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## Ordinance to curb pollution in Delhi

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29  
The Centre on Thursday told the SC that it had brought an ordinance to deal with air pollution in Delhi-NCR, which turns into a virtual gas chamber during October-November due to stubble burning by farmers in Punjab, Haryana, UP and Delhi.

During hearing on PILs on air pollution, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta informed a Bench headed by CJI SA Bobde that the President had promulgated an ordinance to set up a commission on air quality management in Delhi-NCR. "We would like to look at the ordinance before passing any orders. Even the petitioners would like to see. Let's hear it next Friday," the CJI said.

Headed by a secretary-rank officer, the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Ordinance 2020 will have jurisdiction

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EDIT: COMBATING POLLUTION

New commission for air quality management



### JAIL FOR VIOLATORS

Non-compliance with the commission's orders will attract maximum jail term of 5 years or fine up to ₹1 crore or both.

### SHUN CARS, SAYS SC

"All of you should stop using the beautiful cars and start using bicycles now," CJI SA Bobde suggested.

### DELHI AIR 'SEVERE'

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EDIT: COMBATING POLLUTION

## Imran minister admits to Pulwama; another proof of Pak terror: MEA

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29  
The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Thursday said a Pakistan minister termed the Pulwama attack a success for the Imran Khan government was yet another statement by its leaders supporting terrorism.

The MEA also dismissed Pakistan's objections to India issuing rules for the purchase of land in the UTs of Ladakh and Kashmir. This step was among a number of measures being taken for socio-economic development and improving the livelihood of people. "Such things are India's internal affairs and no country has the right to ask such questions," said MEA spokesperson Anurag Srivastava at a media briefing today.

In what amounted to ownership for the Pulwama suicide attack that killed over 40 Indian security personnel, Pakistan Federal Minister Fawad



40 SOLDIERS WERE KILLED IN PULWAMA ATTACK. FILE PHOTO

**ABHINANDAN CASE: BAJWA WAS QUAKING**  
When Army chief Gen Bajwa came to meet FM Shah Mahmood Qureshi, his legs were shaking and there was sweat on his forehead. Qureshi told him for God's sake, let Abhinandan go as India was about to attack Pakistan at 9 pm. Ayaz Sadiq, PML (NAWAZ) MP

### SHOCKING ADMISSION BY PAKISTAN MINISTER

We attacked India in its own territory... and Pulwama was an achievement. All of us are stakeholders (including Oppn) in that success.

Fawad Chaudhry, PAK FEDERAL MINISTER

### WRONG MAP BY SAUDI, INDIA FILES PROTEST

In another Kashmir-related development, India has conveyed serious concerns to Saudi Arabia, both to its Ambassador in New Delhi and in Riyadh, for excluding the undivided J&K and Ladakh from India in its global map on a bank note released to celebrate its presidency of G-20.

Chaudhry on Thursday termed it a great achievement under the leadership of Prime Minister Imran Khan.

Apparently riled by a parlia-

mentarian from the Nawaz Sharif camp charging the Pakistan army chief of quaking in his boots after India had served an ultimatum for

releasing Wg Cdr Abhinandan Varthaman, Chaudhry said in Urdu: "We attacked India in its own territory... and

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## 3 die in France knife attack inside church

India stands with France: PM Modi



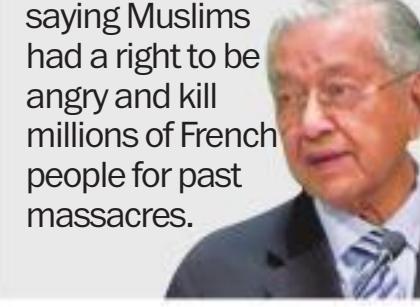
Security personnel on guard after a knife attack in Nice, France.

### ATTACK IN JEDDAH TOO

In Jeddah, a Saudi man was arrested for attacking and injuring a guard at the French consulate.

### RIGHT TO BE ANGRY

Malaysia's ex-premier Mahathir Mohamad justified the attacks, saying Muslims had a right to be angry and kill millions of French people for past massacres.



### IN BRIEF

#### Secure messaging app for soldiers

NEW DELHI: The Army on Thursday launched a messaging app called SAI (Secure Application for Internet) that will provide secure voice, text and videocalling services to its soldiers. It is similar to commercially available applications like WhatsApp. PTI



To protest new agri laws, farmers squat on railway tracks at Jandiala Guru in Amritsar on Thursday. PTI

## Blockade stays, Punjab on brink

CHANDIGARH/PATIALA, OCT 29

With the Bhartiya Kisan Union (Ekta Ugrahan) refusing to budge, rail services in Punjab continue to be suspended. All other 30 farm unions in the state have ended their stir against the Centre's new farm laws.

Joginder Singh Ugrahan, the union president, said: "We are not squatting on the main railway lines. We are only holding protests outside private thermal plants and on service tracks bringing coal to

Meeting with ministers fails | PSPCL spending ₹5 cr daily to buy power

these plants as part of our 'gherao corporates' drive." A three-member committee of Punjab ministers met a BKU (Ugrahan) delegation here on Thursday. However, there was no breakthrough.

With the Railways refusing to resume services till the tracks are cleared, supplies

have been hit. Punjab's two of the three private thermal plants — Nabha Thermal Plant at Rajpura and Talwandi Sabo Power Limited in Mansa — have been shut. The coal stock with the Goindwal Sahib plant is depleting too. Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) has therefore opted for short-term power procurement at Rs 5 crore per day. The payment, as per the agreement, is to be cleared within 24 hours, said sources. — TNS

## 3 wks on, Rohtak farmers await payment for bajra

RAVINDER SAINI

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

ROHTAK, OCTOBER 29  
Farmers in Rohtak district are yet to receive payment for the bajra procured from them by the government agencies around three weeks ago.

"I sold five quintals of bajra at MSP of Rs 2,150 per quintal on October 1, but the payment has not been released so far," said Rakesh Hooda from Khidwali village.

Sunil of Madhodhi village, who sold 27 quintals of bajra on October 5 and 19, has also

Labourers unload bajra at grain market in Jhajjar. TRIBUNE PHOTO

not received his payment. "I need money to buy seeds etc. for the next crop," he said.

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### Can't discriminate between married sons, daughters

SHIMLA: There can be no "artificial classification" between a married son and a married daughter on the basis of gender as it would be equivalent to gender discrimination, the HP High Court has ruled.

HIMACHAL HC ON JOBS ON COMPASSIONATE GROUNDS

The court said this while dealing with an issue/provision of debarring married daughters of deceased government employees from seeking appointment on compassionate grounds. INSIDE

## Three BJP workers shot dead in J&K

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 29

Three BJP workers were shot dead by militants in Kulgam district of J&K on Thursday, the police said. Fida Hussain, Umer Hajam and Umer Rashid Beigh were shot by militants in YK Pora area, a police official said.

The Resistance Front (TRF), believed to be a shadow group of Lashkar-e-Toiba, has claimed responsibility for the killings. In a message on its social media account, the TRF said "crematoriums will get overbooked". — PTI

## ICMR sees potential in 'immunity-booster' BCG

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

Bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG), the 1921 anti-tuberculosis vaccine, could have potential utility in Covid-19 management as it enhances immunity among the elderly, a new research has found.

The study by the ICMR followed 86 healthy elderly individuals aged 60 to 80 years a month after BCG vaccination and found the jab enhanced all kinds of antibodies in the target group. A section of



researchers cite BCG shots as a contributing factor for lower Covid mortality among Indians. — TNS



### Keshubhai Patel, Guj ex-CM, dead

AHMEDABAD: Former Gujarat CM Keshubhai Patel, who played a key role in strengthening the BJP in the state, died here on Thursday after a prolonged illness. Patel (92), who recovered from Covid infection recently, died of cardiac arrest. He was the CM in 1995 and 1998-2001. PTI



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NDPS Act: Bench delivers 2:1 verdict

ed with powers under Section 53 of the NDPS Act are 'police officers' within the meaning of Section 25 of the Evidence Act, as a result of which any confessional statement made

to them cannot be taken into account in order to convict an accused under the NDPS Act," a three-judge Bench led by Justice RF Nariman said in a 2:1 verdict. The majority verdict was delivered by Justice Nariman and Justice Navin Sinha, while Justice Indira Banerjee delivered a dissenting judgment. — TNS

# Talks with farmers fail, no rail services for now

BKU (Ekta Ugrahan) says will discuss govt panel's appeal to lift blockade of pvt power plants today

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 29

It may take some more time for the train services to resume in Punjab with the Bhartiya Kisan Union (Ekta Ugrahan) refusing to lift the blockade of the railway tracks leading to two of the three private thermal plants at Banawali (Mansa) and Rajpura.

Even as the state government asked the union to rethink on the course of their agitation, BKU (Ekta Ugrahan) leaders today rejected the offer, saying they were not blocking the entire rail service but only sections servicing the power plants as part of their "gherao corporates" agitation.

A meeting was convened

by the three-member committee of state ministers with the representatives of the largest farmer union in the state here this afternoon to resolve the crisis.

With the Ministry of Railways having clearly told the Congress government the services would not be re-started till the blockade was lifted, the Punjab Government through its delegation, which included Tript Rajinder Singh Bajwa, Sukhwinder Sarkaria and Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, asked the agitating farmers to end the 'rail roko' stir, as all other 30 farmer unions had already halted the agitation.

The delegation is learnt to have explained to the farm leaders how the state was staring at huge revenue losses



State ministers with BKU representatives in Chandigarh. TRIBUNE PHOTO

## LET'S ALL MEET PRESIDENT: CAPT TO MLAs

- CM Capt Amarinder Singh has urged MLAs of all political parties to accompany him to meet the President on November 4 for assent to amended farm Bills passed by Assembly
- The CM, who has already sought time from the President following the Vidhan Sabha session, implored MLAs to rise above party lines to safeguard the state's interests
- He expressed concern at the Centre's move to halt freight trains to state and withholding the Rural Development Fund, calling it financial and economic blockade of state

es and the devastating impact of the blockade on its economy. With the rail services shut, the industry is suffering huge losses as goods cannot be sent to clients outside the state, nor can they get the raw material for manufacturing goods as most shipments are sent through trains.

The union leaders were told by the ministers that the state government had accepted all their demands by rejecting the Centre's farm laws and also by passing amendments to these Acts during the recent special Vidhan Sabha session. The ministers said thermal plants in the state — both private and state-owned — had minimal coal stocks left and that the state was star-

ing at a blackout in case it didn't get the much-needed coal immediately for running the plants. Union president Joginder Singh Ugrahan, however, refused to lift the blockade. Talking to *The Tribune*, he said the state government should realise the Centre was trying to impose an economic blockade of Punjab.

"We are not sitting on the main railway lines. Our agitation is only outside private thermal plants. We will not lift the blockade here. The state should think of taking over these power plants," he said. He added the appeal made by the ministers would be discussed at a state-level meeting of the union on Friday, but they would continue with the blockade.

# State spending ₹5 cr a day to buy power

Aman Sood

Tribune News Service

PATIALA, OCTOBER 29

With two of the three private thermal plants, including Nabha Thermal Plant at Rajpura and Mansa-based Tawandhi Sabo Power Limited, shut and GVK's 540-MW power plant at Goindwal Sahib left with little coal stock, Punjab stares at a grim power scenario.

The shortfall of power generation is costing the state dear as fixed charges that have to be paid to private plants stand at over Rs 5 crore daily.

Sources confirm that the Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) has been left with no option but to buy short term power costing Rs 5 crore per day from various suppliers to meet demand in the wake of suspension of goods train. "This power comes with a condition that the cost has to be cleared within 24 hours, which means that the PSPCL is facing a huge financial burden," they said, adding that this additional cost will ultimately be passed to the consumers.

Already reeling from debts of around Rs 25,000 crore, the PSPCL management has to further pay fixed charges to the tune of over Rs 2,000 crore per annum despite the shutdown of private thermal power plants.

The state-owned Rupnagar and Lehra thermal plants are left with five-day stock but are currently shut. "We are trying to manage with power we are buying from the open market," said A Venu Prasad, CMD, PSPCL.

According to official data, the state generates 13,653 MW from own sources. The private thermal plants have a generation capacity of 3,920 MW and two state-owned thermal plants 1,760 MW. Hydro power generation stands at 1,018 MW, while solar 1,359 MW. Bhakhra Beas Management Board supplies 1,161 MW. The state is drawing 4,434 MW from the central pool to meet the shortfall.

The total demand in the agrarian state varies from 14,000 MW during peak paddy season to 6,000 MW the rest of the year.

"The purchase of 700 MW on daily basis is expensive and will also impact power banking for summer months due to the generation loss," says Vinod Gupta, spokesperson, All-India Power Engineers Federation.

## SAD working panel member joins AAP

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 29

The Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) received a jolt today when its working committee member Inder Singh Namsot from Fatehgarh Sahib joined AAP.

Namsot was formally inducted into the party here in Chandigarh by Leader of Opposition Harpal Singh Cheema, MLA and in charge of state affairs Jarnail Singh, and State General Secretary Harchand Singh Barsat.

An active leader of SAD for more than two decades, he is also a member of SAD's Central Working Committee and Senior Vice President of the Youth Akali Dal. He was also the district president of the Bazigar Front and president of the Nambardar Union of Fatehgarh Sahib.

