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Note:- Corrigendum/Addendum, if any, will be uploaded on the official website of PSIEC as mentioned above.

Date:-
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AUCTION NOTICE

It is informed to all general public that the auction of condemn building of following schools of district Karnal is to be conducted on date and time which is written in front of name of the school in the campus of concerned school. Interested people have to deposit Rs. 20,000/- (Rs Twenty Thousand Only) as earnest money before the auction. The payment of failed bidders will be returned immediately. Successful bidders have to deposit 25% of bid amount on the spot and remaining 75% money must be deposited within three working days. In the case of failure, all money will be forfeited. Remaining terms & conditions will be announced at the time of auction.

Time of Auction

Sr. No.	Name of School	Name of Block	Detail of Condemn Building	Date & Time of Auction
1.	GSSS UPLANA	ASSANDH	05 Rooms	16.09.2020 at 10:00 A.M.
2.	GSSS ASSANDH	ASSANDH	03 Rooms	16.09.2020 at 02:00 P.M.
3.	GSSS SALWAN	ASSANDH	02 Rooms	17.09.2020 at 02:00 P.M.
4.	GGSSS SALWAN	ASSANDH	02 Rooms	17.09.2020 at 02:00 P.M.
5.	GHS MOOND	ASSANDH	01 Room	18.09.2020 at 10:00 A.M.

Sd/- Dy. District Education Officer, Karnal.

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**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

(B&R III Branch)

NOTIFICATION

The 4th August, 2020

No. PWD-BR307/25/2020-1BR/592/2020/2020-- Whereas it appears to the Government of Punjab that the land is required in the jurisdiction of Punjab Government, at public expense, for public purpose, namely, for construction of Rajpura-Bathinda Double Line Project of Ambala Division of Northern Railway. It is hereby notified that land in the area specified below is likely to be required for the above purpose.

This notification made under the provisions of Section 11(l) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in land acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, to all whom it may concern.

The Social Impact Assessment Study for these Villages has already been carried out by the SIRD and Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development, Chandigarh under Section 4 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in land acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, for the same project as above and the same was reviewed by the Expert group, the recommendations of which have been accepted by the Government of Punjab. The Social Impact Assessment Report is available in Punjabi & English in the office of the Sub Divisional Magistrate-cum-Land Acquisition Collector, Dhuri District Sangrur and is also available on website of Punjab Govt. Therefore there is no need to conduct new SIA Study.

In exercise of the powers conferred by aforesaid Section, the Government of Punjab is pleased to authorize the officer for the time being engaged in the undertaking with their servants and workmen to enter upon and survey any land in the said area and do all other acts required or permitted by that section.

Under Section 11(4) of the Act, no person shall make any transaction or cause any transaction of land i.e. sale/purchase, etc., or create any encumbrances on such land from the date of publication of this notification without prior approval of the Collector.

Objections to the acquisition if any, may be filed by the persons interested within 60 (Sixty) days from the date of publication of this notification as provided under Section 15 of the Act before Sub Divisional Magistrate cum Land Acquisition Collector, Dhuri District Sangrur regarding the issues to:

(a) The area and suitability of land proposed to be acquired.

(b) Justification offered for Public purpose.

(c) The findings of the Social Impact Assessment report.

Plans of the land can be inspected in the office of the Sub Divisional Magistrate cum Land Acquisition Collector, Bathinda, District Bathinda on any working day during the working hours.

For the purpose of Rehabilitation and Resettlement, Sub Divisional Magistrate cum Land acquisition Collector, Dhuri, District Sangrur is appointed as Administrator.

The details of the Khasra numbers of the land to be acquired are as below:

Tehsil: Dhuri

Village List with Area Details

Village - Dohla (93)

Sr. No.	District	Tehsil	Village & H.B.	No. Khasra	Type of Land	Area	Remarks
1	Sangrur	Dhuri	Dohla (93)	719 Min	Chahi	2-13	
2				720 Min	Chahi	2-13	
3				725 Min	Chahi	2-13	
4				756 Min	Chahi	7-13	
5				729 Min	Chahi	2-13	
6				730 Min	Chahi	2-13	
7				732 Min	Chahi	2-13	
8				733 Min	G.M.	2-13	
9				734 Min	Chahi	1-0	
TOTAL AREA						22.4 or 4.6250 Acre	

Village - Harchandpura (74)

Sr. No.	District	Tehsil	Village & H.B.	No. Khasra	Type of Land	Area	Remarks
1	Sangrur	Dhuri	Harchandpura (74)	374/1	G.M.	0-6	
2				375 Min	Chahi	1-2	
3				400 Min	Chahi	0-15	
4				400/1 Min	Chahi	0-3	
5				401 Min	Chahi	2-13	
6				402 Min	Chahi	2-13	
7				403 Min	Chahi	2-13	
8				404 Min	Chahi	2-13	
9				405 Min	Chahi	1-19	
10				406 Min	Chahi	2-17	
TOTAL AREA						17.14 or 3.6875 Acre	

SUMMARY

Sr. No.	Village & H.B.	Additional Area	Remarks
1.	Dohla (93)	22.4	4.6250
2.	Harchandpura (74)	17.14	3.6875
TOTAL		39.18	8.3125

Area of Total Additional Land to be Acquired in two villages 39 Bigha 18 Bisba.

Sd/- (VIKAS PRATAP, IAS)

Chandigarh Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, The 2nd August, 2020 Department of Public Works (B.R.).

DPR/Pb/70899

NOTICE

BEFORE SH. B.K. SRIVASTAVA, IAS (RETD.) SOLE ARBITRATOR, PUNJAB STATE WAREHOUSING CORPORATION, SCO NO. 74-75, SECTOR 17-B, BANK SQUARE, CHANDIGARH.

In reference of Arbitration Between:-

1. Punjab State Warehousing Corporation, Chandigarh through its District Manager PSWC, Amritsar. (Claimant) V/s
2. M/s Viroo Mal Mukhl Raj Jain, Unit-II, Railway Road, Jandiala Guru, District Amritsar the crop year 2017-18. (Respondent)

Whereas I have been appointed as Sole Arbitrator vide orders dated 27.07.2020 circulated vide endst. No. PWC/Legal/LO(S)-F-167/Arbi./3345/2020 dated 30.07.2020 to adjudicate the dispute between the parties relating to milling paddy crop year 2017-18.

Whereas in spite of sufficient opportunity given to the respondent to appear and join the proceedings, no response has been received from him. Through this notice the respondent is informed to appear before the Tribunal on the next date of hearing i.e 22.09.2020 at 02.30 PM, in person or through authorized representative, failing which, ex parte proceedings shall be initiated and case decided accordingly.

Dated: 18.08.2020 Sd/- (B.K. SRIVASTAVA) Sole Arbitrator

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Public Notice in respect of

Review Petition seeking review of the Order dated 01.06.2020 passed by the Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission on Petition No. 29 of 2019 filed by PSTCL.

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CENTRE ORDERS PROBE INTO SCHOLARSHIP SCAM PUNJAB

SEVEN CIVILIANS HURT IN BARAMULLA GRENADE ATTACK JAMMU & KASHMIR

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India thwarts PLA bid, takes key heights

Counter ops by SPL forces after China attempts to alter LAC on Pangong south bank | Officer killed

AJAY BANERJEE
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

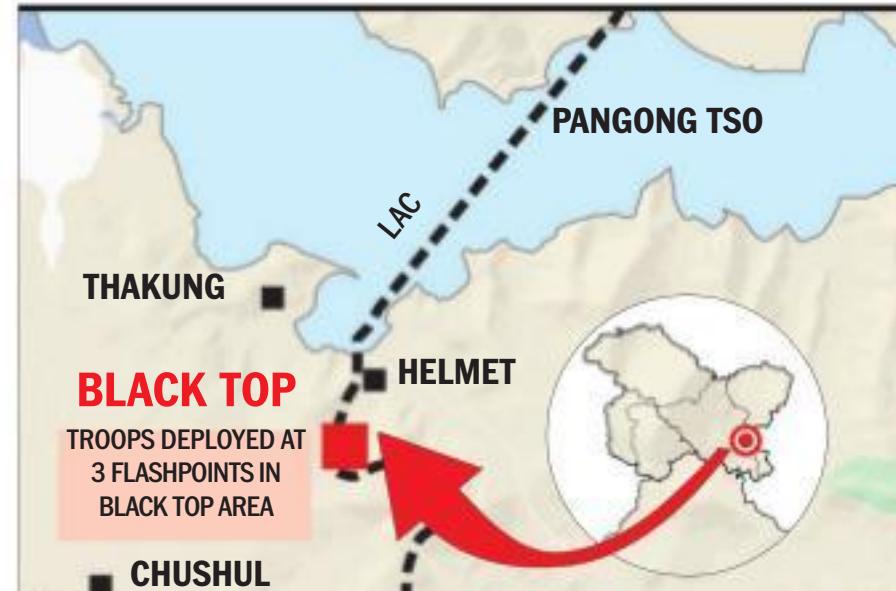
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 31

Fresh tensions have erupted between India and China, this time in the area between Thakung and Chushul along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh. The People's Liberation Army (PLA) of China attempted to change the status quo at the LAC two days ago but was reportedly thwarted by the Indian Army.

On Monday, in a counter operation, Indian troops of the secretive commando Special Frontier Force (SFF) occupied key mountain heights which China claims as its own. The SFF consists of soldiers recruited from the Tibetan community in India.

One SFF officer was reportedly killed and at least two were injured in the operation. So far the death has been attributed to a mine explosion.

The first incident on August 29-30 night triggered by the PLA occurred on the



CLASH AFTER PROVOCATION BY 400 PLA MEN

- Troops of both sides exchanged fistfights as some 400 PLA soldiers tried to alter status quo near 'Black Top' along LAC
- People's Liberation Army bid to alter status quo has led to troop deployment at three fresh locations

southern side of Pangong Tso, a 135-km glacial lake, the Ministry of Defence said on Monday morning.

The SFF action took place in two areas — the south

bank of Pangong Tso and Rezang La, which is further south of Chushul.

Since May, clashes have taken place at the Galwan valley and north bank of Pangong



Army trucks move towards Ladakh via the Leh-Manali Highway on Monday. PTI

RISING TENSIONS

- August 29-30 night: PLA tries to alter LAC status on Pangong's southern side
- August 31: In a counter operation, Indian troops of the Special Frontier Force, comprising Tibetans in India, occupy key mountain heights claimed by China

IAF SURVEILLANCE UP AS CHINA DEPLOYS FIGHTER JETS

- Besides the Army, the IAF has also been told to enhance its surveillance in key LAC areas
- China has reportedly deployed J-20 long-range fighter jets and several other key assets in strategically located Hotan airbase, 310 km from eastern Ladakh

Tso, making this the first such incident south of Pangong Tso. The area between Thakung and moving southwards towards Chushul is sensitive as a road runs

almost parallel to the LAC for several kilometres. Thakung is an Indian military base located on the LAC. Chushul is an important base located 50 km south of Thakung.

The MoD statement said: "The PLA carried out provocative military movements to change the status quo (at the LAC). Indian troops pre-empted this activity on the southern bank of Pangong Tso and undertook measures to strengthen our positions and thwart Chinese intentions to unilaterally change the facts on the ground".

Sources said the armies of the two sides had a physical clash as some 400 PLA soldiers attempted to change the status quo along the LAC. The PLA move has led to troop deployment at three fresh locations around 'Black Top', a mountain top just south of Thakung that is higher than 14,000 feet.

A Brigade Commander-level flag meeting was conducted at Chushul along the LAC to resolve the issues, but the matter remains unsettled. On Monday, the PLA Western Theater Command accused India of "illegally crossing the line" on August 31 at two points.

EDIT: PLA AT IT AGAIN

Investors lose ₹4.55 Lcr as markets tumble amid fresh border tension



WORST SINCE 1870

- Covid lockdown-battered economy suffered biggest crash since the 1870 recession
- Agriculture sector saw a growth of 3.5%, which was the only saving grace
- Railway freight in July stood at 95% of the July 2019 levels

for April to June compared to the same period last year. The group of eight—coal, crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, fertilisers, steel, cement

CONTINUED ON NATION

GDP shrinks 24%; expected, says govt

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 31

The government on Monday put up a brave face on the worst-ever in the country's gross domestic product (GDP) for the first quarter of 2020-21, saying it was along expected lines given the higher stringency with which the lockdown was imposed in the country.

Pointing out that this was the worst global recession since 1870, Chief Economic Adviser (CEA) KV Subramanian said "what we were going through is a one-and-a-half century event" but took solace from the improvements in some economic fundamentals in August.

The GDP for April to June this year fell by a massive 23.9 per cent compared to the same period last year with a 3.5 per cent growth in the agriculture sector being the saving grace.

The index of eight core industries fell by 20.5 per cent

In Reasi, teacher among three held for LeT links

JAMMU, AUGUST 31

Three members of a Lashkar networking team based in Mahore area of Reasi district have been arrested for bid to revive terrorism in the district and certain parts of the Kashmir valley.

Schoolteacher Ghulam Hussain, Abdul Aziz and Ishfaq Ahmed, all Reasi residents, were in touch with their handler Mohammad Qasim, who crossed over to PoK in 2002. An FIR had been registered and an SIT set up for further investigation, said Rashmi Wazir Reasi SSP.

"While checking their bank accounts, we detected benami transactions. They were trying to lure family members of former terrorists," she said.

The SSP said based on the information provided by the Mahore police station that some persons in the area were in touch with LeT terrorists in Pakistan, a case was filed on August 5 and an SIT set up.

They were in touch with their handler Qasim based in PoK

During the probe, with the help of technical data analysis support from the Army and Intelligence units, it emerged that Qasim was the mastermind behind the module.

"They were trying to set up a network of overground workers (OGWs)," said another police source. —TNS

"In the circumstances, the defence taken cannot be said

SC fines Bhushan ₹1 for contempt

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 31

The Supreme Court on Monday ordered activist-lawyer Prashant Bhushan to pay a fine of Re 1 by September 15 for contempt of court, failing which he will be sent to jail for three months and debarred from practising before it for three years.

A three-judge Bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra, which had held Bhushan guilty of contempt of court on August 14 for scandalising the judiciary by his tweets against CJ SA Bobde and four former CJIs, took strong exception to the contemnor talking to the press and releasing his statement to journalists in advance.

"In the circumstances, the defence taken cannot be said

RESERVE RIGHT TO SEEK REVIEW: LAWYER

While I reserve the right to seek a review of the conviction & sentencing, I propose to submit myself to this order and will respectfully pay the fine, just as I would have submitted to any other lawful punishment.

My tweets were not intended in any way to disrespect the Supreme Court or the judiciary, but were merely meant to express my anguish at what I felt was a deviation from its sterling past record.

COVID-19 CASES INDIA

COUNT	36,21,245
RECOVERED	27,74,801
FRESH FATALITIES	971
TOTAL DEATHS	64,469

43% caseload in Maha, AP, K'taka

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 31

As India's Covid-19 caseload surpassed the 36-lakh mark today with 78,512 new infections in 24 hours, the government data showed seven states accounted for 70 per cent of these. Of the total 36,21,245 cases, three states — Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka — make up 43 per cent of the caseload.

WEEKEND LOCKDOWN IN PUNJAB TILL SEPT 30

The three states also account for 50 per cent of the deaths added in the last 24 hours, with Maharashtra leading with 30.48 per cent. The toll has climbed to 64,469 with 971 deaths in 24 hours. Recovery rates have risen to 27,74,801 with 76.62 per cent national cure rate. There are 7,81,975 active cases. —TNS

Ex-Prez Pranabda passes away at 84

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 31

Former President Pranab Mukherjee, one of India's most cerebral and respected politicians, died on Monday evening following a 21-day battle with multiple ailments. He was 84.

Mukherjee, who was admitted to the Army's Research and Referral Hospital on August 10 and was operated for a clot in the brain the same day, is survived by two sons and a daughter. The long-time Congress leader and seven-time parliamentarian had tested positive for Covid-19 at the time of his admission and was being treated for lung infection. He had suffered a septic shock on Sunday. Doctors said he died of a cardiac arrest at 4.30 pm.

As condolences poured in for India's 13th President, who

served as the country's first citizen from 2012 to 2017, President Ram Nath Kovind described Mukherjee's demise as the passing of an era. "A colossus in public life, he served Mother India with the spirit of a sage. The nation mourns losing one of its worthiest sons," Kovind said on Twitter.

