,031 fresh cases, the Covid tally in the state reached 1,34,909 on Monday. The state reported 21 more deaths, taking the toll to 1,491.

Gurugram reported the maximum of 206 cases, followed by Faridabad (129), Hisar (75), Sirsa (72) and Rewari (63).

Ambala reported five deaths, Jind four, Sonepat, Panipat, Karnal, Yamunanagar and Fatehabad two each and Faridabad and Jhajjar one death each.

COVID-19 CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Gurugram	21,952	178
Faridabad	20,526	226
Sonepat	8,570	46
Ambala	8,211	100
Karnal	7,543	111
Panipat	7,491	91
Hisar	6,789	71
Panchkula	6,264	94
Rohtak	6,225	65
Rewari	6,040	30
Kurukshetra	5,808	92
Yamunanagar	4,470	80
Sirsa	4,051	69
Mahendragarh	3,648	7
Bhiwani	2,929	36
Palwal	2,729	17
Jhajjar	2,653	26
Kaithal	2,551	40
Fatehabad	2,438	44
Jind	2,225	41
Nuh	1,138	23
Charkhi Dadri	658	4
Total	134,909	1,491

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Liquor smuggling on, dept passes the buck

'Irregularities' found during inspection of NV Distillery in Ambala district: Dushyant



SUSHIL MANAV

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 5

Even as smuggling of liquor from Haryana goes unabated, the Excise and Taxation Department seems to be doing little to plug trafficking, which is causing huge loss of revenue to the state.

Instead, the department seems to be passing the buck, with the police claiming to have unearthed most of the cases which have come to the fore in the recent past.

The unearthing of the liquor scam in Haryana started with the recovery of huge stocks in

Sonepat and Panipat during the lockdown.

It became murkier with raids at two godowns in Ambala and the arrest of two persons in Greater Noida who were carrying IMF from Ambala to West Bengal.

Interestingly, liquor made per bottle by NV Distillery, having units in Ambala, Rajpura and some other places, was involved in all these cases.

Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala, in charge of Excise and Taxation, said merely smuggling of liquor did not mean loss of revenue to the state as one had to check whether excise duty had been paid on the liquor being smuggled.

He further said a police Gypsy was stationed outside every distillery and the police must know how liquor, if any, was being dispatched without pay-

NO NOTICE FROM DEPT

“Had there been any irregularity, we would have received a notice. We have not received any notice from the Excise and Taxation Department so far. It has shut one bottling hall unofficially without assigning any reason.” Shiv Kumar Sinha, EXECUTIVE VICE-PREZ (SALES & MARKETING), NV DISTILLERY

ment of excise duty.

When reminded that an official of the Excise and Taxation Department was also stationed, the Deputy CM said they were low-rung officials.

Asked whether any action was taken against NV Distillery since its name appeared in almost every case of smuggling and at least 10 FIRs, mentioned in the report of the SET headed by IAS officer TC Gupta, Dushyant said the FIRs were about the Rajpura distillery and NV Distillery had multiple branches.

“We carry out inspection of distilleries periodically,” he added. Asked whether any inspection was carried out at NV Distillery in Ambala in the recent past and the outcome thereof, he said “irregularities” were found during a recent inspection and senior officers of the department were looking into these.

Home Minister Anil Vij said the police were doing their duty of catching smugglers and would continue to do so.

He asserted that checking dispatch of liquor from the distillery without payment of excise duty was the duty of the Excise

and Taxation Department.

“The police are not even allowed to enter distilleries,” he said, rubbishing the suggestion that a police Gypsy was stationed outside every distillery. “The police unearthed smuggling of liquor at Kharkhoda in Sonepat and Samalkha in Panipat. They have now recovered a huge cache of illicit liquor in Ambala and 17 persons have been arrested so far,” he maintained.

The Panipat police had arrested former MLA and Janayak Janata Party leader Satinder Rana in connection with the Samalkha case.

Bhupinder Dahiya, a liquor kingpin, was among those arrested in connection with the Kharkhoda case.

Shiv Kumar Sinha, executive vice-president (sales and marketing), NV Distillery, claimed that not a single irreg-

ularity has been found in their unit during any inspection.

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Sinha claimed that since NV Distillery was a reputed name in the field, with some of its products being exported to the US, Singapore and Hong Kong, illicit liquor manufacturers tended to use its name on their products.

Asked about the appearance of the distillery’s name in 10 FIRs mentioned in the SET report, Sinha said he was not aware of any such FIR. Shekhar Vidyarthi, Excise and Taxation Commissioner, Haryana, did not respond to calls and messages.

Illicit booze seized, 5 held

FARIDABAD, OCTOBER 5

In a joint operation by the police and Excise and Taxation Department, a team seized 50 cartons of illicit countrymade liquor from a workshop near Seekri village in the district on Monday.

Five persons were arrested and drums and a car loaded with liquor recovered from the spot. A police spokesperson said the illegal factory was operational in a tin shed on the Shahpur Khurd road.

It was claimed that the countrymade liquor was being manufactured using chemicals developed locally and no neutral alcohol or spirit was being used. The accused were identified as Sunny, Rajnish, Saurav and Lakharam from Samastipur in Bihar and Sandeep of Gohana. The 50 cartons bore the mark ‘for sale in UP’.

The accused had reportedly shifted to this location about a week back. The police said a case was registered. —TNS

HC: Act against encroachers of panchayat, common land

Tells govt to hand over possession to gram panchayats

SAURABH MALIK

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 5

Noticing that 3,569 acres was involved in cases where eviction orders passed had attained finality but possession was not taken back from the evicted persons, the Punjab and Haryana High Court today directed Haryana to initiate criminal proceedings against persons in unauthorised occupation of panchayat, shamlat deh and common land.

The Bench asserted: “The government has been issuing directions from time to time, but the revenue agencies have failed to implement those. The divisional commissioners must ensure due implementation of the orders issued by the government, more particularly concerning unauthorised occupation of panchayat, shamlat deh and common land.”

The Bench also directed all assistant collectors first grade in Haryana to decide within three months pending eviction proceedings regarding panchayat, shamlat deh and common land. The direction came after the Bench observed 11,669 eviction petitions involving more than 9,855 acres were pending before the assistant collectors till December last year.

Bench asserted.

Expressing surprise that the state government had not handed over the possession of land to gram panchayats concerned even though the eviction orders passed had attained finality, the Bench set three-month deadline for the government for the purpose.

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Working on the intelligence and other inputs, the police teams conducted raids and arrested the accused named Razzaq, a resident of Nai in Nuh district, from near Sahab Khan petrol pump in Singar early on Monday morning. The team also recovered the truck with Mercedes cars.

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CM in home quarantine as Banjar MLA tests positive

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, OCTOBER 5
Former BJP minister Ravinder Ravi also found infected



JAI RAM THAKUR

2ND-TIME HOME ISOLATION

- This is for the second time that the CM has gone into home isolation
- Prior to this, he remained in quarantine for almost six days when two BJP leaders from his own Assembly segment had tested positive
- Later, his tests were negative and he resumed his normal routine

their samples, keeping in mind the PM's safety.

Two ministers — Mahender Singh and Sukh Ram Chaudhary — and MLAs, including Rita Dhiman, Lakhwinder Rana, Paramjit Singh Pammi, Mohan Lal Brakta and Vinod Kumar, had tested positive.

Covid cases top 16,000

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, OCTOBER 5
A total of 182 new cases were reported today, taking the tally to 16,033 and the fatality figure up to 219 as seven persons succumbed to the virus.

The seven deaths include two each in Mandi and Sirmour and one each in Shimla, Bilaspur and Chamba. The highest number of 37 cases were reported in Kangra, 36 in Shimla, 23 in Chamba, 20 each in Sirmour and Hamirpur, 16 in Bilaspur, 14 in Mandi, 11 in Una, three in Solan and one each in Kinnaur and Kullu.

The number of active cases in the state today was 3156 out of a total of 16,033 total positive cases.

Meanwhile, a woman (63) died of corona infection in the Dharmsala Zonal Hospital. She was the resident of ward number 1 of Una and was admitted to the hospital after being referred from Una on September 1.

Besides, 37 more tested

STATE TRACKER

Samples tested	3,08,152
Recovered	12,633
Active cases	3,156
Positive cases	16,033
Deaths	219

DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Una	1,359	14
Solan	3,150	34
Kangra	2,445	51
Chamba	915	12
Hamirpur	977	7
Sirmour	1,892	15
Mandi	1,862	27
Bilaspur	905	3
Shimla	1,436	43
Kullu	720	11
Kinnaur	197	2
Lahaul & Spiti	175	-
Total	16,033	219

With seven deaths, the fatality figure touches 219 in the state

positive for the infection in Kangra, taking the total number of cases in the district to 2,441.

Notice to Centre, HP overvirus spread in Shimla

SHIMLA, OCTOBER 5

Expressing concern over the sudden rise in Covid cases in Shimla after the lifting of curbs, the Himachal Pradesh High Court has issued notices to the Union Health Secretary and the state Chief Secretary.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice L Narayana Swami and Justice Anoop Chitkara passed this order on a suo motu proceedings initiated by it on a news item published in The Tribune on September 30 under the headline

NEWS REPORT HAD BLAMED LIFTING OF CURBS

A news report published on Sept 30 in The Tribune stated that the easing of restrictions had led to a spurt in Covid-19 cases in Shimla as 73% of the total 1,064 cases in the district had been reported in the last 23 days

"73% Covid cases reported in Shimla after lifting of curbs".

It was reported that the easing of restrictions and the lifting of the barrier at Shoghi had led to a spurt in Covid cases in Shimla as 73 per cent of the total 1,064 cases in the district had been reported in the last 23 days.

five cases per day increased to 34 cases per day after the restrictions were lifted.

The news report mentioned that another serious concern was that there was no check on people coming from containment zones. The court treated this report as a public interest litigation petition and sought response from the Union Government and the state authorities, including state home and health secretaries and directed the officers to file their replies within two weeks. — OC

16 teachers get state awards

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, OCTOBER 5

Governor Bandaru Dattatreya conferred state awards on 16 teachers and honoured a national award winning teacher during a World Teachers' Day function held here today.