## Freight trains not running, clarifies Rlys

Our Correspondent

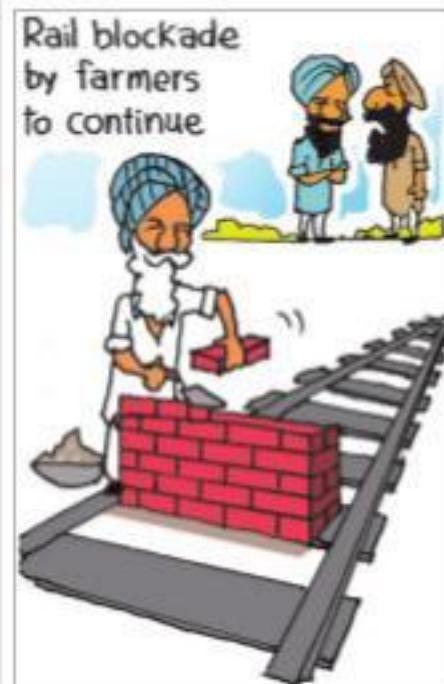
LUDHIANA, OCTOBER 29

The Railways today categorically refuted reports that the freight movement had been resumed in the state and 97 goods trains had arrived or departed on Wednesday, the power production further dinged with non-availability of coal at thermal plants.

Northern Railway Feropur Division Additional Divisional Railway Manager Sukhwinder Singh said the goods train traffic in the state remained suspended and no fresh decision in this regard had been taken.

He said the discussion on resumption of goods train movement, which remains suspended due to farmers' agitation — were continuing at various levels but no final decision had been taken. "Railways, in any case, are prepared and the movement of goods trains would be resumed immediately as and when decided by the headquarters," he asserted.

Sandeep Joshi



That is a monument to the fast pace of farm reforms.

## NRIs may miss flights as DC office gherao unabated

Tribune News Service

SANGRUR, OCTOBER 29

Many non-resident Indians (NRIs) of Sangrur district may miss the flight with their passports at the Deputy Commissioner's office in the district administrative complex (DAC), entry to which has been blocked by protesting farmers since October 23.

The DAC has a majority of offices of all district-level officers, including the Deputy Commissioner; Secretary, Regional Transport Authority; District Food and Civil Supply Controller; District Social Welfare Officer; District Education Officer; and Civil Surgeon.

Hundreds of staff of various departments have not been



Farmers block the entrance to the district administrative complex in Sangrur on Thursday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

## Passports inside Sangrur DAC, farmers not letting anybody in

able to enter the offices since October 23 as farmers have laid siege to all three gates of DAC. The farmers are

demanding financial compensation and a job to the family of a peasant, who died on October 9 during a protest against

the farm Acts near Benra.

"My flight is on Monday, but I have not received my passport yet. I may miss the flight

as the DC office continues to be locked," said an NRI. Though some senior officers have been working from makeshift offices at Red Cross office, Civil Hospital and PWD rest house, they are not able to complete their work with no access to files.

"Passports of many NRIs, who came during the Covid pandemic, were taken at the airport and sent to the DC office. They did not collect that from our office earlier,"

says Balwinder Attri, president, Sangrur DC Employees' Union. BKU (Ugrahan) district president Amrik Singh said the protest would continue till the demands were met.

Sangrur Deputy Commissioner Ramvijay said talks were on to resolve the issue.

## Fund denial unfortunate, will hit welfare projects, says Capt

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 29

Terming the decision to put state's Rural Development Fund (RDF) on hold as unfortunate, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Thursday urged the Centre to review its decision stating that the move would impact the rural development works in the state.

Questioning the timing of the Centre's move, the CM said never in the past had the RDF been halted over the scrutiny of utilisation of funds. Capt said he had asked Finance Minister Manpreet Singh Badal to go to Delhi and meet the Union Minister for Consumer Affairs to resolve the issue.

He said the state govern-

## MOVE RAISES DOUBTS

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Capt Amarinder Singh, CM

ment would submit all utilisation details as sought by the Centre as it had done in the past, adding that this was not the first time the Govern-

ment of India was scrutinising the utilisation of funds, however, it was the first time it refused to release the RDF.

Captain said amid the controversy and crisis over farm laws, doubts were being raised in various quarters about the timing of the Union Cabinet's decision of not releasing the RDF to the tune of more than Rs 1,000 crore to the state. The timing points to dubious motivation behind the move, he said.

The funds, as the Centre was well aware, were used for developing critical agriculture marketing infrastructure, such as, construction of roads in the rural areas of the state, marketing yards, said the CM. — TNS

## It's attack on federalism: Cheema

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 29

The state unit of the Aam Aadmi Party has termed the Narendra Modi government's move to withhold the Rural Development Fund (RDF) to the state as another "brazen" attempt to interfere in the state's internal affairs.

Addressing a press conference here on Thursday, AAP legislator and the Leader of Opposition Harpal Singh Cheema made a letter public which was sent by the Union Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution to the state government on October 20, where in the former had ordered for blocking of the RDF.

Cheema said, "The challenging situation amid which the Central Government has withheld a whopping Rs 1,000 crore RDF reflects Prime Minister Narendra

## AAP URGES GOVT TO LIFT BASMATI

■ With basmati produce lying in a state of neglect at various state mandis, AAP has demanded that the state government should direct its procurement agency — Markfed — to protect the interests of growers and announce its own MSP for the crop

■ AAP kisan wing president Kultar Singh Sandhu said with the farm laws in force, it would be wheat and paddy growers who would face a similar situation next

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## Farm laws will derail state's agro economy, says Jakhar

Ravi Dhaliwal

Tribune News Service

GURDASPUR, OCTOBER 29

PPCC chief Sunil Jakhar addressed a farmers' rally here today in which he accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of trying to derail the entire agro-economy of the country by bringing in a "set of Bills best suited to some selective industrialists".

He urged farmers to be ready for a "fight to the finish as their survival depended on it". "We have to win both the battle and the war. The Vidhan Sabha has stood by the agriculturists by negating the laws. Unfortunately, BJP leaders and bureaucrats who have drafted the laws know nothing about the agriculture sector. I challenge the so-called experts of the Centre to have a one-to-one debate with me. Sunil Jakhar, PPCC President

But the Union Government is not telling the farmers that they will be the weaker players in such an arrangement in terms of their ability to negotiate what they need," he said.

Jakhar said being private companies, these players would have an edge in negotiating disputes. "The players will also have the freedom to stock foodgrain. This, in turn, means they will dictate terms

to farmers which may lead to lesser prices for the cultivators," the PPCC chief said.

Referring to the ordinance passed by the Centre in which it proposed a fine of Rs 1 crore apart from imposing a five-year jail term on farmers engaged in paddy stubble burning, Jakhar said the Centre had showed its myopic attitude in solving agricultural problems.

## Follow C'garh on farm mandi: SAD

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 29

SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal today said the passage of a Bill making the entire state a single 'mandi' by Congress-ruled Chhattisgarh had exposed the fraud played on farmers by Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh, who had played a fixed match with the Centre and refused to protect the farming community from the ill-effects of the agri-marketing laws.

Addressing a virtual conference here today, the SAD president said even as Congress-ruled Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan governments passed similar laws to protect their farmers, Capt Amarinder left the farmers of the state at the mercy of the Centre. "The Congress government has deliberately amended the Central Acts under the trade subject, which is on the concurrent list, instead of bringing in legislation under the agricultural head, which is on the state list, as done by the Chhattisgarh government. This amounts to selling off the interests of the

CM playing into Centre's hands.

Sukhbir Badal, SAD president

state to the Central BJP government," said Sukhbir.

## New pollution law to harm farmers, alleges Maluka

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 29

The Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) has criticised a new law brought through an ordinance by the Centre Government that has a provision for Rs 1 crore fine and imprisonment of up to five years for causing pollution.

SAD Kisan wing head Sikander Singh Maluka said though the Centre government had brought the ordinance to tackle the problem of air pollution in the Delhi-NCR region, but it would have ramifications all over the country. "It seems the BJP-led NDA government aims to use this law to harass farmers who are protesting against the Central farm Acts already," Maluka said.

He said the pollution in the Delhi-NCR region was mainly vehicular and industrial and the Delhi and Central governments had been wrongly blaming Punjab farmers for causing the smog by burning the paddy residue. "This allegation is wrong. Several studies in Punjab have already proved it," said Maluka. — TNS



READY FOR DEBATE WITH CENTRE'S EXPERTS

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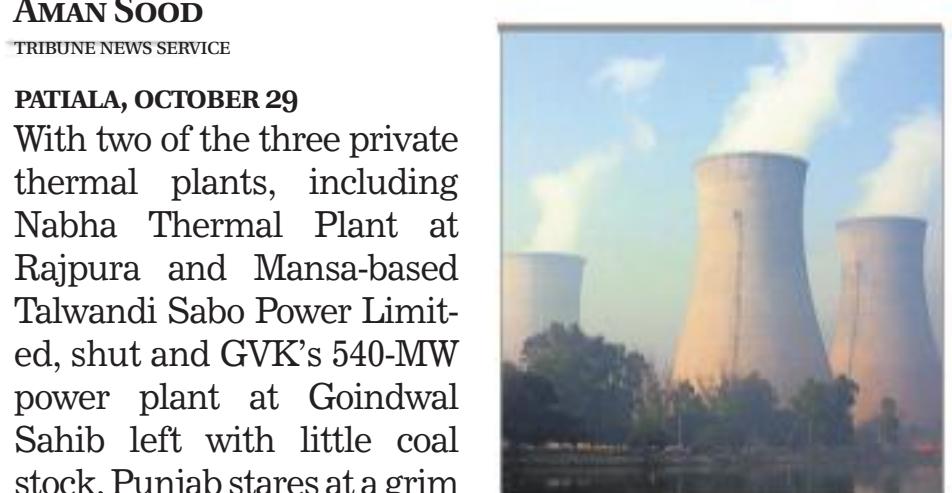
## Hit by labourers' strike, farmers demand relief

ABOHAL, OCTOBER 29

It was only after SDM Jaspal Singh Brar and State SC ST Commission member Karanveer Singh Indora intervened that the stand off between the Labour Union and farmers on the highway was resolved today. Members of the Tola Mazdoor Union were protesting for the third day against the Cotton Corporation of India after the latter denied increasing their wages. Union president Amar Nath alleged that cotton-laden trailers were

being unloaded directly in factories due to which the labourers were denied wages.

On the other hand, a contractor claimed that he couldn't afford to pay them more. Hundreds of farmers, who were affected by the labour strike, blocked the national highway outside the grain market. Subsequently, the police tried to pacify the farmers. However, the farmers said they were suffering losses, as they were not able to sell their produce due to the strike. — OC



Just one private thermal power plant is functional with less than two days of coal. Also, two state-run plants with limited capacity have four days of stock left. The state can see a blackout anytime.

PSPCL official

MW from own sources. The private thermal plants have a generation capacity of 3,

# 18 months on, Bathinda tech university to get VC

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 29**  
After a delay of over one-and-a-half years, the Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University (MRSPTU), Bathinda, will get a new Vice Chancellor (VC).

The search and selection committee, headed by Punjab Chief Secretary Vini Mahajan, in its meeting held yesterday, shortlisted a panel of three candidates from seven aspirants, who had appeared before the committee. The Board of Governors of the university will meet soon to approve the names. A total of 24 candidates had applied for the post of VC.

The meeting of the search and selection committee had been postponed thrice in the past, after one of the applicants, Narinder Paul Singh,



In all, 24 candidates have applied for the top post at the university.

former dean, Punjab Technical University, Kapurthala, dragged the state government to court over the composition of the selection committee.

Yesterday, a Bench of Ravi Shanker Jha, Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court, and Justice Arun Palli, dismissed a letter patents appeal that the former dean had filed against the single-Bench order. Earlier, the

single-Bench order had dismissed his plea challenging the selection process for the post of the VC. The Punjab Government will now go ahead with the ongoing selection process. The Board of Governors has recently ordered a third-party audit of the project for the construction of an administrative block, a lecture theatre and departments at an inflated cost.

# Govt approves 150 MBBS seats for Gian Sagar college

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**FARIDKOT, OCTOBER 29**  
The Department of Medical Education and Research (DMER) today granted permission to Gian Sagar Medical College and Hospital, Banur, to admit 150 students in the MBBS course for the academic year 2020-2021. The medical college was closed three years ago due to various controversies over financial mismanagement.

The DMER has allowed the college to make admissions after the Medical Council of India (MCI) and Baba Farid University of Health Sciences (BFUHS) had given their nod, and the college had deposited a bank guarantee of Rs 1.4 crore in favour of the Medical Education Department.

Earlier, the state government had issued essentiali-

ty and an NOC to the college on August 29, 2019, and BFUHS had also allowed provisional affiliation to the college on April 28.

With these 150 MBBS seats, there will be total 1,375 seats in the course in all nine medical colleges in the state. This includes 600 seats in three government medical colleges at Faridkot, Patiala and Amritsar, 100 seats in DMC, Ludhiana, 75 in CMC, Ludhi-

ana, 150 in SGRD Medical College, Amritsar, 150 in Adesh Medical College, Bathinda, and 150 in PIMS, Jalandhar; other than 150 in Gian Sagar Medical College and Hospital, for this academic session. The admission process has already been started by the BFUHS.

The MCI and the Dental Council of India had withdrawn the recognition of the medical college of the Gian Sagar Educational and Charitable Trust in 2017 after the management failed in coming up with any concrete revival plan for the institute, which was facing a financial crisis.

The government at that time had also shifted around 1,500 medical and dental students of the college to other medical institutions operating across the state to complete the remaining years of their courses.



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## PUDA server glitch rectified

The Tribune IMPACT

**JALANDHAR, OCTOBER 29**

After *The Tribune* highlighted the problem faced by applicants at PUDA in getting a no objection certificate (NOC), the department has finally resolved the month-old issue.

The PUDA office issued a release saying, "The issue that had cropped up in the server has been resolved. The public will not face any problem now. From now onwards, the applicants can apply for NOC on the portal [www.punjabregularization.in](http://www.punjabregularization.in)". — TNS

## SC panel seeks report in Barnala rape case

**CHANDIGARH/BARNALA, OCT 29**  
Taking suo motu notice of the alleged rape of a four-year-old girl at Dangarh village in Barnala district, the Punjab State Scheduled Castes Commission has sought a detailed report from the SSP.

Tejinder Kaur, chairperson of the commission, said she learnt about the "shocking incident" through media reports and that the commission had asked the SSP to submit a detailed report by November 2, besides taking stern action against the accused.