PM Narendra Modi described him as a scholar par excellence and a towering statesman who was admired across the political spectrum.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said, "With great sadness, the nation receives the news of the unfortunate demise of our former President Shri Pranab Mukherjee."

The government announced a seven-day mourning as a mark of respect. —PTI

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Final salute



Security personnel pay tribute to the mortal remains of Naib Subedar Rajwinder Singh from Tarn Taran, killed in Pak shelling along the LoC, at a wreath-laying ceremony in Rajouri on Monday. PTI

No Net, students in Pb may miss exams

DEEPMALA KAUR

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JALANDHAR, AUGUST 31

Aman, a Class VII student of Government Middle School, Shahkot, has been unable to attend online classes. His father can't afford an Internet data pack on his phone.

Aman somehow manages to catch up on his classwork using his neighbour's phone, but he is in a fix as his exams began today. He says in lieu of using his neighbour's phone, he has to often help him in his fields.

Similarly, Sapna, a Class VIII student of Government School, Shergarh, Hoshiarpur, says she and her elder brother rely on their father's phone. They wait for their father, who sells plastic goods, to return home to complete their school work.

Her father says though he has a spare phone, he has no money to get a connection. Even schoolteachers admit that the digital divide is affecting the studies of children belonging to the underprivileged sections.

Maninder Thukral, a teacher at Government Junior Model School, Ladowali Road, says: "Most of our students belong to families which earn just enough to make both ends meet. Many can't afford a smartphone or



DIGITAL DIVIDE

- Parents of many students of government schools can't afford a data pack
- Teachers admit that digital divide is affecting the studies of children

- They add that they will try to ensure 100 per cent participation in online exams which began on Monday

worse a connection with data pack. We have to contact many students either through their neighbours or other classmates living in their localities."

Kulwinder Singh, a teacher at a Jalandhar village school, says: "As the first online exam of Punjabi was held today, only about 30 of 42 children in my class appeared. Given the constraints, we have allowed students 22 hours to take the exam. We are aiming at 100 per cent participation." —TNS

No international flights till Sept 30

NEW DELHI: The Director General of Civil Aviation on Monday announced the extension of the ongoing suspension of scheduled international passenger flights till September 30. NATION

NTA set to conduct JEE from today

NEW DELHI: The National Testing Agency (NTA) is all set to conduct JEE (Main) from Tuesday amid elaborate arrangements to maintain social distancing at centres in view of the pandemic. —TNS

Pb rolls back hike in hospital charges

DEEPENDER DESWAL

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HISAR, AUGUST 31

Even 12 years after the Public Health Engineering Department set up waterworks at Kirtan village, its residents continue to wait for potable water supply to their homes. Villagers claim canal water can't reach the waterworks due to the faulty design of the inlet channel.

Facing perennial shortage, the villagers have been forced to purchase water from tankers as the groundwater is unfit for consumption.

A few years ago, tenders were allotted for Rs 40 lakh

to get supply from Sishwala village waterworks. "Things turned from bad to worse after the waterworks was built at our village costing Rs 2 crore, as the supply from Sishwala was cut off and water never reached our waterworks," he says.

"Bigger tanks have been lying dry, while a smaller one receives very little quantity, sufficing the needs of 30 per cent of residents." Every household has tanks, which are filled using hired tankers costing Rs 500 to Rs 600 each. Some fetch water from tube-wells on the outskirts, he says.

HP schools to open partially

SHIMLA, AUGUST 31

The Himachal Pradesh Government will continue to regulate the interstate movement of people through e-registration. It today issued guidelines as part of Unlock 4. No decision has been taken to reopen religious places.

The schools, as per the MHA guidelines, can start functioning in a limited way from September 21. Teachers can be asked to come to schools on alternate days (50 per cent capacity) to solve the problems of students of Classes IX to XII. —TNS



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Four arrested for murder of Una man

ANANDPUR SAHIB, AUGUST 31 The police today arrested four persons for allegedly murdering a Una resident. The body of Vinod Kumar, a resident of Una, was found on July 30 in the Bhakra canal.

Raminder Singh Kahlon, DSP, said accused Satpal Singh, alias Santu, and Tony with help of two juveniles strangled Vinod Kumar for his car and money.

Kahlon said Santu was known to Vinod and the latter came to meet him in an XUV 500 in last week on July. He also had Rs 55,000 in his pocket. He said Santu connived with Tony to kill him and take away his money and car. For this, Tony involved two juveniles and took Vinod to a tubewell where they strangled him and threw his body into the canal, said the DSP.

He said Santu and Tony had been arrested and the XUV 500 recovered from them. The two juveniles had also been nabbed, added the DSP.—TNS

Govt rejects options on GST compensation

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BREACH OF ASSURANCE

We take both options with great regret as a clear breach of solemn and constitutional assurance by the Central government.

Manpreet Badal,
FINANCE MINISTER

ing out from giving the GST compensation.

"We take both options with great regret as a clear breach of solemn and constitutional assurance by the Central government," Manpreet said in his letter sent to the Union Minister today.

"This is a betrayal of the spirit of cooperative federalism that formed the backbone of the GST journey so far," he said, reiterating his demand for a dispute resolution mechanism.

He also demanded that a group of ministers (GoM) be set up to deliberate the issue, which should give its recommendations within 10 days. He said the states had almost no role in the finalising the tax rates under the GST and future borrowings and repayments would also change, based on the decisions taken by the GST Council, where the Centre plays a decisive role.

In his letter, Manpreet also sought clarification on the compensation calculation in the period after January 2021. He also questioned the basis on which the government calculated the loss due to GST implementation.

5 cops among 6 held for road rage death

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CM SECURITY STAFFER

BATALA, AUGUST 31 Six persons, including two ASIs and a cop deployed with the CM security, have been arrested for allegedly killing the relative of a woman excise inspector following a road rage brawl in Bhagwanpurai village on Sunday

her native village.

The cops managed to stop her vehicle and started damaging it. She called her brother-in-law Gurjeet Singh. Her father-in-law Amrik Singh is a former SAD sarpanch.

In the ensuing alteration, one of the cops shot dead Gurjeet Singh. The SSP said a case under Section 302 of the IPC had been registered.

"Despite the fact that Amarpreet Kaur had disclosed her identity, the policemen started passing lewd remarks against her. This infuriated her following which she rang up Gurjeet. However, the accused, who were drunk, refused to listen to him and instead one of them took out his service revolver and gunned down Gurjeet," he added.

"The accused have been lodged at the Kotli Surat Malhi police station," the SSP said.

Police make U-turn after booking whistle-blower

RORAP, AUGUST 31

After registering a theft case against activist Bachittar Singh, who had filed an application against the mining mafia in the Punjab and Haryana High Court, the police have done a volte-face and said the case was registered "mistakenly."

The High Court had on August 11, after hearing the petition of Bachittar Singh, ordered a preliminary inquiry by the CBI into the allegations that illegal check-points were operational near some mining sites in Ropar.

The FIR mentioned that the police received a complaint from Mining Officer Simarjeet Kaur on August 14 against Bachittar Singh that he was involved in illegal mining.

Following this, the police booked him on August 24.

Activist had complained against illegal mining



Bachittar Singh alleged the police were harassing him for moving the court against the mining mafia. He said he had raised the issue of illegal mining and 'goonda tax' in the area many times. Instead of taking action against the offenders, the authorities targeted him.

The Mining Officer said Bachittar Singh had lodged a complaint against a few resi-

dents of Aaspur village regarding mining. After conducting a probe, she found his allegations were true and lodged a complaint with the police against the suspects.

While SSP Akhil Chaudhary didn't respond to calls, SHO Harkirat Singh said registration of the case was a "clerical mistake" and Bachittar Singh was only a complainant. —TNS

Month on, village still awaiting sepoy's return

BARNALA, AUGUST 31

More than a month after Sepoy Satwinder Singh was swept away near the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China, his family and residents of Kutba village still believe he is alive and are hopeful of his safe return. The family has not applied for any financial relief or a job as yet, despite an announcement from the Punjab Government.

Amar Singh, the Sepoy's father, said: "We are hopeful that Satwinder would come back. We, along with all residents of our village, have been praying for the safe return of my son."

On July 27, the Chief Minister had announced ex gratia relief of Rs 50 lakh, along

with a government job each, to the families of Sepoy Satwinder Singh and Sepoy Lakhveer Singh of the 4 Sikh Light Infantry unit. Both were part of a patrol party near the LAC with China in Arunachal Pradesh. —TNS



Sepoy Satwinder Singh was swept away while on patrol duty near LAC

Thieves decamp with valuables from seva kendra

BATHINDA, AUGUST 31

Thieves struck at a seva kendra in Goniana Mandi and decamped with air-conditioners, DVR of CCTV cameras and internet dongles during the wee hours on Sunday. The police have registered a case against unidentified persons and started investigating the matter.

As per information, residents of Mehma Sarji village in Goniana block of Bathinda found the main entrance of the seva kendra broken in the morning and immediately intimated the local police about it.

The police personnel from Killi Nihal Singh Wala police station reached the spot and started investigations. —TNS

2 Khalistani activists in 5-day remand

Tribune News Service

Moga, AUGUST 31

A local court today sent Inderjit Singh and Jaspal Singh to a five-day police remand to probe their links with Khalistani Zindabad Force.

The duo was arrested from Delhi for hoisting Khalistani flag atop the Mini-Secretariat in Moga on August 14. Their third accomplice (Akashdeep Singh) was nabbed by the police last week.

Moga Senior Superintendent of Police Harmanbir Singh Gill said Jaspal owned an Internet cafe. He said the trio watched videos of Gurpatwant Singh Pannun of "Sikhs for Justice" wherein he asked members of the Sikh community to raise Khalistani flags atop the government buildings and get a reward of US\$ 2,500. Later, the trio was lured into separatist activities, he said.

Ventilators lying unused in Barnala hospital as cases rise

Due to renovation, new equipment not installed yet

PARVESH SHARMA

Tribune News Service

BARNALA, AUGUST 31

Despite a surge in Covid-19 cases, Barnala district does not have even a single functional ventilator in any government hospital while three ventilators are lying unused as renovation of the Civil Hospital is going on. TPS Phoolka, DC, has directed the Health Department to accelerate the renovation process so as to make the ventilators available to patients at the earliest.

Some officials confirmed that the hospital had got three ventilators two months ago. While one was provided by SAD (Democratic) president Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa, remaining two were given by the state government. However, with the renovation of two rooms in the hospital going on, these are yet to be installed.

"I directed the Health



SAD WRITES TO HEALTH MINISTER

More than five months after the outbreak, the government has not started using even a single ventilator at the Civil Hospital. On Monday, we wrote to the Health Minister regarding it. Gurjinder Singh Sidhu, president, Sannik Wing, SAD

Department today to complete the renovation of the rooms at the earliest," the DC said.

In Barnala, 20 residents have died of Covid till date while there are 476 active cases.

Civil Surgeon Dr GB

Singh confirmed that ventilators were lying unused. "To start using ventilators, we need trained staff and other infrastructure. We are working to start the facility at the earliest," he said.

BRIEFLY

Missing youth's body recovered from drain

Fazika: The mutilated body of 20-year-old youth, who went missing on August 22, has been recovered from a seepage drain. Sources said deceased Dharmander Singh of Salemshah village, Fazika, was working at a grocery shop in the town. He went to the shop on August 22, but did not return home. His family members informed the police. A few villagers noticed a body floating in the seepage drain on Monday. oc

30-year-old man arrested for raping minor girl

Abohar: The police have arrested a 30-year-old man for raping a minor girl. The accused has been identified as Madan Lal. The complainant alleged that the accused invited woman and her daughter for a discussion to get her husband released on bail. He allegedly served sedative-laced food to the duo on April 20 at his house and later kidnapped the minor girl. oc

Bike-borne youths rob car occupants

Abohar: Three miscreants riding a motorcycle robbed three people sleeping inside a car at the Hanumangarh mega highway on Monday morning. The victims said a miscreant also fired a round when they resisted the loot but none was hurt. The police alerted the highway check posts but the culprits could not be nabbed. Footage of CCTV cameras installed at toll plazas and other places were being scrutinised. oc

Three drug peddlers held, 10 gm heroin seized

Abohar: The police have seized 10 gm of heroin from Balwinder Singh of Seed Farm colony and Sunny Sachdeva of Panjpeer Nagari. The duo reportedly arranged the contraband from Jalalabad, said the police. In another case, cops confiscated 30-kg poppy husk, 11,000 sedative tablets and Rs 1 lakh from Kulwinder Singh of Sehajipura village. oc

Martyr cremated with state honours

Singh Dimpa, Deputy Commissioner Kulwant Singh, SSP Dhruman H Nimble, AAP MLA Baljinder Kaur and Army personnel were present.

A piquant situation arose after family members, villagers and ex-servicemen sought allotment of land for constructing a memorial in the memory of the martyr in the village. As a result, the procession was stopped mid-way for more than 45 minutes.

The matter was resolved after the administration agreed to cremate the body at the Civil Hospital complex.

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Kanwardeep Singh Gulati, Tarun Gauba, Manan Jain (Sons)
Sukhwinder Kaur, Charu, Malika (Daughters)
Tarushi, Jaanvi, Nandita, Zoraawar, Abeer (Grandchildren)

Rains delay girdawari

MUKTSAR, AUGUST 31

The recent rainfall has delayed the special girdawari work in the district.

After the rains in July, the government had ordered the special girdawari. The assessment of losses to crops and buildings had to be completed within 15 days. The rains in July had caused massive loss to crops. Fur-

ther, the rainwater was drained out from some villages after almost 15-20 days. The affected farmers had demanded compensation.

Avtar Singh, District Revenue Officer, Muktsar, said, "The recent rains have delayed the special girdawari work, which had to be completed within 15 days." —TNS

On July 27, the Chief Minister had announced ex gratia relief of Rs 50 lakh, along

with the admission on 112 seats was made by the Medical Counselling Committee under all-India quota, the remaining seats were to be filled by the BFUHS.

Besides the management quota seats, even the government quota seats remained vacant in non-clinical courses. A major portion of vacant seats is in non-clinical subjects, such as anatomy, bio-

chemistry, physiology, forensic, microbiology, pathology and pharmacology.

As the Medical Council of India (MCI) revised the MBBS syllabus last week and added 80 hours of study in the new module for the management of pandemics, there was an increased demand for microbiology and community medicine branches this time.

In the new module, 14 hours of study for microbiology and 30 hours of community medicine have been added to deal with pandemic-like situations

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**1,450 cases,
a new record**

From today, pay power bills at post offices

After pilot project success in Ambala, Panipat, government extends facility to entire state

GEETANJALI GAYATRI
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COVID EFFECT

- The decision has been taken to reduce the rush at the payment counters of the Power Department in view of Covid
- "There are 2,180 branches of post offices in rural Haryana. During the pandemic, this initiative will help in decreasing the lines for bill payment at local offices," said Shatrugh Kapur, CMD of the discoms
- In all, 2,694 counters have been opened at various post offices across the state where bills up to Rs 20,000 can be paid

An MoU has been signed between the discoms and the Postal Department. TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 31 With 1,450 fresh cases, the highest in a day so far, the Covid tally in the state reached 64,752 today. With a number of employees at the Civil Secretariat testing positive, the Chief Secretary ordered a health camp for Covid testing of all officers and their staff.

Seven deaths pushed the toll to 689. Three deaths were reported from Sirsa, two from Kaithal and one each from Panchkula and Faridabad.

The maximum cases were reported from Panipat (154), followed by Karnal (135), Ambala (114), Gurugram (113) and Faridabad (103). A total of 1,052 patients recovered in a day, taking the tally of discharged cases to 52,672, with a recovery rate of 81.37 per cent.

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COVID-19 CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Faridabad	12,684	170
Gurugram	11,931	133
Sonepat	4,400	41
Ambala	3,842	32
Panipat	3,635	47
Rewari	3,522	20
Rohtak	2,986	31
Karnal	2,869	30
Hisar	2,324	14
Panchkula	2,230	20
Kurukshetra	1,761	32
Mahendragarh	1,748	1
Yamunanagar	1,631	19
Palwal	1,504	11
Bhiwani	1,395	12
Sirs	1,371	16
Jhajjar	1,236	17
Kaithal	1,075	11
Fatehabad	946	9
Nuh	740	14
Jind	631	8
Charkhi Dadri	271	1
Total	64,732	689



WILL STRENGTHEN BASE IN TOWNS

"I will strengthen the JJP. The party will focus on expanding its base in urban areas and making people from all walks join the outfit. A new programme 'One booth, ten youths' will be launched. The JJP will try to set up base in other states."