On the occasion, Dattatreya said the Centre had implemented the National Education Policy after 34 years.

"The new National Education Policy, which provides affordable education, skill

development education to all, has many features, but its implementation is also challenging," he added.

The Governor conferred awards on Narendar Kumar Sood, Dekit Dolkar, Uttam Singh, Dayanand Sharma, Rakesh Kumar Walia, Narendar Kapila, Hem Kumar Sharma, Dayanand Thakur, Sunita Kumari, Dev Dutt Sharma, Tilak Raj Sharma, Narwada Sood, Naresh Thakur, Vinod Kumar, Promila Devi and Anjana Sharma. He

also honoured National Award winner for 2019 Principal, GSSS, Chamba, Vikas Mahajan.

The Governor said there were three major elements that contributed towards the progress of a nation and these were education, employment and empowerment. While congratulating the awardees, he urged the teaching community to work with more commitment for the overall development of the future generation. — TNS

2 women die in Shimla accident

SHIMLA, OCTOBER 5

Two women were killed on the spot while three others were injured when their car (CH04 B 5870) fell into a 50-metre gorge near Nalaban in Nankhali area Shimla district, about 165 km from here, this afternoon.

The deceased were Alma (57), wife of Krishan Chand, who was driving the car, and Garja Devi (47), wife of Prem Singh, both of Aadu village (Nankheri). A case has been registered and investigations were underway. — TNS

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION PUNJAB

TENDER NOTICE INVITING ON-LINE BIDS NO. E-TENDER-06/WSSD/DIV. No. 1 PATIALA/EE/2020-21 DATED : 05.10.2020

THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION PUNJAB INVITES ONLINE BID FOR THE FOLLOWING 2 NO. WORKS:-

1. Providing Improved Access to Water through Household connections in existing Water Supply Scheme of Block-Nabha, Distt Patiala under sub-component 2a (i) of Punjab Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Sector Improvement Project.

i) Ageta

ii) Gujjarheri

Closing Date and Time: - As per website

For details Logon to:- <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.

Note:-

1. Any corrigendum to the Tender/RFP notice shall be published on the above website only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Water Supply & Sanitation Division No. 1, Patiala

DPR/Pb/85768

PUNJAB STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION SITE NO. 3, BLOCK-B, SECTOR 18-A, MADHYA MARG, CHANDIGARH (CORRIGENDUM)

Public Notice Inviting suggestions and objections of the public and stakeholders regarding Reduction in Fee for filing Petitions/Applications/ Review by 50% up to 31.03.2021 due to unprecedented situation on account of COVID-19 pandemic.

The Commission had issued subject cited public notice inviting objections/comments which appeared in various newspapers on 30.10.2020. The proposed date to vary the fee for filing petitions/applications/review petitions under Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Fee) Regulations, 2005 has been mentioned as "up to 31.03.2020" instead of "up to 31.03.2021" in the public notice. Accordingly, the same read as "up to 31.03.2021".

Sd/- Secretary

ICAR - CENTRAL INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH ON BUFFALOES SUB-CAMPUS, BIR-DOSANJH, NABHA, DISTT. PATIALA (Pb.)

File No. 3/Pur/RSN/2019-2020/Green Fodder Dated: 05.10.2020

E-TENDER NOTICE

Online tenders in two bid system i.e. (1) Technical Bid (2) Price Bid are invited from eligible bidders/firms/agency for collection & loading of harvested green fodder like Oats, Mustard, Barseem etc. (Rabi season November 2020 to April 2021), in trolley from field (Approximate 140 quintal per day for 183 days = 25620 quintals). Bid Submission End Date is 20.10.2020 up to 2.30 P.M. and will be opened on 21.10.2020 at 3.00 P.M. The Tender ID is 2020_DARE_588423. 1. For details, logon to website [https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure](http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure) and our Institute website www.cirb.res.in

Sd/- Asstt. Adminn. Officer

DIRECTORATE OF TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING PUNJAB PUBLIC NOTICE

Regrading Conversion of Industrial plot No. D-226, Phase -8B, Industrial Focal Point, SAS Nagar to Non-Industrial purpose i.e. Hospital under the Conversion Policy dated 08.9.2016.

Industrial Plot No. D-226, Phase-8B, Industrial Focal Point, SAS Nagar was allotted by PSIEC for manufacturing of "Activity of IT Services, Warehousing, Knowledge based industry i.e. Medical Research, Imaging Scan & Training Center". Now, the owners of this plot want to convert this plot into Hospital Purpose under the conversion policy of the Government dated 8.9.2016.

Therefore, a public notice is hereby published for inviting objections from the general public regarding conversion of Industrial Plot No. D-226, Phase -8B, Industrial Focal Point, SAS Nagar to non-industrial purpose i.e. Hospital. Those desirous may submit their suggestions/ objections in writing within 7 days from the date of publication to the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Chief Town Planner, Punjab,
Sector 62 PUDA Bhawan, SAS Nagar.

DPR/Pb/85760

Rohtang tunnel turns tourist hotspot

PRATIBHA CHAUHAN

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MANALI, OCTOBER 5

The Rohtang tunnel seems to be the latest attraction as tourists as well as locals are rushing to Manali to experience a drive through the engineering marvel.

Within hours of the tunnel inauguration by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, SUVs from Punjab, Haryana and Delhi lined up at Dhundi, outside the north portal of the Rohtang tunnel. Manali, which had a few tourists till last week, suddenly saw the town coming alive after over six months. People could be seen taking pictures and selfies, which made appearance on social media within seconds.

The opening of the tunnel could prove to be a blessing for the badly hit hotel industry in Manali. The craze to drive through the world's longest motorable tunnel at a height of over 10,000 ft is



Tourist vehicles near the Rohtang tunnel in Manali. PHOTO: AMIT KANWAR

VISITORS MAKE A BEELINE FOR MANALI

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"We had been keen to go on a holiday for long but because of the fear of Covid, we had been avoiding a trip. We made a sudden decision to travel to see the tunnel," says Mandip and his two friends, who drove up from Chandigarh to experience the drive through the 9.02-km-long tunnel.

Hoteliers in Manali, many of them under huge bank debts, are still sceptical about tourism activities returning to normalcy any soon. "Though people are gradually opening their properties, we feel it will take two-three years for Manali to be back to business," says Budhi Prakash Thakur, president of the HP Travel Agents Association.

Thakur also a hotelier, says only a few hospitality units have opened so far as there is low occupancy which does not make the resumption of operation financially viable.

Sd/- Chief Town Planner, Punjab,
Sector 62 PUDA Bhawan, SAS Nagar.

DPR/Pb/85740

Sd/- Executive Officer,
Municipal Council,
Kartarpur.

DPR/Pb/85741

Sd/- Executive Officer,
Municipal Council,
Kartarpur.

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DPR/Pb/85745

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NOTICE

The Tribune

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Hathras mess

Hounding of the victim's family should stop

THE UP government is stooping to new lows in its gross mishandling of the Hathras case. Even as the probe has been referred to the CBI, the state authorities are leaving no stone unturned to exert pressure on the victim's family. The Special Investigation Team (SIT) has proposed a narco-polygraph test on the deceased Dalit woman's kin to ascertain the truthfulness of their statements. Her outraged brother has rightly asserted that such a test should be conducted on the accused and the policemen who are trying to 'twist the narrative'. The family members have also accused the District Magistrate of threatening them. The UP police, too, haven't exactly covered themselves in glory. Citing a forensic report based on samples received over 10 days after the victim was hospitalised, the ADGP (Law and Order) jumped to the conclusion that there was no evidence of rape. He tried to pass off the case as a conspiracy to disturb communal harmony. Not surprisingly, the Hathras police have now lodged an FIR against unknown persons, invoking the sedition charge no less, for an attempt to trigger caste-based conflict.

The Yogi Adityanath dispensation has gone all out to keep media persons away from the scene of the gruesome crime. In a vicious assault on the freedom of the Press, some journalists' phones have been tapped and their conversations leaked. The obvious motive is to divert attention away from the instant case. The meeting held outside a former BJP MLA's house in Hathras on Sunday, during which the accused were defended and an FIR sought against the woman's family, is another abhorrent ploy to turn the matter on its head.

Influential accused can go to any extent to intimidate the victim and her family, as witnessed in the 2017 Unnao rape case. The girl survived a car crash in which two of her aunts lost their lives, and her father died in judicial custody after being framed for illegal possession of firearms. Justice did eventually prevail as former BJP legislator Kuldeep Sengar was convicted and jailed for life. Attempts to arm-twist the Hathras victim's family should also not go unpunished.

LJP out of NDA in Bihar

Show of assertiveness by regional party

THE decision of the Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) to contest the Bihar Assembly elections independently marks the beginning of a transition in state politics. While the JD(U) under Nitish Kumar has been in power for long, it does not have a strong second line of leadership. With Ram Vilas Paswan indisposed and Lalu Prasad Yadav in jail, the RJD and LJP have seen leadership thrust upon the new generation of leaders who have had to step in to fill the political vacuum and keep their support base intact. Chirag Paswan is an actor, and like Nitish Kumar, also an engineer by profession. Under him, the LJP aims to enhance its appeal, though it has decided to contest mostly against the JD(U) and thus keep its vote base clearly outlined. But it remains to be seen how the RJD-Congress combine fields its candidates in these constituencies which may determine the outcome.

On its own, the LJP has never been a key player in state politics, preferring to lend support to governments. The decision to break free from the NDA in Bihar is a show of assertiveness and indication of a trend where regional parties are leaving or distancing themselves from the government because of the popular disapproval over farm laws, exodus of migrants and the Hathras outrage. The LJP has hinted at support for the BJP in case it forms the government in Bihar under its own CM. The latter has not specified its possible chief ministerial candidates, though it has leaders like Ravi Shankar Prasad, Shah Nawaz Hussain and present Deputy CM Sushil Modi. Their projection and acceptability will be crucial for political consensus.