Meanwhile, the district administration has started the process of providing financial aid to the victim following the intervention of CM Capt Amarinder Singh. A 16-year-old youth was arrested within hours of the alleged crime on Wednesday.

State Congress vice-presi-

### FAST-TRACK HEARING

• The CM has directed all senior officials to accelerate the process of grant of compensation to the victim. The case will be handed over to a fast-track court for prompt justice to the victim.

Kewal Singh Dhillon, Barnala EX-MLA

dent Kewal Singh Dhillon, also a former Barnala MLA, along with DC Tej Pratap Singh Phoolka and other senior officers, today visited the victim at a local hospital. Meanwhile, the chairman of the Punjab State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Rajendra Singh, met the family of the victim at the hospital today. He promised speedy justice to the victim. — TNS

## 16-yr-old raped in Moga

**MOGA, OCTOBER 29**  
A 16-year-old girl was allegedly raped by a village youth in Dharamkot subdivision of Moga district, police officials said today.

The police have arrested the suspect, Sooraj Singh, and will produce him in a local

court for remand. A case under Sections 376 (sexual assault), 363 (kidnapping), 368 (conceal kidnapping), and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the IPC and Section 4 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act has been registered against him. — TNS



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**WEAR MASK, WASH YOUR HANDS, WATCH YOUR DISTANCE**

## Police fail to present challan, 'ultra' gets bail

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

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The police had claimed to have busted a terror module with the arrest of two alleged Khalistani operatives. DGP Dinkar Gupta, during a media briefing at the time, had claimed the two were preparing to carry out a series of terror attacks and targeted killings at the behest of their Pakistani mentors and handlers. The other accused was

identified as Vikram Singh.

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**CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 29**  
The state recorded 468 fresh cases and 10 deaths in the past 24 hours. With this, the total number of cases has risen to 1,32,727 and the toll has climbed to 4,168.

In the district-wise breakup of cases, Jalandhar topped the list with 67 cases, followed by Bathinda (66), Ludhiana (50), Amritsar (47) and SAS Nagar (40). Witnessing a slight increase, the number of active cases stands at 4,266. At present, 102 patients

are on oxygen support and 21 on ventilator support.

Meanwhile, after a teacher tested Covid-positive, Government Senior Secondary School at Hajara Singh Wala village in Ferozepur, has been closed for a week. — TNS

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Executive Engineer,  
Jal Shakti Division, Hamirpur.

DPR/HP/4017

**Gurdwara clash:  
SAD says Cong  
backing activists**

AMRITSAR, OCTOBER 29

The cases registered following a clash between SGPC officials and Sikh activists in the precincts of the Golden Temple on October 24 have not gone down well with both sides.

SAD spokesperson Virsa Singh Valtoha, who visited the injured SGPC officials and staff members at Sri Guru Ram Dass Hospital in Amritsar, demanded dismissal of the case against the SGPC staff members. He said those who created ruckus and attacked SGPC officials inside the Golden Temple enjoyed patronage of the Congress government.

The satkam committee and other Sikh outfits visited the Police Commissioner's office to challenge the grounds under which the SGPC got their members booked under sections of the IPC.

Valtoha said, "They locked the gates of the SGPC headquarters twice to provoke an altercation. Had the police took cognisance of SGPC's repeated complaints about the intentions of protesters and took timely action, the unfortunate clash could have been averted."

Sri Guru Granth Sahib Satkar Committee head Balbir Singh Muchhal said the Sikh activists were booked on frivolous grounds and hence the FIR should be quashed. — TNS

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1.	Lump sum provision for RWSS in Bhattiyan Constituency Providing Water Supply Scheme to census Village Chaladi in Tehsil Bhattiyan, Distt. Chamba (H.P.)	Rs. 22,94,495/-	Rs. 41,917/-	Three months	Rs. 400/-
2.	Lump sum provision for RWSS in Bhattiyan Constituency Providing Water Supply Scheme to census Village Kelan in Tehsil Bhattiyan, Distt. Chamba (H.P.)	Rs. 9,12,007/-	Rs. 18,240/-	Three months	Rs. 250/-

The date of start for downloading the above bid is 28.10.2020 and deadline for submission of bid is 03.11.2020.

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A/R & M/O of STP NIT Hamirpur in Tehsil and Distt. Hamirpur (SH:- Excavation, laying, jointing and testing of main sewerage line to NIT Hamirpur).	Rs. 214070/-	Rs. 4281/-	3 Months
Balance work Providing Sewerage Scheme to Nadaun Town in Tehsil Nadaun, Distt. Hamirpur (SH:- Excavation, laying, jointing and testing of sewerage main line at Node No. 765-766, 766-767, 768-769 & 12G-765).	Rs. 213779/-	Rs. 4276/-	3 Months
Providing LWSS to Noughi Lohar Kotli and Multi villages including providing Household connection by Ministry of Jal Shakti "Har Ghar Jal Se Jal" in LWSS Noughi Bhupali & Niyat Majhot in Nadaun Constituency, Distt. Hamirpur (SH:- Replacing of Rusty pipe part of rising main with GI pipe 150mm dia (HC) at various RD).	Rs. 251478/-	Rs. 5030/-	3 Months
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DPR/HP/4017

**SP-rank officer got smuggled gun as 'gift' to favour accused**

Chargesheet says foreign-made weapons trafficked through Bihar, UP

**MODUS OPERANDI OF GANGSTERS**

- Gangsters trafficked illegal arms into Punjab and got these registered against arms licences of co-accused who posed as 'buyers'
- The arms were kept with 'buyers' for safe-keeping and used by gangsters in illegal activities before being deposited back
- Offices of Ferozepur, Chandigarh, Amritsar, Patiala, Bathinda and Mansa district magistrate were misled using forged papers to get these registered



Punjab through Bihar and UP by gangster Ranjit Singh Dupla and his associates though smugglers from Bihar and UP.

Activities of extortion, contract killing, assault and intimidation of general public, it is alleged.

The sophisticated foreign-made weapons had higher potency than those made in India and were used by gangsters to create terror among the public. Gangster Dupla allegedly trafficked these illegal weapons into Punjab and hatched a conspiracy to get these registered against the arms licences of his co-accused who posed as "buyers".

The weapons were kept in the custody of these "buyers" for safe-keeping and when

ever the gangsters needed to carry out their nefarious activities, they used these before depositing them back with the "buyers".

The chargesheet alleged Chandigarh-based gun dealer Satish Kumar purchased around 50 foreign-made weapons when he was in contact with Dupla, a proclaimed offender in the case.

Some weapons were sold between Rs 9 lakh and Rs 10 lakh. During the course of investigation, 21 of these weapons were recovered from Kumar, claimed the OCCU. Bansal, a Moga car dealer, allegedly acted as a conduit in the illegal trade and gifted one of the weapons to the SP-rank police officer in Faridkot to buy his favour in the case.

In lieu of the gift, Bansal was made a witness, instead of being nominated as an accused in the case, says the chargesheet.



Asks if it's worthwhile to criminalise acts of runaway couples

this, which so much blinds the family members/parents as to even kill their own, the ones they gave birth to and/or to eliminate her/his chosen partner?"

Justice Monga added he had to deal with many cases where one of the partners was not of marriageable age. Yet, orders were passed for granting protection as right to life envisaged under Article 21 stood on a higher pedestal vis-à-vis alleged violation of statutory requirements of matrimonial law.

"It is certain that even if there is violation of statutory requirements of matrimonial law, as alleged, the person/party violating the same, cannot be bounded to be killed in the name of protecting honour of the family. Human life, therefore, has to be protected. It is the very basic ethos and the scheme of our Constitution particularly Article 21."

Justice Monga made it clear that the court could not delve further on the issues as the petition was withdrawn. "The questions posed are left open to be decided in the appropriate proceedings," the Bench asserted.

**Mistakes of tender age must be handled with tenderness: HC**

SAURABH MALIK  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 29

In a judgment that is liable to change the outlook of the courts towards runaway couples, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has asserted that "mistakes of tender age ought to be handled with certain tenderness".

Justice Arun Monga asserted the court was left pondering "whether it was worthwhile to criminalise such activities of children? Would not making them criminals leave a lifelong scar on their minds, from which they may not be able to ever recover?"

Justice Monga further asserted the law envisaged that a consensual relationship with a minor regardless of her consent was a criminal offence. But he was of the view that it was not in the interest of a child generally to criminalise his/her activity as a straitjacket formula. Each case was required to be analysed on its own facts and circumstances.

Taking up a protection plea, Justice Monga observed petitions were almost daily being filed from Punjab, Haryana and Chandigarh. The newlyweds initially sought protection from the state and rushed to the courts on failure to get relief.

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## Raking up Ayodhya

BJP needs to prioritise revival of jobs in Bihar

THE invocation of Ram Mandir by PM Narendra Modi during his election rallies in Bihar on Wednesday, even as the first phase of polling was in progress, indicates how desperately the BJP is clutching at straws. The temple lost its worth as a vote-catcher once the Supreme Court cleared the decks last year for its construction. It's undoubtedly a non-issue in a state grappling with the Covid-19 pandemic and crippling job losses. No less irrelevant to Bihar is the abrogation of Article 370, which has been raked up by UP CM Yogi Adityanath and other party leaders in their recent speeches in the state. The fact that Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, no less, promised free Covid-19 vaccine on priority for Bihar residents shows the BJP's failure to gauge the massive impact of reverse migration, triggered by the nationwide lockdown.

Bihar was among the states that bore the brunt of the lockdown. According to the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), the state's unemployment rate was a staggering 46 per cent in April-May this year. Though it fell to 11.9 per cent in September, still higher than the national figure of 6.7 per cent for the corresponding period, the CMIE has cautioned that such a drop is misleading as the labour participation rate and the employment rate are going down as well. The stark reality is that only one out of every three adult Biharis is employed.

Reviving livelihoods in a time-bound manner should take precedence over other matters. The promise made by the Mahagathbandhan's CM face Tejashwi Yadav to sanction 10 lakh government jobs has prompted the BJP to announce — almost as an afterthought — the creation of 19 lakh employment opportunities. However, the party — which has shared power with the JD(U) for the past three years — needs to explain first why 4.5 lakh government jobs are still vacant in the state, as claimed by Tejashwi. The BJP doesn't seem to have learnt much from the stinging losses in the pre-Covid polls in Delhi and Jharkhand, where local issues resonated with the voters.

## Combating air pollution

Ensuring sustainable development will remain a challenge

THE decision of the Centre to form a commission to monitor air quality specifically for the Delhi-NCR region is welcome in intent, though the onus will lie on the government to prove that it turns out to be different from other such efforts made in the past. So far, the matter was overseen by the Supreme Court-mandated Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority that had taken decisions like converting public transport to the CNG mode of fuel and imposing a pollution charge on old polluting vehicles. This time around, a statutory body is being set up to regulate the process by coordinating between the Central Government and the states concerned.

While air pollution in the Delhi-NCR region, especially during the winter months, has generally been attributed to the burning of crop stubble in Punjab, Haryana and UP, there are other reasons too that need to be looked into. Delhi itself witnesses a spike in air pollution due to construction activities, burning of garbage and other factors. With the paddy harvesting season almost over, the extent of damage they cause will have to be ascertained. Delhi had implemented the odd-even scheme and advocated the use of electric vehicles. With Diwali just weeks away, it is now beginning an anti-firecracker campaign and pitching for the use of green crackers. But with reports ranking Delhi among the most polluted states along with Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh, concrete measures will be needed. Reconciling the aims of the commission with resumption of economic activities will remain a challenge.

The pandemic and the lockdown saw an improvement in air quality because of a decrease in emissions which points out how the environment is inextricably linked to human health. Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Chandigarh, which have fared better in monitoring air quality, were also among the states/UTs where the lockdown was enforced strictly. With curbs on road transport, rail services and air travel still to resume fully, the situation will offer a test case for the commission to study the factors that contribute to air pollution in Delhi-NCR and take steps to improve the situation.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Persecution is the compliment paid by a threatened lie to a conquering truth. — Chapman Cohen

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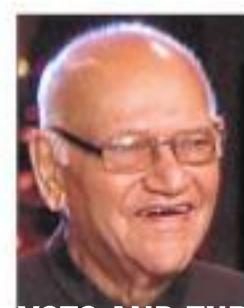
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### Mr. Gandhi's Letter to Aligarh College Trust.

IN the course of his recent letter to the Trustees of the Aligarh College, Mr. Gandhi wrote: "We are engaged in a war in which our only weapon is the force of public opinion and we shall reckon ourselves beaten in the battle if we do not carry the public with us in the present dispute. The test of public opinion will be in the first instance your majority." So far, as this first test is concerned, the issue has gone against Mr. Gandhi. The Trustees of the Aligarh College have, by a very large majority, rejected the proposal for the refusal of Government grant and the disaffiliation of the College from the University. Nor has this action been taken in a hurry or on the spur of the moment. It is obviously the outcome of a long process of careful deliberation, the last stage of which was gone through at Aligarh itself, and in the presence of Mr. Mahomed Ali. For more than a week, the papers had been full of reports about Aligarh, the stir which Mr. Gandhi's proposal had made, the universal interest it had evoked, the sympathy with which it had been received by some, the anxiety and alarm it had caused among others. It was obvious to the most superficial observer that the Trustees, the parents of boys, as well as the general public were greatly divided, that the matter was being considered with earnestness and that active canvassing was going on both sides, specially on the side of the advocates of the proposal, who having to break new ground, were naturally more active than those who only wanted to maintain the existing position. Only the issue was in doubt, though even here the reports about the attitude of Trustees and parents published in the press from all parts of the country must have prepared many for the decision which has just been announced.