Ajay Singh Chautala, FORMER MP

Ajay said, I will fulfil the responsibility by strengthening the JJP. The party will

"In rural Haryana, there are 2,180 branches of post offices and during the pandemic this initiative will help in decreasing the line-up for bill payment at the local offices. The Haryana State Electricity Distribution Corporation is

organising such experimental initiatives because it is committed to safeguarding the lives of its customers and providing them with uninterrupted electricity supply," said Shatrugh Kapur, Chairman-cum-Managing Director

(CMD) of the discoms.

In January, Kapur and Ranju Prasad, Chief Post Master General (CPMG) of Haryana circle, principally agreed to give permission for starting a pilot project for payment of power bills at local post offices

in Ambala and Panipat. An MoU was signed between the discoms and the Postal Department, Ambala circle.

In view of the ease of payment for consumers from January to August, it was decided to extend this facility to cus-

Dhankar: Objection to ordinances baseless

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 31

State BJP chief OP Dhankar on Monday hit out at Opposition leaders for their "negative" response to the three farm ordinances introduced by the Centre. He said criticism just for the sake of criticism was not good.

Dhankar also hit out at the Punjab Government's resolution against the ordinances. "Punjab CM Capt Amarinder Singh is working against the interests of farmers for the fear of losing revenue in the form of market fee," he told the media at his Panchkula residence on Monday.

"If Opposition leaders had some better ideas, they should have given suggestions to the Centre rather than criticising the ordinances. Their points could have been incorporated," the BJP leader said.

The state BJP chief said the ordinances gave farmers the freedom to decide the price of their produce. — TNS

Man strangles pregnant wife

GORUGRAM, AUGUST 31

A man allegedly strangled his eight-month pregnant wife in a Nathupur village slum near DLF Phase 3.

The victim has been identified as Nikki Kumari (18), who was staying with her husband Roshan, a labourer, in a slum of Nathupur village.

To mislead the police, Roshan claimed Nikki was bitten by some insect following which she died, but the postmortem report revealed that she died of strangulation. The police have registered a murder case against Roshan, who is absconding.

Preliminary probe revealed that a fight broke out between the couple on Saturday night following which Roshan strangled Nikki. "The accused will be nabbed soon," the police said. — OC

Hooda toeing govt line for fear of CBI: Kundu

ROHTAK, AUGUST 31

Sabha session.

"He signed the schedule of the recent Assembly session, which did not include the issue of three farm ordinances," Kundu said.

To a query, the MLA claimed Hooda, who was afraid of CBI action, was being remote controlled by CM Manohar Lal Khattar. Kundu launched a veiled attack on INLD leader Abhay Chautala, stating leaders of other Opposition parties, who claimed to be well-wishers of farmers. — TNS

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CORRIGENDUM

Reference advertisement no BFU-08/2019 published dated 06.8.2020 regarding recruitment of various posts under Deptt. of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Punjab. Pharma-D is also added as eligible qualification for the post of Pharmacist (Pharmacy Officer) under Deptt. of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Punjab. The last date for receipt of online applications for the post of Pharmacist (Pharmacy Officer) is hereby extended up to 10.9.2020. Other terms & conditions will remain the same. For details/ updates visit university website www.bfuhs.ac.in

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MAJOR ONLINE EVENTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Date/Time	Online Event/Activity	Controlling Department / Organisation	Youtube Channel/Facebook Page/Online link
1/9/2020 – 11:00 AM	Webinar on the Life and ideology of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji	Dept. of Distance Education, Punjabi University, Patiala	https://youtu.be/urs5sNuhWI
2/9/2020 – 11:00 AM	Lecture on Kalam-e-Guru Tegh Bahadur (Urdu/Persian)	Deptt. of Persian, Urdu & Arabic, Punjabi University, Patiala	https://youtu.be/yk8lNcJs3n4
3/9/2020 – 11 AM to 12 NOON	Essay Writing	Pbi Deptt., Guru Nanak Dev University College, Sujanpur	https://meet.google.com/vdu-zcky-okr
4/9/2020 – 11 AM to 1:00 PM	• Poetical Recitation • Shabad Gayan • Collage Making	Guru Nanak Dev University Regional Campus, Ladhwali, Jalandhar	https://meet.google.com/dqm-fdpz-vay https://meet.google.com/oqj-icpy-msa https://meet.google.com/yap-daeg-fnm
7/9/2020 – 5:00 PM	Kavi Darbaar on Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji	Punjab Sahit Akademi	Youtube Channel and Facebook Page of Punjab Sahit Akademi
9/9/2020 – 12:00 NOON	Quiz Competition	Department of Punjabi, Sikh National College, Quadian (Gurdaspur)	https://chat.whatsapp.com/EuhexYMhbPFQBT8X3e68B
14/9/2020 – 5:00 PM	Webinar on Message of martyrdom of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji	Punjab Arts Council	Youtube Channel and Facebook Page of Punjab Arts Council
16/9/2020 – 11:00 AM	Shabad Gayan	North Zone Cultural Centre (NZCC), Patiala	Youtube Channel and Facebook Page of NZCC, Patiala
21/9/2020 – 5:00 PM	Painting Workshop	Punjab Lalit Kala Akademi	Youtube Channel and Facebook Page of Punjab Lalit Kala Akademi
28/9/2020 – 5:00 PM	Play (Guru Ladho Rey)	Punjab Sangeet Natak Akademi	Youtube Channel and Facebook Page of Punjab Sangeet Natak Akademi

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Bhushan fined ₹1

Issue of right to subject judiciary to scrutiny stays unaddressed

BY imposing a fine of merely Re 1 on activist-lawyer Prashant Bhushan for contempt of court, the Supreme Court has shown magnanimity behoving its dignity as an institution charged with the duty to dispense justice. Bhushan's announcement that he would respectfully pay the fine has ended the possibility of the lawyer being sent to jail for three months and getting debarred from practising before the Supreme Court for three years. But he intends to seek review of the verdict. While the controversy appears to have ended for now, the larger issue of citizens' right to subject the judiciary to scrutiny and criticism in a democracy remains unaddressed.

From the outset, the court wanted to give quietus to the controversy by attempting to persuade the lawyer to tender an apology and 'save the grace of the institution as well as the individual', even as Bhushan maintained that an insincere apology would amount to 'contempt of my conscience and of an institution that I hold in highest esteem.' But the fact remains that the offence of 'scandalising' the judiciary is vague and incapable of being qualified as a criminal law provision. Section 2(c)(i) of the Contempt of Courts Act doesn't define the expression in question.

Right to free speech and right to dissent are highly valued rights essential to make a democracy survive and thrive. That's why several countries, including the UK, have done away with this archaic provision of the contempt law. While one would agree with the court that citizens' faith in the institution of justice is the foundation for the rule of law essential for the functioning of a democratic society, the problem is not just about the definition. It's also about violation of principles of natural justice as judges being the aggrieved parties — either as individuals or as members of the institution — hear the matter themselves and there is no provision for appeal in case it's contempt of the Supreme Court. One expects the apex court to have a relook at the problem areas of the contempt law when it takes up the review petition to be filed by Bhushan.

PLA at it again

Chinese aggression adversely impacting bilateral ties

IOne fell swoop, Chinese troops have undone whatever progress was made during bilateral talks at the military and diplomatic levels in the past two-and-a-half months. Amid the ongoing standoff in eastern Ladakh, the People's Liberation Army (PLA) carried out 'provocative' military movements on the southern bank of Pangong Tso lake on the intervening night of August 29 and 30. It was another brazen move to change the status quo. Indian soldiers, who have been in a heightened state of vigil since the Galwan valley clashes in mid-June, took pre-emptive action to foil the attempt. The Indian Army has claimed that PLA troops violated the previous consensus arrived at during military and diplomatic engagements on the standoff.

The development has again exposed the hollowness of Chinese assertions about maintaining peace and tranquillity in the border areas, even as the Indian armed forces have effectively exercised carte blanche given by the government to scuttle another misadventure along the Line of Actual Control. India's firmness has also been evident in the diplomatic arena, with the Ministry of Defence withdrawing from a multilateral war game to be held in Russia later this month. Though India has cited the pandemic and 'consequent difficulties' for its decision, which wouldn't have pleased traditional ally Russia, the fact that Chinese and Pakistani troops are expected to attend the exercise had an important bearing on the matter.

The latest skirmish lends greater significance to the upcoming meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation in Russia, scheduled to be attended by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh. India can create an opportunity to red-flag Chinese duplicity, albeit informally, during interactions with the leaders of Russia and other countries. Though China has reassured that border disputes should be delinked from bilateral ties, India needs to hold its ground and insist on complete disengagement of troops as a precondition for restoring economic cooperation, and that too in a phased, guarded manner. China should be made to realise by India and its allies that 'business as usual' is impossible after the unprovoked attacks and attempts to subvert India's territorial integrity.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Nationalism makes us poor as protectionism destroys internal market and disrupts international trade. — Frans Timmermans

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LAHORE, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1920

Mr Banerjea's Reply.

ON another page will be found the text of the letter which Babu Surendranath Banerjea has addressed to the President elect in reply to the moderate leaders to attend the Congress. Mr. Banerjea says that he would have been glad to attend the Congress if it had not been for the fact that, judging from the signs, there would be no room for sober deliberation on the most important subject before the Congress— Non-co-operation, and that the Congress would meet only to register the decisions already arrived at by the Provincial Congress Committees. "You, Sir," says Mr. Banerjea, addressing Lala Lajpat Rai, "are a convinced non-co-operator and as President, you will lead the deliberations of the Congress. The delegates will come from the Congress. The delegates will come from the different Provinces representing the views of their Congress Committees which nearly in all cases have supported non-co-operation. Mr. Gandhi and Mr. Shaukat Ali have made no secret of their intention to attend the Congress with a large following to support non-co-operation." May we respectfully point out that of the three statements made by Mr. Banerjea, the first is incorrect, the second is based upon a confusion between the principle and the programme of non-co-operation and the third, though correct, is inconclusive? Lala Lajpat Rai is not only not a convinced non-co-operator, but as far as we are aware, is a convinced non-believer in non-co-operation in Mr. Gandhi's sense. Does not this show that Mr. Banerjea and other moderate leaders would not, as he seems to imagine, have been confronted with a body of zealots, but would have had every opportunity of using arts of persuasion of which they are consummate masters to prevent the Congress from committing itself to a wrong position?

Aiming for mega-market

Beijing understands the vagaries of global trading system and the need to hedge



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In a remarkable coincidence, India and China, neighbours and adversaries, who began their journey as nation-states together in 1950, have begun talking about self-reliance at the same time. 'Self-reliance' means different things in Beijing and New Delhi, but just as analysts struggle to understand what Modi's *atmanirbharta* means, so are they grappling with Xi's concept of 'dual circulation system' or DCS, aimed at promoting *atmanirbharta* in China.

We know that Modi's call on May 12 was triggered by Covid, even if we are not sure as to exactly what he is advocating. But the DCS announced at the politburo standing committee (PBSC) meeting two days later on May 14, has a longer history. The PBSC statement spoke of the need to deepen the supply side structural reform to give full play to the country's super large market, and push domestic demand. It sought 'a new development pattern in which domestic and international double cycles promote each other.'

How is this *atmanirbharta*, you may ask? In essence, DCS is an economic strategy that calls on China to continue to expand domestic production for exports (international cycle), even while shifting the economic momentum towards production for domestic consumption (internal cycle). China hopes to grow the domestic market and consumption, even while nudging the role of foreign markets and technology to a supporting role.

Beijing seems to have come to the same conclusion as many of its trade partners — that they are too vulnerable to the vagaries of the global trading system and need to hedge.



ON ITS FEET: Ever since manufacturing began, China has aimed for self-sufficiency.

The dual circulation system or DCS is not a turn away from the world economy. Indeed, it is aimed at deepening the linkages, but fixing China's vulnerabilities.

So, DCS is being promoted as a means of enhancing the resilience of its economy in a hostile global environment. Globalisation is in retreat and Covid has brought on a recession disrupting global trade, and at the same time, China's supply chains face disordering in the face of US hostility. So, China is looking at 'hedged integration' where it takes advantage of global finance and technology where it can, but boosts domestic capabilities, and self-consciously, to reduce reliance on the global economy.

The new concept was explicated by *The Economic Daily*'s editorial board on August 19: In the economic cycle, 'production is the starting point, consumption is the end point and circulation and distribution are the 'bridges' connecting the middle...we should focus on getting through the various links of domestic production, distribution, circulation and consumption and take satisfying domestic demand as the starting point and the landing point.' Giving 'full play' to the mega-market that is China is at the heart of the new strategy.

After Xi came to power, there was an increased emphasis on supply side structural reform through which China sharply reduced its capacity in several industries. Alongside, it undertook an aggressive campaign of financial de-risking and reducing its zooming debt. Like the supply side structural reforms, the DCS is seen as being driven by XI's principal economic adviser, Vice Premier Liu He.

Politically, China has been emphasising the need to move the economy from the high growth to the high-quality path. This is linked to the importance of improving the quality of life of its people. At the 19th Congress in 2017, Xi Jinping had declared that the principal contradiction facing the Chinese people is the "contradiction between unbalanced and inadequate development and the people's ever growing needs for a better life." This principal contradiction, to use Chinese jargon, is driving current policies.

Self-sufficiency has been an intrinsic part of Chinese planning since the time the country began to flex its manufacturing muscles. The December 2005 nation-

al medium and long term science and technology development plan envisaged the country moving from an ability to copy foreign products to where it could do some value addition in the form of 'indigenous innovation' through R&D. Successive five-year plans have promoted this National Indigenous Innovation Capability (NIIC). Wherever possible, foreign technology has been replaced by a domestically developed one as a matter of policy.

The most successful and well-known instance of 'indigenous innovation' has been in the Internet. China simply blocked off foreign technology — Google, Amazon, Facebook, Twitter — and developed its own Baidu, WeChat, Alibaba and Weibo. In some areas, Chinese products turned out to be better than their western counterparts, the primary examples being Huawei's 5G and TikTok.

China's strength has been its ability to concentrate its resources in identified areas and in the past 30 years, it has defied naysayers and pulled economic rabbits out of the hat. Today, it confronts a veritable storm led by the world's foremost economic and military power, whose principal aim is to deny China technology and trade that has powered its rise so far. Over the past two years, the US has carried out a global campaign to block the most advanced Chinese technology — that of 5G. It has placed broad restrictions on the import of US technology by Chinese companies and individuals, and it has imposed an array of tariffs on goods from China.

If the DCS succeeds, it will have a major impact on the world economy. Jude Blanchette and Andrew Polk have argued that even a small shift in China's model will have a major impact on world trade. A more fuller shift towards what is called the German model, of high-end manufacturing with low input costs, could pose a challenge to the developed world as well. But, mind you, the DCS is not a turn away from the world economy. Indeed, it is aimed at deepening the linkages, but fixing China's vulnerabilities.

No mere flight of imagination

GP CAPT MURLI MENON (RETD)

AFTER nearly nine months of forced exile in New York, thanks to the pandemic, one had reservations on what to expect aboard the Vande Bharat flight on arrival at Palam in terms of quarantine etc. The stay in Trump land was cathartic in ways more than one, starting of course with the conspiracy theories surrounding Covid, the frightening initial New York mess-up in dealing with the malaise, the entire chaos of Black Lives Matter protests and the intrigues around the US-China stand-off, all couched in the frenzy of pre-election gimmickry by the US President and others.

What intrigued me most was the

inability of the world's sole superpower to handle a challenging public health exigency. Also over the past few days, one was witness to considerable social instability on the streets of the Big Apple, from a virtual commandeering of the goings-on by the 'homeless', the scary rise in crime and shootings all across American metros, the fear over loss of jobs, closed schools and helplessness with the virus, virtual exodus to suburbs from cities like San Francisco and New York, to the inexorable slide into near anarchy of the otherwise impressive entrepreneurial society of America.

In striking contrast, our Vande Bharat journey from the John F Kennedy airport to Delhi last

week was a surprise in a positive context. From the highly organised boarding drill by Air India — no local porters were visible anywhere — to the flight itself, was a satisfying experience. The aircraft interiors and the flight crew were professional. Arrangements for food, sanitisation and hygiene were as desired. There were no unnecessary announcements or disturbances. A smooth flight saw us reaching Delhi half an hour ahead of time.