The entry of Chirag Paswan has implications for Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. The possibility of alternatives that it throws up should force a rethink on his part. The BJP-JD(U) alliance has mostly endured, but as a rupture on a previous occasion shows, politics is the art of the possible. The Bihar CM will be under pressure to prove that he is still a wily practitioner of it.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

When the storytelling goes bad in a society, the result is decadence. — Aristotle

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

LAHORE, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1920

MR. SAMARTH'S RADICAL REMEDY

DR. Rabindranath Tagore is not the only prominent Indian who thinks that the situation in India can be improved only by having a good and great man; a responder and supporter has been found in Mr. Samarth. This moderate politician, writing in the *Asiatic Review*, says:—"Perhaps no radical remedy for the present unrest in India is possible unless a broad-minded statesman of the type of Canning, Ripon or Hardinge is sent out to India in succession to Lord Chelmsford, and unless Mr. Montagu, whose splendid work against tremendous odds has won the esteem, regard, admiration of all who are not blinded by prejudice, is given a free hand by the British Cabinet to improve the situation by pursuing a wise, courageous and sympathetic policy". There are things enough to be said against Lord Chelmsford. But we must be fair even to His Lordship. Regarding the Khilafat question, at least it was not in Lord Chelmsford's power to give us what we want. Whether his representations have been weak or strong, we do not know and do not care to enquire. What is certain is that the solution of this question has been principally determined by considerations beyond the control of the Indian Viceroy. As regards the Punjab question, while as we have repeatedly said, Lord Chelmsford ought to have taken much severer measures than he has done in the case of the offending officers, and while we are equally certain of opinion that the responsibility for this failure to take adequate measures is primarily his, we cannot help adding that in this matter he must have been supported by Mr. Montagu. Nor does the solution of the Punjab question mean merely the punishment of the offending officers. It means a vast deal more, and we have yet to learn that in these matters Mr. Montagu has ever advocated a bolder or sounder policy than Lord Chelmsford.

Tales of decadence

We have forgotten the agenda of psychic, cultural and social transformation



AVIJIT PATHAK

SOCIOLOGIST



POLITICISED: Will there be an end to incidents like the ones at Hathras and Unnao?

It is no longer impossible to have a democratically elected authoritarian government.

IT is not a nice feeling to experience the wound of this violent society, and live with shame. What else can we do when we see the way all great ideals fall apart, and eventually society loses its conscience as it allows itself to be brutalised by casteist and patriarchal violence, triumphant majoritarianism and arrogance of power? Indeed, at a time when everything is turned into its opposite — vice into virtue, hatred into religion, and narcissism into leadership, how do we say with a reasonable degree of self-confidence that we are civilised, and we value human dignity? Amid the recurrence of demonic masculinity, brute sexuality, stigmatisation of the Dalits and the minorities, and above all, the criminalisation of dissent, is it possible to say that what happened at Hathras was just a minor aberration in an otherwise good society? The fact is that ours is a decadent society without moral foundations, and the 'supreme leader', despite his avatar-like image, can't hide it anymore. We are decaying from inside.

Why is it so? A possible reason is that we have forgotten the agenda of psychic, cultural and social transformation. Well, great social reformers, revolutionaries and social activists — Kabir and Guru Nanak, Ram Mohan Roy and Syed Ahmed Khan, Savitribai Phule and Pandita Ramabai, or Ambedkar and Gandhi — sought to awaken our sensibilities, eradicate the seeds of violence sanctified in the name of casteist/patriarchal 'tradition', and create a humane, egalitarian, gender-sensitive and spiritually enriched social order. Even our freedom struggle was inseparable from this agenda. In other words, for both Gandhi and Ambedkar, politics was inseparable from the educative pro-

gramme of socio-cultural transformation. Ambedkar's invocation of Buddhism or Gandhi's cross-religious conversations attempted at some sort of inner revolution. They realised that democracy would fail if we remain hierarchical, exclusivist, divisive and brutal. Despite differences, politics, for both of them, was essentially a kind of liberating pedagogy.

The tragedy is that in post-Independence India — especially after the end of the Nehruvian era — we began to lose this vision. Politics lost its agenda of social reconstruction; it became crudely instrumental, election-oriented and manipulative. See its consequences. With this sort of politics, we refused to eradicate the caste system; instead, we played with it, stimulated it for immediate gains, and kept it alive. Likewise, even 'secular' politicians became diplomatic as far as their orientation to the orthodox clergy or priesthood was concerned; and we failed to resist what we have been witnessing these days: the politics that stimulates one's caste/religious identity, the politics that is inherently violent. Furthermore, as politics began to lose its grand visions and ideals, the quality of our 'leaders' (barring some remarkable Gandhians and

Marxists) began to deteriorate fast. In fact, some of our films like Govind Nihalani's *Ardh Satya* have captured the trajectory of this decadent politics with all its toxic stimulations and hyper-masculine gestures.

Likewise, we witnessed the increasing deterioration of the moral fabric of our society. Despite the external symbols of modernity and global capitalism (feel the smell of the urban/aspiring middle class — the mix of French perfume and Starbucks Coffee — in a fancy mall), we became more regressive. Religion became gorgeous and loud; Nathuram Godse, as the recent Twitter war indicates, became our hero; soap operas became our epics; celebrity babus became the new champions of salvation; and the likes of Honey Singh shaped our cultural choices.

Politics too became an act of consumption. Possibly, we loved to consume the package of smart cities, bullet trains and techno-savvy hyper masculine 'saviours'. And for the downtrodden-alienated, exhausted and crippled, it was not easy to see the hollowness in the promise of *ache din*; furthermore, the magic of stimulant nationalism made them believe that the root of every problem lies in the conspiracy launched

by the 'enemies' of the nation — Muslims and Kashmiri terrorists. Under these circumstances, it was not difficult to use democracy to destroy its own spirit. Hence, it is no longer impossible to have a democratically elected authoritarian government.

Yes, the consequences are obvious. Yogi Adityanath symbolises the new normal; police officers and senior civil servants begin to behave terribly rudely without the slightest trace of decency; or for that matter, young, idealist students are sent to the prison because they critique the 'chronology' of the CAA and NRC. The message is clear: Spread the psychology of fear; and destroy the backbone of the civil society. Not solely that. We are led to believe that the Dalit girl at Hathras was not raped; nobody demolished the disputed structure at Ayodhya; and university professors conducted riots in Delhi. Nothing shocks us anymore; the retired Chief Justice becomes the Rajya Sabha member so quickly; and immediately after the voluntary retirement, the top police officer in Bihar joins Nitish Kumar's JD (U).

Well, the Hathras case will be politicised, and possibly, some 'compensation' will be provided to the grieving family. But then, as the traumatic journey from Unnao to Hathras suggests, there will be yet another incident of caste violence, rape, mob lynching or police encounter. Because the society we live in breeds violence; we are violent. Our crude 'pragmatism' has deprived us of even thinking of what the likes of Tagore and Gandhi used to strive for — education as the activation of the moral self, religiosity as love and compassion, and politics as *anasakti yoga*. Instead, our education will transform us into mere 'employees' or selfish careerists with all regressive ideas; we will continue to remain preoccupied with our survival strategies; and the politics of Hindu versus Muslim binary will excite us. Possibly, in the coming days, we will demand yet another temple, another statue, another surgical strike, and another 'Hindu' messiah — smarter than even Mr. Yogi.

For how long do we live with this decadence?

The fading voice of whistling birds

GURUPDESH SINGH

IN a famous photograph, a Bishnoi woman is shown breastfeeding her child on the one side and a chinkara calf on the other. The picture is a beautiful reminder of how Indian communities care for other creatures. Although the broader picture of our wildlife is not very bright, yet the common man is still in love with it, despite the toll that development has taken.

Some years ago, when I was in England, I used to frequent the countryside as most of my English friends belonged there and would take me along for those Friday nights. The countryside seemed beautiful, green

with manicured meadows, ready for a game of golf. But all you could see in them were a few sheep, cows and horses grazing, not a sight of a bird.

On other afternoons, we would take a walk in a nearby garden which was equally civilised with finely hewn topiaries, meticulously patterned flower beds and square hedges with not a single blade raising its head above the stipulated height. The lawns looked gorgeous. But where were the little birds, the humming bees, the striped centipedes or the occasional rodent?

The county of Yorkshire Dales was the greenest and most protected. And here was a lonely village where one of my friends finally anchored himself in

his late years. So, on my next visit, when I contacted him, he took me to his country manor. The house gave the look of an old but appropriately refurbished stone castle with plenty of green patches for fresh vegetables and a couple of concrete strips to ambulate.

The next morning, sipping a cup of tea and taking a stroll on these silent pathways, I suddenly asked my friend, "Do we have birds here?" He nodded and asked me to wait. A couple of minutes later, cupping his ears for attention, he asked, "Can you hear one now?" I did try to emulate his action and was able to catch the faint whistle of a distant bird.

My mind instantly went back to my home on the university campus, as it

does now, to the cackle and cluster of calls my winged friends made every morning. In those days, I had a few mangled thickets for a hedge that made my front garden, but it was a virtual little zoo, where besides a variety of birds and insects, we had a gang of monitor lizards, a resident snake and up in the drain pipe, a whole family of mongoose.

In the name of development, we too have changed. Bird calls in the morning have faded away. Sparrows and crows, once so commonplace, have disappeared, left to their fate. Perhaps the need for us is to pause, once in a while, and think of them not just as mere winged creatures but as the essence of our surroundings.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BRO's technological feat

Hats off to the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) for completing the Atal Tunnel on the Manali-Leh stretch. Though 70 per cent of the work was finished by 2014, the BJP government delayed it by stopping funds for the project. Otherwise, it would have been completed much earlier. The tunnel has two lanes for traffic where 3,000 cars and 1,500 trucks can move comfortably. I have seen the BRO's works on hilly roads when I lived in NEFA from 1961 to 1965 and am full of appreciation for it.