# The unfair arrest of Fr. Stan

If NIA has evidence that the priest dabbled in violent activities, it must prove allegation



TRYSTS AND TURNS

JULIO RIBEIRO

AS a product of Jesuit education, I have a soft corner for Jesuit priests. The arrest of Fr. Stan Swami, a Jesuit born in Tamil Nadu, who opted to live and serve in the Ranchi province, tending to the needs of the Adivasis of the area, has unnerved me. I cannot imagine this 83-year-old being a menace or danger to my country — and his. I would not be surprised if he harboured latent sympathies for Maoists, though he admits that violence does not solve problems. Like terrorists, insurgents, too, have never succeeded in their aim of overthrowing governments. But the injustices they have been fighting rankle even with those who, like me, in my earlier profession, could have been despatched to oppose them.

So, if he fought those injustices in a Christian or a Gandhian manner, it should not surprise anyone. The Society of Jesus, whose soldiers are priests known as Jesuits, was founded by Ignatius of Loyola, a Basque nobleman, in the days when the Catholic Church was being besieged by Christian reformists in Germany and other countries of Europe. The Jesuits were in the forefront of the then Pope's counter-reformation movement. The guiding principle of the Jesuit order was 'Service through an active life in the world' as differentiated from the various Orders of Monks who spent their lives in seclusion and in prayer.

In recent times, there have been instances of priests, even an Archbishop, Helder Camara in South America, who have taken the concept of service to heights that have alarmed the church authorities themselves! These adherents of the 'liberation theology' have been moved by injustices heaped on the poor by elected governments, who protect the economic exploitation



IN SERVICE: Fr. Stan has stood up for Adivasis' rights. To deprive the defenceless Adivasis of a protector is to rub salt into festering wounds.

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inherent in many socio-political systems. Archbishop Camara was hounded by the Brazilian administration just like Fr. Stan is being targeted in India.

Fr. Stan stood up for the rights of the Adivasis to the usufruct of the forests in which they lived. Corporate houses have been expropriating these lands with the help of governments. The priest's own superiors would have stopped him if he had crossed the 'Laxman rekha' of peaceful opposition. It is with this knowledge that I say with confidence that he could never even have dreamt of waging war against the State.

To say that he was complicit in the Bhima-Koregaon case is even more ludicrous! How and why would the old priest get involved in a quarrel between Dalits and Marathas in Maharashtra? He says he has never been to Bhima-Koregaon and I believe him. The East India Company's army got the better of the Maratha army led by the Peshwa some 200 years ago at the battle of Bhima-Koregaon. One component of the East India Company's troops was a Mahar company. Since the past few years, the date of the battle is being celebrated by the Dalits as a victory over their age-old village rivals, the dominant Marathas! Matters came to a boil in 2016, because the second

centennial of the battle was being celebrated on a bigger scale, and an RSS pracharak, known in the area as Bhide Guruji, was moving around the area on a cycle spreading counter-propaganda. There was a BJP government in Mumbai. It came down on the organisers of a meeting held a day or two earlier, to the date of the commemoration, and clamped offences of sedition, causing enmity between classes and such crimes on a dozen leftist intellectuals from around the country.

Fr. Stan's name was bandied around for a while. Nothing was heard about him for a few years till suddenly he was called for questioning about a message discovered on his computer that linked him with Maoists. The NIA has been labouring to gather evidence against left-oriented activists for the past over four years. Arrests have been made at different intervals of time, prolonging the incarceration of more than a dozen leftist intellectuals, dubbed 'urban Naxals' by pro-government supporters.

I am not privy to the evidence the police and the NIA have collected against the priest and other 'urban Naxals'. I only know that the allegation at first was that they were conspiring to assassinate our PM. This

canard (it obviously is far-fetched) has not been mentioned except at the inception of the investigations. The charge now is conspiring with the underground Maoists to overthrow the State by force of arms.

From snippets leaked to newspapers and from official demands for custodial interrogation when submissions have to be made in open court, the evidence seems to be limited to correspondences gleaned from computers belonging to the accused. There was no recovery of weapons or letters from the priest in person. Neither does he have any record of criminal wrong-doing during his stay in Adivasi lands or elsewhere.

Many people of Jharkhand, including its CM have come out openly in his favour. Obviously he has endeared himself to ordinary folk because of his selfless work and the good he has achieved in the shape of fair play and justice to them. The Adivasis are by nature and upbringing simple folk who rely on the more worldly people of the plains to give them what is their due.

Because the plains people have not been fair, but have taken advantage of the simplicity of the indigenous people, the accumulated injustices have come to a head in the territory known now as the Maoist corridor, which stretches from beyond our borders with Nepal to Andhra Pradesh.

The left-leaning activists who have taken up the cause of the down-trodden are the ones who have been classified as 'urban Naxals'. They have a grouse on behalf of those who have suffered injustices. The answer lies in addressing these injustices. But those who have fought for the rights of the Adivasis without resorting to violence should not be humbled in this way. If, however, the NIA has evidence to prove that the priest has dabbled in violent activities, let it prove the allegation.

But to deprive the defenceless Adivasis of a protector whose only mission is to afford them succour is to rub salt into festering wounds, thus assuring further injustices and perpetuation of an insurgency that a former PM, Manmohan Singh, has called the biggest challenge facing the security forces of the nation.

## Magnanimity of a petty vendor

HARISH BARTHAWAL

AS we were to set out with our two children on a day-long trip to the holy city of Rishikesh after breakfast at our sister's home where we were lodged, I suggested that her two kids join us, which would have added to the pleasure. They were, as if awaiting the opportunity. I recalled my childhood days when the arrival of outstation guests with hold-all and metallic trunk was exhilarating since their presence meant relaxations in family norms, special meals and chances of an outing with them.

There was something divinely rejuvenating in the Ganga flowing under the 'Lakshman jhula', or in the varie-

gated floral ambience. So, each one of our six-member team was fresh and eager to take a stroll further, despite having had a sumptuous lunch at a popular *dhaba* en route. Those days, in a *thali* one could have as much of any item as one wanted, unlike now, when it is limited to the rather predictable, staple fare, all served once, besides servings of anything additional on extra payment.

After visiting several temples, we passed through the undulating pathway interspersed with shops selling idols, antiques, toys and decorative items of various descriptions on either side till the hustle made way for a serene setting. The thundering clouds above did not dampen the

spirits of the children. Shortly, torrential rain drenched us. Nonplussed, we witnessed a petty vendor ensconced under the protective trunk of a bulky tree. Close by lay his bicycle with a tarpaulin overlaying containers of snacks and biscuits. My wife requested the vendor to let the children take refuge beneath the cover, so they could be shielded from the rain. As the rain god bid adieu, and the vendor got ready to leave, we thanked him profusely for helping the children.

The chill in the weather warranted tea or coffee. We get what we fervently want, it is said. Shortly, a tea stall came in sight. With the beverage served, someone placed two plates on our table, one with biscuits and

the other with delicious snacks.

We gazed at the man. To our surprise, it was the same vendor who had sheltered our children in the rain. Before we could say anything to convey our gratefulness, the man had left. While leaving, we asked the man at the counter for the bill. Pat came the reply, "Rs 30, for six cups of tea." I reminded him that there were snacks and biscuits to be paid for too. "That has been settled by the vendor," we were told.

The incident took place many years ago. But ever since, whenever I find a vendor selling snacks, the benign figure of the magnanimous man we encountered in the pelting rain comes back to refresh my memory.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### BJP-Sangh synergy

With reference to 'Need better ties with neighbours to counter China', says Bhagwat; Bhagwat praising Modi government's handling of the China threat, lauding the battle against the pandemic, defending CAA and equating Hindutva with the nation indicates a high degree of synergy between the BJP and the Sangh. Given that BJP derives its ideological inspiration from RSS, and there is a close coordination between the government and the party, Bhagwat's speech on Vijayadashami has assumed great importance. But the most significant element of Bhagwat's speech was on the economy. A closer reading of the speech indicates that on political and cultural issues, to a large extent, and on economy to a lesser extent, the government and the RSS have a close overlap.

PS HANSPAU, BY MAIL

#### It's not enough

The bottom line of 'Improve productivity, efficiency to beat China' is not as simple as proposed. Creating a synergy or generating the willingness or capacity to assert is a subsequent step. The basic issue is to create a work culture in offices, factories as well as

freeing up economic policies from the clutches of populism and vote bank politics. Other countries mean business and focus their efforts for competitive advantage. We focus on the peripherals like catchphrases, slogans, emotions, and then converge at the core issue. By then, much energy is already spent.

RAKESH SUDAN, KURUKSHETRA

#### Strategic pact

Apropos of 'BECA boost', the signing of BECA is a step towards integration of the Indo-Pacific strategies of the two countries. This makes India a close strategic partner of the US, even in the absence of a formal NATO-like alliance. India has made the right move by not giving a free hand to the US, as it has preferred to wait for the next administration to assume office. This has been rightly done, as moving rashly away from Russia would have meant bad diplomacy, given the erratic nature of the US strategy in the past.

RAJIV BOOLCHAND JAIN, ZIRAKPUR

#### Waste disposal

Apropos of 'DC directs MCs to ensure safe disposal of waste', it is a commendable and inspiring decision. People are concerned about

environment protection, but there is no proper system for the dumping and disposal of waste. It is imperative to ensure the working of this system without fail. Organisations like the Sulabh International must come forward to take up the task. Proper recycling of waste, particularly glass and construction waste, needs attention.

RS KISHTWARA, PALAMPUR

#### Low interest on deposits

When a person deposits money in his bank account, the bank can lend other people that money. The depositing customer gains a small amount in return by way of interest on the deposits and the lending customer pays a larger amount to the bank in return as interest on loans. Despite the fact that deposits are bread and butter for the bank, the banks are offering benefits to the borrowers instead of depositors. All benefits are for the borrowers at the cost of depositors. Senior citizens who are dependent on income from interest are suffering because of banks.

SC DHALL, ZIRAKPUR

#### Neglecting parents

The menace of discarding elderly parents who spend their life and exhaust all resources in bringing

up their offspring is difficult to understand ('Why not adopt the elderly?'). Elders need only a few words of love and affection and a warm touch to get enthused. Nobody can repay parents for the sacrifices they make for their children. It is the duty of everyone to look after the elders so that they do not feel lonely.

RAJ KUMAR KAPOOR, ROPAR

#### Voters being careless

In the Bihar elections, people have turned up to vote in large numbers, about 54 per cent, in the first phase, despite the prevailing threat in the aftermath of Covid-19. It is the sign of healthy and vibrant democracy. This is the first election in India post pandemic. However, people were seen violating the special code of conduct set by the Election Commission, like coming en masse to polling booths and not wearing masks. The Chief Election Commissioner thanked the people for coming out in large numbers and exercising their right to vote, but he should also make efforts to spread awareness about social distancing, the use of masks and sanitizers for the successful and safe conduct of elections.

YASHI BAIRAGI, BY MAIL

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# Why festive sales may increase inequality



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**A**s a child, I saw a lot of South India. I recall running my hands over the exquisite carvings in Belur-Halebid, hard as stone, yet smooth to the touch. I remember craning my neck to look at the awe-inspiring giant statue of Gomateshwara. I remember the elephant ride in the forests of Bandipur. And I remember looking down as our plane was about to land in Hyderabad and marvelling at how red the soil looked.

On the flip side, not going on holidays will result in huge savings for India's middle class. A joint study by Bain & Google estimated that Indians spent \$57 billion on leisure travel. The study predicted that this spend will rise at 13 per cent per year. That would work out to about \$64 billion in leisure travel expenditure in 2019. Of course, travel spends are a function of disposable income and Covid-19 is likely to reduce that by at least 10 per cent this year. So, the potential spending that Indians could have done on travel and tourism in 2020, would be 10 per cent less than 2019, or about \$58 billion. In Indian money, that amounts to about Rs 4.3 lakh crore.

Now, let us assume that 80 per cent of those who would have travelled for a holiday will skip it this year because of the pandemic. That means, India's middle class, which does the bulk of leisure travelling, would have ended up saving nearly Rs 3.5 lakh crore, which it would have otherwise spent on holidays. This is after we have accounted for

and local goodies to be bought. As travellers spent, local economies flourished.

By the mid-1980s, the government realised that travel and tourism was a great job creator. So, new concessions were given to the tourism industry. Since then, travel and tourism has ballooned into one of India's biggest sectors. It is also amongst the worst hit by Covid-19. An early estimate by FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry) suggested that the pandemic would cause a revenue loss of Rs 5 lakh crore to the travel and hospitality industry and result in 3.5-4 crore job losses.

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We were not alone. Millions of government employees of various shades used their LTC to travel. Of course, the government only covered ticket costs. Travelling entailed other expenditure as well. There were hotels and guest houses to be paid for. Food to be eaten. Souvenirs



PROFOUND IMPACT: The tourism industry is taking a ₹5 lakh crore hit, while India's households are potentially saving ₹3.5 lakh crore by not travelling for leisure.

the loss in disposable income caused by the Covid-induced recession. If even 60 per cent of this 'saving' goes into additional consumption, that would be more than Rs 2 lakh crore, or over one per cent of India's GDP in current prices.

To understand what this means, let us take two figures. In 2018, the India Brand Equity Foundation (IBEF) estimated that Indians bought consumer durables — TV sets, refrigerators, fans, ACs, microwave ovens, computers, laptops, digital cameras, etc — worth about Rs 1 lakh crore that year. In 2019-20, Maruti sold cars worth Rs 72,000 crore, and it has more than 50 per cent of India's passenger car market. Compare these numbers to the 'potential' extra money in the hands of India's middle class because most of them will not travel for leisure this year.

To revisit the numbers I have outlined above, the tourism industry is taking a ₹5 lakh crore hit, while India's households are potentially saving ₹3.5 lakh crore by not travelling for leisure. Out of this, Rs 2 lakh crore could end up being spent on clothes and apparel, smartphones, consumer durables and automobiles, while Rs 1.5 lakh crore could end up being invested in fixed deposits and stocks. This is all additional money, more than half of which would have otherwise been spent on 'perishable' goods and services like air and train tickets, hotel stays and food. Even holiday-related shopping often consists of non-essentials like souvenirs and gifts that are not manufactured by the organised sector.