What really took the cake was the experience at Delhi airport. As per the latest advisory on home quarantine, which is easily doable, we registered for it and got a prompt response from the Delhi and Haryana governments.

The scene at Palam was too good to be true. You just needed to show your exemption certificate and in a jiffy, you found yourself outside the terminal, with no crowding anywhere, including the duty-free shops.

Once outside, it was a pleasant feeling to be accosted by an array of private, cleaned and fogged taxis and an efficient porterage. The drive to quarantine at home in the suburbs of Gurugram through flooded roads only highlighted the contradiction that is India... gross inefficiency in aspects such as road and flyover maintenance, but a cool, collected efficiency in handling the deadly virus, all done cheerfully by the frontline workers everywhere.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Crisis in Congress

Apropos of 'Putsch by petitioning' (*Nous Indica*, Aug 29); it is wrong to dub it as a rebellion without a leader. The letter written by the 23 Congressmen offers a stimulus for re-think against the factors that have weakened the party. This is clear from the debacle that the Congress has suffered in the last two Lok Sabha elections. It has shown that the Gandhis have shown no genius for the organisation of late. It is important to revitalise and rejuvenate the party which has played a significant role in nation-building. The rebels are not to be dismissed as mere disgruntled opportunists. That a section does not want any change in leadership only shows an ideological vacuum which can be removed only by a change in leadership in the Congress.

KRISHAN MALHOTRA, AMBALA CANTT

Quota benefits

In reference to 'Quota within quota', the apex court has rightly observed that reservation benefits must go to the poorest and not be limited only to the listed sections of society. But the court should also strictly put a limit on maximum of 50% reservation, which has been exceeded in many states. The unbridled expansion of reservation militates against the very idea of modern India, where all communities should have access to opportunities. Besides, had reservation truly worked, there would have been no need to extend them. Many states have breached the ceiling because of governments having failed to generate jobs for the youth, which in turn has fuelled the demand for jobs going only to the locals.

PS KAUR, BY MAIL

Common electoral rolls

To bring about uniformity in any programme, it is important to ensure transparency. If the exercise of preparing common electoral rolls for the Lok Sabha, Assembly and local body elections is given effect to, it may help in bringing about uniformity and also unburden the states financially. The money saved can be used for development, healthcare and improving the education system.

RAJ KUMAR KAPOOR, ROPAR

Row over GST

The crisis in fiscal federalism is due to the universal guarantee given to the states by the Centre to compensate them for five years from 2017, in the event that tax collections stay below the threshold. The options given to the states to bridge the gap follow a narrow legal view, and will be a big setback for the political economy. The proposed solutions will increase the trust deficit between the Centre and the states, and could spill over to other areas beyond petroleum, alcohol and stamp duty, which were subsumed under GST. The states are required to do the heavy lifting, and hence, they need a sympathetic Centre, which can bridge the revenue gap and ease the severe strain on the pandemic-induced economic scenario.

RAJIV BOOLCHAND JAIN, ZIRAKPUR

Indian soldiers

Thousands of Indian soldiers were enlisted in the British-Indian Army and served to the best of their ability. They were used by the British Empire to maintain its hold on the colonies. They fought against odds, sometimes without the necessary amenities in faraway lands even as the colonial power sought to subjugate their own territory and plunder it. Despite this, the Indian Army has remained depoliticised

which differentiates it from Pakistan where the army has held sway over the civilian government.

BALBIR CHANDER NAHAR, BY MAIL

Exam controversy
An unnecessary controversy over the NEET and JEE exams has been created. There is no knowing how long the pandemic will continue. To keep these qualifying examinations in abeyance is not in the interests of the aspirants. The focus should be on making sure that the exams are held with the necessary safeguards against the spread of Covid-19 infections. The Centre and states must arrange for the transport service to enable the students reach their examination centres without any difficulty.

PARKASH HANSPAU, BY MAIL

World Coconut Day
World Coconut Day is observed on September 2 every year to create awareness about the importance of the fruit. Coconut is referred to in India as *kalpavriksha*, which means a tree which will fulfill all the necessities of life and is regarded as holy. Coconut has a lot of significance in rituals and ceremonies. It is also called the 'Tree of life'.

JUBEL D'CRUZ, MUMBAI

OBITUARY

Katyayani Shankar Bajpai (MARCH 30, 1928 – AUGUST 30, 2020)

Distinguished diplomat, man of many parts



CMDE C UDAY BHASKAR (RETD)

DIRECTOR, SOCIETY FOR POLICY STUDIES

most challenging bilateral relationships — the US, China and Pakistan.

Being appointed ambassador to one of these countries would be a significant punctuation for an Indian diplomat, two would be an acknowledgement of high professional acumen by the powers that be (in recent years, former NSA Shivshankar Menon and current EAM S Jaishankar would qualify), but serving in all three at the plenipotentiary level is rare — and KSB had that distinction.

He served as high commissioner to Pakistan (1976-1980) during the crucial Bhutto-Zia coup years, when the civilian PM was sent to the gallows and the cold war came to South Asia by way of the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. Subsequently, KSB was appointed ambassador to China (1980-82).

These were turbulent post-Mao years in China and Deng Xiaoping was yet to consolidate his position in the Beijing pecking order. On the Indian side, Indira Gandhi had just returned to office as the PM in January 1980 and, as KSB recalled, this was a complex and challenging appointment as ambassador.

Finally, in his last posting, KSB served as ambassador to Washington DC (1984-86) and, as the sociological history of the foreign service records, this was a position his father Sir Girija had once held pre-1947. For India, this was the traumatic period when Indira Gandhi was assassinated and in an act of blind faith, the Indian voter reposed trust in the unproven Rajiv Gandhi who assumed office as PM.

On the KSB watch as ambassador,



RARE DISTINCTION: Bajpai served as the ambassador to the US and China.

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PM Rajiv Gandhi paid a very successful visit to the US (June 1985) and this was deemed to be a turning point in the troubled India-US bilateral.

How does one assess the contribution or track record of a senior diplomat? In an elegant formulation, former NSA and Foreign Secretary Shivshankar Menon suggested this template: "Was the diplomat able to move the needle on the issue or relationship she/he was entrusted with?"

Sikkim was an undoubtedly feather in the KSB cap and the fact that he was hand-picked for the Pakistan assignment (his second posting there) by the PMO was significant too. But the needle-moving metric was most visible with a positive connotation during the period when KSB was ambassador to the US.

During those decades, the India-US

relationship was troubled, uneasy and prickly and this strain of bitterness was introduced in the Nixon-Kissinger period and the use of intemperate language was illustrative. There was an inherent contradiction in this blow-hot-blow-cold pattern to the bilateral, for, while the two democracies were 'estranged' over security and strategic issues, the US was providing invaluable food aid to India (ship-to-mouth), the first wave of Indian doctors and engineers was moving West, though Delhi was deemed to be more aligned to Moscow despite its claim to non-aligned celibacy.

Till recently (pre-Covid lockdown), KSB kept himself informed about the status of India's military preparedness, civil-military issues, R&D, defence production et al. His most perceptive observation was made on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the 1965 India-Pakistan war where he noted with dismay: "How could the One Rank, One Pension issue been allowed to get so out of hand? One of India's most remarkable achievements — and blessings — has been that its military has remained wholly apolitical. Doubtless, it has its faults, but in a country that owes it so much, with a civil power so extensively dependent on it because of its own inadequacies, any novice must know the vital importance of civil-military relations. The neglect, insensitivity, gross mismanagement to which it has been subjected to are the most alarming aspects of that root ignorance of statecraft that made the country's 1965 performance so unsatisfactory. But '65 pales into insignificance compared to what might be if India does not reform itself fast."

KSB had a natural advantage in relation to the US due to his long years spent in that country when his father was the Indian representative and later postings, burnished by the deep water tale he had acquired in his many dealings with American interlocutors.

I got to know Bajpai in his post-retire-

ment phase when he was guiding the Delhi Policy Group (DPG) as its founding Chairman and later when he was appointed Chairman of the National Security Advisory Board. Security issues were high on his radar and he often shared his anguish at the cavalier manner in which this vital strand was being managed.

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Alas, it is evident that KSB's sage counsel has fallen on deaf ears, as the management of current developments in Ladakh indicate.

RIP, Shankar Sir.

China distorts history to lay claims of convenience



LT GEN PRADEEP BALI (RETD)

EX-COMMANDER, SIKKIM-BASED 33 CORPS

THE Chinese troops' latest misadventure in Ladakh is blatantly violative of the consensus arrived at during the ongoing military and diplomatic engagements. This proclivity to change the status quo highlights the steadfast policy of territorial expansionism pursued by the Chinese Communist Party, using a variety of dubious mechanisms. The Chinese bid for land grab, with manufactured historical justifications, can best be described as claims of convenience. Their intransigence along the borders in Sikkim, which were considered the only settled borders along the entire stretch of 3,488 km, demonstrates these shenanigans.

The joint statement issued during Premier Wen Jiabao's visit in 2005 stated that China recognised 'Sikkim State of the Republic of India'. Wen even handed over an official map of the People's Republic of China to Singh, showing Sikkim as a part of India and accepted the legitimacy of the India-China borders in Sikkim. The 220-km-long boundary in this sector starts at the tri-junction between India, Bhutan and China at Batang La in south-east Sikkim, runs north along the Dongkya range, crossing the Himalayas, and then turns and goes westwards up to the Jongsong peak, which marks the tri-junction of India, Nepal and China.

The significant feature of this boundary is that it runs along the watershed between the Teesta in India and the Tsangpo (Brahmaputra) and Amo Chu flowing in the Tibetan Plateau and the Chumbi Valley, respectively. The watershed lies across the Himalayas in north Sikkim and the Teesta originates from the Teesta Kangse (Pahunri glacier) in



CRUX: Doklam issue originates in the ambiguous wordings of the 1890 Convention, leading to an erroneous identification of Mt Gipmochi as Mt Gyemochen by China.

the north Sikkim plateau before turning south and flowing through the Himalayas at Giagong.

The Chinese have laid claim to areas up till Mount Gyemochen in south-east Sikkim. This lies about eight-odd km further south of Batang La and the area in between the Batang La-Merug La-Sinchel La ridge in the north (the China-Bhutan boundary at the tip of the Chumbi Valley) and the Gyemochen-Jampheli ridge in the south is referred to as the Doklam Plateau. It is 60-odd sq km of undulating terrain, which lies in the Haa district of Bhutan and is now being claimed by China. The strategic importance of Jampheli is well known as from here the terrain rolls down to the narrow Siliguri corridor, which links India with its North-East.

The Chinese, in support of their claim, have been referring to Article 1 of the Anglo-Chinese Convention

signed between British India, China and Tibet on March 17, 1890, demarcating the India-Bhutan boundary. The crux of the Doklam issue originates in the perception of the tri-junction due to the ambiguous wordings of the 1890 Convention, which states that the boundary commences from Mount 'Gipmochi', the coordinates of which were not given. This has given rise to an erroneous and convenient identification of Mount Gipmochi as Mount Gyemochen by China.

John Claude White, political officer in the administrative charge of Sikkim in the 1890s and early 1900s, had published a British map of 1904, which clearly shows Gipmochi next to Batang La, as the tri-junction. The Government of Sikkim, in its notification of the Pangolakha wildlife sanctuary in 2002, also clearly states Batang La to be Gipmochi, which is based on

old maps of the Survey of India.

The tri-junction near Batang La (Gipmochi) is at an altitude of 14,698 feet and higher than Mt Gyemochen (14,494 feet). The Batang La-Merug La-Sinchel La ridgeline is hence the natural extension of the Dongkya range eastwards into Bhutan and is the watershed separating the waters flowing into India, China and Bhutan.

Any dispute or confusion about the identity of Gipmochi as Gyemochen notwithstanding, the fact of the matter is that the Gyemochen-Jampheli ridgeline, claimed by the Chinese as the border with Bhutan, is clearly lower in height and not the watershed in the context of this boundary. The Chinese claims are but a canard to justify its actions on the Doklam Plateau.

Interestingly, China quotes the 1890 Convention, to which Bhutan was not a signatory, to assert its claims while it rubbishes the 1914 Convention vide which the Indo-Tibetan boundary was demarcated, with a Chinese representative also in attendance.

As the India-China boundary moves north along the Dongkya range, it crosses the Himalayas and then turns westwards, skirting the Sikkim Plateau which is contiguous to the Tibetan Plateau. The boundary here runs along the rim of this plateau and is demarcated by cairns, which are simple stone markers along this watershed. The PLA's attempts to intrude across the cairns while patrolling leads to standoffs and scuffles which at times turn rather aggressive.

As the watershed and the boundary move further west, they rejoin the Himalayas at the end of the Sikkim Plateau, and continue till the Jongsong

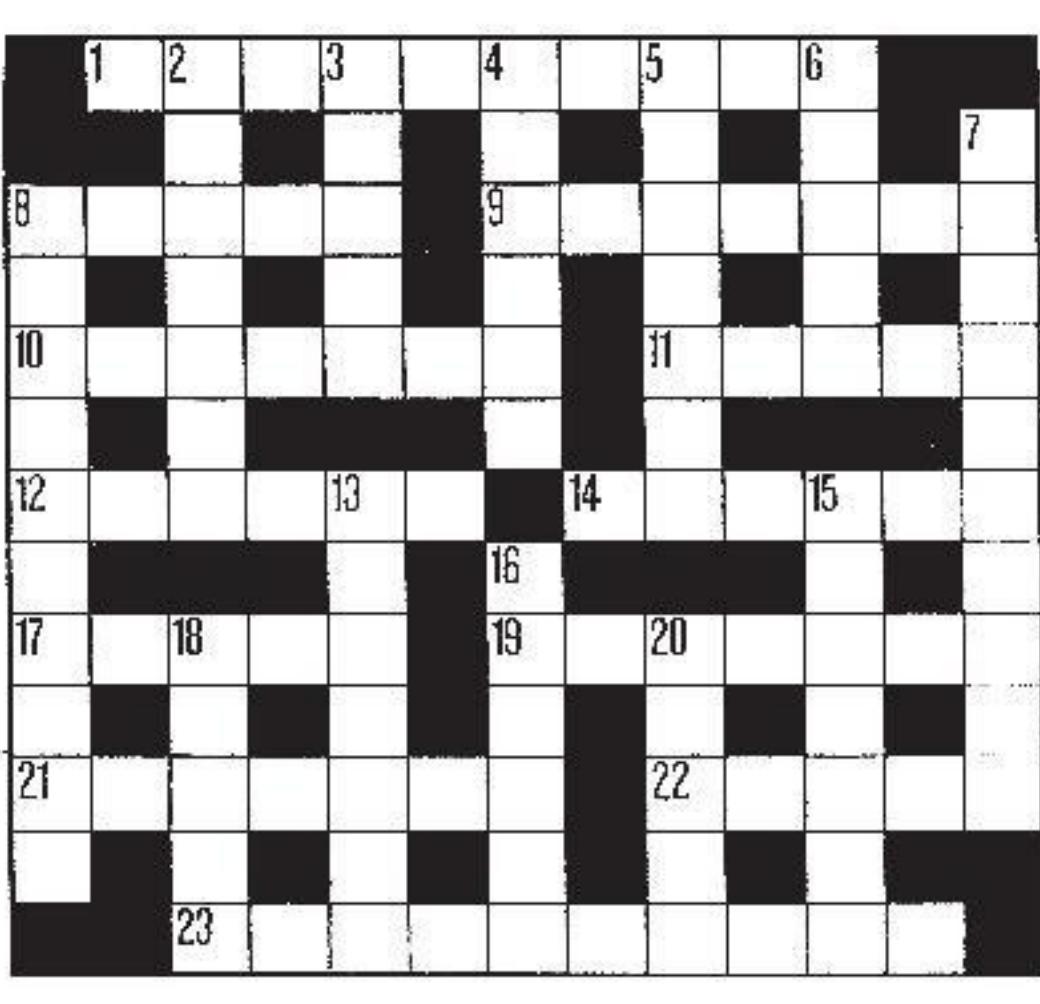
peak. Here, the area to the south is the isolated Muguthang sector of northwest Sikkim. The watershed and the boundary cross over the prominent pass of Naku La. The land slopes southwards into India and about 1,200 metres inside, there is an irregular heap of stones, up to a metre high at places, stretching about a kilometre across, with gaps in between.