RK KAPOOR, CHANDIGARH

Tunnel a matter of pride

The long-awaited Atal Tunnel under Rohtang Pass, inaugurated by the PM, is among the first of its kind in the world. The daunting feat by the BRO has added to the country's strategic strength. The biggest difficulty was in dealing with the unpredictable water inlet in the partly dug-out tunnel. This all-weather road is an engineering marvel and a matter of pride for the nation.

KULDIP DOSANJH, JALANDHAR

Gender equality

Recently, a bizarre statement was made by the BJP MLA from Bairia in UP who said Hathras-like inci-

dents can be stopped only if parents inculcate good values in their daughters. The MLA has been known for making controversial statements. He should realise where to fix the responsibility for heinous crimes. It reflects a distorted way of thinking. Society speaks of gender equality and such statements only point to the mindset which prevents it from happening.

URVI JAIN, UJJAIN

Test of multilateralism

Reference to 'UN has been at frontline of multilateralism' (Oct 2); the ongoing UN General Assembly to mark its 75th anniversary comes at a time when the world body is facing its sternest test. With Covid-19 infecting millions, the world ought to be stepping up the cooperation to tame the disease. But the widening chasm between the United States and China is pulling the international community apart. This is undermining the work of various international bodies as exemplified by President Donald Trump to pull the United States out of the WHO. It is now clear that the UN-driven multilateralism as envisioned 75 years ago needs reforms to reflect the realities of today.

MONA SINGH, AMRITSAR

Dealing with China

Apropos of "Xi reforms military to 'fight and win' battles" (Oct 5), as a dictatorial state, China can push measures with force and now wants to do the same with the rest of the world. Covid-19 spread from China, but it has not cared for world opinion. Countries have had to come together to take on China. India too will have to work out a fresh strategy to tackle a nation that has often proved to be deceptive in its deeds.

BM SINGH, AMRITSAR

Tractor as symbol

Refer to the news item 'BJP takes out tractor rally in Pathankot' (Oct 5), after the popularity of mobile phone in online teaching, the tractor has become a symbol of farmers' agitation. A tractor is a matter of pride for a farmer making the politicians adopt it to lead rallies to express solidarity with farmers. During the elections, politicians don various hues, putting on local costumes to enhance their appeal. During the present farmers' agitation, the SAD and the Congress led a tractor rally to show their support. Not to be left behind, now the BJP planned a tractor rally in Pathankot to make the farmers aware of the benefits of the new farm laws.

FAQIR SINGH, DASUYA

Hathras incident

Reference to the news item 'Hathras sealed amid outrage, police claim victim not raped.' It seems the Yogi government in UP has its own different interpretation of the law. After the Hathras victim died, state officials have gone to extraordinary lengths to prove that she was not raped. Since she was cremated hurriedly, in the dead of night and without the consent of her parents, the only evidence is of her dying declaration statement, but will it be enough to convict those she named. The incident has brought out flaws in our democracy.

LJS PANESAR, BY MAIL

Heinous crime

Apropos of 'Unreasonable curbs' (Oct 3); barricading Hathras and putting an entire district under Section 144 to quell protests and preventing politicians from meeting the victim's family shows the Yogi government's eagerness to hide its failures. Why should a strong government feel so insecure as to cut off access to the village of a young Dalit girl brutalised by upper caste men? The answer lies in the heavy-handedness of the police and the UP government as it tries to brush under carpets its ineptitude.

EL SINGH, BY MAIL

Harder times for Tibet as China ups the ante



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THE Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR) has witnessed considerable high-level activity this year, culminating in the Seventh Tibet Work Forum held in Beijing on August 28-29, 2020. This forum heralds a new and tougher period for Tibetans, with emphasis on 'patriotic education', adapting Tibetan Buddhism to 'socialism with Chinese characteristics' and countering 'separatism' and the 'Dalai clique'.

The Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) penetration into each village and hamlet in the TAR will be accelerated. The effort to strengthen national unity will see primacy being given to Mandarin over Tibetan in schools. This has already commenced in Tibetan areas surrounding the TAR, sparking resentment among the local populace.

Convened after a five-year interval, almost 300 senior CCP cadres, including the entire Politburo Standing Committee attended the forum. The Tibet Work Forums are important as they decide the long-term security and economic strategy for the TAR and Tibetan areas inside China.



With monks and nuns regarded as 'troublemakers' by the CCP cadres, there was particular focus on religion at the Seventh Tibet Work Forum held in Beijing recently. 'Re-education' and 'patriotism' campaigns targeting them have been underway in Tibet for a few years now.

ON THE ANVIL: A dilution of the Dalai Lama's influence on Tibetan Buddhism.

Interestingly, the China-appointed XIth Panchen Lama, Gyalsen Norbu, did not attend the forum and was away in TAR's Medog county from August 29 to 31. China's official TV and print media published few pictures of the forum. The state-owned CCTV's telecast showed no Tibetan Buddhist religious personages present at the forum.

As was anticipated, CCP General Secretary and Chinese President Xi Jinping's speech, which outlined Beijing's plans for Tibet, was hailed as 'important'. Chinese Premier Li Keqiang described it as "a guiding document on Tibet-related work in a new era."

In his speech outlining Beijing's plans for Tibet, Xi Jinping gave priority to safeguarding national unity and strengthening ethnic solidarity. He called for an enhanced focus on educating and guiding the public to mobilise them in combating separatist activities and forge an 'ironclad shield' to safeguard stability. Xi Jinping stressed that 'patriotism' should be incorporated in all schools and at all levels of education. This, he emphasised, must call for "continuous efforts to enhance recognition of the great motherland, the Chinese nation, the Chinese culture, the CCP and socialism with Chinese characteristics by people of all ethnic groups."

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ing to the need to rapidly dilute the Dalai Lama's continuing influence on Tibetan Buddhism and religious personages, Xi Jinping stressed, "Tibetan Buddhism should be guided in adapting to the socialist society and should be developed in the Chinese context."

Xi Jinping explained the party's strategy for "governing Tibet in the new era" with 10 'musts': (i) Must uphold the leadership of the Communist Party of China, the socialist system with Chinese characteristics, and the system of regional ethnic autonomy; (ii) Must adhere to the strategic thinking of governing the country and governing the border, and stabilising Tibet first; (iii) Maintaining unification of the motherland and strengthening nation-

al unity must be the focus and focus of Tibet's work; (iv) Must adhere to the important principles of governing Tibet according to law, enriching the people and rejuvenating Tibet, building Tibet for a long time, uniting people's hearts, and laying a solid foundation; (v) The overall domestic and international situation must be coordinated; (vi) Improving people's livelihood and uniting people's hearts must be taken as the starting point and goal of economic and social development; (vii) Must promote the exchanges and integration of all ethnic groups; (viii) Must adhere to the direction of the sinicisation of religion in China and manage religious affairs in accordance with the law; (ix) Must insist on ecological protection first; and

(x) Must strengthen party building, especially political building.

Within days of the conclusion of the Tibet Work Forum, CPPCC Chairman and Politburo Standing Committee member Wang Yang travelled to the Qinghai province while China's Minister of Public Security Zhao Kezhi visited Gansu and Qinghai. Zhao Kezhi stressed that "It is necessary to fully understand the severity and complexity of the struggle against separatism," make preparations "to deal with acute and complex struggles, and resolutely guard against and resolve major risks and challenges." He directed security cadres to pay close attention to fighting against separatism and maintaining stability, strengthen intelligence analy-

sis, strengthen the management of religious affairs and "grasp the initiative in the fight against separatism." The message was bluntly reinforced in a *People's Daily* article on September 28 by Zhang Yijiong, Executive Vice Minister of the Party's United Front Work Department, which frames policy and regulations for China's non-CCP entities and ethnic minorities.

Similarly, TAR Party Secretary Wu Yingjie convened a meeting in Lhasa to disseminate the 'spirit' of Xi Jinping's speech. Senior TAR cadres fanned out across TAR and held similar meetings in cities and prefectures. Important, however, was the distinction made between the Dalai Lama and the 'Dalai clique' by Danke, head of Tibet's United Front Work Department, while briefing cadres. It suggests that Beijing wants to keep channels of communication with the Dalai Lama open.

A crackdown against 'splittism' accompanied these meetings. At least one 50-member team of public security personnel visited over 48 locations in TAR's Ngari (Ali) Prefecture between September 7 and 10. Separately, nine Tibetans were convicted of inciting 'splittism' this year by the Ganzi Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture Intermediate People's Court in the Sichuan province.

It is apparent that 'patriotic education' and loyalty to the party will be intensified in Tibet, together with increased party surveillance. Religion and religious personages will particularly be more strictly regulated and greater efforts will be made to safeguard Tibet's frontiers.

A road map for reviving global value chains



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Protectionism or renewed trade nationalism is not a solution. Even restructuring of GVCs and re-shoring of some firms in the chain may involve additional economic and social risks. It is a costly affair. Rather, the solution lies in allowing the firms to recover from shocks with non-discriminatory financial incentives, encouraging intense use of technology and allowing e-commerce firms more space in the essential commodities market. At the firm level, markups should be reduced to check the rise in consumer prices.



COVID IMPACT: Demand for masks, PPE kits and testing equipment increased.

COVID-19 has unleashed an unprecedented health crisis across nations and highlighted the global governance deficit. Global value chains (GVCs) have occupied nearly 70 per cent of international trade (OECD, 2013) and contribute 22 per cent of the output. The GVCs involved the dispersal of production, leveraged economies of scale and international division of labour encouraged hyper-specialisation and built upon market power to spur growth, improved job markets, and reduced poverty. These have brought many countries closer to their Sustainable Development Goals.

The GVCs are devastated in almost all countries. GVC trade is dampened, inter-firm relationships are threatened, and trade nationalism and protectionism have resurfaced on the economic landscape. Globalisation, which had slowed down since 2008, is in an apparent suspended animation with the punctuation of world trade negotiations.

The pandemic has hampered the supply of raw materials, intermediate inputs and final goods. World GDP is expected to fall by 8-10 per cent. In India, as per the National Statistical Office, the GDP has declined by 23.9 per cent in the first quarter of 2020, the worst ever in 40 years. Developing countries with weaker health systems and small open economies are most severely affected.