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in the organised sector. This ₹2 lakh crore is equal to the total revenue of Maruti Suzuki, Hero Motors, Samsung, LG & Dell, combined in 2019-20. This partially explains why we are seeing this unprecedented rise in the sale of consumer durables during this festive season. Other than pent-up demand, need for smartphones and personal vehicles due to social distancing needs, big discounts, the extra money in the hands of middle class households who skipped their summer and Dussehra holiday travel, is helping push up sales.

This will have a profound income-distribution impact across the economy. Travel and tourism is highly labour-intensive and creates a large number of mid- and low-income jobs. It accounts for a large chunk of earnings of restaurants and hotels, which

too employ many people, and sustain their own ecosystems of suppliers. Tourism also helps local economies in tourist spots, which might otherwise have no economic connection with other towns and cities.

The organised industry of consumer durables and automobiles, on the other hand, is capital-intensive and highly mechanised. Many of the biggest companies in this space are multinationals that only assemble their products in India. Samsung, which has more than one-third share of India's refrigerator market and dominates the market in TV sets, microwave ovens and washing machines, does have manufacturing facilities in India, but a bulk of the parts come from outside.

In any case, most of India's consumer goods makers have excess capacity, and additional demand will not make them invest more. What it might do is induce them to hire more white-collar managers and take a few additional workers on contract. They might also expand their marketing spends, which, in turn, will boost the incomes of India's media companies.

In other words, we might see a revival of hiring amongst the top 10 per cent of Indians, but a sharp decline in employment for middle- and lower-middle income people who were dependent on the travel and tourism industry. That will make the affluent even richer, and push the lower middle class into poverty. By staying at home during the festival holiday season and buying goods instead, India's middle class will inadvertently end up making our society even more unequal.

## Reforms to make armed forces *atmanirbhar*



LT GEN GYAN BHUSHAN (RETD)

FORMER SOUTH WESTERN ARMY COMMANDER

We have not been able to develop home-grown technologies. The DRDO, defence PSUs and the private defence sector have not invested adequately in R&D. Foreign companies are not ready to transfer the latest technology without having adequate control in decision-making.

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**B**ORDER clashes with Chinese troops and the rising tension along the northern borders have forced accelerated domestic and foreign purchase of weapons. Whenever there has been a border clash or a major terror attack, we have been resorting to emergency purchases and granting greater financial powers to service headquarters for the purchase of emergent items. It clearly indicates that our defence industry and the regular system laid down for procurements in a certain time frame are not functioning properly, resulting in emergency purchases in times of crises. These drawbacks have been highlighted by many committees as also by the Parliamentary Committee on Defence, but apparently no lessons seem to have been learnt in the 21 years since the Kargil conflict.

Amid the ongoing border tension, the Defence Minister on September 28 unveiled the Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP) 2020 in which an endeavour has been made to align it with the vision of *Atmanirbhar Bharat* and empower the domestic industry through the Make in India initiative. It has adequately included provisions to encourage FDI to establish manufacturing hubs, both for import substitution and exports, hence protecting the interests of our domestic industry.

Earlier, the Finance Minister had announced key structural reforms in the defence sector after the Prime Minister announced a special economic and comprehensive package of Rs 20 lakh crore to revive the economy and called for an *Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan*. As a part of this package, the



MAKE IN INDIA: A separate budget for domestic capital procurement will help boost the indigenous defence industry and achieve self-reliance.

FDI limit in defence manufacturing under the automatic route is to be raised from 49 per cent to 74 per cent. There will be a time-bound defence procurement process and faster decision-making will be ushered in by the setting up of a project management unit to support contract management, besides a realistic setting of the general staff qualitative requirements (GSQRs) of weapons/platforms and the overhauling of the trial and testing procedures.

As per Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), we are the second largest importer of weapons and equipment in the world, spending approximately \$100 billion in defence contracts per year. To become self-reliant in defence production, the Make in India plan is to be promoted by notifying a list of weapons/platforms for a ban on import with year-wise timelines, the indigenisation of

imported spares and a separate budget provisioning for domestic capital procurement. This will assist in the reduction of the defence import bill and improve autonomy, accountability and efficiency in ordnance supplies.

We have not been able to develop home-grown technologies. The DRDO, DPSUs and even the private defence sector have not invested adequately in R&D and foreign companies are generally not ready to transfer the latest technology without having adequate control in decision-making in the company.

The FDI limit in 2015 was raised to 49 per cent, but it still did not take off, restricting our indigenisation efforts. Raising the FDI to 74 per cent is likely to attract foreign companies. The imported technologies will act as a catalyst for future development of in-house technologies.

Foreign companies will require an ecosystem to procure some parts and

spares from local manufacturers which will provide them the required opportunities. Local availability of spares will be useful in times of crises and also help in providing a better lifetime support to the equipment.

Another major development is the endeavour for the corporatisation of the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB), which formed a part of the Modi 2.0 government's '167 transformative ideas' to be implemented in 100 days, i.e. by October 2019. The proposal for corporatisation was floated in July/August 2019, but the trade unions called for an indefinite strike against the decision and the strike was called off only after certain assurances by the government. Corporatisation of the OFB is necessary to rouse it from slumber and transform it into a state-of-the-art facility that is more competitive and self-reliant. Hopefully, the recently formed high-powered committee should be able to overcome the resistance and ensure implementation.

The proposal to import certain weapon systems/equipment and indigenisation of imported spares to improve self-reliance will give a boost to the local defence industry. However, there is a need for extreme caution while drawing out the list, which should be in sync with our existing capability and not the futuristic envisaged capability because it can mislead us and completely block the import route to procure these items even in times of crises.

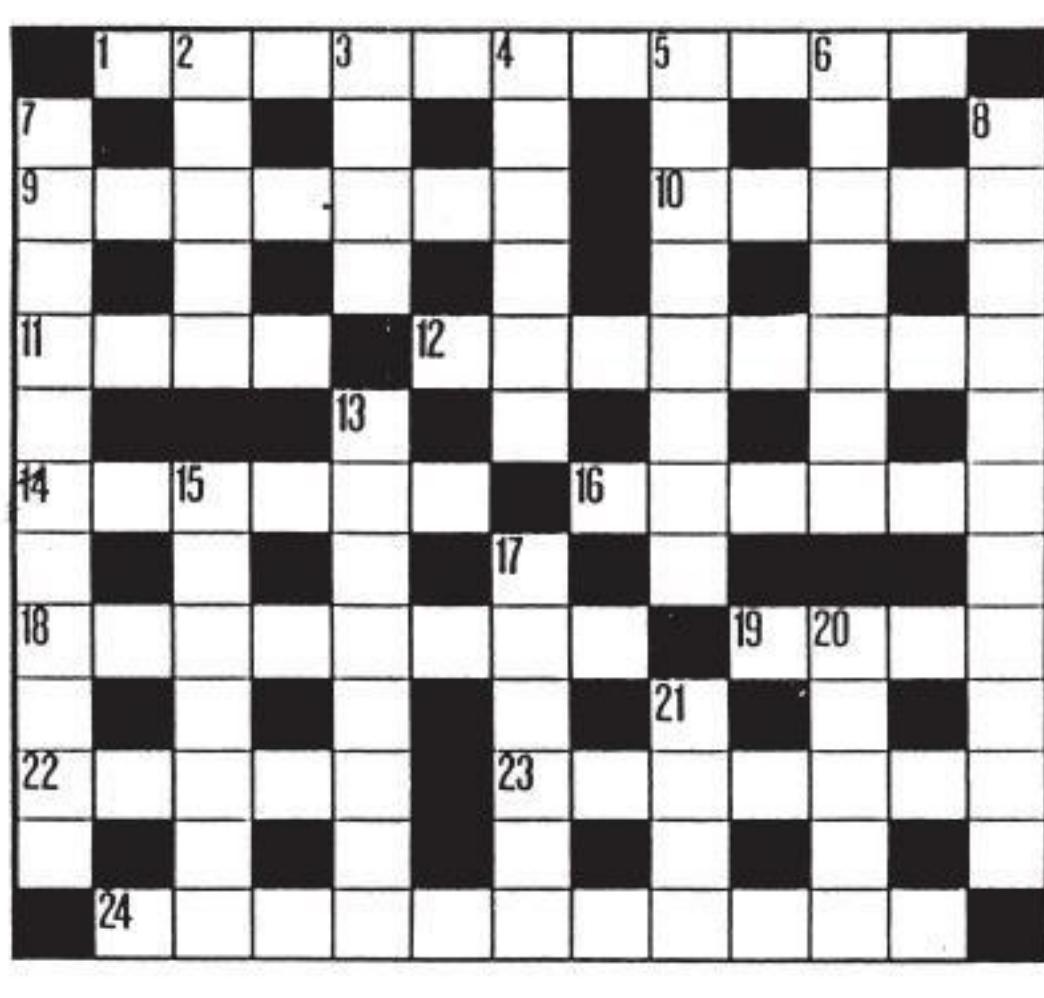
The proposal of a separate budget for domestic capital procurement is yet another step to boost the indigenous defence industry. This provision, coupled with keeping a check on reducing the defence import Bill, should encourage domestic manufacture by facilitat-

ing them to assess the exclusive government allocation. However, it needs to be seen whether it will be over and above the defence budget allotment or form a part of the allotted capital outlay, which at the moment is insufficient to even meet the committed liabilities for defence acquisitions.

The process of formulation of GSQRs has been further refined with greater emphasis on identifying verifiable parameters based on analysis of comparative equipment available in the world and domestic markets. Effort has been towards the simplification of trial procedures to conduct trials with an objective of nurturing competition based on the principles of transparency, fairness and equal opportunities to all and not as a process of elimination. The success of these measures will depend largely on the close involvement of uniformed personnel and their predominant role in these set-ups.

These reforms have the potential to achieve self-reliance and provide a much-needed fillip to the defence industry which has historically been plagued by policy paralysis. At present, officials dealing with these crucial issues in the Ministry of Defence are not professionals with experience, but are transients with little experience. Reservation in employing defence personnel in these pivotal roles has to be shed. Success will largely depend on ensuring greater involvement of users — the uniformed community — in key positions of execution. With rising tensions along the northern borders, there is an urgent need to push for these reforms pending for decades for better defence preparedness.

### QUICK CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

**Across:** 1 Madrid, 4 Scot-free, 9 Nicety, 10 Bone idle, 12 Ally, 13 Forte, 14 Clap, 17 Antipathetic, 20 Take for a ride, 23 Rice, 24 Perky, 25 Thug, 28 Gridiron, 29 Rebuff, 30 Conclude, 31 Propel.

**Down:** 1 Maniacal, 2 Docility, 3 Iota, 5 Cook the books, 6 Teem, 7 Riddle, 8 Exempt, 11 For the record, 15 Appal, 16 Vital, 18 High jump, 19 Vengeful, 21 Tragic, 22 Action, 26 Will, 27 Bear.

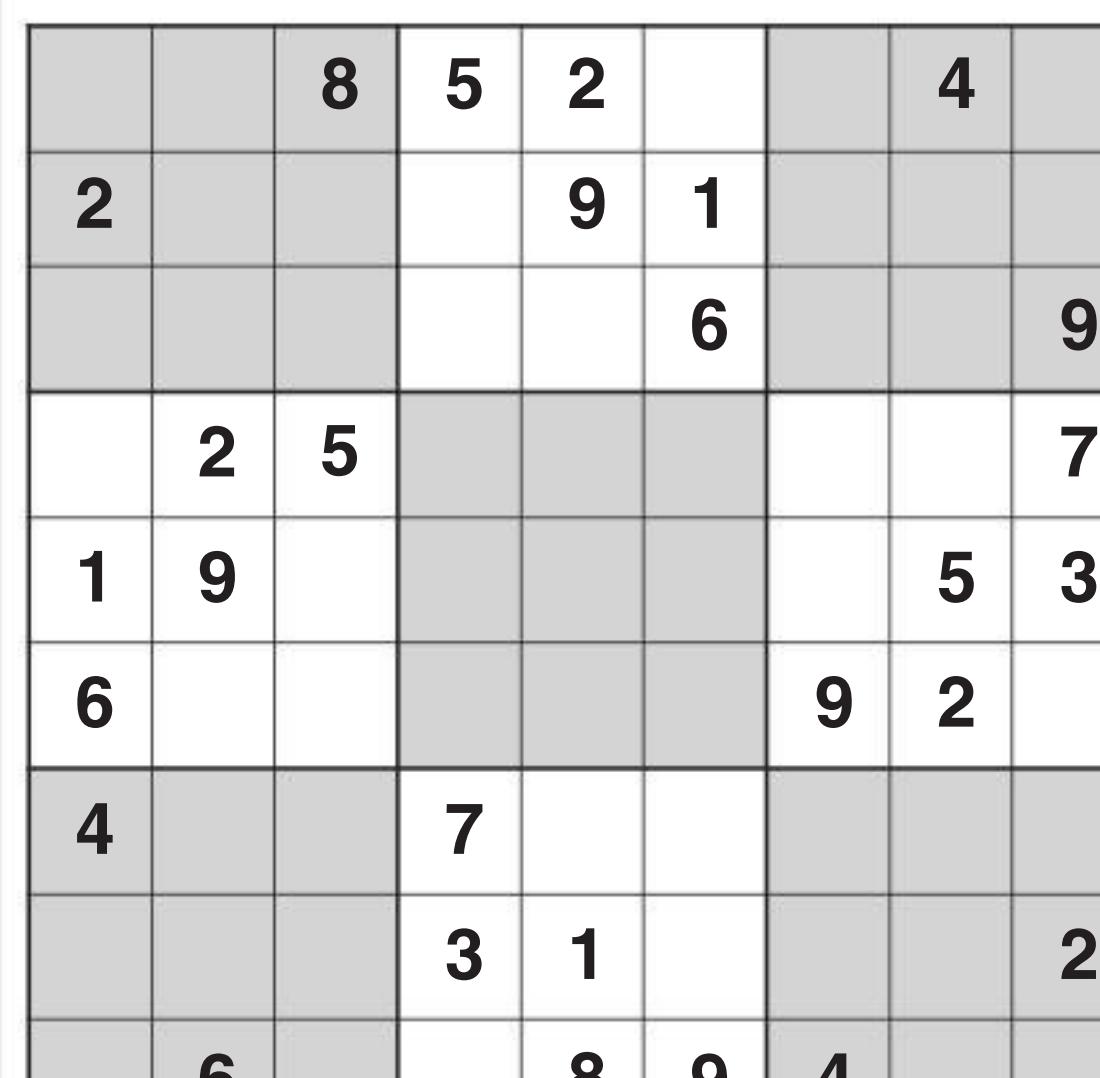
### ACROSS

- 1 Set absolute limit (4,3,4)
- 9 A lot of (7)
- 10 Rate of activity (5)
- 11 Sole (4)
- 12 Effectively influenced (8)
- 14 Forgive for offence (6)
- 16 Lower dignity of (6)
- 18 South American country (8)
- 19 Responsibility (4)
- 22 Occurrence (5)
- 23 Of little depth (7)
- 24 Make a brisk start (3,8)