A mention of these 'stone walls' can be found in Francis Younghusband's book *India and Tibet* (1910), which is about his campaign in to Tibet. He had encountered such stone walls, possibly rudimentary defence works to provide some form of a firing position, at Yatung, Gyantse and other places on the way to Lhasa. This craggy heap of stones cannot be construed to represent the alignment of the border, instead of the watershed, in any manner whatsoever. These may have had some defence value for the locals against any Tibetan marauders venturing across the pass. Clearly, these stone heaps had a purely local significance and had nothing to do with any boundary.

The Chinese were quick to seize upon an opportunity to create another dispute by claiming this stone heap as the boundary with India, howsoever ridiculous it may appear. The Chinese ignore both history and geography when they conveniently forget about the watershed at Naku La lying well to the north, which is the boundary per the 1890 Convention.

These are but a few examples of China's claims of convenience based on distorting historical facts. The surest way of giving the lie to such manufactured stances is to counter them very strongly at every opportunity.

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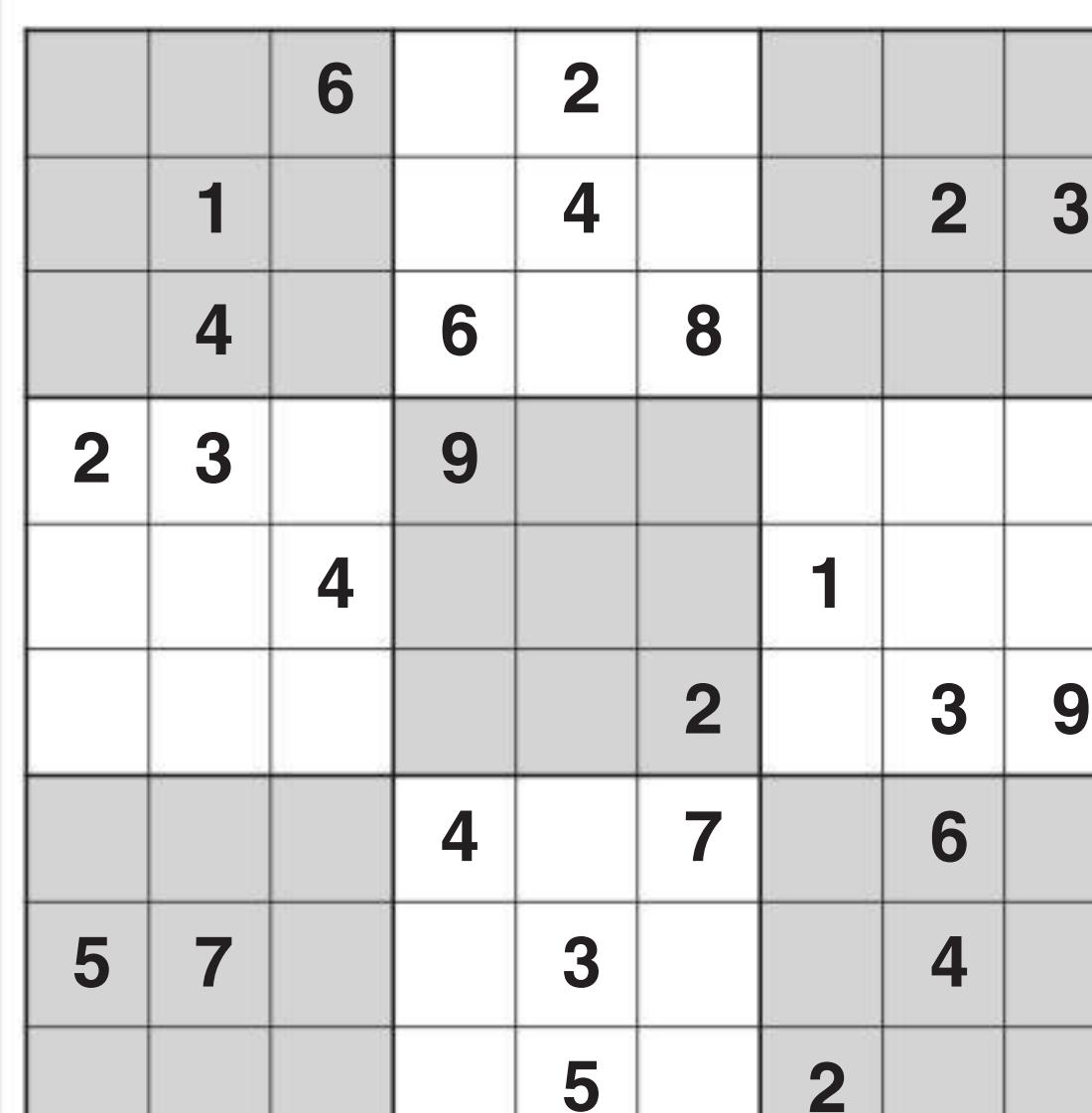
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- 17 Higher (5)
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- 23 Instigator of illicit activity (10)
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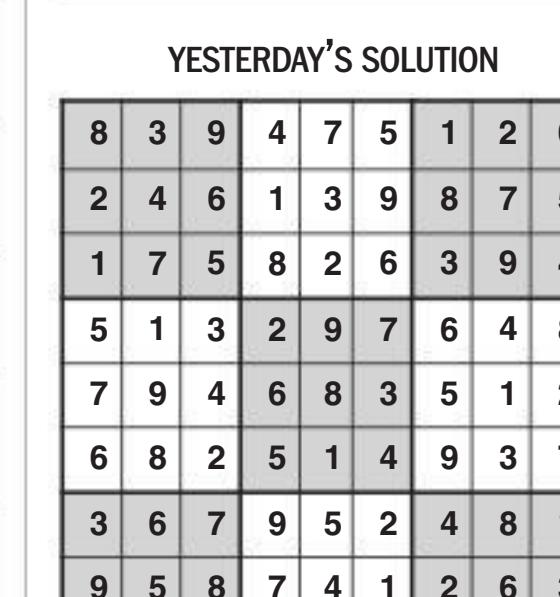


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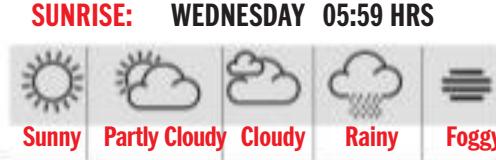
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I, Hitherto known as Jasdeep Singh son of Kuldeep Singh residing at Village Sanghera, Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur, Punjab, India, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Jasdeep Singh Sanghera. (CL20035853)

We Baldev Raj s/o Dinanath and Rajani w/o Baldev Raj # 29, Anaj Mandi Ward No. 2, Kurali Khara, Pradeep Kumar, his wife Sudesh and their children Bani, Saumya, Satvik out of our control we are aware of our moveable/ immovable properties. Anybody deals with them at their own risk. (CL20035850)

I, Mr. Suresh Kumar Ex P.O. Navy No. 146423F s/o Sh. Ram Krishan Singh r/o H.No. 289-B, Sector 48-B Chandigarh (UT) 160047 declare that the date of birth & name of my wife has wrongly mentioned as 31.12.1965 & Kamlesh respectively in my service record. These may please be corrected as 02.03.1963 & Kamlesh Dadwal. (CL20035790)

I, Veena Devi Sood Spouse of No. 290324H, Rank SGT, Naresh Kumar Sood PPO No. AF S/C/9306/84, r/o House No. 419, Ward No. 5, Mathura Dass Gali, Kotwali Bazar, Dharamshala, District Kangra HP, have changed my name from Veena Devi Sood to Veena Sood. Vide Affidavit No. 07AA 517485 Dated 31.08.2020, before Executive Magistrate, Dharamsala, Kangra HP. (CL20035866)

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e-registration to stay; schools to function partially from Sept 21

UNLOCK 4 Uncertainty looms over reopening of religious places

PRATIBHA CHAUHAN

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SHIMLA, AUGUST 31

The government has decided to continue to regulate the inter-state movement of people through e-registration though no decision has been taken on opening religious places.

The government today issued guidelines as part of Unlock 4, beginning tomorrow. The guidelines issued by Onkar Sharma, Principal Secretary (Revenue), makes no mention of opening religious places as no final decision has been taken though the Cabinet had discussed the matter.

However, the decision to open the places of worship can be taken after the monsoon session of the Vidhan Sabha concludes on September 18.

The schools, as per the Union Home Ministry (MHA) guidelines, can start functioning in a limited way from September 21 though the Education Department is yet to work

NO INTER-STATE PUBLIC TRANSPORT

- Teachers can be asked to come to schools on alternate days to solve the problems of the students of Class IX to XII. The Education Department will work out the modalities so that the schools could function in a restricted way.
- The decision to open places of worship may be taken after the monsoon session of the Vidhan Sabha.
- No inter-state public transport, except taxis, to be allowed.
- Inter-state movement of people through registration on the Covid e-pass portal to facilitate contact tracing in case anyone tests positive.



out the modalities.

As per the MHA guidelines, teachers can be asked to come to schools on alternate days (50-per cent capacity) to guide and solve the problems of the students of Class IX to XII, subject to the consent of the parents.

The state Education Department will work out the modalities in the coming days so that the schools could function in a restricted way for

the senior classes only.

While the Central Government has insisted on opening all state borders, Himachal has decided to continue to regulate the inter-state movement of people through registration on the Covid e-pass portal to facilitate contact tracing in case anyone tests positive.

Daily and weekend commuters such as industrialists, traders, suppliers and factory workers can enter

the state by providing information to the Deputy Commissioners concerned.

The industrialists, coming from non-containment zones, will be exempted from the purview of home quarantine. The only addition to the category are arthiyas (fruit agents), who are travelling to the state in view of the apple season.

The inter-state movement of public transport will continue to remain suspended. Taxis, however, can ply with registration on the Covid e-pass portal and drivers, who come to drop, without the quarantine condition.

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CM urged to open temples for devotees

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MANDI, AUGUST 31

The Kardar Sangh has urged Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur to open temples for devotees in Mandi district.

Due to their closure, hundreds of priests have lost their source of livelihood as they depended on donations from devotees.

It is not only the Kardar Sangh of Mandi district, who is demanding the opening of temples for devotees. The Kardar Sangh, Kullu, has also urged the government to open these.

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Jaya Sagar became an electronics & communication engineer from NIT, Hamirpur, this year and is now going to the UK to do PhD in quantum computing.

Jaya had represented Himachal in the 10th national-level Children's Science Congress on behalf of Manali Public School. She had won the gold medal at the IRIS National Science Fair in Bangalore in 2013. Jaya bagged two awards for India among child scientists from 80 countries at Intel Interna-

Manali girl bags ₹2.5-cr scholarship for research in UK

OUR CORRESPONDENT



tional Science and Engineering Fair in the US in 2014. She became the youngest student to have a copyright for her work in the field of improving hydropower and apple farming.

Education Minister Govind Singh Thakur extended his best wishes to Jaya.

Jaya said only 10 students had been selected from across the world for this PhD programme, in which only she has been selected from Asia. Jaya said last year, she did her research internship from the JKU Linz University of Austria, the expenses of which were borne by the Parmaarth Foundation.

DGP wants MBU chairman's financial transactions probed

FAKE DEGREE SCAM

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, AUGUST 31

With financial irregularities coming to the fore in the Manav Bharti University (MBU) fake degree scam, DGP Sanjay Kundu today wrote a letter to Chief Commissioner, Income Tax, Shimla, Sukhwinder Kaur, urging her to get the financial crime aspect investigated as it required the evaluation of property and tracking of financial transactions/money trail.

During investigations, it has come to light that several movable and immovable properties had been issued since its inception. The University

Rajasthan and other places through funds generated by issuing fake degrees.

The trust had been running two universities, Manav Bharti University in Himachal and Madhav University in Rajasthan.

The SIT has found that a number of fake degrees had been issued since its inception. The University

Grant Commission (UGC) in a letter dated August 30, 2019, had pointed out that Manav Bharti University (Solan) allegedly sold about 5 lakh degrees. It asked the authorities to conduct a thorough probe, following which three cases were registered under Sections 420, 467, 468 and 120 B of the IPC.

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Covid claims three more lives in state

No relief as 171 fresh cases take tally of infection to 6,116

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, AUGUST 31

The surge in Covid cases continued in the state with 171 fresh cases and three deaths being reported today, taking the total number of positive cases to 6,116.

With three Covid deaths taking place today, including two at the Indira Gandhi Medical College (IGMC), Shimla, the death tally of Covid positive persons has mounted to 36.

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ney problem. A 70-year-old woman, who died in Una yesterday, tested positive, taking the Covid death toll to 36.

The highest number of 33 cases were reported from Hamirpur, 28 from Una, 26 from Solan, 20 from Bilaspur, 18 from Kangra, 16 from Chamba, 10 each from Sirsa, Mandi and two from Mandi.

Nahan resident dies

A 68-year-old Nahan resident, who had tested positive for Covid and was referred to the IGMC, Shimla, on August 26, died on Monday. Deputy Commissioner, Sirsa, R.K. Pruthi said that he had undergone renal transplant and was suffering from pneumonia and respiratory failure post-surgery. He was initially admitted to Dr. Y.S. Parmar Government Medical College and was later referred to the

STATE TRACKER

Samples tested	214,182	
Recovered	4,473	
Active cases	1,563	
Positive cases	6,116	
Deaths	36	
DISTRICT-WISE COUNT		
DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Una	487	1
Solan	1,451	6
Kangra	860	8
Chamba	431	4

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**CORRIGENDUM
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Admission Notice (2020-21)

In continuation of the Corrigendum of admission notice for the session 2020-21 published in Times of India, The Tribune and Dainik Bhaskar, dated 7th August, 2020, the last date for applying to PG Courses is extended up to **30th September, 2020**. Admissions shall be done online only. To apply and to see more details, please visit university website www.plcupva.ac.in.

REGISTRAR

**VENDOR REGISTRATION FOR PROCUREMENT OF
DENTAL STORES THROUGH
VARIOUS FUNDS FOR THE FY 2020-21 AT
10 CORPS DENTAL UNIT**

Email: co10edu@gmail.comFile No CDU/MS/VR/2020-21 dated 20 Aug 2020.
Tender ID 2020_ARMY_373174_1 dated 29 Aug 2020 through def procurement platform.**INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EoI) FOR
VENDOR REGISTRATION FOR PROCUREMENT OF
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DENTAL UNIT.**Please apply through Def Proc Portal only.
<http://defproc.gov.in>Last date for submission of EoI online is on 21 Sep 2020, 0900 hrs.
DI-8511

ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰ
ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨਿਯਮ ਕੰਟਰੋਲਰ, ਮੁਹਾਰ ਸਿਵਲ ਸਪਲਾਈਜ਼ ਅਤੇ ਖਪਤਕਾਰ ਮਾਸ਼ੇ ਵਿਭਾਗ
ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਕੀ ਕੰਪਲੈਕਸ, ਹੁਸ਼ਿਆਰਪੁਰ।

ਟੈਂਡਰ ਮੰਗਣ ਦਾ ਨਿੱਜੀ
ਸਾਲ 2020-21 (31.07.2020 ਤੋਂ 30.06.2021) ਲਈ

ਛੁਡ ਗਰੋਨਜ਼ ਦੀ ਢੋਆ-ਢੁਆਈ ਦੇ ਕੰਮ ਲਈ

ਓਨਲਾਈਨ ਛੁਡ ਗਰੋਨਜ਼ ਦੀ ਢੋਆ-ਢੁਆਈ ਦੇ ਕੰਮ ਲਈ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਵਿਖੇ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ਤ ਪਾਇੰਸ਼ 2020-21, ਜਿਸ ਦੀ ਕਾਪੀ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਦੀ ਵੈਬਸਾਈਟ www.foodsupbh.gov.in ਤੋਂ ਉਪਲਬਧ ਹੈ, ਜਿਥੋਂ SOR (ਸੋਲਿਊਂਸ ਟੈਂਡਰ) ਤੱਕ (੫ ਕਿਲੋਮੀਟਰ ਤੋਂ ਛੁਡ ਗਰੋਨਜ਼ ਦੀ ਢੋਆ-ਢੁਆਈ ਲਈ) ਟੈਂਡਰ ਦੀ ਗੁਣ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ।

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(II)	ਤਰਨੀਂ ਬੰਦੀ ਭਾਗ-1 ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ, ਸਾਨੂੰ 03.09.2020, ਸਵੇਰੇ 11.00 ਵਜੇ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਕੀ ਕੰਪਲੈਕਸ, ਹੁਸ਼ਿਆਰਪੁਰ।	ਸਵਰੇ 10.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ
(III)	ਵਿਕਾਸ ਸਾਡਕਾਰੀ ਬੰਦੀ ਭਾਗ-2 ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ, ਸਾਨੂੰ 03.09.2020, ਸਵੇਰੇ 11.00 ਵਜੇ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਕੀ ਕੰਪਲੈਕਸ, ਹੁਸ਼ਿਆਰਪੁਰ।	ਅਤੇ ਸਾਫ਼

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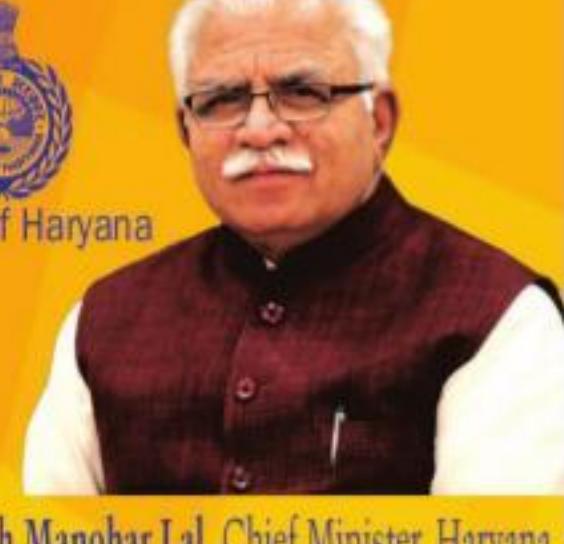
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- Management of Severely acute malnourished children-** Special drive for the identification of SAM children through height & weight measurement and their treatment in AWC's.
- First golden 1,000 days-** Optimal nutrition, care and support for development of a child from pregnancy till 2 years of age.
- Nutrient-rich Foods-** Consume a variety of nutritious food in adequate quantities including cereals/pulses, green leafy vegetables and fruits.
- Anaemia-** Consumption of iron-rich foods such as pulses, green leafy vegetables like spinach, methi, chaulai, bathuwa, fruits, milk, curd, paneer and addition of lemon, amla, guava and similar citric foods to the diet which help in absorption of iron to prevent anaemia.
- Diarrhoea management-** Maintain personal hygiene, home hygiene, food hygiene and consume safe drinking water to prevent diarrhoea.
- Hygiene and Sanitation-** Ensuring cleanliness in household and surroundings.