The impact of the pandemic is realised in four episodes:

1. *Direct onslaught of the pandemic:* Many firms had stopped operating to prevent their employees from falling sick. Factories in China and Bangladesh were also closed to check the spread of the disease.

2. *Supply chain impact:* There was a disruption in the supply chain due to closure or suspension of international

transportation systems because of restrictions on the movement of people and material. As a result, supply and production at many locations that were part of the global value chain had to be stopped. A large number of workers lost their livelihoods. In Bangladesh, garment-exporting firms had to cut production as they could not import textiles from China.

3. *Demand impact:* The demand for essential commodities (e.g. food and medical supplies) had increased suddenly while supplies were strained due to production constraints and containment measures. The demand for masks, PPE kits, ventilators and testing equipment increased. Many firms were forced to shift to productions as per the market demand. On the other hand, the demand for many commodities contracted due to economic distress, loss of jobs, fall in incomes, and changes in consumer behaviour. In Bangladesh, nearly 1.2 million workers were retrenched. (WRC Report, March 2020). The loss of jobs was higher in informal and unor-

ganised sectors as also travel and hospitality. The demand volatility affected the domestic supply chains as well, and the GVCs exacerbated it through the transmission of economic shocks.

4. *Trade and investment policy-related risks:* These have increased manifold. The ban on export of food and medical goods, along with domestic pressures to re-nationalise productions to protect supplies, has caused uncertainties for free and transparent trade and investments. Covid-19 is expected to reduce foreign direct investments by 30-40 per cent this year.

The pandemic has forced most of the affected countries to rethink policies on GVCs. There is a need to improve the resilience of GVCs to combat the catastrophe. Different stages of the pandemic will need to be catered to differently: 1. *The crisis:* In this stage, the focus should be to maintain essential supplies and healthcare services in the face of emergency containment measures to minimise the spread of the virus and resultant challenges.

2. *The recovery:* It is imperative to

begin the recovery by enabling the GVCs to reach earlier production and trade levels. It requires swift decision-making and even a shift in policies, both at the firm and government levels.

3. *The new normal:* The new normal, which does not mean that there will be no virus. Rather, the co-evolution of the virus and economic activities will have to be managed through government interventions and policies. It may even necessitate the reformulation of policies and amendment of regulations governing tax systems, trade, and labour.

However, there cannot be uniform policy prescriptions for all economies. The pandemic has exposed the growth paradigm across nations, without any distinction between the developed and developing. It did not allow enough time for governments to gather knowledge, and expertise from diverse disciplines, including public health, epidemiology, economics, law, politics, sociology, psychology, and, of course, ethics to achieve effective policymaking. As a result, collective global action through cohesive economic policies fully reflecting upon the pandemic economy is still to emerge. A new growth paradigm has, of course, emerged, with health and environment as its two key constituents.

For the re-energisation of the GVCs, there are some key prerequisites. These include risk mitigation through a non-discriminatory selection of firms by the governments, a conducive regulatory environment which is not a source of policy-related risk, transparency in the value chain, agility, reactivity of the businesses to respond to changes and capabilities, allowing suppliers' redundancy.

Protectionism or renewed trade nationalism is not a solution. Even restructuring of GVCs and re-shoring of some firms in the chain may involve

additional economic and social risks. It is a costly affair. It may outweigh perceived gains in terms of security of supplies and jobs. It is also likely to reduce economic activity. Even local trade may suffer from reduced economic activities.

The solution lies in allowing the firms to recover from shocks with transparent and non-discriminatory financial incentives, encouraging intense use of technology and allowing e-commerce firms more space even in the essential commodities market. At the firm level, markups should be reduced to check the rise in consumer prices.

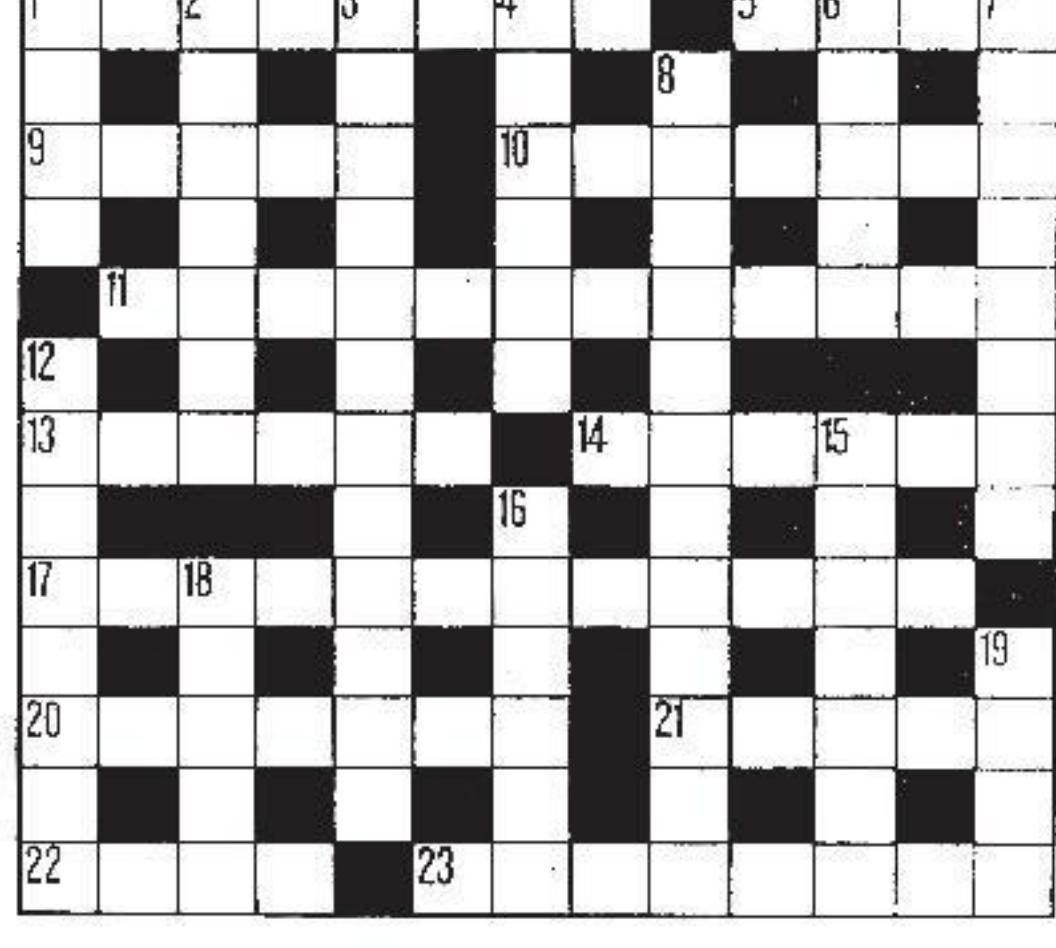
For ensuring the revival of the GVC trade, the governments will need to ensure speedier decision-making, containment of the virus through behavioural changes in the short term and the development of a vaccine in the long term.

Enhanced mobility of persons and goods for an expeditious fruition of economic activities, financial stimulus to businesses, enhanced investments in health technologies, and effective social safety nets for the most vulnerable populations also need immediate attention. Many governments have used helicopter money to infuse more liquidity into their economies, but they may have to do more to enhance international trade by including in it the services and infrastructure.

A recalibration of tax laws, policies and instruments may be necessary. The monetary controls, regulations and customs procedures will also need to be redefined, made easy and paperless. For this, world trade negotiations should be restarted with renewed vigour to deepen cooperation through rule-based trade and services for growth with equity in a more diverse and knowledge-based world economy.

Views are personal

QUICK CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Across: 1 Take turns, 8 Eryie, 9 Confide, 10 Global, 11 Pester, 12 Libretto, 15 Cold feet, 18 Beauty, 20 Phobia, 21 Abridge, 22 Close, 23 Desirute.

Down: 2 Alone, 3 Effete, 4 Underlie, 5 Seller, 6 Probit, 7 Hell to pay, 11 Precipice, 13 Bit by bit, 14 Alcohol, 16 Failed, 17 Lariat, 19 Tight.

ACROSS

- 1 Flat raised structure (8)
- 5 Affectionate (4)
- 9 A hard light-coloured wood (5)
- 10 Pouch worn with kilt (7)
- 11 Be the deciding factor (3,3,6)
- 13 Admittedly (6)
- 14 Refer (6)
- 17 Hurry up! (4,2,6)
- 20 Of current interest (7)
- 21 Perfect type (5)
- 22 Garden implement (4)
- 23 Distinction (8)

DOWN

- 1 Question persistently (4)
- 2 Put to practical use (7)
- 3 Suffer effects of poverty (4,3,5)
- 4 Duty list (6)
- 6 Received by the ear (5)
- 7 Give aid (8)
- 8 Peacemaking (12)
- 12 A transverse measurement (8)
- 15 A lot of (7)
- 16 Sanctuary (6)
- 18 Stuffing for cushions etc (5)
- 19 Triumphant delight (4)

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CALENDAR

OCTOBER 6, 2020, TUESDAY

■ Vikrami Samvat	2077
■ Shaka Samvat	1942
■ Ashwin Shaka	14
■ Ashwin Parvishtha	21
■ Hijari	1442
■ Krishna Paksha Tithi 4, up to 12.33 pm	
■ Siddhi Yoga up to 12.54 am	
■ Kritika Nakshatra up to 5:54 pm	
■ Moon in Taurus sign	

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 1st October, 2020

S.O. 3431(E).—In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.), maintenance, management and operation of NH70 in the stretch of land from Km. 141 to Km.163 (Sub Divisional Officer (Civil), Bhoranj) in the district of HAMIRPUR in the state of HIMACHAL PRADESH, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section(1) of section 3C of the said Act.

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, Sub Divisional Officer (Civil), Bhoranj in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling NH70 in the stretch of land from Km. 141 to Km.163 (Sub Divisional Officer (Civil), Bhoranj) in the district of HAMIRPUR in the state of HIMACHAL PRADESH.