### DOWN

- 2 Drive back (5)
- 3 Sharpen (4)
- 4 Persevere (4,2)
- 5 Well-read (8)
- 6 Candidate put forward (7)
- 7 Losing in a transaction (3,2,6)
- 8 Not be defeated (4,4,3)
- 13 Merely superficial (8)
- 15 Raise siege of (7)
- 17 Carnival (6)
- 20 A synthetic polymer (5)
- 21 Be short of (4)

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### CALENDAR

#### OCTOBER 30, 2020, FRIDAY

Vikrami Samvat	2077
■ Shaka Samvat	1942
■ Kartik Shaka	8
■ Kartik Parvishite	14
■ Hijari	1442
■ Shukla Paksha Tithi 14, up to 8:46 pm	
■ Vajra Yoga up to 3:31 am	
■ Revati Nakshatra up to 2:57 pm	
■ Moon enters Aries sign 2:57 pm	
■ Panchak ended 2:57 pm	
■ Sharad Purnima Vrat	

### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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### FORECAST

SUNSET: FRIDAY 17:36 HRS  
SUNRISE: SATURDAY 06:37 HRS

CITY	MAX	MIN
Chandigarh	32	14
New Delhi	31	12
Amritsar	31	12
Bathinda	31	14
Jalandhar	31	12
Ludhiana	32	11
Bhiwani	31	14
Hisar	33	1

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**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT OF LICENCE FOR SETTING UP OF AFFORDABLE GROUP HOUSING COLONY IN THE RESIDENTIAL SECTORS OF VARIOUS TOWNS OF THE STATE UNDER AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY-2013.**

1. Applications for grant of licence are hereby invited for setting up of Affordable Group housing Colony as per provisions of the Haryana Development and Regulation of Urban Areas Act, 1975 and Rules framed thereunder, within a period of thirty days from the date of publication of this public notice for the net planned area available of the residential sectors as per the list hosted on the website of the Department i.e. [www.tcpharyana.gov.in](http://www.tcpharyana.gov.in). The net planned area available for grant of licence in each residential sector of the towns seeking applications under this public notice is mentioned in the Annexure-A, which is also uploaded on the website of the Department.
2. The applications through online portal for seeking licence under the Affordable Housing Policy-2013, as amended from time to time, should be submitted on the prescribed Form LC-1 and must be complete in all respect w.r.t. provisions of Haryana Development and Regulation of Urban Areas Act, 1975. **NO APPLICATION SHALL BE ACCEPTED UNLESS IT IS ACCOMPANIED BY THE REQUISITE FEES PRESCRIBED FOR GRANT OF LICENCE TO SETUP THE AFFORDABLE GROUP HOUSING COLONY, DOCUMENTS AND PLANS ALONGWITH PRESCRIBED FORM LC-1. LIST OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT.**
3. As per the amendment in clause 2(iv) of the Affordable Housing Policy-2013 issued vide notification No. PF-27/15922 dated 05.07.2019, maximum area of 30 acres is allowed in a residential sector of the published Final Development Plan for grant of licence under this policy, subject to availability of balance net planned area in a residential sector. The applicants whose applications which stand rejected/returned by the Department under Affordable Housing Policy-2013 due to deficiencies, may also apply afresh under this public notice after removing the deficiencies pointed out by the Department at the time of rejection.
4. In accordance with the policy of the Department dated 10.11.2017 for grant of license permissions for setting up of those categories of colonies for which there is a cap on the Net Planned Area (NPA) and also as per Affordable Housing Policy-2013 amended vide notification dated 05.07.2019, the net planned area available for grant of licence in each residential sector of the towns mentioned in attached Annexure-A has been uploaded on the website of the Department. The net planned area in these sectors shall be available subject to the decision on the pending applications under Affordable Housing Policy-2013 and as per the outcome of the Orders of the Appellate Authority/order of the Hon'ble Court, if any.
5. The interested companies/parties/individuals may apply online on Department's website namely [www.tcpharyana.gov.in](http://www.tcpharyana.gov.in) application for seeking licence for Affordable Group Housing Colony for the towns mentioned above. The hard copies of the applications alongwith the supporting documents must be submitted within the validity of this public notice in the office of Director, Town & Country Planning, Haryana, Nagar Yojna Bhawan, Plot No. 3, Sector-18-A, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh on any working day within office hours. For any query, Senior Town Planner, Gurugram (0124-2305872), Rohtak (01262266655), Panchkula (0172-2560217) and Faridabad (0129-2220692) or District Town Planner (HQ) (01722724201) may be contacted during working hours.
6. The link for online licence application is <https://ofa.tcpharyana.gov.in>

Sd/- K. Makrand Pandurang

Director,  
Town and Country Planning,  
Haryana, Chandigarh.

**Annexure-A**

Detail of Net Planned Area available for grant of license for setting up of Affordable Group Housing Colony in various towns of Haryana

Sr. No.	Sector No.	Net planned area of Residential Sector (in acres)	Area granted for AGH (in acres)	Area of pending application under consideration AGH (in acres)	Balance area under AGH (within 30 acre limit)
1	1	271.196	0.00	0.00	30.00
2	2	313.241	0.00	0.00	30.00
3	3	261.700	0.00	0.00	30.00
4	4	309.840	0.00	0.00	30.00
5	5	169.680	0.00	0.00	30.00
6	6	69.000	0.00	0.00	30.00
7	7	86.510	0.00	0.00	30.00
8	9	236.800	0.00	0.00	30.00
9	9A	165.430	0.00	0.00	30.00
10	10	224.530	0.00	0.00	30.00
11	10A	222.470	0.00	0.00	30.00
12	12A	77.080	0.00	0.00	30.00
13	13	58.900	0.00	0.00	30.00
14	14	171.960	0.00	0.00	30.00
15	15 Part-I	100.500	0.00	0.00	30.00
16	15 Part-II	303.500	0.00	0.00	30.00
17	17	244.570	0.00	0.00	30.00
18	21	227.000	0.00	0.00	30.00
19	22	208.042	0.00	0.00	30.00
20	23	498.130	0.00	0.00	30.00
21	23A	196.620	0.00	0.00	30.00
22	24	466.000	0.00	0.00	30.00
23	25A	157.000	0.00	0.00	30.00
24	25	550.580	0.00	0.00	30.00
25	26	207.340	0.00	0.00	30.00
26	26A	332.700	0.00	0.00	30.00
27	27	354.000	0.00	0.00	30.00
28	28	500.620	0.00	0.00	30.00
29	30	168.400	0.00	1.00	29.00
30	31	302.000	0.00	0.00	30.00
31	33	266.560	0.00	0.00	30.00
32	36A	290.000	9.070	11.76875	9.16
33	37C	320.740	12.531	9.33	8.14
34	37D	692.650	24.290	5.831	-0.12
35	38	344.100	0.00	0.00	30.00
36	39	148.300	0.00	0.00	30.00
37	40	180.000	0.00	0.00	30.00
38	41	241.500	0.00	0.00	30.00
39	42	138.000	0.00	0.00	30.00
40	43	611.000	0.00	0.00	30.00
41	45	343.350	0.00	0.00	30.00
42	46	379.750	0.00	0.00	30.00
43	47	479.320	0.00	0.00	30.00
44	48	373.906	0.00	4.78	25.22
45	49	540.632	0.00	0.00	30.00
46	50	531.000	0.00	0.00	30.00
47	51	337.330	0.00	0.00	30.00
48	52	543.164	0.00	0.00	30.00
49	52A & 53	585.130	0.00	0.00	30.00
50	54	514.000	0.00	0.00	30.00
51	55	198.000	0.00	0.00	30.00
52	56	508.000	0.00	0.00	30.00
53	57 part-I & II	876.820	0.00	0.00	30.00
54	58	385.990	0.0000	0.0000	30.0000
55	59	220.700	5.697	0.0000	24.303
56	60	90.500	0.0000	0.0000	30.0000
57	61	327.250	0.0000	0.0000	30.0000
58	62	441.790	5.069	0.0000	24.931
59	63	161.500	0.0000	0.0000	30.0000
60	63-A	378.860	20.880	0.0000	9.120
61	65	454.920	0.0000	0.0000	30.0000
62	66	383.930	0.0000	0.0000	30.0000
63	67	326.880	0.0000	0.0000	30.0000
64	67-A	213.270	9.244	0.0000	20.756
65	68	270.720	9.969	5.031	15.0000
66	69	425.650	9.995	0.0000	20.005
67	70	528.250	15.0000	0.0000	15.0000
68	70-A	198.450	14.990	0.0000	15.010
69	71	312.660	6.000	0.0000	24.000
70	72 (Resi)	65.600	0.0000	0.0000	30.0000
71	73	256.880	0.0000	0.0000	30.0000
72	76	388.770	15.000	0.0000	15.000
73	77	280.780	0.0000	0.0000	30.0000
74	78	637.240	9.063	10.636	10.302
75	79	307.000	8.731	0.0000	21.269
76	79-A	137.840	0.0000	0.0000	30.0000
77	79-B	190.060	9.281	11.206	9.513
78	80	272.980	0.0000	0.0000	30.0000
79	M-1	90.850	0.0000	0.0000	30.0000
80	M-1A	219.500	0.0000	0.0000	30.0000
81	M-1B	182.150	0.0000	0.0000	30.0000
82	M-1C	90.650	0.0000	0.0000	30.0000
83	M-1D	34.950	0.0000	0.0000	30.0000
84	81	413.50	10.0000	11.1375	8.8625
85	81-A	89.26	0.0000	0.0000	30.0000
86	82	272.55	0.0000	0.0000	30.0000
87	82-A	146.82	0.0000	0.0000	30.0000
88	83	345.30	0.0000	0.0000	30.0000
89	84	310.97	5.1750	0	24.8250
90	85	310.46	5.0250	9.47	15.5050
91	86	458.37	12.4025	0.00	17.5975
92	88-A	229.64	8.6687	0.00	21.3313
93	88-B	205.40	8.0687	12.212	17.7880
94	89	508.37	14.9745	6.33125	8.6943

95	89-A	255.27	5.1015	0.00	24.8985	252	49	999.3600	0.00	0.00	30.00



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**E-Tender Notice****Tender enquiry No.**

Online bids are invited under two bid system i.e. Technical and Financial Bids for rate contract of various Lab Consumables (Chemicals, Thimble, Filter Paper etc.) for 02 years i.e. 2020-21 and 2021-22 from registered manufacturers and authorized dealers of the Brands mentioned as per Annexure-II of the tender. Tender can be downloaded from the <http://etender.hry.nic.in> and [www.hspcbgov.in](http://www.hspcbgov.in).

Name of Goods	For Rate Contract of Various Lab Consumables (Chemicals, Thimble, Filter Paper etc.) for the years 2020-21 and 2021-22
Estimated Value	Rs. 58 Lakh
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs. 25,000/- (Refundable)
Tender Fee (non-refundable)	Rs. 5000/-
e-service Fees (non-refundable)	Rs. 1000/-
Start date and time of Bid preparation & submission on e-procurement portal	30.10.2020 (1500 Hrs.)
Expiry date and time for Bid preparation & submission by bidders	23.11.2020 (1700 Hrs.)
Date and time of Tender Opening (Technical Bid Part-I)	25.11.2020 (1100 Hrs.)
Date and time for opening of Financial bids of the technically qualified bidders	It will be announced on the above portal after opening of technical bids.

Chairman, Haryana State Pollution Control Board.

PRDH/83481

**कार्यालय : कार्यकारी अभियंता, जन स्वास्थ्य अभियांत्रिकी मण्डल नं.-3, नारनौल**
**सूचना**

सर्व साधारण को सुवित किया जाता है कि कार्यकारी अभियंता जन स्वास्थ्य अभियांत्रिकी मण्डल, अटेली के कार्यालय के लिए भवन की आवश्यकता है। जिसका बना हुआ क्षेत्र 4000-4500 वर्ग फुट व पार्किंग के लिए 3000-3500 वर्ग फुट की आवश्यकता है। जिसमें छ. कमरे एवं एक बड़ा हॉल व टॉर्चेट की सुविधा हो। जिस भी साधारण के पास उपलब्ध आकार भवन और कियाये पर देने का इच्छुक है वह कार्यकारी अभियंता, जन स्वास्थ्य अभियांत्रिकी मण्डल नं. 3 से सम्पर्क करें।

जिनका सम्पर्क सूत्र : 9416906813 है।

हस्ता. -/ कार्यकारी अभियंता,

PRDH-83474 जन स्वा. अभि. मण्डल नं. -3, नारनौल।

**HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION**  
 Bays No. 67-70, Sector 2, Panchkula — 134151  
 ([www.hssc.gov.in](http://www.hssc.gov.in))
 **ANNOUNCEMENT**

## Result for (Remaining) post of Staff Nurse of Health Services, Haryana

Against Advt. No. 01/2015, Cat. No. 01 with Corrigendum Dated 25.10.2016.