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Traders demand tax holiday, interest waiver

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

HUGE LOSSES

“Our problems are not confined to the Covid lockdown. We suffered huge losses last year when Article 370 was abrogated and on occasions like 2014 floods.

Aijaz Shahdhar, KTA CHAIRMAN

After the formation of a committee by the government to work out the modalities for the economic revival of Jammu and Kashmir, several trade bodies have submitted their proposals and made a series of demands to the former in this regard.

The demands range from seeking a tax holiday to financial support for the business community hit by two successive lockdowns since August 5 last year.

“Our problems are not confined to the Covid lockdown. We suffered huge losses last year when Article 370 was abrogated and on occasions like 2014 floods.

We have already submitted our proposals where we sought tax holiday, interest waiver, amnesty of water and electricity charges during the lockdown period. We also sought fresh loans on low interest so that we can revive businesses,” said Kashmir Trade Alliance (KTA) chairman Aijaz Shahdhar.

The committee to work out the modalities for economic

revival had been framed after representatives of the Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) met Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on August 18.

On Sunday, the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industries too had submitted its memorandum and demanded waiver of interest on loans and increase in moratorium period, reimbursement of the GST to hotels, besides other demands.

Hotellers’ associations have already demanded industrial sector benefits. Other tourism sector stakeholder, Houseboat Owners Association, had raised the issue of financial support,

wave of electricity charges and rehabilitation of houseboat owners.

NAVODAYA VIDYALAYA SAMITI
Ministry of Education
(Department of School Education & Literacy)
(Govt. of India)
(Regional Office)

Bay No. 26-27, SECTOR 31-A, CHANDIGARH – 160030
NOTICE FOR EMPANELMENT/ENGAGEMENT OF TEACHERS AND FCSA FOR CONTRACT AGREEMENT

Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (residential co-educational school system under Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India), organize to conduct Interview (Virtual) for engagement of Teachers (PGTs and TGTs all major subjects) and FCSA (without interview), purely on contract basis for the academic session 2020-2021 against vacancies arising from time to time in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab & UT Chandigarh (reservation criteria as per Govt. of India norms will be applicable subject to the availability of the candidates).

Application formats alongwith all other relevant details are available on the website of Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, Regional Office, Chandigarh <https://navodaya.gov.in/nvs/ro/Chandigarh/en/home/index.html> and venue Principals, JNV Una-navodaya.gov.in/nvs/nvs-school/UNA/en/home/index.html for Himachal Pradesh State, JNV Chandigarh-navodaya.gov.in/nvs/nvs-school/CHANDIGARH/en/home/index.html for Punjab State, and JNV Jammu-1-navodaya.gov.in/nvs/nvs-school/JAMMU-1/en/home/index.html

for JNVs of J&K (UT) & Leh (Ladakh UT). JNVs being residential in nature, makes it mandatory for the Teachers and FCSA to stay in the Vidyalaya campus only to attend residential school duties beside their routine duties. Boarding and Lodging would be provided as available at the JNV site.

Remuneration offered:

PGTs - (Normal station Rs. 27500/- Per Month, Hard station Rs. 32500/- Per Month).

TGTs - Normal station Rs. 26250/-Per Month, Hard station Rs. 31250/- Per Month.

FCSA - Normal station Rs. 26250/-Per Month, Hard station Rs. 31250/- Per Month.

The interview (Virtual) for engagement of PGTs/TGTs purely on contract basis will be conducted at Cluster level. The Cluster venue is given below:

- HP Cluster - JNV Una

- Punjab Cluster - JNV Chandigarh

- JK Cluster - JNV Jammu-1

Similarly, the verification of documents for empanelment/engagement of PGTs, TGTs and FCSA, on contract basis will be checked before the joining of the candidate at Vidyalaya level. Accordingly, the venue Principals JNV Una i.e. JNVs of HP cluster, JNV Chandigarh for JNVs of Punjab Cluster and JNV Jammu-1 for JNVs of J&K Cluster. Interested/eligible applicants can download the application format from the website of Regional Office and Venue JNVs as stated above or the formats are also available at the venue station. The candidates may submit application to the Venue. Principal under which Cluster he/she wants to appear before the Interview Board for interview (virtual) only for empanelment/engagement by e-mail.

The candidate can apply only in one Cluster i.e. Punjab, HP or in J&K (and appear for virtual interview in that Cluster Only). Candidate who has applied in all Clusters, his/her candidature will be considered only for one Cluster and his/her candidature in other Cluster will be deemed as rejected.

No application will be entertained at Regional Office. The candidates are advised to annex self attested testimonials in support of his/her age, qualification, experience alongwith the application form as the merit list will be prepared at Cluster level on the basis of his/her scholastic achievements only. It is pertinent to mention here that the interview will be conducted for PGTs/TGTs only and no interviews will be conducted for FCSA. The Merit List of the said cadre will be prepared on the basis of educational qualification and experience only. The cut off date for determining the eligibility will be 01.09.2020.

The dates of submission of applications in the Office of the Venue Principal (through e-mail) where the candidates wish to apply w.e.f. 01.09.2020 to 11.09.2020 for PGTs, TGTs and FCSA only on working days from 9.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

Schedule for conduct of Interview (Virtual)

1. 12.09.2020	PGT (Hindi, English, Maths, Physics, Chemistry)
2. 13.09.2020	PGT (Biology, History, Geography Economics, Commerce, Computer Science, Bio-Tech., IT)
4. 14.09.2020	TGT (Hindi, English, Maths)
5. 15.09.2020	TGT (Science, SS, Urdu, Marathi, Punjabi)

The candidates who have applied for the post of PGTs/TGTs are required to appear before the Interview Board for interview (Virtual) on the dates mentioned above.

The candidate may please note:

- The candidates are advised to bring all original documents, for verification at the time of their joining to the allotted station at Vidyalaya level. The candidates must ensure that he/she fulfills the requisite qualification as prescribed for the post and found eligible will only be allowed to join.
- The station will be allotted at Cluster level by the Venue Principal with due approval of AC Cluster Incharge strictly on the basis of merit list prepared for each post.
- The candidature of selected candidate may also be considered in other Cluster if the empanelment of such post is exhausted in the Cluster in which he/she had applied for.
- Applications of the candidates are accepted on the prescribed formats only by the concerned venue.
- No application will be entertained by post as it is a interview (virtual), hence, all applications are accepted by e-mail.

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Nine feared dead as minibus falls into Chenab in Ramban

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, AUGUST 31

Nine persons were feared dead after a Tempo Traveller rolled down into the Chenab in the Mehar area of Ramban district this evening.

According to the police, the driver of the Tempo, which was on its way to Ramban from Udhampur, lost his control over the vehicle, resulting in its fall in the river.

“The lone survivor in the mishap said they were just 1 km short of Ramban town when the accident took place around 4.30 pm,” a police official said.

Deputy Commissioner Ramban Nazim Zai Khan said the vehicle was swept away in the strong currents of the river. They had launched the rescue operation, but the water level in the Chenab was quite high due to the rainy season.

“We have requisitioned the Army divers from Udhampur and Jammu. They will launch search operation tomorrow morning to retrieve the missing vehicle although the chances of



Police personnel carry out rescue operation in Ramban district on Monday. TREBUNE PHOTO

finding any survivors seem bleak,” Khan added.

Haseeb-ur-Rehman, SSP, Ramban, said they had

called off the rescue operation launched by the civil quick response team (QRT) and police personnel due to

the inclement weather and it would be resumed tomorrow with the help of the Army divers.

7 civilians hurt in grenade attack in Baramulla

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 31

At least seven civilians were injured today when a militant lobbed a hand grenade on an Army vehicle which missed its target and exploded on a road in north Kashmir’s Baramulla town, officials said.

Hours later, another grenade attack took place in the neighbouring Sopore town.

The first attack took place at around 1.15 pm near the Azad Gunj bridge in Baramulla and the condition of all the injured was stated to be stable.

A Srinagar-based defence spokesman said the militant hurled the grenade on the Army convoy moving from Baramulla, which missed the last vehicle and resulted in injuries to the civilians.

“There was no loss of life reported in the incident,” a police officer said. Soon after the attack, a massive manhunt was launched in the area.

Meanwhile, security forces claimed to have recovered arms and ammunition from a forest area of the Boniyar area in Baramulla district. The recovery included two dismantled AK 47s, two AK magazines, 74 AK rounds, 10 grenades and a pistol.

Martyred ASI played key role in anti-terror ops

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 31

Babu Ram (48), a police officer who was killed in a gunfight at Pantha Chowk on the outskirts of Srinagar, had volunteered to join the Special Operations Group—the elite counter-insurgency unit of the J&K Police—nearly 18 years ago.

Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) Babu Ram, who was recruited as a constable in 1999, had got two out-of-turn promotions in view of his “exceptional performance in various anti-militancy operations” in Srinagar district. He was also wounded in 2005.

Director General of Police, J&K Dilbag Singh described the slain officer as a “very brave member of the SOG team, who had been a part of counter-insurgency operations for a long time”. A resident of Dharana Poonch village in the Jammu region, Babu Ram got recruited as a constable in 99 and after completion of his training, he voluntarily opted for SOG.

Subsequently, he was posted in the SOG, Srinagar, on July 27, 2002. And for 18 long years, he remained posted in the counter-insurgency unit.

A senior police officer said ASI Babu Ram always volunteered to be part of the advance parties of the forces during all anti-militancy



Babu Ram

operations in Srinagar. He was one of the finest fighters,

who used to follow proper drills during the operations,” Superintendent of Police, operations Tahir Ashraf said.

He said when the cordon was being laid around Pantha Chowk on late Saturday, the forces were not sure about the exact house where the militants were hiding. “As a cordon was being laid, civilians from one house said no one was inside. However, the hiding terrorist opened fire from the very house critically wounding Babu Ram. He was admitted to 92 Base Hospital of the Army, where he succumbed,” SP Ashraf said.

Three local militants of the Lashkar-e-Toiba were killed in the operation that ended on Sunday morning.

Nine deaths take toll in J&K to 703

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, AUGUST 31

A total of 535 new cases, 245 in the Jammu division and 290 in the Kashmir province, were reported in J&K during the past 24 hours, taking the Covid count in the Union Territory to 37,698.

Nine deaths, three in Jammu and six in the Valley, were reported during the same period, taking the deadly virus toll to 703 in the UT.

Meanwhile, 505 patients recovered and were discharged from various hospitals, 110 in Jammu and 395 in the Valley. With 510 patients recuperating on Monday, recoveries in J&K reached 29,015. On the second consecutive day, J&K recorded nine deaths.

According to the official bulletin issued this evening,

COVID-19 PANDEMIC



UT TRACKER

Total persons under surveillance	4,61,461
Persons completing surveillance	3,62,046
Samples tested	9,66,412
Negative results	9,28,712
Positive cases	37,698
Patients cured	29,015
Total deaths	703

out of the total positive cases, 7,980 were active, 29,015 had recovered and 703 died—66 in the Jammu division and 637 in Kashmir Valley.

The bulletin further said that out of the 9,66,412 test results available, 9,28,714 samples had tested negative.

Meanwhile, the J&K Government has evacuated 3,75,731 of its residents stranded in other parts of the country due to the Covid lockdown via Lakhnupur and through special trains and buses till date amid strict observance of all necessary guidelines and standard operating procedures (SOPs).

As per the official data received in this regard, the J&K administration had received 131 special trains at Jammu and Udhampur railway stations from different states and UTs so far, with about 1,13,936 passengers.

Nation will miss Pranab's advice: Farooq

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, AUGUST 31

National Conference president and three-time Chief Minister of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir Farooq Abdullah described former President Pranab Mukherjee as a man of great wisdom whose advice would always be missed by the nation.

Condoling the death of Mukherjee, the NC leader said it was a great loss to the nation, describing the former President as a

great statesman. “We, in Jammu and Kashmir, and the whole nation will miss him and his advice,” Farooq said while offering his condolences to the bereaved family.

“There can be no replacement of Pranab Mukherjee,”

Farooq, who was a contemporary of Pranab Mukherjee in politics, told The Tribune.

Pranab had been involved with Kashmir for years and had visited the state a number of times in different capacities.

always thought of serving the nation,” Farooq said.

“We had a great equation,” Farooq said, recalling that “he would invite me to quiet lunch and discuss the (Kashmir) situation. He was always interested in knowing the things. That was his greatness,” Farooq, who was a contemporary of Pranab Mukherjee in politics, told The Tribune.

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The IGP appreciated the efforts made by police to contain the spread of Covid and in maintenance of law and order in the Jammu division.

In NDPS cases,
cop can be both
informant, IO

TREBUE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 31

A police officer can be both an informant as well as an investigating officer in a case under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985, the Supreme Court ruled on Monday.

A five-judge Constitution Bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra held that simply because the informant was also the Investigating Officer in an NDPS case, he can't be accused of bias and it can't be a ground for acquittal of the accused.

"Merely because the informant and the investigating officer is the same, it cannot be said the investigation is biased and the trial is vitiated," the Bench said.

The Constitution Bench reverses the view taken by a three-judge Bench headed by Justice Ranjan Gogoi which had in 2018 ruled that an informant and IO can't be the same person.

SC issues guidelines for physical hearings



NEW DELHI, AUGUST 31 The Supreme Court has issued a standard operating procedure (SOP) for proposed physical hearing of the cases which will commence on an experimental basis on the request of various lawyers' bodies. Physical distancing will be the special focus.

The apex court has been holding hearings through videoconferencing since March 25 due to the Covid-induced nationwide lockdown and even after the restrictions were relaxed, it has decided to continue with the practice.

A seven-judge committee headed by Justice NV Ramana has earlier this month after consideration of requests made by various Bar associations recommended to the Chief Justice of India S A Bobde to resume physical hearing of the cases on an experimental basis while adhering to

ly, number of matters or the number of courtrooms may be increased or reduced, as the situation may warrant or permit."

The top court administration has said that entry into the High Security Zone through proximity cards/long term passes shall be kept suspended, till further orders.

It said that the entry of counsels/parties or such other stakeholders to appear for such limited physical hearing will be through daily special hearing passes which will be issued by the Registry, on the basis of authorisation by the concerned Advocate on Record.

Justices Ramana, Arun Mishra, Rohinton Nariman, UU Lalit, AM Khanwilkar, DY Chandrachud and LN Rao are part of the committee set up by the CJJ to look into the issue of resumption of physical hearings in the top court. — PTI

In courtrooms, physical distancing norm to be strictly adhered to

additional safety norms.