State: HIMACHAL PRADESH

District: HAMIRPUR

Sl. No	Survey/Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area (in Hectare)
Taluk: Bhoranj					
Village: Bagwara (44/2)					
1	1248/1	Private	Khadetar	0.0104000(Hectare)	0.0104000
2	1249/2	Private	Khadetar	0.0124000(Hectare)	0.0124000
3	1250/2	Private	Khadetar	0.0043000(Hectare)	0.0043000
4	1968	Private	Barani Ek Fasli Khadetar	0.0173000(Hectare)	0.0173000
5	1971/2	Private	Barani Ek Fasli	0.0006000(Hectare)	0.0006000
6	1971/3	Private	Barani Ek Fasli	0.0006000(Hectare)	0.0006000
7	1972/1	Private	Barani Ek Fasli	0.0019000(Hectare)	0.0019000
8	1973	Private	Barani Ek Fasli	0.0115000(Hectare)	0.0115000
9	1976/1	Private	Barani Ek Fasli	0.0013000(Hectare)	0.0013000
10	2032/1	Private	Banjar Kadeem	0.0015000(Hectare)	0.0015000
11	2032/3	Private	Banjar Kadeem	0.0004000(Hectare)	0.0004000
12	2034/1	Private	Barani Ek Fasli, Khadetar	0.0023000(Hectare)	0.0023000
13	2053/3	Private	Barani Ek Fasli, Khadetar	0.0009000(Hectare)	0.0009000
14	2058/1	Private	Barani Ek Fasli, Khadetar, GM Abadi	0.0023000(Hectare)	0.0023000
15	2058/5	Private	Barani Ek Fasli, Khadetar, GM Abadi	0.0177000(Hectare)	0.0177000
16	2059/5	Private	Barani Ek Fasli, Khadetar	0.0164000(Hectare)	0.0164000
Village: Barada/44/9					
1	1353/3	Government	GM Rasta	0.0160000(Hectare)	0.0160000
2	1356/3	Government	GM Rasta	0.0102000(Hectare)	0.0102000
Village: Gagehdi					
1	10/1	Government	GM Tower	0.0011000(Hectare)	0.0011000
2	11	Government	Banjar Kadeem	0.0019000(Hectare)	0.0019000
3	12/1	Government	GM Rasta	0.0006000(Hectare)	0.0006000
4	12/4	Government	GM Rasta	0.0098000(Hectare)	0.0098000
5	14/2	Government	Banjar Kadeem	0.0134000(Hectare)	0.0134000
6	14/3	Government	Banjar Kadeem	0.0075000(Hectare)	0.0075000
7	191/2	Private	Khadetar	0.0089000(Hectare)	0.0089000
8	192/3	Private	Khadetar	0.0009000(Hectare)	0.0009000
9	20/7	Government	Banjar Kadeem, GM Gohad	0.0173000(Hectare)	0.0173000
10	21/1	Private	GM Dukan	0.0006000(Hectare)	0.0006000
11	22/10	Government	Banjar Kadeem, GM Abadi, GM Dukan, Khalwada	0.0060000(Hectare)	0.0060000
12	22/7	Government	Banjar Kadeem, GM Abadi, GM Dukan, Khalwada	0.0260000(Hectare)	0.0260000
13	33/3	Private	GM Dukan & Makan	0.0009000(Hectare)	0.0009000
14	39/2	Government	Banjar Kadeem	0.0028000(Hectare)	0.0028000
15	39/5	Government	Banjar Kadeem	0.0098000(Hectare)	0.0098000
Village: Panjot(44/11)					
1	152/3	Private	Behand Banjar	0.0006000(Hectare)	0.0006000
2	153/3	Private	Khadetar	0.0021000(Hectare)	0.0021000
3	154/3	Private	GM Abadi	0.0019000(Hectare)	0.0019000
4	155/2	Private	GM Abadi & Sadak	0.0019000(Hectare)	0.0019000
5	156/5	Private	Barani Ek Fasli, Khadetar, GM Abadi & Sadak	0.0121000(Hectare)	0.0121000
6	273/1	Private	Banjar Jadeed	0.0011000(Hectare)	0.0011000
7	275/3	Private	Banjar Jadeed, Khadetar	0.0034000(Hectare)	0.0034000
8	275/5	Private	Banjar Jadeed, Khadetar	0.0017000(Hectare)	0.0017000
9	287/2	Private	Banjar Jadeed, Khadetar	0.0060000(Hectare)	0.0060000
10	294/2	Private	GM Dukan & Dukan	0.0032000(Hectare)	0.0032000
11	297/4	Private	GM. Dukan	0.0026000(Hectare)	0.0026000
12	298/9	Government	GM. Rasta	0.0018000(Hectare)	0.0018000
13	300/4	Private	Khadetar	0.0038000(Hectare)	0.0038000
14	302/4	Private	GM Gohad, Khadetar	0.0017000(Hectare)	0.0017000
15	319/4	Private	Khadetar	0.0021000(Hectare)	0.0021000
16	320/4	Private	Khadetar	0.0021000(Hectare)	0.0021000
17	321/4	Private	Khadetar	0.0006000(Hectare)	0.0006000
18	711/132/4	Private	Banjar Kadeem	0.0034000(Hectare)	0.0034000
19	719/225/2	Private	Banjar Jadeed	0.0026000(Hectare)	0.0026000
20	720/225/2	Private	Banjar Jadeed, Khadetar	0.0013000(Hectare)	0.0013000
21	745/318/2/4	Private	Khadetar, GM Dukan	0.0019000(Hectare)	0.0019000
22	760/141/2	Private	Barani Do Fasli, Khadetar, GM Abadi	0.0006000(Hectare)	0.0006000
Village: Samirpur					
1	1070/190/1	Private	Banjar Kadeem GM. Dukan	0.0011000(Hectare)	0.0011000
2	1084/583/1	Private	Banjar Kadeem	0.0002000(Hectare)	0.0002000
3	1085/583/1	Private	Banjar Kadeem	0.0009000(Hectare)	0.0009000
4	1087/584/1	Private	Banjar Kadeem, GM Abadi	0.0004000(Hectare)	0.0004000

Sl. No	Survey/Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area (in Hectare)
5	188/10	Government	GM Rasta	0.0077000(Hectare)	0.0077000
6	188/12	Government	GM Rasta	0.0036000(Hectare)	0.0036000
7	188/14	Government	GM Rasta	0.0098000(Hectare)	0.0098000
8	188/16	Government	GM Rasta	0.0064000(Hectare)	0.0064000
9	188/18	Government	GM Rasta	0.0072000(Hectare)	0.0072000
10	188/20	Government	GM Rasta	0.0009000(Hectare)	0.0009000
11	188/3	Government	GM Rasta	0.0021000(Hectare)	0.0021000
12	195/3	Government	GM Rasta	0.0108000(Hectare)	0.0108000
13	201/3	Private	GM Dukan, Beed & Khatri	0.0077000(Hectare)	0.0077000
14	206/1	Private	GM Dukan & Makan	0.0006000(Hectare)	0.0006000
15	208/1	Private	GM Dukan	0.0009000(Hectare)	0.0009000
16	209/1	Private	Barani Do Fasli, GM Dukan & Machine	0.0034000(Hectare)	0.0034000
17	212/1	Private			

2 CRPF men killed, 3 hurt in militant attack

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Srinagar, October 5
Two motorcycle-borne Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) militants opened indiscriminate fire on a security forces party in the Nowgam area of the city here today, killing two CRPF personnel and injuring three others, the police said.

The injured included an assistant sub-inspector of the CRPF.

Militants fired at the security forces party near the Kandival bridge on the outskirts of Srinagar in the afternoon, a police official said.

The injured were taken to the Army's 92 base hospital, where the doctors declared two of them — Constables Shalinder Pratap Singh and Devendra Kumar Tripathi — brought dead.

The other three personnel — ASI Gorakh Nath, Constable Kirgain and Constable James — were undergoing treatment and



their condition was stated to be stable.

The militants fled the spot after the attack. Soon after the incident, the area was cordoned off and a manhunt was launched to nab the attackers. Senior offi-

cials also rushed to the spot. Speaking to reporters, Inspector-General of Police (IGP), Kashmir, Vijay Kumar, said the attack was carried out by two LeT militants who had been identified.

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ROAD OPENING PARTY TARGETED BY LE T

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Vijay Kumar, IGP, KASHMIR

« Security forces conduct a search operation after a militant attack in Pulwama district on Monday. PTI

cessful in escaping, but we have identified them and will soon neutralise them," the IGP said.

He said one of the militants had been identified as Saifullah, a Pakistani militant, and the other

was a local.

"Saifullah was involved in an attack on the CRFP in Chadoora in which an ASI was killed. He was also involved in firing in Nowgam. This is his third attack and we will neutralise him soon," Kumar said.

He said militants find it easy to target security forces on the highway.

"The national highway is a target and a vulnerable place, but as many civilian vehicles pass every day, our forces face difficulty in retaliating. If we also retaliate and fire indiscriminately, there will be civilian casualties. So, we have to take preventive measures," the IGP said.

Kumar said the militants were using guerrilla warfare tactics to attack the forces.

"Militants do not announce that they are coming for an attack, they come by concealing their weapons, come close and then fire. They attack like guerrilla warfare, but we have a solution to this and we will soon neutralise them," he said. — PTI

JCO killed in Pak shelling in Rajouri

JAMMU, OCTOBER 5

A junior commissioned officer (JCO) of the Army was killed in heavy shelling by Pakistani troops along the Line of Control in Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir on Monday, officials said.

This was the fourth fatal casualty in ceasefire violations by Pakistan in the past five days.

"The JCO was killed in unprovoked Pakistani firing and shelling in the Nowshera sector of Rajouri," the officials said, adding that further details were awaited.

Earlier, a defence spokesperson said Pakistani troops opened fire and shelled mortars in forward areas in two sectors along the LoC in the twin districts of Rajouri and Poonch in the Jammu region.

Pakistan initiated the unprovoked ceasefire violation in the Nowshera sector of Rajouri around 6.30 pm. The Army retaliated befittingly and the cross-border firing between the two sides continued for quite some time, the spokesperson said.