In continuation of final result noticed dated 31.01.2018 and on the basis of Written Examination, Scrutiny of Documents and interview/Viva-Voce for the post of Staff Nurse of Health Services, Haryana against Advt. No. 01/2015, Category No. 01, the Commission has finalised the result. The result has been shown roll no wise and category wise and the marks secured by the last selected candidate in each category have been shown in the bracket.

Advt. No. 01/2015, Staff Nurse, Cat. No. 01 ( 229 General + 91 SBC Posts earlier = 320 Posts)

General

15100059	15100592	15101027	15101488	15101647	15101770	15101904	15102468
15102836	15103252	15103427	15103959	15104195	15104327	15104345	15104345
15104392	15104898	15105175	15105498	15105736	15106611	15106998	15107008
15107355	15107437	15107748	15107971	15108221	15108310	15108347	15108507
15108716	15108817	15108846	15108867	15108875	15109877	15109895	15110054
15110068	15110426	15110691	15111309	15111523	15111640	15111702	15111779
15111783	15111973	15112093	15112206	15112410	15112901	15113088	15113364
15113420	15114189	15114404	15114660	15115347	15115457	15115712	15116243
15116483	15116641	15116792	15117021	15117496	15118207	15118242	15118411
15118501	15119088	15119710	15119776	15119854	15119869	15120030	15120040
15120115	15120144	15120567	15120578	15120609	15120621	(100)	

GENERAL Waiting

15100039	15100530	15101148	15102473	15102577	15103590	15105041	15106122
15106815	15108160	15112265	15112342	15112644	15114008	15114984	15117185
15117439	15117750	15118565	15118871	15119012	15119955	15120439	(98)

BCA

15101102	15101272	15106878	15106982	15107850	15110731	15112430	15115088
15115652	15116257						(83)

BCA Waiting

15100347	15102983	15103621	15107502	15110474	15112414	15112706	15116058
15116699	15118693						(80)

BCB

15107194	15108039	15110359	15111528	15114511	15115604	15119450	(86)
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BCB Waiting

15104499	15102801	15103438	15110204	15114616	15114748	15115840	(82)
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ESM GEN

15101298	15101355	15102685	15103144	15103605	15104108	15106769	15106789
15107743	15107829	15108038	15109438	15109748	15110270	15110995	15117641
15112638	15114681	15114987	15115324	15115524	15116723	15117059	(99)

ESM BCA

15100707	15106380	15110774	15111993	15113530	15113813	15114448	15117228
15119297	15120458						(82)

ESM BCB

15101004	15101494	15106030	15111912	15113375	15114430	15118924	(83)
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OSP BCB

15112512	15113998	15116377					(83)
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**CRITERIA ADOPTED FOR SELECTION**

1. WRITTEN EXAMINATION ..... 160-MARKS
2. EXPERIENCE ..... 16-MARKS
3. VIVA-VOCE ..... 24-MARKS

TOTAL:- 200-MARKS

1. The above result is subject to the final outcome of CWP No. 18481/2017, 20502/2017, 18879/2017, 22856/2018 and 1569/2019 etc. and any other writ petitions pending in any court of law.  
 2. 05 General, 02 SC, 03 BCA, 03 BCB category have been withheld.  
 3. With the declaration of above result the merit and category of certain candidates, whose result has already been declared, has been affected and same shall be reflected in final merit list.  
 4. While every care has been taken in preparing and uploading the result, possibility of inadvertent/technical errors cannot be ruled out. The Commission reserves the right to rectify the same later on.  
 5. The result is also available on the website of HSSC i.e. [www.hssc.gov.in](http://www.hssc.gov.in)

Sd/- Secretary,  
Haryana Staff Selection Commission  
Dated:- 28.10.2020.

PRDH/83470

**HARYANA ROADWAYS ENGINEERING CORPORATION, GURUGRAM****PUBLIC NOTICE/TENDER NOTICE**

Sr. No.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT/BOARD/CORP./AUTH.	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE (TIME)	CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) in Rupees	WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/REF. NO./TENDER NO.
1	Haryana Roadways Engg. Corpn. Ltd., Gurugram	Providing Security Services & Other Manpower	28.10.2020 09:00 hrs	19.11.2020 23:00 Hrs	45,00,000/- 90,000/-	<a href="https://etender.hry.nic.in/">https://etender.hry.nic.in/</a>	Madan Lal 9891093091 Email ID: gm.hrec27@gmail.com 002/APO/HREC/2020-21

Sd/- General Manager, Haryana Roadways Engg. Corp., Gurugram.

**NORTHERN RAILWAY****E-TENDER NOTICE**

S. N.	Tender No.	Name of work	Date & Time of Opening	Approx. Cost Rs.	Earnest Money Rs.	Completion period
1	OT-20/20-21	6 Quad work in Kalka-Dharampur Himachal Section of Ambala Division.	11.11.2020 at 15.00 hrs	Rs. 11981963/-	Rs. 209900/-	270 Days
2	OT-21/20-21	6 Quad work in Dharampur Himachal-Kanoh Section of Ambala Division.	11.11.2020 at 15.00 hrs	Rs. 11308191/-	Rs. 206600/-	270 Days
3	OT-22/20-21	(1) Telecom Work for Railway Electrification of AADR-TLR BG Rail Line. (2) Telecom work in c/w Engg. Estimate No.22 of 2019-20.	11.11.2020 at 15.00 hrs	Rs. 7868502/-	Rs. 157400/-	180 Days
4	OT-23/20-21	AMC of 5 Line True color LED Display Boards at Saharanpur, Patiala and Double Face true colour Indoor LED platform/a glance coach guidance display boards Ambala				

Sr. No.	Shop/sites	Last date for downloading of tender forms from PGI Website	Last Date and time for submission of tenders and opening of Tender documents/Technical Bid	Price Bid shall be opened on
1.	Open trade at Rotary Sarai, PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh.	25.11.2020 (Wednesday) up to 04.00 P.M.	26.11.2020 (Thursday) up to 01:00 P.M. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02.00 P.M.	27.11.2020 (Friday) at 04.00 P.M.
2.	Built up Cafeteria: Advanced Trauma Centre, PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh.	25.11.2020 (Wednesday) up to 04.00 P.M.	26.11.2020 (Thursday) up to 01:00 P.M. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02.00 P.M.	27.11.2020 (Friday) at 04.00 P.M.
3.	Built up Shop No: 22-New Shopping Complex, PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh.	25.11.2020 (Wednesday) up to 04.00 P.M.	26.11.2020 (Thursday) up to 01:00 P.M. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02.00 P.M.	27.11.2020 (Friday) at 04.00 P.M.
4.	Built up Shop No: 24-New Shopping Complex, PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh.	25.11.2020 (Wednesday) up to 04.00 P.M.	26.11.2020 (Thursday) up to 01:00 P.M. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02.00 P.M.	27.11.2020 (Friday) at 04.00 P.M.
5.	Built up Shop No: 25-New Shopping Complex, PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh.	25.11.2020 (Wednesday) up to 04.00 P.M.	26.11.2020 (Thursday) up to 01:00 P.M. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02.00 P.M.	27.11.2020 (Friday) at 04.00 P.M.
6.	Built up Shop No: 29-New Shopping Complex, PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh.	25.11.2020 (Wednesday) up to 04.00 P.M.	26.11.2020 (Thursday) up to 01:00 P.M. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02.00 P.M.	27.11.2020 (Friday) at 04.00 P.M.
7.	Mess services in the Guest house and Cafeteria Services in the OPD at PGIMER, Satellite Centre, Sangrur.	25.11.2020 (Wednesday) up to 04.00 P.M.	26.11.2020 (Thursday) up to 01:00 P.M. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02.00 P.M.	27.11.2020 (Friday) at 04.00 P.M.
8.	Built up Churn Shop No: 4, New Shopping Complex for sale of medical drugs and surgical items at PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh	25.11.2020 (Wednesday) up to 04.00 P.M.	26.11.2020 (Thursday) up to 01:00 P.M. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02.00 P.M.	27.11.2020 (Friday) at 04.00 P.M.

Tender form containing terms and conditions can be downloaded from PGI website and same can be submit personally in the office of Administrative Officer (Estate), PGIMER, Chandigarh along with Demand Draft/Banker Cheque of Rs. 500/- payable at Chandigarh drawn in favour of Director, PGI, Chandigarh along with other documents. The Director, PGI, Chandigarh reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever without prior notice to the tenders.

Website: <http://pgimer.edu.in>

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# Spiti village declared containment zone

Decision taken after 40 Covid cases in 2 days | 327 new cases in state, six deaths

## TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**MANDI/SHIMLA, OCTOBER 29**  
 Residents of the Spiti valley in Lahaul and Spiti district were left worried after another Covid-19 case was reported in Rangrik village today. As many as 39 cases were reported in the village yesterday.

The Kaza administration

has declared the entire village as a containment zone. The health authorities are also trying to identify the primary contacts of these patients, so that they could be isolated to check the spread of the virus.

Kaza Additional District Magistrate (ADM) Gyan Sagar Negi said the patients

## EDUCATION MINISTER TESTS POSITIVE

Education Minister Govind Singh Thakur tested positive for Covid-19 in Manali on Thursday. He posted on social media that he was in good health and staying in isolation in a house after consulting doctors.

had been kept in isolation and a medical team was deployed in the village for their treatment. The health

authority was keeping an eye on the situation and necessary action would be taken to check the spread of the virus.

Meanwhile, as many as 327 positive cases were reported in the state, taking the total tally to 21,476. The state also saw six deaths during the day. The highest number of 73 cases was reported from Mandi followed by 60 in Shimla, 55 in Kullu, 42 in Lahaul & Spiti and 34 in Kangra.

## Chandratal lake closed for tourists

### TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**MANDI, OCTOBER 29**  
 Due to freezing weather conditions in the region, Chandratal lake, a famous tourist destination in Lahaul and Spiti, has been closed for tourists by the district administration.

With the temperature dipping in the region, the road leading to the Chandratal lake area is covered with frost. Additional District Magistrate, Kaza, Gyan Sagar Negi said mild snowfall was witnessed near the lake two days ago, due to which travelling on the roads in the region had become risky.

"As a precautionary measure, the famous tourist hotspot Chandratal lake has been closed for tourists and the movement of vehicles is strictly restricted in view of public safety," said Additional District Magistrate, Kaza, Gyan Sagar Negi

## Married daughter eligible for jobs on compassionate basis, says HC

VIJAY ARORA

**SHIMLA, OCTOBER 29**  
 There can be no artificial classification between a married son and a married daughter only on the basis of sex, as it will be equivalent to gender discrimination, which is specifically prohibited under the Constitution of India.

The HP High Court held this while dealing with an issue/provision of debarring married daughters of deceased government employees from seeking appointment on compassionate grounds.

Taking exception to this provision, the High Court has allowed a petition filed by a married woman, seeking appointment on compassionate grounds after the death of her father and directed the state government to give compassionate employment to her, if she is eligible and fulfills the criteria.

A division Bench comprising Justice Sureshwar Thakur and Justice Chander Bhusan Barowalia passed this important judgment on a petition filed by Mamta Devi contending that her father, who was a Class IV employee in the office of District Ayurvedic Officer, Kulu, died in harness. Her sister and mother are the only survivors of her father.

## Paragliding site in Mandi soon

**MANDI, OCTOBER 29**

The state government is planning to develop Spainidhar, under the Seraj Assembly segment of Mandi district, for paragliding activities. The process has been started by the Tourism Department. A technical committee of Atal Bihari Vajpeyi Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports, Manali, and Himachal Pradesh Tourism Department has inspected the site at Spainidhar and found it suitable for paragliding. —TNS

### LIST OF FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS PASSING THROUGH NORTHERN RAILWAY NETWORK

09601	Udaipur City	00:20	New Jalpaiguri	18:35	SAT	Up to 28.11.20
09602	New Jalpaiguri	08:15	Udaipur City	03:55	MON	Up to 30.11.20
05022	Gorakhpur	13:40	Shalimar	10:05	MON	Up to 30.11.20
05021	Shalimar	20:20	Gorakhpur	16:25	TUE	Up to 01.12.20
05029	Gorakhpur	17:25	Pune Junction	03:30	THU	Up to 26.11.20
05030	Pune Junction	11:15	Gorakhpur	20:00	SAT	Up to 28.11.20
05016	Gorakhpur	05:30	Lokmanya Tilak	18:05	DAILY	Up to 30.11.20
05017	Lokmanya Tilak Terminal	06:35	Gorakhpur	19:10		Up to 02.12.20
02597	Gorakhpur	08:30	Ch. Shivaji Maharaj Terminus	12:20	TUE	Up to 24.11.20
02598	Ch. Shivaji Maharaj Terminus	13:30	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	14:55	SAT	From 24.10.20
09017	Banda Terminus	13:05	Haridwar Junction	15:50	WED	Up to 25.11.20
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09804	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	21:55	Kota	23:50	SUN	From 25.10.20
09805	Kota	14:30	Udhampur	12:15	WED	From 28.10.20
09806	Udhampur	14:20	Kota	11:10	THU	From 29.10.20
02183	Bhopal	19:15	Pratapgarh	09:00	TUE, FRI, SUN	From 25.10.20
02184	Pratapgarh	19:10	Bhopal	08:50	MON, WED, SAT	From 26.10.20
01449	Jabalpur	07:10	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	14:55	TUE	From 27.10.20
01450	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	21:55	Jabalpur	07:15	WED	From 28.10.20
04321	Bareilly	06:35	Bhuj	09:30	MON, WED, FRI, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
04322	Bhuj	17:05	Bareilly	20:35	WED, FRI, SAT, SUN	Up to 02.12.20
04311	Bareilly	06:35	Bhuj	12:05	TUE, THU, SAT	Up to 01.12.20
04312	Bhuj	14:05	Bareilly	20:35	MON, TUE, THU	Up to 30.11.20

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# Terror funding: NIA raids 9 more locations in J&K, Delhi

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

Continuing with its operations against non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and trusts in a terror-funding case, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) today raided and searched nine locations in the Kashmir valley and in the national capital belonging to six such outfits.