However, no date has been mentioned in the SOPs, as from when the physical hearing of cases in limited manner will commence.

The SOP issued by secretary general Sanjeev S Kalagankar of the top court said, "On an experimental basis, and as a pilot scheme, physical hearing of matters may initially commence in three courtrooms; eventual-

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GDP shrinks 24%; expected, says government

and electricity—comprise 40.27 per cent of the index of industrial production. The fiscal deficit was also going out of hand. In April-June, it was at Rs 8.21 lakh crore because the total receipts were only Rs 2.32 lakh crore whereas the expenditure was Rs 10.54 lakh crore. Last year, the fis-

cal deficit for the same period was Rs 5.47 lakh crore.

Subramanian sought to give an upbeat scenario by claiming that India was beginning to experience a V-shaped recovery. For instance, core sector growth had fallen to 38 per cent in April but the decline was pro-

gressively reduced to 22 per cent in May, 13 per cent in June and 9.6 per cent in July.

The CEA also pointed out that railway freight in July was at 95 per cent of July 2019 levels and it was six per cent higher in the first 26 days of August this year compared to the same period last year.

Similarly, e-way bills, which capture inter-state trade, in August have nearly climbed to last August's levels.

Meanwhile, investor wealth tumbled by Rs 4,55,914.68 crore following heavy sell-off in the equity market where the BSE benchmark Sensex plummeted 839 points amid

Int'l flights to stay suspended till Sept 30

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 31

The DGCA today announced the extension of the ongoing suspension of scheduled international passenger flights till September 30.

The aviation regulator, however, said, special international flights, operating under the Vande Bharat Mission since May and those under bilateral air bubble arrangements with other countries since July would continue to operate as permitted. "However, international scheduled flights may be allowed on selected routes by the competent authority on a case-to-case basis," noted the DGCA order, adding that the scheduled international passenger flight services would continue to remain suspended.

The DGCA order said the suspension did not affect the operation of international all-cargo operations and flights specifically approved by the DGCA. Domestic flights resumed on May 25 after a gap of two months and currently the airlines are allowed to operate maximum 45% of their pre-Covid domestic flights. — TNS

ED arrests former AAP leader in Delhi riots case

TREBUE NEWS SERVICE

PMLA CASE

■ According to ED, Tahir Hussain has been arrested for his role in money laundering and funding the anti-CAA demonstrators"

■ Tahir, the suspended AAP councillor, is among the accused in the north-east Delhi riots that rocked the nation in February this year

returned by them in cash," a senior ED official said.

The cash received by Hussain through entry operators was allegedly used to fuel the anti-CAA protests and Delhi riots, he added.

"Investigation has revealed that companies owned or controlled by Hussain and his relatives transferred huge amounts of money to dubious entities, which was

companies in illegal laundering of money in the past too. Searches were conducted by the ED at the residential and business premises of Hussain and his relatives and associates in Delhi, Noida and Greater Noida on June 23," the official said, adding that these raids had led to the recovery of incriminating documents and pieces of evidence, which were used for the fraudulent transfer of money.

He also said over the past few days, Hussain had been interrogated by the ED officers in Tihar Jail while under arrest by the Delhi police. Subsequently, he was arrested under the PMLA for his role in money laundering and brought to the agency's office here for custodial interrogation.

NORTHERN RAILWAY OPEN TENDER NOTICE

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

S. No	Open Tender No.	Name of work	Date of Closing/Opening	Approx. Cost	Earnest Money	Completion period	Validity period	Cost of tender form
1.	30-Elect/ T-16/ 2020-21 (Open tender)	Electrical work in connection with replacement of existing energy meters with smart energy meters at Stalls/vendors, ATMs, Temporary connections of Saharanpur & Ambala Station over Ambala Division.	22.09.2020	₹6,20,208/-	₹12,400/-	02 Months	45 Days	NIL
2.	30-Elect/ T-17/ 2020-21 (Open tender)	Electrical work in connection with modification of S&T buildings, Relay Huts in connection of DFCCIL track construction from DOA-SRE	22.09.2020	₹46,61,293.74	₹93,200/-	06 Months	45 Days	NIL

1. Tenderer(s) are required to upload scanned copies of all related eligibility documents including PANITIN as per conditions. The required Earnest Money & tender Document Cost will be acceptable On-Line payment through Net Banking or Payment Gateway payment only well before & upto 1500 hrs. of closing date & time of tender. 2. Tenderer(s) should have Class-II Digital Signature Certificate to participate in E-Tendering of Works Tenders. 3. For details, please log on to IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in.

No.: 3-Elect/T/Notice/09/2021-Dated: 31.08.2020

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ਦਫਤਰ ਨਗਰ ਕੌਸਲ, ਮਾਨਸਾ

(ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ)

ਮਿਤੀ: 28.08.2020

ਨਗਰ ਕੌਸਲ, ਮਾਨਸਾ ਵੱਲ ਵੰਡ ਏਂਡ ਸੈਲੀਸ਼ਨ, ਸਾਫਟਾਈਅਰਾਂ ਆਦਿ ਤੋਂ ਟਾਟਾ ਮਾਨਸਾ ਪ੍ਰਾਈਵੇਟ ਐਂਡ ਸੈਲੀਂਟਰ ਵੱਲ ਵੱਡੇ ਸੱਬੇ ਬਾਬੁ ਰੁਪਾਂ 10,20,11 ਲੱਖ ਦੇ ਸੱਬੇ ਵੱਡੇ ਸੱਬੇ ਬਾਬੁ ਰੁਪਾਂ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰ ਵਿਖੀ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਹੋਣੀ ਚਾਹੀਦੀ ਹੈ। ਇਹੜੀ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਦੀ ਸਾਲਾਂਕਾਰੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਛਿਲ੍ਹੇਂਟਾਂ ਦੀ ਛਿਲ੍ਹੇਂਟਾਂ ਦੀ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਵੈਬਸਾਈਟ http://eproc.punjab.gov.in 'ਤੇ ਉਪਲਬਧ ਹੋਵੇਗੀ।

SCHEDULE

Sr. No.	Last Date of Online Sale of Bidding Document	Last Date of Online Submission of Bidding Documents	Opening of Technical Bidding Documents	Date & Time
1.	19.09.2020, 11:00 AM	19.09.2020, 11:30 AM	19.09.2020, 03:00 PM	

ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ:

1. ਕਿਟੋਂਲ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਤਖ਼ਮੀਨੇ ਵਿਗੋਰ ਹੋਣ ਸੱਬੇ ਬਾਬੁ ਰੁਪਾਂ 23.09.2020, 11:30 AM ਵੱਲ ਵੱਡੇ ਸੱਬੇ ਬਾਬੁ ਰੁਪਾਂ, ਮਾਨਸਾ ਵੱਲ ਵੱਡੇ ਸੱਬੇ ਬਾਬੁ ਰੁਪਾਂ ਦੀ ਕਿਟੋਂਲ ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰ ਵਿਖੀ ਵੱਡੇ ਸੱਬੇ ਬਾਬੁ ਰੁਪਾਂ ਦੀ ਕਿਟੋਂਲ ਸਾਲਾਂਕਾਰੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਛਿਲ੍ਹੇਂਟਾਂ ਦੀ ਛਿਲ੍ਹੇਂਟਾਂ ਦੀ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਵੈਬਸਾਈਟ http://eproc.punjab.gov.in 'ਤੇ ਉਪਲਬਧ ਹੋਵੇਗੀ।
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Tender Notice No. 02 Date 28-08-2020

On behalf of the Governor of Punjab, Executive Engineer, Construction Division PWD B&R Br, Fazilka invites bids from eligible bidders enlisted under Civil Works (Building works) category with PWD B&R Br.

For detail terms and conditions of notice inviting bids, refer to our website: www.eproc.punjab.gov.in

Corrigendum, if any, will be issued on website only.

(On behalf of Governor of Punjab)

Sd/- Executive Engineer,

Constr. Divn. PWD B&R Br.,

Fazilka.

DPR/Pb/70603

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

The Dy. Chief Engineer/Construction, N.Rly., Jalandhar City, for and on behalf of the President of India invites e-tender for the noted work:-

1. Name of work and Location	Construction of Road Under Bridge (RUB) of size 2x6.0x4.0 meter (Internal) at Km 508/13-15 on Amritsar-Delhi route by pushing method including covered approaches and other allied works in lieu of LC no. B-27 on ASR-JUC section and LC no. S-1E-2 on ASR-PTC section (Jaura Phatak) in Amritsar City area under Dy.CE/CJUC.
2. Completion period of the work	12 (Twelve) Months
3. Approx. Cost of work	Rs 1391.92 Lakh
4. Earnest Money amount (to be deposited Online)	Rs. 8,46,000/-
5. Date & Time for submission of E-tender and opening of tender	Tenders may be uploaded upto 11.30 hrs. on 23.09.2020 on IREPS web site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. The bidders can participate in the e-tender, the tender will be opened at 11.30 hrs on 23.09.2020.
6. Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document	The detailed e-tender notice is available on Northern Railway web site i.e. www.indianrailways.gov.in and tender document is available on www.ireps.gov.in. Above tender document will be available for submission of offer on IREPS web site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 09.09.2020 to 23.09.2020. All other terms and conditions in respect of above tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office.

Tender Notice No.7-W/2020-21/Dy.CE/CJUC Dated: 28.08.2020 1890/20 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER U.T., CHANDIGARH ADVERTISEMENT

Applications are invited by the Deputy Commissioner, U.T., Chandigarh from the retirees/pensioners for their engagement as Naib Tehsildar on contract basis in the office of Deputy Commissioner, U.T., Chandigarh as per details given below:-

1. Name of the Office	Deputy Commissioner, U.T., Chandigarh.</
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GLOBE TROT



ALL FOR EQUALITY: Protesters rally against racial killings at Boston, Massachusetts. REUTERS

Dealership torched, Indian family suffers \$2.5 million loss

NEW YORK: New York: An Indian-origin family, which owned a car dealership in Kenosha, suffered a loss of over USD 2.5 million after their business was set ablaze allegedly by a mob amid protests over the shooting of an African-American man. Anmol Khindri, a member of the family, said they were now "desperately seeking" help to recover losses. PTI

Thousands trapped on French trains after electrical trouble

PARIS: Thousands of passengers were trapped overnight on high-speed TGV trains halted by electrical problems in southwestern France, some pleading for water, food and fresh air. Frustrated travellers highlighted their plight on social networks, posting images of children sleeping on floors and describing the challenge of staying masked for more than 20 hours. Several people were evacuated for medical reasons, broadcaster France-Info reported on Monday. AP

€400 million EU boost for WHO-led vaccine initiative

BRUSSELS, AUGUST 31

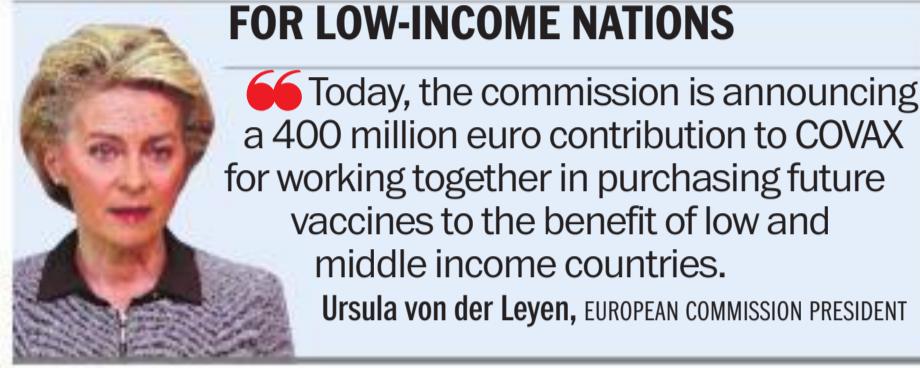
The European Commission said it would contribute 400 million euros (\$476 million) to an initiative led by the World Health Organization to buy Covid-19 vaccines, but did not clarify whether EU states would acquire shots through the WHO scheme.

The initiative, dubbed COVAX, aims to purchase for all countries in the world 2 billion doses of potential Covid-19 shots from several vaccine makers by the end of 2021. The EU financial support will be provided through guarantees, the Commission said. A spokeswoman for the EU executive did not clarify how these guarantees would be offered and why they were preferred to direct funding in cash.

"Today, the commission is announcing a 400 million euro contribution to COVAX for working together in purchasing future vaccines to the benefit of low and middle income countries," European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said on Monday.



Farmers protest EU's agricultural policy at Koblenz, Germany. REUTERS



FOR LOW-INCOME NATIONS

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Ursula von der Leyen, EUROPEAN COMMISSION PRESIDENT

Leyen said on Monday.

The EU Commission is negotiating advance purchases of Covid vaccines with several drugmakers on behalf of the 27 EU states and has said in past weeks EU governments cannot buy vaccines through parallel procurement schemes. Asked whether its



WORLDOMETER TILL AUGUST 31, 10 PM

BRIEFLY

MANCHESTER

Morgan leads England to win vs Pakistan in 2nd T20
England captain Eoin Morgan smashed 66 runs off 33 balls to help his side to a five-wicket win over Pakistan in the second T20 International yesterday. Pakistan scored a challenging 195/4 after losing the toss before England finished on 199/5 in 19.1 overs.

SISTERON (FRANCE)
Ewan wins Stage 3 as Alaphilippe retains lead

Australian Caleb Ewan timed his effort to perfection to win the third stage of the Tour de France in a bunch sprint at the end of a 198-km hilly ride through the Alpine foothills today. France's Julian Alaphilippe retained the overall leader's yellow jersey. AGENCIES



At a low-key ceremony to mark the unveiling of the Olympic Flame display today, Tokyo officials reiterated that next year's Games will be a symbol of hope for the world as it recovers from the coronavirus pandemic. REUTERS

TODAY ON TV
TENNIS
US OPEN
STAR SPORTS SELECT 8:30PM
THIRD T20I
ENGLAND VS PAKISTAN
SONY SIX 10:30PM
CYCLING
TOUR DE FRANCE
EUROSPORT 5PM

Anand calls Olympiad victory 'magical'

CHESS OLYMPIAD

CHENNAI, AUGUST 31

Need for government recognition

Viswanathan Anand is hoping that India's triumphant campaign will help the country's chess players get the government recognition they deserve. The last time a chess player received the Arjuna Award was in 2013, while a chess coach has been given the Dronacharya just twice. "I hope this will lead to all sorts of positive things including the reconsideration in the Sports Ministry of the Arjuna Award and the Dronacharya Award for chess. It has been a long time," Anand said.

India and Russia were yesterday declared joint winners of the Olympiad after the final was marred by server malfunctions. Russia were initially declared winners after two Indians — Nihal Sarin and Divya Deshmukh — lost in the final after suffering a disconnection with the server. India lodged a protest. "I mean clearly the strongest argument in our favour was

that this disconnection was not our fault," Anand said.

"The rules are clear that if a team loses by disconnection, they forfeit the game. But in this particular case, it was quickly verified that the problem was not at our end. So FIDE had to consider that in our appeal," he added.

FIDE later said the match "was impacted by a global internet outage, that severely

affected many countries including India."

For Anand, a five-time world champion and the country's first Grandmaster, it was his first Olympiad medal. "The tournament went like a dream for me. A special gold for me. A special moment for the youngsters. Winning the gold is simply a magical moment," Anand said.

Praising the team, Anand said: "Everyone clicked at least in one game. That really worked to the strength of India that we have such



VISWANATHAN ANAND

depth not only in men, but also women and juniors."

He also said it was a good idea to have an online Olympiad this year instead of postponing it amid the Covid-19 pandemic. "The event was a pleasant surprise... I also commend their decision to improvise with the format. Instead of the same format, they got juniors and women, made the event much more fun to watch," Anand said.