Later at around 8.20 pm, he said the Pakistani troops resorted to unprovoked firing and mortar shelling in the Degwar sector of Poonch district, drawing strong retaliation by the Indian Army. — PTI

632 Covid cases in J&K, 44 in Ladakh

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 5

Jammu and Kashmir recorded 632 fresh cases and 10 more fatalities in a day which took the case-load to 79,738 and death toll to 1,252 on Monday, officials said.

Of the new cases, 346 were reported from the Jammu region and 286 from Kashmir, they said.

Jammu district reported the highest number of 173 new cases, followed by 119 in Srinagar district, the officials said.

The union territory had 14,696 active cases of Covid-19, while 63,790 patients had recovered so far, they said. Of the 10 fresh deaths, five each were reported from the Jammu region and Kashmir.

Leh: Forty-four Covid cases were detected in Ladakh, taking the infection tally in the union territory to 4,521, officials said on Monday.

With 39 more patients cured of the contagion, the number of active cases in the region stood at 1,106 – 773 in Leh district and 333 in Kargil district.

The officials said 37 persons tested positive in Leh district and seven in Kargil district during the past 24 hours.

Ladakh had reported 61 deaths, while 3,354 patients had recovered from the infection till Sunday evening.

The officials said 33 patients were discharged in Leh and six in Kargil on Sunday after their treatment. — PTI

New laws offer price flexibility to farmers, says Jitendra Singh

NEW DELHI/JAMMU, OCTOBER 5

The new farm reform laws give farmers the flexibility of choosing the price of their produce, Union Minister Jitendra Singh said on Monday and accused the Congress and others opposing the new legislation "enemies of the farming community and supporters of the exploiters".

The Congress and several other opposition parties have been protesting the three farm sector laws enacted by the Narendra Modi government, alleging these are "anti-farmer measures" and will "destroy" the agriculture sector.

The government has, however, asserted that the new laws will free farmers from the clutches of middlemen and allow them to sell their produce anywhere they want

WINDOW OF RELIEF

With the Modi government having placed specific safeguards and security provisions in place, the farmers will have a window of relief and reprieve in difficult situations.

Jitendra Singh,
UNION MINISTER

at a remunerative price.

Singh alleged that the irony is that those masquerading as supporters of farmers by protesting the Modi government's reforms are hand in glove with those who have over the years held farmers captive by picking up their produce at very



Nurses from various hospitals protest over their demands in Srinagar on Monday. PTI

NHAI to submit winter traffic mgmt plan

TRENT NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, OCTOBER 5
The J&K Administration on Monday directed the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to submit a traffic management plan of agencies to ensure a trouble-free movement on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway during the coming winter season.

It told the NHAI to detail an action plan on how the construction agencies would clear landslides, snow and deal with any other emergency to make sure the only all-weather road linking Kashmir with the rest of the country remained open during the winter.

The direction was passed by the PWD Principal Secretary Shailender Kumar after a tour of Ramtan district, an official spokesman said. — PTI

No truck with Apni Party: BJP

WILL FORM MAJORITY GOVT AFTER POLL

The BJP has no plans to ally with the Apni Party, we will form a majority government in the next elections when they happen. The Apni Party has good Kashmir-based leaders. It is a party with no 'parivarvaad'.

Abhijeet Jasrotia, BJP SPOKESPERSON

(PDP) with whom the BJP ran a government in the erstwhile state before parting ways in June 2018. Later, he was expelled from the PDP for "anti-party activities". Dismissing speculation

and charges that the BJP and the JKAP were playing on one side, BJP national secretary Narinder Singh said "the party will always remain independent in the Valley", while party spokesman Abhijeet Jasrotia added that the Prime Minister and Home Minister belong to the entire country and anyone can meet them.

"The BJP has no plans to ally with it, we will form a majority government in the next elections when they happen," Jasrotia said. He added that the Apni Party has good Kashmir-based leaders. It is a party with no 'parivarvaad' (nepotism) and has fresh faces who give hope about new future."

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Courses Closing Date for Online Submission of application

Courses	Closing Date for Online Submission of application
Post Doctoral Fellowship/Fellowship	
Ph.D.	27.10.2020
M.Sc./M.Sc. (MLT)	

For eligibility criteria, number of seats and other details, applicants are advised to read the prospectus and instructions given there in carefully before starting online registration and filling of application form. The prospectus of admission is available on Institute's website i.e. www.pgimer.edu.in. The candidates are requested to visit the PGIMER website regularly for all subsequent changes/updation for entrance examination/communications/addendum/corrigendum. DI-11002

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Online applications are inviting for admission to the following courses for the January 2021 session through Computer Based Test (CBT) to be held on 04.12.2020 at various cities across the country as per detail given below:

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Regrading Conversion of Industrial Plot No. E-4, Industrial Focal Point, Sector 57, SAS Nagar to Non-Industrial purpose i.e. Hotel under the Conversion policy dated 08.9.2016.

Industrial Plot No. E-4, Industrial Focal Point, Sector 57, SAS Nagar was allotted by GMADA for industrial purpose. Now, the owners of this plot want to convert this plot into Hotel Purpose under the conversion policy of the Government dated 8.9.2016.

Therefore, a Public Notice is hereby published for inviting objections from the general public regarding conversion of Industrial Plot No. E-4, Industrial Focal Point, Sector 57, SAS Nagar to non-industrial purpose i.e. Hotel.

Those desirous may submit their suggestions/objections in writing within 7 days from the date of publication to the office of the undersigned.

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S. No.	Description	Qty.	Tender closing date
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2	3 Types of stainless Steel Sheets	121262 Kgs	10.11.2020
3	Long Life Loco side Buffer Assembly	204 Sets	28.10.2020**
4	10 KVVA DA Set for DTEC	66 Nos.	20.10.2020***
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S. No.	Description	Qty.	Tender closing date
1	Complete Shell Assy	22 Sets	28.10.2020*

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Item marked with * is reserved for procurement from CLW approved Firms. Item marked with ** is reserved for procurement from RDSO approved Firms. Item marked with *** is reserved for procurement from ICF approved Firms.

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Corrigendum to Tender Notice No. 11 ET/2020-21

Tender No. 03202428 Closing date may be read as 15.10.2020.

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Sedition, bid to incite caste strife part of FIR

has led the demand for a probe by a sitting SC judge into the death of the 19-year-old Dalit girl from Hathras who was allegedly gang-raped on September 14 and left to die with grievous injuries. She succumbed in a Delhi hospital on September 29 and was cremated by cops allegedly against the family's consent in the wee hours of September 30.

"UP cops have already cremated the body of the victim and destroyed the evidence. What will the CBI and SIT do now? A judicial probe is a must and the DM of Hathras must be immediately removed for intimidating the victim's family," Mahila Congress chief Sushmita Dev said today.

BSP chief Mayawati slammed the CM's "arrogant attitude" and criticised the police for "manhandling" opposition leaders.

The Allahabad High Court has summoned top state officials in the case on October 12.

Panchkula shooter Yashaswini wins gold, faces penalty

VINAYAK PADMADEO
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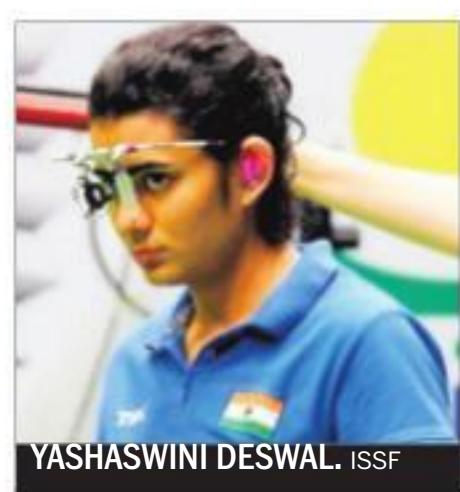
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5
The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) will seek an explanation from pistol shooter Yashaswini Singh Deswal for taking part in an unauthorised tournament.

The 23-year-old Panchkula girl won the 10m air pistol gold in the fifth edition of the International Online Shooting Championship on Sunday.

NRAI does not recognise

World No. 4 had won title in unauthorised online tournament

this event and has in the past warned shooters against competing in unauthorised competitions. Yashaswini, who won an Olympics quota in September last year and is ranked No. 4 in the world, shot a score of 241.7 to win gold on Sunday.



YASHASWINI DESWAL, ISSF

Following her win, NRAI put up a notice on its website and circulated it on shooting forums, advising shooters

HAD BEEN WARNED

What really irked NRAI officials is that Yashaswini Deswal took part in the competition despite previous warnings. "All national squad members were told and a notice in this regard was posted on our website months ago," NRAI president Raninder Singh told *The Tribune*. "Despite that, she went ahead and took part in an unauthorised competition. She will be served with a notice and she will have to come up with a cogent reply, which will then be sent to (NRAI's) sub-committee. If her reply is satisfactory, the matter ends. If not, we will see what is to be done as per the recommendation of the committee."

against participating in unauthorised tournaments.

"Shooters are advised not to take part in any shooting

competition, which is not approved by NRAI. Disciplinary action shall be initiated under clause 40 (d) of rules

and regulations of NRAI," the notice reads, adding that shooters who defy this notification would face a ban.

Yashaswini's coach TS Dhillon said he would ask her to follow NRAI's guidelines. "I am sure she participated because she needed competition. Having said that, we cannot go outside the purview of NRAI rules. I'll speak to her and will see to it that something like this is never repeated," Dhillon said.

LAHIRI FINISHES TIED-37TH AT SANDERSON

JACKSON (USA): Indian golfer Anirban Lahiri shot a 3-under 69 in the final round to finish tied-37th at the Sanderson Farms Championship here. Lahiri needed a top-10 finish to get into the next event. He was in a good position at the halfway stage, but a 5-over 77 in the third round ruined his chances. Lahiri began his final round with four birdies in the first 10 holes, but the putts did not fall after that as he closed with a bogey on the 18th. His four-day total was 6-under. Sergio Garcia won his first PGA Tour title since his 2017 Masters victory. The Spaniard closed with a birdie on the 18th for a 5-under 67 and a total of 19-under to beat Peter Malmfors (63) by one shot.