A senior NIA official said, the actions against the

## CASE REGISTERED ON OCTOBER 8

- According to National Investigation Agency officials, the terror-funding case was registered on October 8 under various sections of the Indian Penal Code and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act
- The case was registered on "credible information that some NGOs and trusts were collecting funds from the country and abroad through so-called donations and business contributions" and then diverting them to fund terror activities in J&K.

NGOs and the trusts were being taken after receiving credible information that they were "diverting funds meant for charitable activities to secessionist and sepa-

ratist activities" in Jammu and Kashmir through various channels, such as hawala and cash couriers.

"The locations which were raided today include

premises of the Falah-e-Aam Trust, run by GM Bhat, Charity Alliance, run by Zafar ul Islam in Delhi, Human Welfare Foundation in Delhi and Anantnag, J&K Yateem Foundation in Srinagar and Kulgam, Salvation Movement, run by Zafar Akbar Bhat in Srinagar, and J&K Voice of Victims, run by Abdul Qadeer in Baramulla," said a senior NIA official, adding that several incriminating documents and electronic devices were seized.

— PTI

## 551 new cases in J&K

### COVID-19 PANDEMIC

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 29

Jammu and Kashmir recorded 551 fresh Covid-19 cases on Thursday, which took its virus count to 93,764, while 11 more fatalities pushed the death toll to 1,466, officials said.

Of the fresh cases, 197 are from the Jammu region and 354 from the Kashmir valley, they said.

Srinagar district reported the highest number of new cases at 127, followed by 109 in Jammu district, according to the officials.

There were 6,928 active Covid cases, while 85,370 patients had recovered so

#### '40% Srinagar residents got virus antibodies'

- Over 40 per cent people living in Srinagar district have developed Covid-19 antibodies, claims a latest sero-prevalence survey conducted by Government Medical College (GMC), Srinagar
- The results of the survey were questioned by the district administration citing small sample size of the study.

far in Jammu and Kashmir, the officials said.

The union territory recorded 11 more deaths — four in Jammu and seven in Kashmir. With these, its death toll stood at 1,466, they said. — PTI

## Covid norms 'violated' at airport, Puri assures prompt action

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

Responding to a complaint by a passenger alleging violation of Covid-19 social-distancing norms at the Srinagar airport, Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri today assured that appropriate action would be taken immediately.

The minister's response came after a passenger, named Sanjay Raina, posted three pictures on Twitter this morning showing travellers standing extremely close to each other during a security check at the airport. He also tagged Puri in his tweet, saying: "Shocking violation of

#COVID19 protocol, sheer incompetence of authorities & security personnel at #Srinagar Airport. Horrible to say the least. Someone needs to take responsibility. Hats off to airline staff still managing."

In his response, Puri said he had discussed the matter with Arvind Singh, chairman, Airports Authority of India (AAI). "We will check the facts and take immediate corrective action," the minister added.

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# Forced to exit German event, Jayaram, Dey seek help

Were withdrawn from tournament after Lakshya Sen's father tested positive for Covid-19

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29  
Indian badminton stars Ajay Jayaram and Subhankar Dey were exploring ways to return home to India and appealed for help after being asked to withdraw from the SaarLorLux Open in Germany.

The two were put in isolation after contact with Lakshya Sen's father-coach DK Sen, who had tested positive for coronavirus. The two asked the world and Indian badminton federation for help, and some sort of compensation for the financial loss.

Defending champion Sen had withdrawn from the competition on Wednesday while Jayaram had played and won his first-round match on Monday.



"We have currently been asked to isolate with absolutely no other information from the organisers including our meals. We have our Covid negative certificates. We are unable to contact the German local authorities. We would like to know if it is possible for us to get tested here again and come back to India." — Ajay Jayaram

"We have currently been asked to isolate with absolutely no other information from the organisers including our meals. We have our Covid negative certificates, and have NO symptoms. We are unable to contact the German local

authorities. We would like to know if it is possible for us to get tested here again and come back to India," Ajay wrote in a post shared on social media.

He added that they tried contacting the organisers but haven't got any

## SAI to foot bill of stranded shuttlers

NEW DELHI: The Sports Authority of India (SAI) has come to the rescue of badminton players Subhankar Dey and Ajay Jayaram, who were forced to withdraw from the SaarLorLux Open and then put in quarantine. SAI has agreed to bear the additional expenses incurred due to the forced extended stay in Germany. "The Sports Authority of India will pay for the expenses that are going to be incurred by two Badminton players Ajay Jayaram and Subhankar Dey for the length of their quarantining in Germany from October 30 to November 10, on humanitarian grounds," SAI said in a statement. "SAI will be paying a total of Rs. 1.46 Lakhs for their hotel stay and food expenses and will release 90 percent of the amount immediately," the statement added. TNS

response yet.

Dey questioned the organising of the tournament over the health and safety measures at the event "...questions need to be raised regarding the tournament management as to why the authorities

didn't enforce submission of Covid certificate immediately upon arrival or a test on arrival at the hotel, the way it was arranged at Denmark Open a week ago. Due to the lack of administration and strict governance, we are unable to

compete and also suffering a financial loss," Dey wrote on his social media page.

A statement by the Badminton World Federation said that the Indians were withdrawn as a precautionary measure after a member of their entourage tested positive for Covid-19. As of now, all three players have tested negative.

Jayaram and Dey are currently in isolation and may have to remain in Germany for longer than the hotel stay planned and might have to bear the extra expenses on their own.

Since their most recent tests were negative, they are looking to get tested again and return to India before the lockdown measures get stricter in Europe. — TNS

## 96% athletes report at SAI centres

NEW DELHI: Ninety-six per cent athletes who are preparing for the future Olympics have reported back at various centres of excellence of the Sports Authority of India (SAI). Athletes reporting back to training at the SAI centres are being provided with air and train tickets, and some of them will be allowed to join after Diwali due to the restrictions related to Covid-19. The SAI has made transport arrangements for the athletes travelling to their respective national centre of excellence (NCOE). "Athletes who have to travel beyond 500 km are provided with an air ticket while those who are stationed less than 500 km may travel by train in 3rd AC," SAI said. With next year's Tokyo and 2024 Paris Olympics in mind, a vast majority of athletes have resumed training after months of inactivity due to the pandemic. Once inside the bio-secure bubble, trainees will not be allowed to leave camps; therefore, the athletes were given the option of joining on November 1, or after Diwali. TNS, AGENCIES

## e-Tender Notice PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, HARYANA

15121 Dated: 22/10/2020  
e-Tender is invited for execution/installation of following works:

Sr. No.	Particular	Remarks
1	JJM (WQMS - 2020-2021) "Supply, installation, Testing & Commissioning of Bacteriological Instrument (Enzyme Substrate Coliform Test Technology) & comprehensive maintenance for 5 years including one-year defect liability period".	App. cost: Rs. 6.75 lacs
2	Tender Document Fee	Rs.1,000/-
	e-service Fee	Rs.1,000/-
	Earnest Money	Rs. 13,500/- for contractor/ Rs. 6,750/- for society
3	Bid Submission Start Date & Time	22/10/2020 at 17:05 Hours
4	Bid submission End Date & Time	12/11/2020 at 17:00 Hours
5	Bid opening Date & Time	13/11/2020 at 10:00 Hours

The bid forms and other details can be downloaded from the website i.e. <https://etenders.hry.nic.in>

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## NOTICE PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT HARYANA REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

"Awareness Generation, Capacity Building and Community mobilization in Single/Multi Village Rural Water Supply Schemes" chargeable to Support Activities, Jal Jeevan Mission.

Proposals are invited from Agency/Trust/Firms/NGOs/VO empanelled with NGO Darpan portal, NitiAayog, Government of India to conduct awareness generation, community mobilization and capacity building activities under Jal Jeevan Mission among rural households of villages covered under Single/Multi Village Rural Water Supply Schemes as under:

S. No.	Description	Details
1	Block and District	Block: Bilaspur/Jagadhri/ Saraswati Nagar Distt. Yamunanagar
2	Number of Gram Panchayats in the Block	53
3	Number of Habitations in the Block	63
4	Bid Security	Rs. 5,000/-
5	Date and Time for submission of Proposal	11.11.2020
6	Date of Bid Opening	15.11.2020
7	Division Name	Public Health Engineering Division No. 1, Yamuna Nagar
8	Division Email	ee1nagar@phedharyana.gov.in eeyamunanganar1@gmail.com
9	Division Telephone/ Mobile Number	01732297520 / 9729265648
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Interested NGO/Trust/Firm/VO etc. may contact Division Office on any working day to view the detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) copy.

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S. No.	Description	Details
1	Block and District	Block: Chhachhrauli/ Partap Nagar Distt. Yamunanagar
2	Number of Gram Panchayats in the Block	99
3	Number of Habitations in the Block	163
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# Jadeja helps CSK spoil KKR's party

DUBAI, OCTOBER 29

Ravindra Jadeja smashed consecutive sixes in the final over as Chennai Super Kings put a big dent in Kolkata Knight Riders' chances of reaching the IPL playoffs with a thrilling six-wicket win here today. Jadeja (31 not out off 11) dispatched the young Kamlesh Nagarkoti for back-to-back sixes to pull off another consolation win for CSK.

Opener Ruturaj Gaikwad set up the chase with a 72 off 53 balls, his second straight fifty-plus score. KKR had made 172/5, with opener Nitish Rana scoring

## IPL STANDINGS

Team	P	W	L	Pts
Mumbai	12	8	4	16
Bangalore	12	7	5	14
Delhi	12	7	5	14
Punjab	12	6	6	12
Kolkata	13	6	7	12
Hyderabad	12	5	7	10
Rajasthan	12	5	7	10
Chennai	13	5	8	10

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

87 off 61. — PTI

**Brief scores:** KKR: 172/5 in 20 overs (Rana 87, Karthik 21\*, Ngidi 2/34); CSK: 178/4 in 20 overs (Gaekwad 72, Jadeja 31\*; Chakravarthy 2/20).



Chennai Super Kings' Ravindra Jadeja hugs Sam Curran after hitting the winning runs against Kolkata Knight Riders. BCCI

## Barca ease past Juve; Chelsea, Man U cruise

TURIN (ITALY), OCTOBER 29

There was no Cristiano Ronaldo on the field and no fans in the stands to see Barcelona and Lionel Messi beat Juventus 2-0 away in the Champions League. Ronaldo's lingering Covid-19 case prevented a first meeting between him and Messi in the group stage of a competition they have combined to win nine times.

Barcelona took an early lead in Turin through Ousmane Dembele and had plenty of chances to seal the win long before Messi scored a penalty as 90 minutes ticked over into stoppage time.

Rashford hat-trick

Marcus Rashford scored a hat-trick as Manchester United beat Leipzig 5-0 at home, while Chelsea brushed aside Krasnodar 4-0 in Russia, giving England's four clubs a sweep

## CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

### RESULTS (GROUP STAGE)

- Barcelona bt Juventus 2-0
- Man United bt Leipzig 5-0
- Chelsea bt Krasnodar 4-0
- PSG bt Istanbul 2-0
- Sevilla bt Rennes 1-0
- Brugge dr Lazio 1-1
- Dortmund bt Zenit 2-0
- Ferencvaros dr Kyiv 2-2

of wins this week without conceding a goal. A wave of second-half goals also earned wins for Paris Saint-Germain — after losing Neymar early to injury — Borussia Dortmund and Sevilla.

Some of the gloss went out of the Juve-Barca game — the repeat of a standout final in 2015 — when Ronaldo was ruled out in the morning. His virus infection was revealed more than two weeks ago while on international duty with Portugal. — AP

## Djokovic in quarters

VIENNA, OCTOBER 29

Novak Djokovic saved four set points in a 7-6(11) 6-3 win over Borna Coric to reach the Vienna Open quarterfinals and move one step closer to sealing the year-end No. 1 ranking. Djokovic can lock up the top position by winning the title on Sunday.

Otherwise Rafael Nadal could still mathematically overtake him, although the Spaniard would need to enter a tournament in Bulgaria next month in order to do so.

Third seed Stefanos Tsitsipas rallied to defeat Jan-Lennard Struff 6-7(3) 6-3 6-4 and set up a second-round match with Grigor Dimitrov. Fourth seed Daniil Medvedev advanced to the second round with a 6-3 6-1 win over Jason Jung. Medvedev next plays Vasek Pospisil, who beat Canadian countryman Felix Auger-Aliassime 7-5 7-5. Jannik Sinner defeated Casper Ruud 7-6(2) 6-3 to set up a match against Andrey Rublev. — AP

## NOTICE PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, HARYANA REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

"Awareness Generation, Capacity Building and Community mobilization in Single/Multi Village Rural Water Supply Schemes" chargeable to Support Activities, Jal Jeevan Mission.

Proposals are invited from Agency/Trust/Firms/NGOs/VO empanelled with NGO Darpan portal, NitiAayog, Government of India to conduct awareness generation, community mobilization and capacity building activities under Jal Jeevan Mission among rural households of villages covered under Single/Multi Village Rural Water Supply Schemes as under:-

Sr. No.	Description	Details
1	Block and District	Kurukshetra (Block: Thanesar, Pipili, Ladwa, Shahbad, Pehowa, Ismailabad, Babain)
2	Number of Gram Panchayats in the Block	Thanesar (61), Pipili (50), Ladwa (54), Shahbad (75), Pehowa (67), Ismailabad (41), Babain (45)