Koneru Humpy, the women's world rapid champion, described the triumph as a "golden moment", while team captain Vidit Gujrathi said the victory was possible due to the great work by all the players. — PTI

Indian performances

Pool stage

Viswanathan Anand (3 draws, 1 loss)

Vidit Gujrathi (3 wins, 2 draws, 1 loss)

Koneru Humpy (2 wins, 3 draws, 1 loss)

Harika Dronavalli (3 wins, 3 draws, 1 loss)

Nihal Sarin (2 wins, 2 draws)

Divya Deshmukh (4 wins, 1 loss)

Harikrishna Pentalu (3 wins, 3 draws)

Aravindh Chithambaram (2 wins)

Kulkarni Bhakti (3 wins)

Vaishali R (1 win, 1 loss)

Praggnanandhaa R (5 wins)

Vantika Agrawal (3 wins, 1 draw)

Quarterfinal vs Armenia

Anand (1 draw)

Gujrathi (1 win)

Humpy (1 loss)

Harika (1 win)

Sarin (1 win)

Agrawal (1 loss)

Semifinal vs Poland

Anand (1 win, 1 loss)

Gujrathi (1 win, 1 loss)

Humpy (2 wins, 1 draw)

Harika (1 win, 1 draw)

Sarin (1 win)

Deshmukh (1 loss)

Praggnanandhaa (1 loss)

Agrawal (1 draw)

Final vs Russia

Anand (1 draw)

Gujrathi (2 draws)

Harikrishna (1 draw)

Humpy (1 draw, 1 loss)

Harika (2 draws)

Praggnanandhaa (1 draw)

Deshmukh (1 draw)

Aditi shoots 2-under, finishes tied-49th

ROGERS (US), AUGUST 31

Indian golfer Aditi Ashok finished tied-49th at the NW Arkansas Championship after carding a 2-under 69 in the final round here.

Aditi, who was playing her first LPGA event in the US since the coronavirus outbreak, had three birdies against a sole bogey. Her earlier rounds fetched her scores of 69-68 for a three-day total of 5-under 208.

Austin Ernst closed with an 8-under 63 to win the championship for her second LPGA Tour title. She finished two strokes clear of Anna Nordqvist (69).

Rahm wins a thriller

Olympia Fields (US): Even with a pair of silver trophies in his possession, Jon Rahm still couldn't believe what happened in the BMW Championship. And he only saw half of it. Rahm was on

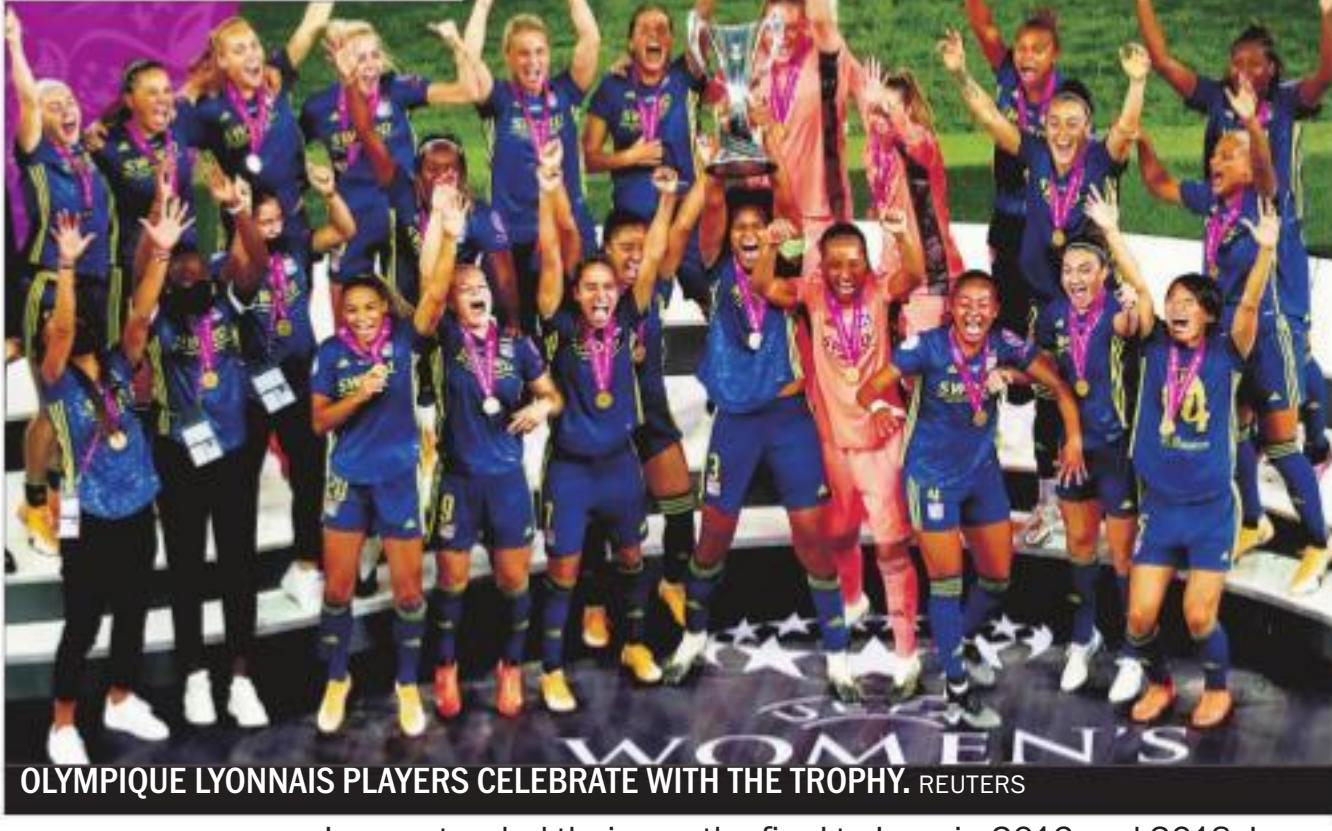
the range on the other side of the Olympia Fields clubhouse, preparing for a playoff that no one really expected, when Dustin Johnson rolled in a 45-foot birdie putt down the ridge for birdie to force a playoff on Sunday.

Moments later, Rahm faced a putt even longer and more difficult on the 18th — just outside 65 feet that he had to send at nearly a 90-degree angle to the top of the ridge.

From there, it was a replay of Johnson's putt as it headed down the slope, kissed off the pin and disappeared into the cup. "I still can't believe what just happened," he said.

Neither could Johnson, going for his second straight victory. He could only laugh, at his putt and Rahm's winner. "I played an unbelievable putt, got in the playoff and then Jon made an even more ridiculous putt on top of me," said Johnson. — Agencies

HIGH FIVE!



OLYMPIQUE LYONNAIS PLAYERS CELEBRATE WITH THE TROPHY. REUTERS

SAN SEBASTIAN (SPAIN): Lyon extended their European dominance by beating Wolfsburg 3-1 to win their fifth straight women's Champions League title. Eugenie Le Sommer, Saki Kumagai and Sara Bjork Gunnarsdottir scored for Lyon as they clinched a record-extending seventh Champions League trophy yesterday. Wolfsburg, seeking their third title after back-to-back triumphs in 2013 and 2014, got on the board with Alex Popp after their French rival had opened a two-goal lead in the first half. Wolfsburg also lost

the final to Lyon in 2016 and 2018. Le Sommer opened the scoring in the 25th minute before Kumagai added to the lead shortly before halftime. Gunnarsdottir sealed the victory in the 88th after Popp had got Wolfsburg on the board in the 58th. It was the fourth final between the two clubs, and their third in the last five years. Wolfsburg's only triumph over Lyon came in the first final between the teams in 2013. It was Wolfsburg's first loss in 41 games. Lyon still haven't lost a competitive match since May 2018. AP

Thiem confident of turning things around

NEW YORK, AUGUST 31

Dominic Thiem had a nightmare start to his US Open preparations when he was bundled out in his first match of the Western & Southern Open last week but the world No. 3 is confident he can turn things around in time for the Grand Slam. The Austrian is seeded second at Flushing Meadows in the absence of Rafa Nadal and is expected to pose the strongest challenge for top-ranked Novak Djokovic, who beat Thiem in a five-set thriller in this year's Australian Open final.

Thiem, however, managed to win just three games in his second-round match against Serbia's Filip Krajinovic at the Western & Southern Open after getting a first-round bye. "Things like that, matches like that, are happening. I didn't have my best day. That's how that result

VONDROUZOVA FIRST TO ADVANCE TO SECOND ROUND

Czech Republic's 12th seed Marketa Vondrousova became the first player to win a match at the US Open this year after she beat Greet Minnen 6-1 6-4. Vondrousova, 21, broke her Belgian opponent four times and fired 16 winners to wrap up the match in just 63 minutes to advance to the second round.

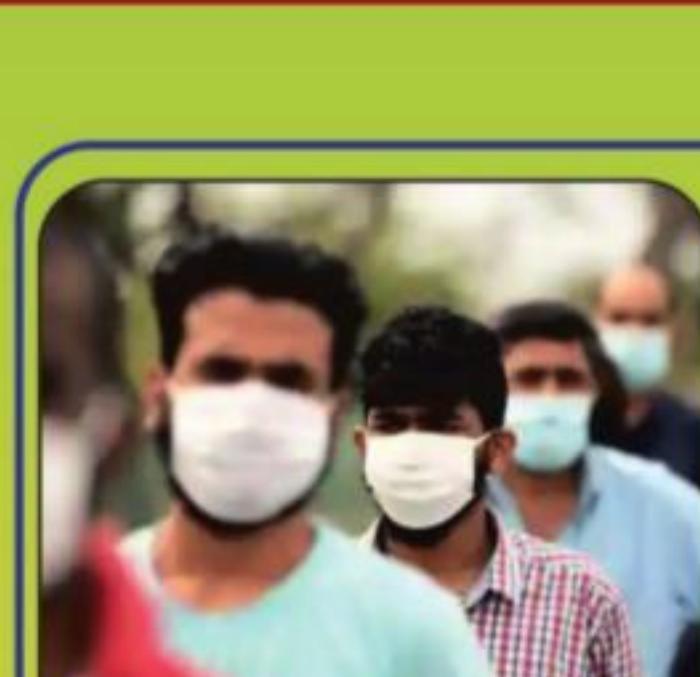
came," he said. "I know about my strength. I know things can change very quickly. Well, I hope that I do better at the Open."

Thiem, who was also a finalist at the last two French Opens, begins his US Open campaign tomorrow against Spaniard Jaume Munar. — Reuters

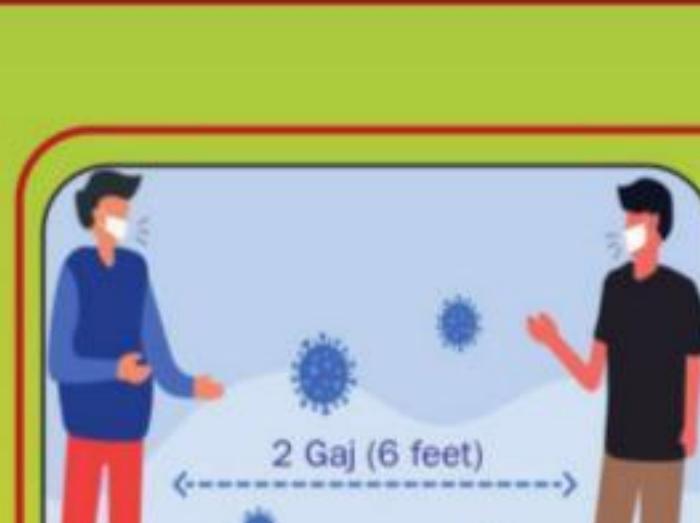
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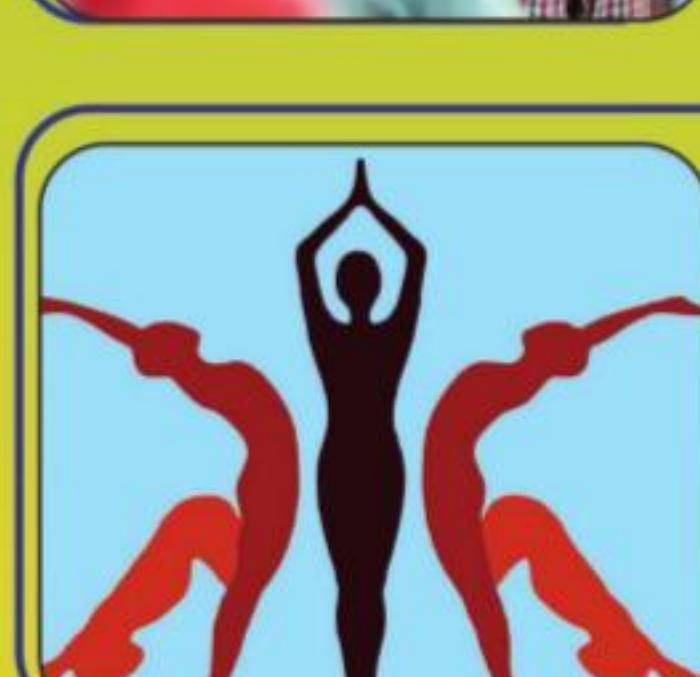
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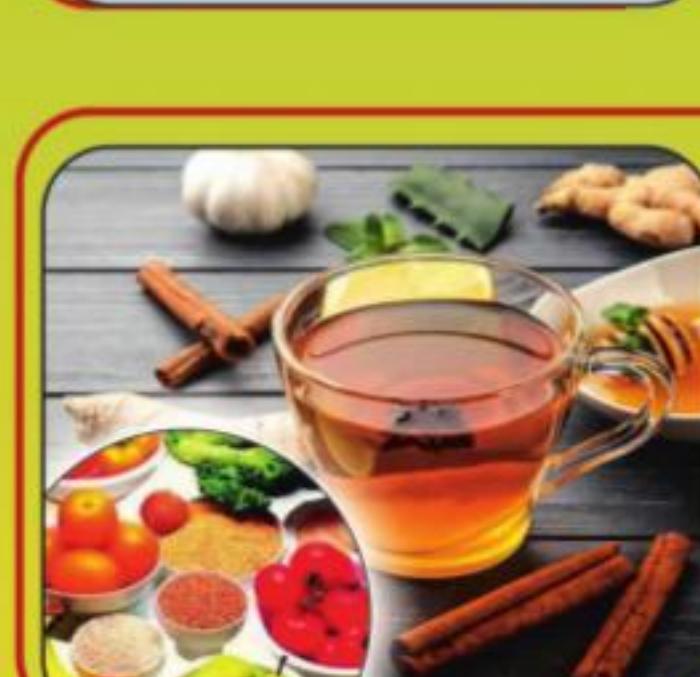
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Allow easy visa to 'trusted' Indians, Jaishankar tells US

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 31
Ahead of a crucial meeting of Foreign and Defence Ministers of India and the US, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said he was "assured" that his relationship with the US "is in a very strong position".

However, American immigration policies, he said, should reflect the "trusted talent" from India which had always done the right thing in their particular environment.

The minister was also firm that American military suppliers would have to look for altered business opportunities after New Delhi decided to ban the import of several weapons platforms.

"This is an area (skilled immigration) where the US should recognise what is in American interest. And that is in Indian interest," the minister said at a webinar organised by the US India

SC okays quota for in-service doctors in PG admissions

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 31

States can grant benefits of reservation to in-service doctors in the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) for admission to PG Medical Courses, the Supreme Court ruled on Monday.

A five-judge Constitution Bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra said the Medical Council of India (MCI) had no power to provide or reject reservation for in-service doctors in admissions to PG medical courses.

However, the doctors must sign a bond for five-year service in remote/rural areas, the Bench said. The top court declared unconstitutional the MCI regulation that barred states from extending the benefit of such reservation to in-service doctors.

A state legislature has the authority to provide reservation for in-service doctors, but state regulations must provide for work bonds for five-year service in rural/remote areas for the person who gets PG admission through this reservation, the top court said.

The Bench asked states to formulate their schemes for rural/remote service by in-service doctors after completing PG degree. — TNS

Modi govt destroying informal sector: Rahul

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 31
Congress leader Rahul Gandhi today posted a video, alleging that the government was deliberately attacking the informal sector and the recent lockdown was one such calculated move.

Gandhi said the aim was to enslave the poor who form the backbone of India's informal economy. Demonetisation, flawed GST and lockdown were examples of how the government was undermining a whole sector, he said.

He said India survived the 2008 recession due to a strong informal sector. "Till the time India's informal sector is strong, no economic storm can touch it. The BJP government has been attacking the informal sector over the past six years. I am giving you three massive examples right now — demonetisation, wrong GST and lockdown. Don't think the lockdown

was unplanned. Don't think it was done at the last minute. The aim of these three decisions was to destroy our informal sector," he said.

Gandhi argued that the PM needed the media and marketing to run the government. "The informal sector has a lot of money which the government can't touch. They want to break this sector and extort this money from them. The effects of this attack on informal sector will be seen soon. The results will be that India won't be able to produce jobs," said Rahul.

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