SHUBHANKAR FINISHES TIED-26TH, RAI WINS

NORTH BERWICK (SCOTLAND): India's Shubhankar Sharma rounded off the week with a 4-under 67 that saw him finish tied-26th at the Scottish Open here. It was Sharma's best finish in his nine starts since the European Tour re-started after the coronavirus-induced break. His four-day total was 4-under. England's Aaron Rai notched the biggest win of his career, beating world No. 14 Tommy Fleetwood in playoff. PTI

Djokovic made to fight

PARIS, OCTOBER 5

Top seed Novak Djokovic passed his first real test at this year's French Open with flying colours as he battled past Russia's Karen Khachanov 6-4 6-3 6-3 to reach the quarterfinals for the 14th time. The 33-year-old claimed a fourth successive straight-set victory in his latest quest for a second French Open title, but it was nowhere near as straightforward as the score suggests.

Djokovic faced stiff resistance before taking the first



set and had an anxious moment when his attempted return off one Khachanov serve ricocheted off his frame and struck a line judge in the head, reviving memories of his US Open debacle.

Greek legend
Stefanos Tsitsipas reached the quarterfinals of a Grand Slam for the second time as he brushed aside Grigor Dimitrov 6-3 7-6(9) 6-2. He will next face Russian Andrey Rublev, who reached his second successive Grand

Slam quarterfinal as he beat Hungary's Marton Fucsovics 6-7(4) 7-5 6-4 7-6(3).

8-year gap

Czech left-hander Petra Kvitova reached the French Open quarterfinals for the first time in eight years as she overpowered China's Zhang Shuai 6-2 6-4. She will next face world No. 66 Laura Siegemund, the oldest player left in the draw at 32. The unseeded German beat Spaniard Paula Badosa 7-5 6-2 to reach her maiden Grand Slam quarterfinal. —Reuters

Injured Bhuvneshwar Kumar out of IPL, could miss Oz tour

DUBAI, OCTOBER 5

Sunrisers Hyderabad's pacer Bhuvneshwar Kumar was today ruled out of the ongoing IPL with a thigh injury which could also end his hopes of being a part of the Indian team's tour of Australia later this year. Bhuvneshwar sustained the injury during SRH's match against Chennai Super Kings on October 2.

"It is probably a Grade 2 or 3 injury, which could mean that he would be out for at

DELHI BEAT RCB

DUBAI: Delhi Capitals beat Royal Challengers Bangalore by 59 runs in their IPL match here today. Chasing Delhi's 196/4, Bangalore could only manage 137/9. **Brief scores**: DC: 196/4 (Stoinis 53*, Shaw 42, Pant 37; Siraj 2/34); RCB: 137/9 (Kohli 43; Rabada 4/24, Axar 2/18, Nortje 2/22),

least 6 to 8 weeks. It might rule him out of India's tour of Australia," a senior BCCI official said. —PTI

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02057 New Delhi - Una Himachal Express	at Ambala	Una Himachal	06 & 07.10.2020
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02357 Kolkata - Amritsar	at Ambala	Amritsar-Cantt.-Amritsar	06.10.2020
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GST Council meet fails to break impasse on shortfall

Another meeting on Oct 12 to further deliberate on compensating states

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5
An eight-hour meeting of the GST Council on Monday failed to break the impasse over how to make up for the GST shortfall to states, leading to another meeting a week later, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced at a media briefing.

However, the GST Council approved several decisions such as extending the period of GST compensation cess beyond five years, reducing the number of GST return forms for small businesses by one-third and wiring tonight to states the Rs 20,000 collected this year in GST compensation.

The GST Council also approved the transfer of Rs 24,000 crore to states that had received less IGST than they were entitled to.

States that have been paid more will not be immediately asked to refund the money due to the pandemic, assured Sitharaman. But the GST Council decided not to levy differential GST on alcoholic and non-alcoholic sanitizers.

"Nobody is being denied compensation arising out of the implementation of



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman along with Minister of State Anurag Thakur chairs the 42nd GST Council meeting via video-conferencing in New Delhi on Monday. PTI

COMPLIANCE RELIEF FOR SMALL UNITS

- The GST Council meeting decided to extend the period of GST compensation cess beyond five years
- From Jan 1, GST payers with annual turnover of less than ₹5 crore need not file GSTR 3B and GSTR 1 every month
- The Centre will release GST compensation cess amounting to ₹20,000 cr to states on Monday night
- Approves transfer of ₹24,000 cr to states that had received less IGST than they were entitled to

out meeting and indicating that the Centre wanted consensus instead of a division to prevail.

"I was gently reminded that I can't take anybody for granted. I don't take anybody for granted. Since there was a suggestion from a senior member (Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Modi) that some days be given, I have given clear eight days," Sitharaman added.

She also announced that from January 1, GST payers with annual turnover of less than ₹5 crore need not file GSTR 3B and GSTR 1 every month. They nevertheless would have to submit "a very simple challan" every month.

GST and also compensation arising out of Covid impact. The borrowing has to be done," she said, while rebutting charges by 10 Opposition-ruled states that the Centre is short-changing them of their legitimate GST dues.

"The question was that 20 states have chosen an option but some have not chosen any. The argument of those who had not chosen any option was that the Centre should borrow. At the end of day, it was felt the GST Council can't decide on the basis of the opinion of 20 states; we need to talk further," she said, while explaining the long draw-

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Shringla-Naravane Myanmar visit a subtle message to China

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5
Delhi opens IT centre, gives 3,000 vials of Remdesivir to Suu Kyi

Road, now largely a rutted track that snakes from Assam to China via Myanmar.

The town is located just 60 km from Myitson, the confluence of two rivers and the starting point of a now-junked Chinese project to build a huge multipurpose dam.

India was highly concerned after Myanmar awarded the dam to the Chinese, but it has since been kept suspended with Beijing reportedly lobbying for

CBI registers DA case against Shivakumar, conducts searches

Cong alleges 'witch-hunt', links it to K'taka bypoll

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5
The CBI today registered a Disproportionate Assets (DA) case against former Karnataka minister and Congress leader DK Shivakumar and has conducted searches at 14 locations during which it claimed to have recovered Rs 50 lakh so far.

The CBI has registered a fresh case against the Congress leader based on source information from another agency, they said, adding that the information relates to assets amassed during his tenure as a minister in the Karnataka Government.

After the FIR, the CBI teams conducted searches at 14 locations — nine in Karnataka, four in Delhi and one in Mumbai, an official said, adding that so far Rs 57 lakh in cash and incriminating documents,



Congress workers raise slogans to protest CBI raids at the residence of KPCC president DK Shivakumar in Bengaluru on Monday. PTI

including property deeds, have been recovered from the premises of Shivakumar and his family members. Sources said the places, which were searched included properties of Shivakumar's brother and MP from Bengaluru rural DK Suresh.

The Congress accused the BJP of playing an "insidious game of intimidation" through its "puppet CBI". It questioned the timing of the raids, as by-election to two Assembly seats in Karnataka is to be held on November 3, and termed it as "witch-hunt" by the BJP against its political rivals.

GOVT ISSUES SOPs FOR REOPENING SCHOOLS

- Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal on Monday said the govt has prepared SOPs/guidelines for the reopening of schools
- States and UTs will prepare their own Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for health, hygiene and safety and learning with physical distancing
- States, UTs can consult experts and organisations and decide whether they can open schools from Oct 15
- Students may attend schools only with parents' written consent. There will be flexibility in attendance norms. Students may opt for online classes
- Precautions have to be taken for preparing and serving midday meals
- There will be no assessment till up to two-three weeks of reopening of schools. TNS



Don't vote for JD-U, Chirag urges voters

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5
A day after the NDA's ally Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) made public its decision to exit the alliance and contest independently after months of acrimonious bickering with CM Nitish Kumar, party president Chirag Paswan today appealed to the

people note to vote for the JD-U.

In his open letter, Paswan said the BJP-LJP alliance would come to power in the state. All this on a day the BJP targeted main rival RJD after an FIR was registered against its leaders Tejashwi Prasad Yadav, Tej Pratap Yadav and four others in connection with the murder of Dalit leader

Shakti Malik on Sunday. However, this didn't draw any reaction from the BJP even though Nitish is the face of the NDA coalition in Bihar poll. The BJP is yet to release its list of candidates. The BJP is believed to be refreshing its list of candidates keeping in mind the "changed caste equations" after Chirag's move.

Nitish Kumar's long rule has delivered nothing in Bihar. The BJP-LJP alliance will come to power in the state

— Chirag Paswan, LJP President

Quad Foreign Ministers to meet in Tokyo, discuss Beijing's tactics

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5
Foreign Ministers of India, the US, Japan and Australia will meet in Tokyo on Tuesday to match Chinese threats and challenges in the areas of maritime and cyber security, critical technologies, infrastructure and counter-terrorism, besides discussing regional cooperation.

This second in-person interaction of Foreign Ministers was to take place in Delhi, but diplomats finally settled on Tokyo in suit US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo's (now-truncated) visit to East Asia.

China has reacted adversely when this four-country

establish, promote and secure Indo-Pacific principles, "especially as China's tactics, aggression and coercion increase in the region".

New Japan PM Yoshihide Suga made his pecking order clear by putting Chinese President Xi Jinping seventh on his calling list after taking over from Shinzo Abe. He opted to first speak to leaders of the US, Germany, the UK, South Korea, Australia and India before putting in a call to Xi.

A day ahead of the Quad talks, Pompeo described the US-Japan relationship as the "cornerstone of peace, security and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific".

File reply on interest waiver, Centre told

NEW DELHI: The SC on Monday asked the Centre and RBI to file an additional affidavit bringing on record relevant policy decisions consequent to decision to waive "interest on interest" charged on loans of up to Rs 2 crore for "most vulnerable" borrowers during the six-month moratorium due to Covid. It gave a week to all stakeholders to respond to Centre's affidavit that sought to waive "interest on interest" on loans of up to ₹2 crore. — TNS

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